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Sunday Mass: 7:00pm
 Weekday Mass: Noon
 Liturgy of the Hours:
 Weekdays: 9:15 am, 4:00pm
 Adoration: Tuesdays 9:15-11:30 am

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday
 in Ordinary Time**

October 11, 2009

St. Paul's Vision Statement

St. Paul's Catholic Student Center is a Roman Catholic community serving Boise State University students and staff. Through worship, study, social activities, and service, St. Paul's works to provide for the spiritual growth and development of the complete person. "In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, liberty. In all things, love." - St. Augustine of Hippo.

This Evening's Readings



I once heard it said that "the average Christian gives just enough of his or her life to Christ to be absolutely miserable." In other words, to give just a little of one's life accepts some responsibility to behave as a Christian but doesn't accept the healing, consolation, and forgiveness that full devotion to God can bring. That is the issue with the man that Jesus confronts in this evening's Gospel reading. He wants to know what is the minimum he needs to do to inherit eternal life. What he needs to do is to put himself fully into Jesus' hands, to devote his whole self to Jesus. Since he is unwilling to do that, the man leaves Jesus disappointed.

Jesus comments that it is easier for a camel to pass through the "eye of a needle" than for a rich person to enter heaven. The "eye of a needle" was the name given to a very narrow gate through the wall of Jerusalem. The only way a camel could make it through was to unload everything it was carrying.

**Communion Service Mondays in the SUB
 Mass in the Chapel Tuesday to Friday**

Starting this week we'll have a communion service in the Brink Room of the SUB each Monday at noon. Tuesdays through Fridays at noon we'll have Mass here in the chapel. We work hard to make sure that our service is finished by 12:30 so you can make it to a 12:40 class. We pray the rosary each weekday starting at 11:40 a.m. Mondays we're in the SUB, other days we're in the chapel.



Knights of Columbus Round Table



Several people have expressed interest in forming a Knights of Columbus group here at St. Paul's. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's group that meets monthly and offers opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth as well as service to the community. A "Round Table" is a group that is usually smaller and less formal than a "Council" which is the standard way the Knights of Columbus organize in a parish. See Chuck if you're interested.

Corn Maze

We're headed out to the Corn Maze together on Friday. Show up at St. Paul's at 6 p.m. and we'll car pool. The student group will be able to pay a part of the cost, but bring a few dollars just in case.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Thursdays



RCIA is the way that Catholics welcome new people into the Christian faith or into full communion as Catholics (for those who are members of another Christian denomination). It is also the process we use to prepare adult Catholics who are getting ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. (You need to have received the Sacrament of Confirmation to serve as a Eucharistic Minister or to be a godparent.) We meet Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. If you would

like to join the group or you know someone who would like to join, please contact Chuck.

Theology of the Body

Monday evenings we study Pope John Paul II's life work, "The Theology of the Body." "Brace yourself! If we take in what the Holy Father is saying in his Theology of the Body, we will never view ourselves, view others, view the Church, the Sacraments, grace, God, heaven, marriage, the celibate vocation...we will never view the world the same way again." - Christopher West. Come along and enjoy. Dinner is at 6. We start our meeting at 6:30. Done before 8 p.m. Bring some food (chips, soft drink, salad, etc.) to share if you can.



Faith Sharing Groups



A faith sharing group is a collection of people who come together weekly to study, pray, and support each other in leading Christian lives. We are starting several such groups at St. Paul's this week. See Joe or Chuck. Here are the times:

Sundays 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. or 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Tuesdays 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. or 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Student Club Breakfast and Meeting

As you know, St. Paul's Student Group is an official BSU club (voted best religious club a year or two ago and best BSU club overall a couple of years before that). We'll meet as a club this Saturday morning (Oct. 17) at 10 a.m. in the game room upstairs. Joe and I will a pancake breakfast ready. Bring your ideas and suggestions for things the club should do.



St. Paul's Catholic Student Center Statement of Purpose

We are a community of faithful Catholics seeking the help of God and seeking to help one another in our lives at Boise State University. As a community centered on Jesus Christ, we nurture spiritual growth, personal development, and a sense of belonging in each of us. We also reach out to others as we help those in need, foster social justice, and speak out for Christian principles.

Meaningful liturgies, quality catechesis, lively discussion groups, small faith sharing groups, direct help to the less fortunate, education and advocacy for social justice, and gathering just for fun are activities that characterize our ministry and build our community

St. Paul's Catholic Student Center is a facility provided and staffed by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise. The campus minister is appointed by the bishop and serves as the pastor of the community. St. Paul's Catholic Community at Boise State University, SPC2, is a student organization recognized by ASBSU. It works with the campus ministry. With the help of an advisory board consisting of BSU faculty, staff, and alumni, the student organization and campus minister work together to provide a strong and vibrant Catholic presence on the campus as well as a welcoming place for all members of the BSU community who seek to be fed by the Roman Catholic tradition.

An overriding goal for all our activities is the development of a stronger community. In the midst of our learning, praying, growing, and fun, we will find more effective ways to welcome new members into our community and bring closer those who may not feel totally accepted. We will work to eliminate cliquishness or any other dynamic that pushes some people away or makes them feel left out. We will come closer to God by coming closer to one another.