

# St. Aloysius Parish, Spokane, Washington

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2009

## Remembering Peter and Paul

June 29, this Monday, the Church celebrates the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. After reading the Acts of the Apostles, one can wonder how these two feel about sharing a feast of the universal Church! But there it is. As early as the 4th century, June 19 was dedicated to the memory of the apostles Peter and Paul, two great men who differed much in style and background, but who shared a tireless energy in spreading the gospel. Rough-hewn and impulsive Peter left his fishing nets where they lay, so to speak, to follow Jesus. Just as impulsively, he denied his Lord after adamantly pledging his loyalty. But through it all, and with the grace of forgiveness, Peter became rock steady and a faithful leader of the young Christian community. Paul, on the other hand, started out rigid, violently persecuting those who he viewed as diluting Jewish faith and tradition by adhering to this new Way. Through encountering Christ, he learned meekness, patience, forbearance as he answered the call to found new Christian communities and help them to encounter Christ as he had. Paul's writings are the first Christian scriptures; older in composition than the gospels. Peter and Paul found opportunities to disagree and to struggle in their efforts to plumb the depths of the gospel message. The Acts of the Apostles make thrilling reading and show clearly that the way of Jesus Christ is an on-going journey, not only for Peter and Paul, but for all of us. Both these men suffered imprisonment and martyrdom for their faith and for the One into whose hands they had placed their lives. Their story reminds us that the Church is big enough for all and that differences are perhaps the seed of growth. On June 29, try saying a special prayer of thanksgiving for honest folks you disagree with!

## Welcome, HOOPFEST PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS



## Everything's Coming Up Roses!

Many thanks to parishioners who responded to our plea for new rose bushes to replace those that didn't make it through the difficult winter. If you visit the rose garden near the O'Malley Hall entrance you will see the hardy blooming away in true June fashion and the new bushes just getting underway.

Thanks to rose donors:

- *Grace Walton, in memory of her mother Florence M Walton and brother John T. Walton*
- *Loyola Doran, in memory of her grandson Gabe Doran*
- *Bette Vail, in memory of her son Danny Vail and the Pat Vail family*

Our rose garden has been a joy to many over the years. Special thanks to parishioner John Ammon whose faithful attention has helped it to thrive.

## Confirmation/First Eucharist 2010

St. Aloysius Parish will celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist at the 5:15 PM Mass

on Saturday, February 13, 2010.

Children entering grade 2 or 3 in the fall

are eligible to apply for

the Sacramental Preparation program

which begins in early September.

A certificate of Baptism is required.

Confirmation preparation for older children, teens and adults who are active

Catholics but have never been confirmed will also be available according to need.

For more information: Sr. Marianne Therese (313-7006; [smtwilk@juno.com](mailto:smtwilk@juno.com))

## RCIA's First Step

Men and women interested in exploring the Catholic Faith

are welcome to come, get acquainted and "see where it goes from there." Call for a personal visit and a chance to decide if this is the time and the place to respond to God's invitation.

Info/appointment:

Sr. Marianne Therese  
(313-7006;  
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## No More Homework! No More Books!

Congratulations, teachers and students, on another great school year! Here are some things to look forward to in the warm summer days ahead:

- **G.R.A.S.P.:** St. Al's Junior High program for youth entering grades 6, 7 and 8 will meet every Monday through Aug. 24, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, Parish Center
- **Sunday Children's Programs:** Children's Liturgy of the Word (gr. 2 - 5) and Pre-School (age 3 - gr. 1) will begin summer session Sunday, July 12, 11:00 AM Mass.
- **Boy Scout Troop #213:** St. Al's Troop meets on Monday evenings, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, throughout the summer in the Parish Center small meeting room (south end of Parish Center building). Come on down and see what's happening! Info: Scout Master Frank Recek (482-7010).
- **St. Al's Cub Scout Pack:** Younger boys (gr. 1 - 4) learn skills and leadership through St. Al's Cub Scout program. Meetings are twice a month, alternate Thursdays, 6:30 PM in O'Malley Hall. Call Cub Scout leader Shawn Davis for info: 327-0715 or [sdavis@gozipline.com](mailto:sdavis@gozipline.com)

## Coming Attractions from Social Ministry

### Crossing Borders

#### Migration, Theology and the Human Journey

An eight-week series, **starting Sept. 28**, on the complex issue of immigration in light of Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching. Facilitated by JustFaith grads Michaela Dolina and Joe Wittstock. Flyers available in the church foyer.

### Engaging Spirituality

#### Beginning Wednesday, October 28, 6:30 - 9:00 PM

This 21-week series is a small faith community which offers daily practices for living deeply (a contemplative life) and loving broadly (a compassionate life).

Facilitated by Mary Laflamme (2008 JustFaith grad) and Virginia Zaagman (2003 JustFaith grad).

### Journey to Justice Reflection Days

**Sat., Oct. 3. Repeat Oct. 24: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

**St. Joseph Family Center, 1016 N. Superior, #4**

**“Dying to Live: Migration and the Human Journey”**

Facilitated by Trista Rodeen (2004 JustFaith grad) and Rita Amberg Waldref (2003 JustFaith grad).

### JustFaith

Begins **September 8, 6:30 - 9:00 PM, Antonian Room**. JustFaith, rooted in Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching, is a journey into compassion and small faith community. Process uses books, discussion, speakers, DVD's, time with the poor. **JustFaith flyers are available in the church foyer.**

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*For information on any of these offerings, contact Rita (313-7003).*

## Registration for St. Al's Summer Camp

Children (age 2.5 - 12) welcome to register for St. Aloysius School Summer Activity Camp. Flexible schedule. Lunch! Info: 489-7825

### Green Tips

#### (from Caring for Creation)

*“Today the great gift of God's Creation is exposed to serious dangers and lifestyles that can degrade it... We must pledge to take care of creation and to share its resources in solidarity..”*

- Pope Benedict XVI

### Gardening

**Weeds? Spot-spray with common full-strength household vinegar on a sunny day. It's an organic weed killer that's safe for you and the environment.**

### 8 AM Mass Intentions

Mon., June 29

+ Richard Totusek

Tues., June 30

+ William Stifter

Wed., July 1

+ Joyce Workland

Thurs., July 2

+ Nazarene Cappellano

Fri., July 3

+ Tim and Gordon

Merwin

Sat., July 4

William J. Kinzer

## Sunday Programs for Children

Children's Liturgy of the Word (grades 2 - 5) and Sunday Pre-School (age 3 - grade 1) are taking a summer break until **July 12**.

Thanks to our Children's Sunday Program leaders for their generous sharing of faith with our youngest parishioners.

If you would like to be part of our team,

we invite you to call for information:

Sr. Marianne Therese (313-7006;

smtwilk@juno.com)



### About Town

**Advocacy for Life:** The Pregnant Women Support Act (HR 2035, S 1032) provides support for pregnant and parenting women and their families. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities urges calls to Senators and Representatives to encourage co-sponsorship for this measure which reaches out to women making a decision about life or death for the unborn. Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers: 353-2374.

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**Summer Bible Study:** St. Mary's Parish Adult Education Center (304 S. Adams in the valley) is offering short courses in the Gospel of John (July 14-15, 9:00 - 11:00 AM) and July 27-28 (7:00 - 9:00 PM). Free. Info: 928-3210; [www.stmarysspokane.org](http://www.stmarysspokane.org)

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**English Conversation:** A St. Al's parishioner whose first language is Vietnamese is seeking a conversation partner to help her improve pronunciation as she seeks to enter the job market. If you'd like to help, call Theresa (536-1065).

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**Detention Ministry:** The Spokane Diocesan shares in an Ecumenical Detention Ministry. Volunteers are needed to assist men as they exit the prison system. Donations of good used men's clothing (all sizes), personal grooming and hygiene items are appreciated. Volunteers to help sort and organize donations and to help fit prisoners for clothing meet at St. Andrew Episcopal Church, 2404 N. Howard, 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, 9:00 AM - 12:00. Donations are also accepted there. Info: Tracey Waring (868-7235; [tracey.waring@thegoalproject](mailto:tracey.waring@thegoalproject))

### Scripture Reflection: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24 II Cor. 8:7, 9, 13-15 Mark 5:21-43*

In today's gospel, we find Jesus at work among the crowds, being pressed upon to help, to heal, to save in many ways. And he steps in and does what he can. How have you responded to the folks who seek you out for help: children, neighbors, relatives, friends, the poor, the stranger with a dead battery? Who will you heal and save this week?

### Box Score

*Because of staff vacation schedule and bulletin deadlines, the financial report for June 20-21 and the Third Sunday Collection for the Poor will appear in next week's bulletin*