

Hello everyone,

I hope you are all able to stay cool this weekend! I wanted to share this newsletter which includes some important information, upcoming dates, and hospitality statistics (with pictures) for the month of July.

Saint Andre Bessette & Central Catholic High School in the Catholic Sentinel:

With the INCREDIBLE generosity and support shown by the students and families of Central Catholic, I felt inspired to share how that community has stepped up during this difficult time. In the latest edition of the Catholic Sentinel, Sarah Wolf wrote an article that highlights our wonderful partnership with Central Catholic High School. I took a picture of the article, and will include it as an attachment. A picture of the article can also be found on our Facebook page. GO RAMS!!

Lewis Moldenhauer's Celebration of Life:

As many of you probably know by now, long time volunteer Lewis Moldenhauer has recently passed away. This news has been extremely difficult for myself and many others over the past weeks. Lewis was a dedicated volunteer, a friend to many, and he was like a brother to me. He gave years of his life serving others and making a positive impact in the community of downtown Portland. I have no doubts that Lewis is now in heaven receiving God's love; a love he truly deserves. Father Tom and the community of Saint Andre Bessette have dedicated several masses for Lewis. There will also be a celebration for Lewis led by Father Gary Smith. Those details can be found below:

Lewis Moldenhauer's Celebration of Life

Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020

10:30AM

Waterfront Park (across from the Fire Station located at 55 SW Ash St.)

Please wear a mask, practice social distancing, and bring a flower for the River...

All are welcome.

Important Upcoming Dates:

As the fall and holiday season quickly approaches, staff will be receiving some much needed time off (this has also been the case in years past). Thus, Saint Andre Bessette's **Hospitality services** will be CLOSED starting Monday, August 24th through Monday, September 7th (Labor Day). Please see below for more details...

- **Donations:** If you are planning on donating/purchasing urgent donation items online, please make sure that the delivery date is either before Friday, August 21st or after Monday, September 7th. This will ensure that your donation is received by staff! Thank you!!
- **Central Catholic students & families:** The sack lunch pickups **will not** be happening on Monday, August 24th, Monday, August 31st, and Monday, September

7th. Sack lunch pickups **will** still be happening on Monday, August 17th, and **will** resume starting on Monday, September 14th. I have spoken with Aaron Uchikura, and we are both excited about continuing the sack lunch donations. As this pandemic continues, the number of folks looking to receive food (and other services) has increased over the course of the summer. Please know that when our Hospitality services re-open in September, your donations of sack lunches will be such a blessing for folks! I can't say this enough - thank you for all of your support and generosity!!

Important Hospitality Information:

- **Please note, we are still not accepting In-Kind donations at this time (no drop-offs).** However, purchasing items through Amazon or other online retailers (our Amazon Smile link is https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1W1YPV4JO2HOR/ref=cm_go_nav_hz), and having orders shipped to Saint Andre Bessette would be a HUGE help to ensure we are able to continue passing out sack lunches, hygiene kits, and food boxes.
- If you would like to support Saint Andre Bessette's mission, you can also visit our website using the link <https://saintandrebesettepdx.org/donations>.
- If you have not already, please consider following our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/saintandrechurch>).
- We are continuing to not have volunteers come to the church due to COVID-19. The health and safety of everyone in our community is a priority. I will keep everyone updated when there are changes to any of this information.

Urgent Donation Requests:

- Men's Underwear (sizes S & L) - we are out of both sizes!
- Women's Underwear (sizes 7-10) - we are out of all sizes!
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste (travel size) - we are out of toothpaste!
- Paper Grocery Bags (for our Food Pantry)

Hospitality Statistics for July:

For the month of July, staff passed out...

943 sack lunches and **175 hygiene kits** to our guests during Morning Hospitality,



as well as **52 clothing bags** and **157 bags of groceries** to our guests in the afternoons!



Through our wonderful partnership with the Oregon Food Bank, our food pantry continues to be able to give out bags of groceries to individuals and families who are in need during this difficult time. The number of food bags given out each month continues to increase, and we are already seeing HIGH numbers for the month of August. Purchases of paper grocery bags through Amazon (or other online retailers) would be very much appreciated!