



**JANUARY 10, 2010**

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**

## **HELP US CONNECT THE WORLD WITH GOD'S WORD!**



Next week's collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Through your generous donations, CCC is able to spread the gospel message in our community and all over the world. CCC funds the development of traditional and new media programs that inspire and minister to their audiences. Half of the collection from our archdiocese stays here to support local communication efforts, while the other half supports national Catholic media initiatives. Please give generously in next week's collection to help us spread the Good News. To find out more about the work of CCC, please visit [www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org](http://www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org).

**PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY.** Please get your pictures in as soon as possible for the parish directory. Photos are taken after any mass. You may send a digital photo via email ([photos@stelizabethportland.net](mailto:photos@stelizabethportland.net)), or drop off a photograph for us to scan and return. We want photos that clearly show your faces. There will be a memorial page in the directory, so please send in pictures of deceased parishioners. We are selling small business card-sized ads in the parish directory to offset some of the cost. For questions or comments call or email Mark Myers at ([mark@StElizabethPortland.net](mailto:mark@StElizabethPortland.net), or 503-244-3555).

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are available in the back of the church. Please check off your name on the list when you take your packet. If you would like to begin using envelopes, please record your name on a blank line and take the corresponding packet.

**POINSETTIAS** - Please feel free to take home a poinsettia this weekend.

**IF YOU ARE A SINGLE MAN OF 18-50 YEARS OF AGE** and have felt a calling to the priestly ministry, you are invited to a weekend retreat (Friday evening through Sunday morning, January 29-31, 2010) hosted by Archbishop John Vlazny: "On the Priestly Vocation." The retreat will take place at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton and is free of charge. Please contact Fr. Kelly Vandehey at 503-233-8368 to register or if you have questions.

**ST AGATHA SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** February 11, 6:00 PM - 8:00 pm. Come see the fantastic educational opportunities that St. Agatha School has to offer. We provide a challenging, but adaptive, educational curriculum for Kindergarten through 8TH grade. We offer two preschool programs, music, technology, physical education, competitive CYO sports program, and coming in the fall of 2010 a state of the art science lab! We have a team of dedicated, hardworking and enthusiastic teachers and staff. St. Agatha Catholic School provides a safe and nurturing environment, as well as a family supportive community. Questions? Call Jeff Delegato at 503-234-550.

**MINISTRY FORMATION** - Archdiocesan course and retreat schedules are posted on the bulletin board. Registration by mail, fax, phone or Internet. Web site can be found at <http://minfrm.archdpdx.org/>



The annual season of light draws to a close. January may be quite bleak in northern climates, but the solstice has passed. Light has won out over darkness and we have celebrated the bright hope of salvation. We have ritualized once more the cherished customs of Christmas.

Families, stores, and communities regularly package their Christmas decor and store it away for eleven months. For the Church, our season of birth and manifestation is not packed up and stored. The feast of the Baptism of the Lord does not tie up all the loose ends of the plot or neatly summarize the mystery.; It remembers one more aspect of Christmas, but it also sets the stage for the week-by-week unfolding of the mystery of Jesus through the recounting of each synoptic gospel.

The evangelists present the baptism of Jesus at the start of his public life because the varied details of their accounts unveil his identity. Like the servant praised in Isaiah, Jesus has come to do God's will. He is consecrated in the Spirit. He is the beloved Son.

These proclamations about Jesus summon us to fuller awareness of the paschal mystery. Through baptism we are the body of Christ, facing the same mystery of dying and rising. We too must be open to the Spirit, conscious of our relationship to God. Thus we can live a life of discipleship and begin to understand the true meaning of history,.

### LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: *The Baptism of the Lord* Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7/ Psalm 29/ Acts 10:34-38/  
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Samuel 1:1-8/ Psalm 116/ Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:9-20/ 1 Samuel 2:1,4-8/ Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20/ Psalm 40/ Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Samuel 4:1-11/ Psalm 44/ Mark 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a/ Psalm 89/ Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/ Psalm 21/ Mark 2:13-17

Next Sunday: *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time* Isaiah 62:1-5/ Psalm 96/ John 2:1-11

**COLLECTION FOR NEW YEAR'S:** \$786.00

**COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY:** \$4,272.00

**SIMPLE SUPPER:** \$393.00 Thank you.

### **HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

9:00 AM: Barbara and Tim Taylor 11:00 AM: Kathy and Rich Sabel

If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you.



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### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30 a.m.

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Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Baptism and Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office.

Marriage: Six months' notice required.

### PARISH STAFF

Rev. James M. Kolb, C.S.P., Administrator

Joan Enright, Secretary - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

Interested in joining St. Elizabeth Parish? Give us a call. 503-222-2168

### **FAMILY FAITH SHARING QUESTIONS**

#### **Luke 3:1-16, 21-22**

This is a story from the Gospel of Luke, telling how John baptized Jesus and many people in the river Jordan. The gospel writer tells us that Jesus prayed to God after his baptism, and God responded by saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." We believe that God is present in every baptism, our baptism is like the baptism of Jesus, and God loves every person.

If they have them, have your parents show you pictures of your baptism -- along with the baptism candle and white garment (also called a Christening gown) that you wore. In what ways are you like Jesus? What does it mean to be a child of God?

