



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 19, 2010

**ST. ELIZABETH OF
HUNGARY CHURCH**



Hotluck - Saturday, September 25 at 5:00 pm
Please sign up if you can bring an entree, salad or dessert,
and if you can help with set-up, serving or clean-up.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic or know more about the Church, or if you are an adult or are in high school and have never been confirmed, please call the parish office to indicate your interest. Preparation meetings will begin this month. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

FIRST COMMUNION - Classes will begin soon. A sign-up sheet is available in the parish hall, or call the parish office at 503-222-2168 to register.

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A PRAYERFUL PUBLIC WITNESS next Sunday, Sept. 26, to raise awareness of the unjust and unequal treatment of women in the Catholic Church. Events are being held worldwide. The local event will be from 9:30 - 11AM at the South Park Block (SW Park and Salmon). Women please wear red. Visit www.onespiritonecall.org for more information.

4TH ANNUAL ROSARY BOWL NW - Saturday, October 2, Oregon Fairgrounds Pavilion Building, Salem, Oregon, I-5 Exit 256. 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. www.rosarybowlnw.org. See bulletin board.

OUR LADY OF PEACE RETREAT HOUSE presents "Touched by Grace" Women's Weekend Silent Retreat, September 24-26, 2010 with Father Peter O'Brien. See bulletin board.

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES!

We are most grateful to all who contributed to the Catholic Charities 2010 Annual Campaign. Each year, Catholic Charities and its four Member Agencies and many Grantee agencies throughout western Oregon provide assistance to families in need. In these challenging economic times, your generous gifts have truly made a difference to people who are struggling....because of you, they have an opportunity for a better and fuller life. Thank you!

2011 OREGON CATHOLIC DIRECTORY - Order online with a credit card at www.ocp.org/directory2011 or call 1-800-LITURGY (548-8749). \$25 each.

DESIGN THE COVER OF THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS CARD! Children of all Parish schools and Parish Religious Education Programs in the Archdiocese are invited to participate. Prizes will be awarded. Contest rules are posted on the bulletin board. If you have questions, call Catholic Charities at 503-688-6286.



In the next weeks we and the Archdiocese will be communicating with you about the next steps in the Capital Campaign. Soon after that we will schedule meetings to answer any questions you have. During that interval we encourage you to consider how you can best contribute to this five year campaign to support the many missions of our own parish and assure a successful future for the critical ministries of the Church of Western Oregon

As the economy fluctuates, preoccupation with money remains constant. The most difficult circumstances breed shrewd speculators who know how to play the market. They place their capital astutely and realize a good return. We often admire such people. They know how to take care of themselves. They proceed with cleverness and intelligence. They "succeed" in life.

The manager in today's gospel, accused of dissipating his master's goods, rewrites all of the accounts. Jesus admires not his lack of scruples but his ingenuity. Before he is fired, he takes advantage of the short time left to him to make friends. They will remember him when he is put out the door. What an opportunist has done in the affairs of this world, we must also do in the conquest of the kingdom of God.

Jesus shows us a sound investment. He describes Christian cleverness in the domain of seductive wealth. Its formidable powers of attraction may draw us into offering it a worship which ought to be given only to "God. We must restore money to its role as a means and not an end. We are only stewards of our master's property. We can hold no exclusive title to what belongs to all his people. We must use it in the service of his kingdom.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Amos 8:4-7/ Psalm 113/
1 Timothy 2:1-8/ Luke 16:10-13

Monday: Proverbs 3:27-34/ Psalm 15/ Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday: Matthew Apostle, Evangelist. Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13/ Psalm 19/ Matthew 9:9-13

Wednesday: Proverbs 30:5-9/ Psalm 119/ Luke 9:1-6

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11/ Psalm 90/ Luke 9:7-9

Friday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11/ Psalm 144/ Luke 9:18-22

Saturday: Ecclesiastes 11:9 through 12:8/ Psalm 90/ Luke 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Amos 6:1a,,4-7/ Psalm 146/
1 Timothy 6:11-16/ Luke 16:19-31

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY \$3,944.17 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

9:00 AM Barbara and Tim Taylor 11:00AM Ginny and Bob Caudill

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.

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 16:1-13

In this passage from the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells the parable of a dishonest manager (unjust steward) who was clever at promoting his own welfare. Jesus used this parable to show his disciples that they needed to be clever when they witnessed their faith and talked about Jesus. He is not telling his disciples to be dishonest (like the manager in the story), but to be resourceful – that is, to think of clever and different ways to tell Jesus' story and live out their faith.

How can we be clever or resourceful in living and talking about our faith?

What can we learn from this parable?

How can we avoid taking advantage of others?