



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

PARISH PICNIC - OKTOBERFEST

Save the date. - Saturday, September 10

After 4:00 p.m. Mass (about 5:30 pm)

Helping hands needed.

Bring your favorite main dish, salad or dessert. Beverages provided.

Please sign up in the back of the church.

A JOYFUL WELCOME to the newest member of the Christian community, **Eliza Frances Lee**, who will be baptized this Saturday, August 20, 2011. We offer our prayers and best wishes to her parents, **Jason and Kara Lee**.

DEATH PENALTY REPEAL PANEL DISCUSSION HERE SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

We will have a Death Penalty Repeal panel discussion between masses from 10:00 am sharp to 10:45 am in the Fireside Room here at St. Elizabeth's. The panel will include our State Senator Ginny Burdick, David McNeil, an attorney interested in repeal, and Ron Steiner, chair for Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST - It's time once again to begin the contest to select the artwork to be featured on the Catholic Charities 2011 Christmas Card. Children of all parish schools and parish religious education programs are invited to participate. Flyers can be found in the back of the church outlining the contest rules. Artwork must be submitted to St. Elizabeth by September 30. Entries must be submitted by the parish. Individual entries will not be accepted.

BOOK REVIEW- *Letters from a Distant Shore*

You are invited to read a very special true story of faith and family and the miraculous power of prayer from Catholic author **Marie Lawson Fiala**. Marie will be visiting St. Elizabeth's in early Fall 2011 for a parish discussion. Date TBA.

Tragedy shattered Marie Lawson Fiala's life as a wife, mother, and lawyer when her 13-year-old son, Jeremy, was felled by a massive hemorrhage from a ruptured artery deep in his brain. Within an hour, Jeremy was in a coma, sustained only by machines. This memoir of a mother's ferocious care and fierce determination to bring her child home alive and functioning despite devastating loss will win the hearts of families who have ever suffered from physical trauma with loved ones. ***Letters from a Distant Shore*** is available for purchase on amazon.com

USED BOOKS SALE!

St. Philip Neri Parish, 16th & SE Division at Carvlin Hall

Saturday, August 27 from 10: a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday, August 28, 10: a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Many of the books are just like new (probably never opened!) Books from past and present priests and staff. Paulist Press books, spiritual readings, sacraments, Catholic history, encyclopedia, scripture studies, anthologies, short stories and novels. Hardcover are \$3.00, paperbound, \$2.00. All novels are \$.50 each.

CATHOLIC SENTINEL - Don't forget to pick up your free copy of the twice-monthly Catholic Sentinel. Stay informed!

"You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God!" "You are 'Rock' and on this rock I will build my Church." These are two affirmations which concern the faith of every believer. There is much more here than an exchange of compliments between Jesus the Son of Man and Simon the son of John.

Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about the identity of the "Son of Man." Consonant with the popular expectation that the prophet Elijah would return to usher in the messianic Day of the Lord (Malachi 3:23-24), the crowds think perhaps he is Elijah or one of the other prophets, among whom they include John the Baptist. For surely Jesus is a great prophet. He questions his followers again about their own interpretation of him. He is a prophet and more than a prophet. He does indeed usher in the messianic era because, the Church hears Peter say, he is himself the Messiah – and more than Messiah. He is "Son of the Living "God."

It is not strange that we should hear from the lips of Peter this faith expression of the newly born Church at the beginning of its history. It is upon Peter's profession of faith that Jesus builds his Church. Through Peter, the man of first fervors, but also the disciple who would deny him, Jesus makes himself known. He charges Peter with the building up of his brothers and sisters until the coming of the kingdom. The Rock put his mark on the Church just as John, the mystic, or Paul, the missionary, did so in their own ways. The Church is above all the home of us poor believers, caught between faith and doubt, generosity and infidelity, but nevertheless stuttering with Peter, "I believe."

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Isaiah 22:19-23/ Psalm 138/
Romans 11:33-36/ Matthew 16:13-20
Monday: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10/ Psalm 149/ Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8/ Psalm 139/ Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday: Revelation 21:9b-14/ Psalm 145/ John 1:45-51
Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13/ Psalm 90/ Matthew 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8/ Psalm 97/ Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11/ Psalm 98/ Matthew 25:14-30
Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jeremiah 20 :7-9/ Psalm 63/
Romans 12:1-2/ Matthew 16:21-27

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,799.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Maureen and Don Binzer 11:00 AM: Julie and Lee Steiner

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

Matthew 16:13-20

Today's reading from the Gospel of Matthew shows us two things: how God uses people to accomplish His will and how the true nature of Jesus, who is both human and divine, is recognized by Peter. When Peter calls Jesus the "Son of the living God," it shows us that he was "open" to receive inspiration from God, for Peter could not have known this on his own. It reveals knowledge of Jesus that is far beyond human reasoning or experience. Perhaps what is more important is that this reading shows how Jesus commissions -- or establishes -- Peter as the foundation upon which the new community of believers will be built. Jesus needs people to be His presence in the world in order to do the great work of bringing all people to God.

Think of and talk about a time when you were "Christ" for someone else: that is, a time when what you said or did is what you think Jesus would have said or done. What do you need to change (or "work on") in yourself in order to "bring Jesus' presence" to your family, friends and the people you meet?