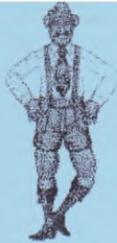




**22nd Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**



## PARISH PICNIC - OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, September 10

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

Bring your favorite main dish, salad or dessert.

Beverages provided.

Helping hands needed.

**Please sign up in the back of the church.**



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Lindsey Wright and Bryan Desgrosellier, who were married here Friday, August 26. May you have a long and happy life together, and God keep you always.

**SIMPLE SUPPER COLLECTION** will be taken up next Sunday for the support of our two monthly dinners on Burnside. Baskets for your free will offering are at the entrances to the church.

**FOOD SUNDAY** - Next Sunday is Food Sunday. Please bring some non-perishable food for the Immaculate Heart Parish Food Bank to help feed the hungry. There is a special need for soups, especially the "hearty" varieties.

**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 soon. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

**THANK YOU** to Eileen Kennedy, who organized the Death Penalty Panel Discussion held here last Sunday, and to State Senator Ginny Burdick, David Mc Neil, and Ron Steiner, the panelists, and to all who participated in the discussion.

**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](http://amazon.com)

In the narrative of the profession of faith at Caesarea Philippi, the principal figure is Peter rather than Jesus. The next episode in the gospel confirms this impression. Just as we were impressed with Peter's walk on the water, here we are equally impressed by the juxtaposition of his faith with his lack of faith.

Peter has just acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah. But he sees messiahship as the glory of a royal triumph. The master however, presents himself as the suffering servant of Isaiah who will redeem his people through his passion, death, and resurrection. The disciples understand what it means to be put to death, but they do not comprehend the meaning of "raised up." Therefore, the impulsive Peter, brought to this point by his unenlightened love, revolts against the apparent cruelty of the divine plan. Suddenly, he reverses his position. He to whom Jesus has just said: "Happy are you" after his profession of faith, is now chided sharply: "Get out of my sight, you Satan!" The "Rock" who was strong enough to have the Church built upon him, is now the obstacle, the "rock of scandal" along the Messiah's route. Jesus had said: "It is my Father in heaven who has revealed this to you," and now he affirms: "You are not judging by God's standards."

"Get out of my sight" may be interpreted by each Christian as: "Go behind me to follow me. You are only a disciple and every disciple must follow the master." The Christian can no more escape the cross of salvation than could the Christ. Truly God's standards are not ours.

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### LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jeremiah 20:7-9/ Psalm 63/  
Romans 12:1-2/ Matthew 16:21-27

Monday: The Martyrdom of John the Baptist. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18/ Psalm 96/  
Mark 6:17-29

Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11/ Psalm 27/ Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday: Colossians 1:1-8/ Psalm 52/ Luke 4:38-44

Thursday: Colossians 1:9-14/ Psalm 98/ Luke 5:1-11

Friday: Colossians 1:15-20/ Psalm 100/ Luke 6:1-5

Saturday: Gregory the Great. Colossians 1:21-23/ Psalm 54/ Luke 6:1-5

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Ezekiel 33:7-9/ Psalm 95/  
Romans 13:8-10/ Matthew 18:15-20

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**COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY:** \$5,014.00 Thank you.

**HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

4:00 PM: Barbara and Worth Caldwell

9:00 AM: Karl and Barb Wetzel 11:00 AM: Robert and Kelly Bloch

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

Last week Peter affirmed that Jesus is the Messiah, but now he reveals that he doesn't understand what kind of Messiah Jesus is. Peter wants Jesus to achieve the victory without the suffering, to take a shortcut (Matthew 4:1-11). Often we are tempted to take a shortcut, to take the easy way and choose our own comfort or convenience over the needs of others. It's easier because it conforms to the ways of the world.

But Jesus calls us to swim against the current of culture. He says that if we want to be his followers, we must take up the cross. That means taking up a selfless and self-sacrificing way of life, as opposed to looking out for ourselves. You can't blame a person for wanting to avoid suffering, or even inconvenience, but sometimes our own comfort comes at the price of someone else's suffering. So we are continually faced with the choice, in many circumstances, to place someone else's need ahead of our own comfort or pleasure. The message of the culture is to look out for yourself. The message of Christ is to look out for others, even when that means personal inconvenience, or even suffering. As Saint Paul encourages us, Christians are called to be conformed to Christ, not to our culture.

***What are some aspects of our culture that go against the values of the kingdom?***