



**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
**January 13, 2013**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH**

**LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.** We are planning on again participating in the Lenten program recommended by the Archdiocese – *Living the Eucharist*. This program was developed by the Paulist Evangelization Ministries in Washington, D.C. in direct response to Pope Benedict' XVI's Apostolic Exhortation *The Sacrament of Charity*. The comprehensive parish program assists Catholics to involve themselves more fully in the Eucharist and in the mission of Jesus and the Church. We hope to have more people participating this year. If you are interested, please sign the list in the back of the church.

**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN (CCC)** Next week our parish will take up the Collection for CCC. This Collection communicates the Good News through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our archdiocese, so please be generous in this Collection. CCC is how the Good News gets around *to you*.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS JOAN WOOLARD,** a faithful member of St. Elizabeth Parish for many years. We were recently notified that she passed away in December.

**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. Thank you.

**ROE V. WADE 40 YEARS – 1973-2013                      55 Million Lost                      We Will Remember**

**PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE- - STATE RALLY**

January 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm with walk immediately following the Rally

Keynote Speaker: Carol Tobias, President NRLC

**YEAR OF FAITH** -The Year of Faith began on October 11 of this year and will conclude on the feast of Christ the King, November 24, 2013. It is Pope Benedict's hope and prayer that Catholics will deepen their knowledge of the faith by reflecting on the documents of Vatican II and the catechism. We are asked to open more widely that door of faith, walk through it and rediscover the beauty and godness of our relationship with Jesus and his church.

**RETROUVAILLE** - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue . . . or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming weekend in Mt. Angel, Oregon on January 25, 2013, please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

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 décor 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 40:1-5, 9-11/ Psalm 104/ Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7  
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: Hebrews 1:1-6/ Psalm 97/ Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday: Hebrews 2:5-12/ Psalm 8/ Mark 1:21b-28

Wednesday: Hebrews 2:14-18/ Psalm 105/ Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: Hebrews 3:7-14/ Psalm 95/ Mark 1:40-45

Friday: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11/ Psalm 78/ Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: Hebrews 4:12-16/ Psalm 19/ Mark 2:13-17

Next Sunday: *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*, Isaiah 62:1-5/ Psalm 96/  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11/ John 2:1-11

### HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Kathy and Augie Gatto

9:00 AM: Mary Swick and Mary Hulme 11:00 AM: Jim and Karyl Frazer

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,218.80

SIMPLE SUPPER: 601.22 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., Pastor

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

## REFLECTION

As the baptized Jesus emerges from the waters of the Jordan, God's voice declares: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased," revealing his true essence and identity. This is a remarkable reminder of the importance of our Baptism as the sacrament that declares our identity as members of the Body of Christ. Just as God declares the baptized Jesus as his Son, in Baptism we become sons and daughters of God in Jesus Christ, and the Spirit of God descends to strengthen us in our Christian mission of love and service.

