



**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 9, 2012**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

ANNUAL PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
AFTER 4:00 PM MASS
HERE ON THE PARISH GROUNDS

Bring your favorite main dish, salad or dessert.
Beverages are provided.
Helping hands are needed.
Please sign up in the back of the church.



A JOYFUL WELCOME to the newest member of the Christian community, Michael James Eilers, who will be baptized this Saturday, September 8, 2012. We offer our prayers and best wishes to his parents, Scott and Shelley Eilers, and his sister Clare

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, or sign up in the back of the church.

FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION - Classes will begin soon. If you would like to enroll your child, please sign up in the gathering space at the back of the church or call the parish office at 503-222-2168.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PREGNANCY SUPPORT & ADOPTION SERVICES is in need of loving, caring families interested in expanding their family through open adoption. We are experiencing a shortage of families and need couples who are willing to join us in ministry to women facing an unexpected pregnancy. Our next Orientation Class is September 21 & 22, 2012. For more details or to schedule a Free Informational Interview, you may contact Shawn Cass at 503-238-5196 or psa@catholiccharitiesoregon.org.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE? - Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the October program in Mt. Angel, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

We have all heard of tragic cases of children walled in solitude because they are blind, deaf and dumb from birth. The devotion and skill of language specialists sometimes succeed in opening these sufferers to the world of signs and of speech. But what is to be done when the eyes, ears and tongue of the heart are blocked? How many people, how many couples there are who "don't understand each other," who "no longer speak to each other!" How many "dialogues of the deaf" there are between persons, groups, institutions or nations where there is no longer any mutual trust, acceptance of others in their fragility and respect for what they bring.

Such situations can help us to grasp the symbolic significance of the healing of the deaf-mute. Faced with people who have grown deaf to his preaching and who do not listen to his appeals for conversion, Jesus has moved on into pagan territory. He has come to open ears and loosen tongues. He wants us to be capable of listening and of entering into the dialogue of salvation which baptism establishes between God and his people. To those of us who are closed -- the rich, the powerful, the proud, the self-sufficient -- Jesus commands: "Be opened!"

Be opened, Christian, to listen and receive the teachings of the gospel! Be opened to speak your faith with your whole life! Be opened to allow your "Our Father" to pass into all your works! Then how eloquently our lives would speak, how they would refer to Jesus Christ! The entire world could not help but say: "He has done everything well! He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!"

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i> Isaiah 35:4-7a/ Psalm 146/ James 2:1-5/ Mark 7:31-37
Monday:	1 Corinthians 5:1-8/ Psalm 5/ Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday:	1 Corinthians 6:1-11/ Psalm 149/ Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday:	1 Corinthians 7:25-31/ Psalm 45/ Luke 6:20-26
Thursday:	<i>St. John Chrysostom.</i> 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7,11-13/ Psalm 139/ Luke 6:27-38
Friday:	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.</i> Numbers 21:4b-9/ Psalm 78/ Philippians 2:6-11/ John 3:13-17
Saturday:	1 Corinthians 10:14-22/ Psalm 116/ John 19:25-27
Next Sunday:	<i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i> Isaiah 50:5-9a/ Psalm 116/ James 2:14-18/ Mark 8:27-35

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,312.25 **SIMPLE SUPPER:** \$512.15 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Jack & Ronnie Smith 11:00 AM: Peggy & Karl Smith
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., 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

Jesus' touching the deaf mute (inserting fingers in his ears and placing saliva on his tongue) are not Jesus' usual manner of healing. Mark communicates lessons through this narrative that are instructive for discipleship. The locale places Jesus in Gentile territory. Jesus' mission is not exclusively for Jews, but for all people. Jesus breaks boundaries so that all might experience God's saving power. Gentiles are open to approaching Jesus, a Jew, to request healing. Jesus does not shrink from touching, going out of his way to use fingers, saliva, groaning, and a word of command to heal and restore the person to wholeness.

