



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 27, 2008

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 - Mass, with distribution of ashes, will be at 8:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday is traditionally a day of fast and abstinence.

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 and place it in the basket in the parish hall. This food goes to Immaculate Heart Parish Food Bank to help feed the hungry. The basket is left out at all times so that you can bring food any time it is convenient.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE/SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS - On Tuesdays of Lent we will gather for a simple meal of soup and bread following a 6:00 p.m. Lenten prayer service. If you would like to take part in any of the suppers, please sign up in the parish hall. We are asking for volunteers to sign up to help with set-up, serving and clean-up.

2008 LENTEN SMALL GROUP FAITH SHARING - A total of 74 parishioners will participate in the small group sessions beginning the week of February 4 to reflect on the Scriptures through the lens of reconciliation and healing. The Quest booklets have arrived and will be available at the first meetings.

VESPERS WITH ARCHBISHOP VLAZNY in celebration of the World Day for Consecrated Life
7:30 pm, Saturday, February 2, 2008, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, NW 18th and Couch.
Reception afterwards.

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE begins Tuesday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. On the following Tuesdays, practices will begin no later than 7:15, following the Lenten Service/Soup Supper. If you would like to participate, please sign up in the back of the church.

WELCOME! - Would you like to help with greeting people who are new to St. Elizabeth's? We would like to form a Greeting Committee. If you are interested, please call the parish office or sign up in the back of the church. Thank you.

OPERATION RICE BOWL - Our faith community will participate in Operation Rice Bowl again this Lent. operation Rice Bowl is the official Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, and calls Catholics in the United States to reach out in solidarity with the poor around the world through the traditional Lenten practices of **prayer, fasting, learning, and giving**. By participating in these four activities, we come to understand our call to be a part of one global community.

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION, sponsored by Catholic Charities Ministry to the Elderly Committee for those who minister to the sick and elderly in any capacity. Friday, February 22, 2008, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 2310 SE 148th Avenue, Portland. Presented by Rev. Jack Mosbrucker. Cost for the day is \$15.00, which includes lunch **Pre-registration is required**. See bulletin board.

The light and the Good News are always being offered to us, for the work of evangelization goes on. But we are not simply to observe the work or to be the recipient of it -- we are to share in it. The prophecy read today and the Gospel pericope are addressed to us in order to stir us to action. In fact, Christ stirs us to action at two levels. First, there is the inner spiritual movement incumbent upon us: the kingdom is at hand, proclaimed to us by the light we received at our baptism, and we must therefore unwearingly carry on the work of our own conversion. But we must also leave all things and follow Christ in order to share with him the task of preaching the gospel.

The gospel is demanding, for we must take steps that are costly to our weak nature if we are to see the light and accept it. And yet the extension of the kingdom depends in part on us. The Church is already established, of course, and its supporting pillars are the apostles. But each of us is called to work for expansion of the Church and the spreading of the Good News. The sacrifices required of us in the pursuit of this goal may be hard ones. The apostles, the first men whom Christ called, responded without hesitation; not everyone else would do so, and the rich young man, though he had observed all the commandments, gave up when it came to following Jesus.

(Adrian Nocent, O.S.B., *The Liturgical Year*, vol. 1, Liturgical Press, 1977, p. 345)

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Isaiah 8: 23--9:3/ Psalm 27/ 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17/ Matthew 4:12-23

Monday: 2 Samuel 5:1-7,10/ Psalm 89/ Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Samuel 6:12b-15,17-19/ Psalm 24/ Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 7:4-17/ Psalm 89/ Mark 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Samuel 7:18-19,24-29/ Psalm 132/ Mark 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/ Psalm 51/ Mark 4:26-34

Saturday: The Presentation of the Lord Malachi 3:1-4/ Psalm 24/ Hebrews 2:14-18/

Luke 2:22-40

Next Sunday: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13/ Psalm 146/ 1 Corinthians 1:26-31/ Matthew 5:1-12a

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3, 835.43

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN: \$743.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 a.m.: Colleen and Werner Nistler 11:00 a.m.: 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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 4:12-23

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites the disciples to leave their work and follow him. They began teaching, preaching and healing with him.

Describe how Jesus calls you to be a disciple. What part of his job would you like to share in? Explain your answer.

