



CORPUS CHRISTI
May 25, 2008

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

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This celebration originated in the diocese of Liege (1246) on the basis of revelations of Juliana of Cornillon. It was accepted with such enthusiasm throughout Europe that in 1264 it was promulgated for the entire Latin Church. From the beginning the feast commemorated both the body and the blood of the Lord. This original unity has been restored in the post-Vatican II celebration.

Human beings are so essentially physical that even our language of the spirit derives from our bodies. To be a member of an organization requires that we be incorporated into that organization. Publications of societies are said to be organs of these groups.

Jesus and his Church have a keen grasp of this reality in the celebrations we call sacraments. Sacraments address themselves to the Church which is Christ's Body and to individual members of that Body. The source and summit of all the Church's life is professed to be the celebration of the Eucharist where the Body of Christ partakes of what it is.

On this Sunday we celebrate our identity as Christ's Body. On this Sunday we profess our belief that the life-giving and life-supporting blood which flows among us is Christ's very life. On this Sunday we direct our attention to the symbol which makes all other symbols possible.

The earthly language of bodies and blood fills the scriptures. But those same scriptures proclaim that the pouring forth of blood is unto the nourishment of God's people. Flesh, blood, bread and wine are the products of destructive processes which bring them to human tables as food to sustain a family. Christ immersed himself in those processes which brought him to the table of the human family as the one food and drink which changes the eater into the eaten. In him we truly become what we eat and drink.

MEMORIAL DAY - *We pause this Memorial Day to give thanks for all of those who have paid the ultimate price for justice and freedom.*



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.

150 YEARS FOR THE PAULISTS - Founded by Fr. Isaac Hecker, with their primary mission to incarnate the Catholic faith in the hustle and bustle of U.S. culture, the Paulists are celebrating their 150th Anniversary. Locally the Paulists have long staffed St. Philip Neri Parish in SE Portland, and we are blessed to have as our pastor Fr. Jim, who has just celebrated 32 years as a Paulist priest. See the bulletin board for the Sentinel story on the Paulists. Later this spring we will have an offering for the Paulists.

CONGRATULATIONS to Nicholas Kaminski, Kate Cary, Janelle Myers and Jason Lee upon their graduations. We invite all graduates to submit their names for recognition and inclusion in the Prayers of the Faithful.

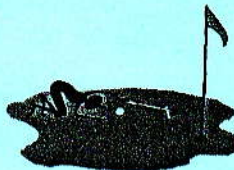
ALL CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN are invited to take part in the annual *Quo Vadis Days* camp this June. This camp will help you to know Jesus more deeply and help you to discern His call in your life, while having much fun with more than 50 other Catholic young men. *Quo Vadis Days* is led by priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese. Log onto www.qvdays.org for further information or to register.

BLESSING OF THE BIKES: If you ride for pleasure, commute or race; if you ride an old or new bike; if you just started or have ridden a bike for years, you are invited to the Blessing of the Bikes. The blessing will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (St. Mary's) NW 18th and Couch, Sunday, June 8, 2008 from 2 to 2:30 PM. (Rain or shine). More information at 503-228-4397.

ST. ELIZABETH GOLF SCRAMBLE

GOLF REGISTRATION DEADLINE - JUNE 1

Registration deadline is getting close, but there is still time. Forms are in the back of the church. Contact Greg Kaminski with questions, 503-524-3837, or gm.kaminski@vewrizon.net.



LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*. Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a/
Psalm 147/ 1 Corinthians 10:16-17/ John 6:51-58

Monday: 1 Peter 1:3-9/ Psalm 111/ Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Peter 1:10-16/ Psalm 98/ Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Peter 1:18-25/ Psalm 147/ Mark 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12/ Psalm 100/ Mark 10:46-52

Friday: *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*. Deuteronomy 7:6-11/ Psalm 103/ 1 John 4:7-16/
Matthew 11:25-30

Saturday: Zephaniah 3:14-18a/ Isaiah 12:2-3, 4b-6/ Luke 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28, 32/ Psalm 31/ Romans 3:21-25, 28/
Matthew 7:21-27

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 pm: Jason and Kara Lee

9:00 am: Colleen and Jim Connolly 11:00 am: Maura and Diarmuid O'Scannlain.

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

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$3,309.24 **CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS TO DATE:** \$1,018.00

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

Body and Blood of Christ

John 6:51-58

Today's Gospel reading is from the Book of John and in it Jesus tells his disciples that he is the living bread come down from heaven. His followers don't understand what he means. Jesus goes on to say that unless we eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man, we cannot have life within us -- but we must do this in order to have eternal life!!

Jesus is, of course, talking about the Eucharist here.

Describe what the Eucharist means to you.

How does receiving the Eucharist make you feel?

Do you think it makes a difference in your life?

Why or why not?

