



**OCTOBER 4, 2009
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

OPEN HOUSE Central Catholic High School is holding an open house on Sunday, October 11 from 1:00-4:00 PM and Jesuit High School invites you and your families to attend their annual open house on Sunday October 18th from 1:00-4:00PM. These events offer an opportunity to explore the options offered by Catholic High Schools as an education choice.

'GIVE AS A GIFT' St. John Fisher Parish Mission Fr. Charles Brunick, CSP from the NW Paulist Center leads a Liturgy of the Word, Mission Talk and Ritual Action on October 12th -14th from 7:00-8:30pm. Come to any or all of the nights. There is no cost. For more information, contact Scott Kolbet at 244-4945 x3 or scottk@johnfisher.org.

OREGON RIGHT TO LIFE FOUNDATION AUCTION will be held on Saturday October 24th This years theme is "Diamonds and Denim"and includes, among other action items, a raffle for an Alaskan cruise! More complete information is on the bulletin board.

B MINUS CATHOLICS -presented by Fr. Michael Evernden at St. Philip Neri **WILL NOT** meet on Wednesday, Oct. 7th. The sessions will resume on Wednesday, Nov. 4th.

FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION - Classes will begin on Sunday, October 11th at 10-11am. Sign-up sheets are still available in the parish hall, or call the parish office.

INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT-an in-depth course sponsored by Anthony Catholic Church, Tigard in cooperation with the Archdiocesan Ministry Formation Office. Sr. Catherine Hertel, SSMO will be the instructor. Saturday, October 31, November 7 and November 21, 2009, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$10 - audit; \$60 - credit plus required books. Bring your bible. Students receiving credit must attend all classes. Registration form available at www.stanthonytigard.org. Mail audit registration form with check payable to St. Anthony Church, Attn: Agnes Zueger, 9905 SW McKenzie St., Tigard, OR 97223

DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO FEED THE HOMELESS? On the first and third Sundays of each month, parishioners from St. Elizabeth provide the evening meal to 100 men and 50 women living in homeless shelters operated by Transition Projects. Parishioners who have taken part in this ministry have found it to be both rewarding and enjoyable. If you would like to learn more about this ministry and become involved in it, there are sign-up sheets in the back of the church.

WE ARE UPDATING THE PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY. We need to collect pictures over the next month. Please have your photo taken after any mass, or send a digital photo via email (photos@stelizabethportland.net), or drop off a photograph for us to scan and return. We want photos that clearly show your faces. We will also be taking group photos of Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Hospital Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Choir Members

Also, we are selling small business card-sized ads in the parish directory to offset some of the cost. If you have a business we would like to tell the parish about, please contact us. For questions or comments call or email Mark Myers at (mark@St.ElizabethPortland.net, 503-244-3555).

MOUNT CALVARY & GETHSEMANI A representative of the Catholic Cemeteries will be making a presentation at St. Elizabeths on the weekend of October 17/18. Plan ahead. See bulletin board for further information.

GRIEF RECOVERY WEEKEND A grief recovery retreat for the sidowed, separated and divorced will be held October 16-18 at the Griffin Center in Milwaukie, near Clackamas Town Center. (Registration by October 12 is recommended). Further information is posted on bulletin board.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$2785.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 pm: James & Rebecca Wright

9:00 am: Mary Hulme & Kay Fagen

11:00 am Kathy & Rich Sabel

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



Feast of St. Francis

October 4

Even by the standards of human experience the holy and bold undertaking of beginning one united life of love and fidelity reaches out into the mystery of God. For a man to dispose of himself entirely in the fundamental freedom of his human reality, and to dare to entrust himself, his heart, life, lot and eternal dignity as a person to another human being and thereby commit himself to what is after all ultimately the mysteriously new, unknown and unfathomable mystery of another person, is something which can only be done in the highest venture of love and trust. And viewed from outside it may often take place in a way which makes it seem an everyday and quite commonplace business. Nevertheless, it is in reality what it appears to the lovers to be: the always unique wonder of love.

(Karl Rahner, *Everyday Faith*, Herder KG, 1967, pp. 154-155)

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: : Genesis 2:18-24/ Psalm 128/ Hebrews 2:9-11/ Mark 10:2-16

Monday: Job 1:1--2:2, 11/ Psalm Jonah 2:3,4,5,8/ Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday: *Jonah 3:1-10/ Psalm 130/ Luke 10:38-41*

Wednesday: *Jonah 4:1-11/ Psalm 86/ Luke 11:1-4*

Thursday: *Malachi 3:13-20b/ Psalm 1/ Luke 11:5-13*

Friday: *Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2/ Psalm 9/ Luke 11:15-26*

Saturday: *Joel 4:12-21/ Psalm 97/ Luke 11:27-28*

Next Sunday: *Wisdom 7:7-11/ Psalm 90/ Hebrews 4:12-13/ Mark 10:17-30*

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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

In order to test Jesus, the Pharisees ask him whether it is lawful for a man and woman to get a divorce. Jesus answers by asking them a question, "What did Moses command you?" They reply that Moses permitted it. Then Jesus explains how the law Moses gave was in fact necessary, but that it was not the way God had first intended things to be. He reminds them of the creation story, and that because the man and woman become 'one flesh' they must not separate. The townspeople are bringing their children to Jesus so he can bless them, and the disciples try to stop them. Jesus says, "Let the children come to me." He says the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are childlike, and only those who accept the Kingdom as a child does will be able to enter it.

The disciples must have been sad to hear Jesus speak about divorce. God created us to be perfect, but because of sin we go through all kinds of struggles in our lives. Out of love, God forgives us and continues to call us to himself.

How can we show God's love to someone who is suffering because of divorce?

How do you think Jesus felt to have all of the children gathered around him?

What does it mean for a grownup to be 'childlike'?