



"I am the living bread that came down from heaven."

AUGUST 16, 2009
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH



SAVE THE DATE!
PARISH PICNIC/OCTOBERFEST
Saturday, September 26 at 5:00 PM
Helping hands needed.



Sign-up sheets for food, set-up, serving and clean-up are in the back of the church.

A JOYFUL WELCOME to the newest member of the Christian community, **Ivy Elizabeth Smith**, who will be baptized this Saturday. We offer our prayers and best wishes to her parents, **Jesse and Kari Smith**.

COME ONE, COME ALL, LEARN NEW MUSIC!

All choir members and anyone interested are invited to come to our second "Learn New Music" session on Thursday, August 20th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. If you have some suggestions for hymns, please let Laurel know @ LaurelShepFB@aol.com.

IMMACULATE HEART PARISH NEIGHBORHOOD BARBECUE, Saturday, August 22, 12-4 PM, 2926 North Williams. Barbecue Ribs or Chicken, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Rolls, Beverage, Dessert. \$11.00. Take-out available. 503-287-3724.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT - Monday, August 24, Gates open at 4 p.m., concessions open, unlimited rides 5 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Bring a picnic. Clowns, face painting, stage entertainment/tunes-TO-GO, Silent auction. This **SPECIAL EVENING** is a fund-raising event for CYO/Camp Howard. Fill your car with family and friends. Due to parking we have a limited number of tickets available. You can purchase your ticket online @ www.cypcamphoward.org or call the CYO office at 503-231-9484. **ONLY \$40.00** per car. Includes Family Fun Night Admission and 5 unlimited ride bracelets. Additional bracelets can be purchased at the gate for \$8.50.

THE 12TH ANNUAL WILLIAM BYRD FESTIVAL To purchase advance tickets for the Festival Choral Concert on August 23rd, visit brownpapertickets.com or call 1-800-838-3006. See bulletin board for details or call 503-295-2811.

MONASTIC VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT - Mount Angel Abbey sponsors vocation discernment retreats for men between the ages of 16-40, several times per year. The next retreat is scheduled for the weekend of August 28-30, 2009. If you are interested in making a Monastic Discernment Retreat, please contact Rev. Odo Recker, abbeyvocation@mtangel.edu.

THE 2ND ANNUAL SAINT THOMAS MORE LAWYER'S RETREAT AT MOUNT ANGEL ABBEY. January 29-31, 2010 - Are you a Catholic lawyer or the spouse of one? Sir Thomas More, Lord Chancellor of England, had the same questions as you do. He had to balance life, work and faith just like the rest of us. If you are looking for some solid Christian balance and perspective, please come join us! For registration, please call the Abbey Retreat House at 503-845-3225 or email retreat@mtangel.edu. Additional information on bulletin board.

Wisdom comes to each of us as food. God's presence nourishes us in life just as the food of our table nourishes us. In Proverbs we hear of the wisdom of Solomon and in the gospel we hear the words of Jesus. Both remind us that the power of God's presence is as food and drink — it is realized in our lives through a nourishing process. . .

A people celebrating liturgy where food and drink are shared as evidence of God's presence must come to grips with a world in which food is not shared adequately with those who hunger. The message of the word and the celebration of the banquet cannot stay within the walls of a sanctuary. Those who gather must go forth to witness.

Witness to the problem of hunger in the world is indeed complex in an age when the distribution of food no longer focuses on the farmer bringing the produce to market and the consumer bartering with the farmer for this meal or that. The distribution of food involves the agricultural business conglomerates, the politics of world diplomacy, and the intrigue of merchandising. These are beyond the direct control of those who grow the food and those who eat it. But the complexity of witness in the modern age is not an excuse to avoid the witness . . .

This is not to say that attending to the world hunger crisis is a substitute for the gospel. It is the fruit of the gospel and becomes empty if it is not continually linked to the gospel whence it came. Getting involved in the real social issues is important. Equally important is the return week in and week out to the liturgical roots of the gospel message in our lives. For the call is not simply to share food. The call is to come alive with the bread of life. The call is to eat of the Body of the Lord and to drink His Blood. The call is for each of us to embrace the Lord Jesus and to let Him live in us.

(Richard J. Butler, *Liturgy*, CUA Center for Pastoral Liturgy, Aug. 19, 1979)

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Proverbs 9:1-6/ Psalm 34/ Ephesians 5:15-20/ John 6:51-58

Monday: Judges 2:11-19/ Psalm 106/ Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday: Judges 6:11-24a/ Psalm 85/ Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday: Judges 9:6-15/ Psalm 21/ Matthew 20:1-16a

Thursday: Judges 11:29-39a/ Psalm 40/ Matthew 22:1-14

Friday: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/ Psalm 146/ Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11 and 4:13-17/ Psalm 128/ Matthew 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-18b/ Psalm 34/ Ephesians 5:21-32/ John 6:60-69

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,241.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am: Mary and Dick Adkisson 11:00 am: The Myers Family

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

This Gospel reading from the Book of John gives us Eucharist elements once again. The language and images in this Gospel give us a deeper understanding of the Eucharist. They show a sacramental richness and beauty. Jesus speaks of those who eat his flesh and drink his blood. In this passage, Jesus states, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven." "I will raise him on the last day," and "I have life because of the Father.

What do the words "eat my flesh and drink my blood" refer to?

What does the statement "my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink" mean?

When we celebrate Eucharist, what do we become? What are some of the ways we show that Jesus is part of our lives?

