



**THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
JUNE 14, 2009**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

27TH ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE Are you looking for time to refresh, renew, and refocus your life? Join us for Summer Conference 2009 - a retreat set on the University of Portland campus that welcomes families, singles, clergy and lay people of all ages for five days of study, prayer, and play. This year's theme, The Prophetic Call of Modern Christians, is presented by Paulist priest and Old Testament scholar, Fr. Larry Boadt, CSP. Complete details are available in the brochure available online at www.summerconf.org.

A WHITE SOX FAN COMES TO VOLCANOES STADIUM - Archbishop John Vlazny will throw out the first ball at the First Annual Catholic BBQ at the Volcanoes Stadium. The barbecue will begin at 6PM and the game will follow at 7:05PM. Those attending the barbecue may enter the group gates at the north side of the proshop at 5:30PM. All groups are 25 or more people. Arrangements can be made ahead of time to join another parish if we cannot meet that number. See bulletin board for details or call Greg Herbst @ 503-390-2225 x3013.



GAME SOUVENIR BASEBALL BBQ
MEET THE ARCHBISHOP FIREWORKS



HAND IN HAND FESTIVAL This is the 30th year that St. Andrews Parish and the Archdiocesan Office for People with Disabilities have hosted the Hand in Hand Festival celebration. A supportive community experience with music and entertainment, games, craft activities, free lunch for people with developmental disabilities, their families or care providers. Saturday, June 20th from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm at St. Andrew's Community Center. Volunteers are always welcome. (Please call 971-244-0356 for more information.)

RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES On the weekend of June 26th a three-day family retreat will be held for Catholic families with children with disabilities at Aldersgate Conference Center in Turner, Oregon. Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for People with Disabilities, this retreat offers families an opportunity to share and celebrate in an accessible, fun, faith-filled environment. Call 503-233-8399 for more information. Scholarships are available.

VOLUNTEERS FOR HOSPITAL MINISTRY We are in need of more Hospital Ministers to take Communion the patients at OHSU. If you would like to participate in this rewarding ministry, please call the parish office.

UNDY SUNDAY - On June 28, we will have a one-time collection for underwear, socks and tee shirts for the homeless drop-in facility at the Downtown Chapel.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00pm Jason and Kari Lee

9:00 am: Maryla and Greg Kaminisky

11:00 am: Ginny and Bob Caudill

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

Body and Blood of Christ

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 table 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.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.* Exodus 24:3-8/ Psalm 116/
Hebrews 9:11-15/ Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Monday: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10/ Psalm 98/ Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9/ Psalm 146/ Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11/ Psalm 112/ Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11/ Psalm 111/ Matthew 6:7-15

Friday: *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.* Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8C-9/
Isaiah 12:2-6/ Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19/ John 19:31-37

Saturday: *The Immaculate Heart of Mary.* 2 Corinthians 12:1-10/ Psalm 34/
Luke 2:41-51

Sunday: Job 38:1, 8-11/ Psalm 107/ 2 Corinthians 5:14-17/ Mark 4:33-41

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,616.20 SIMPLE SUPPER: \$635.00 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

The Body and Blood of Christ

We read the shortest account of the Last Supper on this Sunday. We might say that it's the bare bones account. But it contains such powerful thoughts about the gift of the Eucharist.

First, why bread and wine? We know that there's the Jewish tradition of consuming bread at the Passover meal, but to push the question back a little further, why bread at *that* meal? Well, bread nourished the Jews as they made their way across the desert to where God wanted them to be.

And why the wine? In this case we need to know that it symbolized the blood of the lamb that was poured over the altar in the Jewish temple. Wine celebrated the connection between God and us.

Bread in the desert gave nourishment for the journey of life. Put it all together and you have what's at the heart of the Eucharist: God nourishing us for our spiritual journey.

Second, we do well to ask with what are we nourished. Just bread and wine? No, with the greatest gift imaginable. We are nourished by the person of Jesus himself. We participate in the Eucharist to come as close as we can to Jesus. And Jesus welcomes us. Does he ever! He becomes a part of us as we become part of him. And as we receive him, we also receive the whole Christ. That includes everyone who is connected with Jesus. Everyone!