



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 11, 2010

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

A JOYFUL WELCOME to the newest member of the Christian community, Anna Scott Whitney, who will be baptized this Saturday. We offer our prayers and best wishes to her parents, Chad and Kristina Whitney.

NEW ST. ELIZABETH'S GOLF CHAMPIONS

Another incredible day of golf, perfect weather, and good times for our 11th annual St. Elizabeth's scramble in the gorge at Skamania! It was nearly a photo finish as four of the ten teams tied at 5 under par and another right behind at 4 under. The tie between 1st and 2nd was broken by a mere 2 inches of tape, and another 2 inches between 2nd and 3rd place.

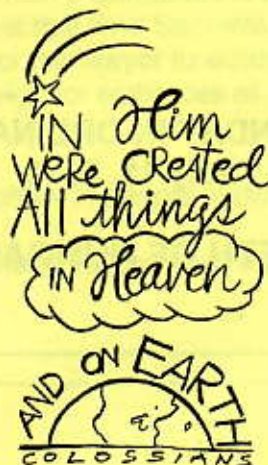
Our new champions are the team of Chad and Alex Hagen, and Larry and Laurel Freeborg. What a round! Hot on their heels in 2nd was the team of Shawn Duffy, Nicholas Kaminski, Sharon and Dominic Galluzzo. (Nice "eagle" Shawn!) In a tie for 3rd was the team of Karl Smith, Lee & Mary Ellen Landry, and Mitch Siekmann (our defending champions) and the team of Tom Galbraith, Kevin Ritmiller, and Mike Bradbury. The rest of us are dreaming about those putts that wouldn't quite fall.

The long drive and KP holes were lots of fun, though one Long Drive hole, a downhill 330 yards, is too short for some of these golfers who treat it as a KP hole instead!! (Use the back tees next year?) Special congratulations to Laurel Freeborg for winning the long putt competition at the end.

In rabbinic Judaism the term "neighbor" was intended to include all human beings. It was accepted Jewish belief that "the Jewish community must provide for the poor of the Gentiles along with the Jewish poor; such Gentiles are to be visited as are the Jewish sick, and burial shall be accorded the Gentile dead as well as the Jewish dead. Rabbi Jochanan ben Zakkai was always the first to greet everyone he met, even the heathen who he encountered for the first time in the market place.

The rabbi of Sassov once gave the last money he had in his pocket to a man of ill repute. His disciples threw it up to him. He answered them: "Shall I be more finicky than God, who gave it to me?"

(William B. Silverman, *Rabbinic Wisdom and Jewish Values*,
Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 1971, p. 196)



Jesus recounts an incident of rural violence in order to respond to the question put by a doctor of the Law: "Who is my neighbor?" This juricidist knew very well that the road to life is to be found through love of God and neighbor. But he wanted a sure and certain rule by which to identify his neighbor. Jesus' anecdote bursts open the narrowness of his concern.

An anonymous traveler, savagely attacked and robbed by bandits is left for dead in the ditch. One after the other, two clerical representatives of Judaism pass by. Neither helps the wounded man; perhaps they think him dead. Contact with a corpse would render them ritually unclean. It is a Samaritan, a man with supposedly little concern for morality or religion who stops. Encountering someone in need raises no casuistic problem for him. It rends his heart. Obeying no voice but that of compassion, he treats the victim as he would want to be treated. The doctor of the Law acknowledges that the Samaritan is the neighbor to the man who fell in with the robbers. It surprises him to find a despised Samaritan identified as the neighbor.

When Christ came to earth, he united himself with wounded humanity. Like a good Samaritan, he took pity on us. "Go and do the same," becoming neighbor to whoever needs you. Jesus forces us to define our neighbor in terms of the other's need rather than how the other would serve us.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deuteronomy 30:10-14/Psalm 69/
Colossians 1:15-20/Luke 10:25-37

Monday: Isaiah 1:10-17/ Psalm 50/ Matthew 10:34 through 11:1

Tuesday: Isaiah 7:1-9/ Psalm 48/ Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday: Isaiah 10:5-7,13b-16/ Psalm 94/ Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/ Psalm 102/ Matthew 11:28-30

Friday: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/ Isaiah 38:10-12,16/ Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday: Micah 2:1-5/ Psalm 10/ Matthew 12:14-21

Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Genesis 18:1-10a/ Psalm 15
Colossians 1:24-28/ Luke 10:38-42

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,628.00 **SIMPLE SUPPER:** \$365.00 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Tom and Kendra Biller

9:00 AM: Colleen and Jim Connolly 11:00 AM: Robert and Kelly Bloch

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

Family Faith Sharing Questions

Luke10: 25-37

A Jewish legal expert tests Jesus by asking what he must do to inherit eternal life. After a process of question and counter question, the lawyer asks who one's neighbor is. In reply, Jesus tells the story of the good Samaritan, a story in which a Samaritan is the neighbor -- the hero of the story! And, because at that time Samaritans and Jews were enemies, it was really hard for the lawyer to accept this teaching. The lesson here is that love of neighbor embraces all: Samaritan, Jew, everyone.

Do you see your neighbor in people of different color or race?

How can you make them feel that they are your neighbor?