



**29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 17, 2010**

**ST. ELIZABETH OF  
HUNGARY CHURCH**



*A Campaign for the Archdiocese of Portland*

*Hopefully by now you have read your Capital Campaign materials. We hope you are giving it due consideration. If you are prepared, please mail your pledge in at your earliest convenience.*

*Fr. Jim*

**NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** - United with the Catholics of the world at the Table of the Lord, we recommit ourselves to our vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries. Our prayers and Eucharistic celebration next Sunday are directed in a special way toward our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are waiting to hear the joyous "Good News" of Jesus. Our offerings, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, will support the work and witness of those who selflessly give up all for the sake of our Lord and His Gospel - the local priests, Religious, and lay catechists who daily provide loving service to the poor and suffering of the Developing World.

**RCIA Class** meets Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Little House next door.

**1ST COMMUNION CLASS** meets after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Little House.

**A JOYFUL WELCOME** to the newest member of the Christian community, Emma Aletha Ericksen, who will be baptized this Sunday. We offer our prayers and best wishes to her parents, Doug and Katie Ericksen.

**CHRISTMAS WREATH ORDERS** - Next weekend Matthew Kaminski will be taking Christmas wreath and swag orders after all masses. Proceeds support his Cub Scout Pack and Summer Scout Camp. The wreaths will be ready for delivery around Thanksgiving.

**"COME AND SEE" - an Evening of Prayer and Sharing**

**Friday, October 29, 2010 from 6:00 - 10:00 PM**

**Franciscan Spiritual Center, 6902 SE Lake Rd., Milwaukie, OR 97267**

The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia will be holding a "Come and See" evening for single Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 35 who are interested in learning more about Religious Life and Community Living as a Franciscan. Our time together will begin with conversation and a simple supper. The evening will also include prayer and sharing of stories. Call Sr. Patricia Novak, OSF at 503-233-1878 or E-mail: [srpatriciaosf@juno.com](mailto:srpatriciaosf@juno.com).



There is probably no image that expresses so well the intimacy with God in prayer as the image of God's breath. We are like asthmatic people who are cured of their anxiety. The Spirit has taken away our narrowness (the Latin word for anxiety is *angustia*: narrowness) and made everything new for us. We receive a new breath, a new freedom, a new life. This new life is the divine life of God himself. Prayer, therefore, is God's breathing in us, by which we become part of the intimacy of God's inner life, and by which we are born anew.

So, the paradox of prayer is that it asks for a serious effort while it can only be received as a gift. We cannot plan, organize or manipulate God; but without a careful discipline, we cannot receive him either. This paradox of prayer forces us to look beyond the limits of our mortal existence. To the degree that we have been able to dispel our illusion of immortality and have come to the full realization of our fragile mortal condition, we can reach out in freedom to the creator and re-creator of life and respond to his gifts with gratitude.

(Henri J.M. Nouwen, *Reaching Out*, Doubleday, 1975, p. 89).

#### LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Exodus 17:8-13/ Psalm 121/ 2 Timothy 3:14 through 4:2/ Luke 18:1-8

Monday: Luke, Evangelist. 2 Timothy 4:10-17b/ Luke 10:1-9

Tuesday: Ephesians 2:12-22/ Psalm 85/ Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday: Ephesians 3:2-12/ Isaiah 12:2-3,4b-6/ Luke 12:39-48

Thursday: Ephesians 3:14-21/ Psalm 33/ Luke 12:49-53

Friday: Ephesians 4:1-6/ Psalm 24/ Luke 12:54-59

Saturday: Ephesians 4:7-16/ Psalm 122/ Luke 13:1-9

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Sirach 35:12-14,16-18/ Psalm 34/ 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18/ Luke 18:9-14

#### PORTLAND AREA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

Central Catholic	October 17
St. Mary's Academy	October 24
LaSalle Catholic College Prep	November 7
De LaSalle North Catholic	November 14



COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY \$3,371.15 Thank you.

#### HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

4:00 PM: Steve and Carla Loughlin

9:00 AM Gina, Julia and Lena Bainbridge 11:00AM 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.

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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

Jesus sets before us a parable sketched from life. A persistent widow importunes an uncooperative judge until she obtains satisfaction. From this account, let us not conclude that the way to pray to God is to bore him to death or to drive him crazy. Only the Gentiles imagine that they will succeed in getting an answer by dint of words (Matthew 6:7).

This gospel demonstrates in a remarkable way the danger of interpreting parables as allegory. In an allegory, every element has another dimension of meaning. A parable works as a whole to make a single point or to raise a disturbing question. In this parable it would be a mistake to equate God with the judge. It would be even more of a mistake to equate the woman's obstinate pleading with a superstitious attempt to pry an answer from God.

Jesus' parable is set under the heading of persevering prayer. It calls Christians to unceasing vigilance. Prayer is less an act which forces God's hand, but much more one which opens us to the always available gifts of God.