

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

This week's bulletin is dedicated to the memory of Heinke Mehl, a great friend to this parish, who so generously donated the lovely painting of St. Elizabeth of Hungary which hangs in our gathering space.

Heinke left this earthly life on June 29, 2011 to be with the Lord. A memorial

service will be held for her this Saturday in California.

Heinke's treasured gift is an outstanding feature of the parish hall. The painting is the work of Joanne Mehl, a well-known Portland artist, and the daughter of Heinke. The painting was originally commissioned by the artist's grandmother for a girls' orphanage in Africa. The grandmother died before the painting was completed, and it sat in storage for many years. The artist's mother, Heinke, retrieved it and persuaded her daughter to finish the work. Heinke determined that it should be given to an organization that would display it with pride. She then called St. Elizabeth Parish and inquired if this was, indeed the church named after the woman Germans know as St. Elizabeth of Thuringia. Fr. Jim assured her that it was the same and gave her a brief history of the parish as a church established to serve patients at the hospitals of OHSU. Heinke decided this truly was the appropriate place to display the painting.

May we always be inspired by Heinke's friendship and generosity, and St.

Elizabeth's dedication to serving those with infirmities.

May Heinke rest in peace and may her family know the comfort of the Lord she served so well.

Thank you to all who remembered my birthday. Your love, prayers and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Fr. Jim

<u>A JOYFUL WELCOME</u> to the newest member of the Christian community, **Madelyn Macy Montang**, who will be baptized this Saturday, July 16. We offer our prayers and best wishes to her parents, **John and Lynn Montang**.

<u>CAPITAL CAMPAIGN</u> - Recently we received a report from the Archdiocese that St. Elizabeth Parish is at 96.8% of our goal of \$247,402.00. This equates to our needing to raise only \$7,877.00 to meet our goal. We thank all who have so generously participated in this campaign. If you were not in a position to pledge earlier, but are able to do so now, your help would be appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, August 21, 2011

We will have a Death Penalty Repeal panel discussion between masses from 10:00 am sharp to 10:45 am in the Fireside Room here at St. Elizabeth's. The panel will include our State Senator Ginny Burdick, David McNeil, an attorney interested in repeal, and Ron Steiner, chair for Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty.

The temptation to restrict the Church to the perfect has always haunted the Christian community, animated as it is by a high ideal of holiness. To conquer evil has sometimes been interpreted as meaning to destroy sinners. Many a "holy war" has been fought in the name of Christian righteousness. Even James and John wanted to command fire from heaven to consume the inhospitable Samaritans (Luke 9:54).

Yet the God who has the power to wreak destruction on the wicked rules instead with leniency. In his parables of the kingdom, Jesus teaches his impatient followers that the Lord of the harvest is more concerned with the growth of the wheat than with the elimination of the weeds. The time for

separation and for burning will come, but it is not now.

Today's readings call the servants of God's kingdom to share in the patient tolerance of the kingdom's Lord. Rather than devoting our energies to hunting out and destroying every sign of deviation, we are urged to nurture every sign of goodness in the world. To foster the growth of what is good in itself to overcome evil.

## LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Wisdom. 12:13, 16-19/ Psalm 86/

Romans 8:26-27/ Matthew 13:24-43

Monday: Exodus 14:5-18/ Exodus 15:1bc-6/ Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday: Exodus 14:21 through 15:1/ Exodus 15:8-10, 12, 17/ Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday: Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15/ Psalm 78/ Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday: Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/ Daniel 3:52-56/ Matthew 13:10-17

Friday: Exodus 20:1-17/ Psalm 19/ John 20:1-2, 11-18 Saturday: Exodus 24:3-8/ Psalm 50/ Matthew 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12/ Psalm 119/

Romans 8:28-30/ Matthew 13:44-52

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,626.50

SIMPLE SUPPER: \$333.45 Thank you.

#### HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Tom and Kendra Biller

9:00 AM: Gina, Julia and Lena Bainbridge 11:00 AM: Peggy and Karl Smith If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you.

WORLD CUISINE FESTIVAL - Saturday, July 30, 2011, 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM

IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH, 2926 N. Williams, Portland, OR 97229

Entrance Fee (excluding meals & drinks): \$5. Free for 12 years and younger
\$3 per dish serving \$2 per drink or dessert

International Cuisine Cultural Performance & Fashion Show

Hourly door prizes (Must be present to win.)

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### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30 am

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Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:00 pm

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 am - 3:00 pm, Monday-Friday

Interested in joining St. Elizabeth Parish? Give us a call. 503-222-2168

The painting of St. Elizabeth of Hungary displayed in the gathering place of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church was created by Joanne Mehl, a local artist. A graduate with honors from the prestigious Art Center in Pasadena, Joanne is most widely known within equestrian circles, where her work graces many private collections and publications.

Joanne's grandmother commissioned the painting about 20 years ago for an African mission church. She died before the portrait was completed. Joanne's Mother, Heinke Mehl, has had posession of the unfinished work. Recently she commissioned Joanne to complete the painting. She then graciously donated it to St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church.