



**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 19, 2012**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

ANNUAL PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
AFTER 4:00 PM MASS
HERE ON THE PARISH GROUNDS



Bring your favorite main dish, salad or dessert.
Beverages are provided.
Helping hands are needed.
Please sign up in the back of the church.



SIMPLE SUPPER COLLECTION will be taken next Sunday for the support of our two monthly dinners at Transition Projects. Baskets for your free will offering are at the entrances to the church.

FOOD SUNDAY - Next Sunday is Food Sunday. Please bring some non-perishable food for the Immaculate Heart Parish Food Bank to help feed the hungry.

ALTAR LINENS We are in need of additional volunteers to assist with laundering the linens needed for our liturgical celebrations. With a few extra volunteers the commitment would be just one month each year Please call the office if you are able to help with this important ministry.

MARTHA & MARY MINISTRIES -- GOLF MARATHON 2012

September 5 at Stone Creek Golf Course, Oregon City. See bulletin board for player information or call Pat Cary, Executive Director, at 503-954-3840 if you have questions. To register, visit www.marthamaryministries.org/gold.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$2,407.50 Thank you.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Mary and Dick Adkisson

11:00 AM: Marge and Dave Hartmann

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

Wisdom comes to each of us as food. God's presence nourishes us in life just as the food of our tables 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 merchandizing. 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:	<u>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.</u> Proverbs 9: 1-6/ Psalm 34/ Ephesians 5:15-20/ John 6:51-58
Monday:	Ezekiel 24:15-24/ Deuteronomy 32:18-21/ Matthew 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Ezekiel 28:1-10/ Deuteronomy 32:26-28,30,35-36/ Matthew 9:23-30
Wednesday:	Ezekiel 34:1-11/ Psalm 23/ Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ezekiel 36:23-28/ Psalm 51/ Matthew 22:1-14
Friday:	Revelation 21:9b-14/ Psalm 145/ John 1:45-51
Saturday:	Ezekiel 43:1-7ab/ Psalm 85/ Matthew 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	<u>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.</u> Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b/ Psalm 34/ Ephesians 5:21-32/ John 6:60-69

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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., Pastor

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

Gospel Reflection

In his Letter to the Ephesians, Paul urges this Christian community: "Watch how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise." Paul connects wisdom with understanding: "try to understand what is the will of the Lord." Paul, the Jewish Pharisee, knew well Israel's traditions. He uses those to encourage the Ephesians' *belief* in Jesus. The same is true for us today: belief in Jesus as the Bread of Life leads to true wisdom.

