



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH
December 30, 2012

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

Thank you to all who have given so much in preparing for Our Lord's birth. It is wonderful to witness the community involvement here at St. Elizabeth's, not only at Christmas, but throughout the year. Our readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Choir, Decorators, Servers and all who give of their time are much appreciated. Thank you also to all who participated in the Angel Tree program by organizing, donating, and delivering the Christmas gifts to the children.

May God's blessings be with you in the New Year.

Fr. Jim

NEW YEAR'S/SOLEMNNITY OF MARY – On December 31, Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 PM and at 12:00 Noon on January 1.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. Please check off your name on the list when you take your packet. If you would like to begin using envelopes, please record your name on a blank line and take the corresponding packet. Thank you.

CATHOLIC SENTINEL – Please take home a copy of the Catholic Sentinel, the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Portland. The publication features a regular column written by Archbishop John G. Vlazny, as well as informative news stories, lively photos, and advertising that guides you to trustworthy businesses. You can also find breaking news online at catholicsentinel.org.

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.

YEAR OF FAITH -The Year of Faith began on October 11 of this year and will conclude on the feast of Christ the King, November 24, 2013. It is Pope Benedict's hope and prayer that Catholics will deepen their knowledge of the faith by reflecting on the documents of Vatican II and the catechism. We are asked to open more widely that door of faith, walk through it and rediscover the beauty and goodness of our relationship with Jesus and his church.

It rests with parents to prepare their children from an early age, within the family circle, to discern God's love for all men; they will teach them little by little – and above all by their example – to have concern for their neighbors' needs: material and spiritual. The whole family, accordingly, and its community life should become a kind of apprenticeship to the apostolate.

Children must be trained, besides, to go beyond the confines of the family and take an interest in both ecclesial and temporal communities. Their integration into the local parish community should succeed in bringing them the awareness of being living, active members of the People of God. Priests, for their part, should not lose sight of this question of training for the apostolate when catechizing, preaching and directing souls, and in other functions of the pastoral ministry.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28/
Psalm 84/ 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24/ Luke 2:41-52

Monday: 1 John 2:18-21/ Psalm 96/ John 1:1-18

Tuesday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God. Numbers 6:22-27/ Psalm 67/ Galatians 4:4-7/
Luke 2:16-21

Wednesday: 1 John 2:22-28/ Psalm 98/ John 1:19-28

Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus. 1 John 2:29-3:6/ Psalm 98/ John 1:29-34

Friday: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. 1 John 3:7-10/ Psalm 98/ John 1:35-42

Saturday: Saint John Neumann. 1 John 3:11-21/ Psalm 100/ John 1:43-51

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord. Isaiah 60:1-6/ Psalm 72/ Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6/
Matthew 2:1-12

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

4:00 PM: Alex Hagen

9:00 AM: Patty Frahler and Bob Bentley

11:00 AM: The Myers Family

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$3,641.75

COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS: \$5,355.75 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., 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

REFLECTION

The Gospel story foreshadows Jesus's ultimate mission and identity as Savior. After three years of ministry, Jesus will head up to Jerusalem again for the Passover, and give himself over to his Father's will completely as he takes up the Cross. Christ's obedience to his parents prepares his heart for the dark night spent in prayer at Gethsemane, when he gives his will over to his heavenly Father.

