



**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 13, 2014**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC WILL BE COMING SOON. Date and time to be announced. We will need a coordinator and other volunteers for this fun-filled event.

MINISTRY FORMATION – MINISTRY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Mission of the Ministry Formation Program is the integration of the human, intellectual, spiritual and pastoral dimensions of the individual to more completely enable that person to live and to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world in partnership with the ministry of the Church. You can work toward a certificate or just take classes of particular interest to you. Courses are offered in various formats: online, summer intensive study week, and parish sites on weekends. Two weekend retreats assist participants to develop a spiritual context for service. Go to hwycoff@archdpdx.org or call 503-652-8937. Information is also posted on the bulletin board. **Deadline to register is July 25.**

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS.

If you would like to participate in this rewarding ministry by taking the Eucharist to patients at OHSU, please contact Frankie Anderson at 503-245-4254 or frankiemanderson@yahoo.com.

CLASSES FOR FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION AND RCIA to begin next fall are in the planning stage. If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, or if you have children who will be receiving their First Communion or Confirmation, please sign the lists in the back of the Church, or call the parish office at 503-222-2168.

JOURNEY TOGETHER IN HOPE – a retreat for Catholic families who have family members with disabilities will be held the weekend of August 22, 23, and 24, 2014, at Aldersgate Conference Center—just outside of Salem in Turner, Oregon. This weekend is designed to bring together Catholic families with children (all ages) with disabilities to have fun together, to celebrate, to share faith, to rest and relax, and to build supportive friendships. For registration information, call the Archdiocesan Office for People with Disabilities at 503-233-8399 or email dcoughlin@archdpdx.org.

ANNUAL FAMILY BARBECUE – OUT LADY OF PEACE RETREAT HOUSE

3600 SW 170th Avenue, Beaverton – August 3, 2014, 12 Noon - 6 pm

Menu includes hamburgers, pulled pork, chicken, hot dogs, sausages, veggie burgers, fresh corn on the cob, coleslaw, baked beans, and watermelon. Dessert booth, cotton candy, ice cream, popcorn and sodas. Meal prices: \$5 to \$9 (takeout available)

Thank you to all who remembered my birthday with your many kindnesses.

Fr. Jim

In making use of parables, Jesus did not inaugurate a form of preaching new to the people of his day. The Old Testament and later rabbinic literature offer many examples of this style of communication. It was the content rather than the form of Jesus' preaching which came as a surprise. He proclaimed with authority the proximity of the kingdom of heaven and therefore the need to be converted to the Lord.

Jesus does not use parables simply for the sake of adopting common parlance. Yet the images he employs do enable us to hear the message, seize its meaning, and become involved in it. Each evangelist explains in his own way the reason for the parables. For Matthew, understanding the parables presupposes a heart open to revelation, ready to translate the word into action despite opposition and apparent defeat.

At certain times everything seems to conspire to prevent us from hearing the gospel and believing in its future. For two thousand years the sower has gone out to sow and we are sometimes tempted to ask what this sowing has accomplished. Our proper response to the prodigal lavishness of God should consist in seizing the word heard and allowing it to seize us that it may bear fruit.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i> Isaiah 55:10-11/ Psalm 65/ Romans 8:18-23/ Matthew 13:1-23
Monday:	<i>Saint Tekakwitha, virgin.</i> Isaiah 1:10-17/ Psalm 50/ Matthew 10:34 through 11:1
Tuesday:	<i>Saint Bonaventure, bishop, doctor of the Church.</i> 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/ (Psalm) Isaiah 38:10-12, 16/ Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday:	Micah 2:1-5/ Psalm 10/ Matthew 12:14-21
Next Sunday:	<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.</i> Wisdom 12:13, 16-19/ Psalm 86/ Romans 8:26-27/ Matthew 13:24-43

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Gina Bainbridge and Sharon Hunt 11:00 AM: Ginny and Bob Caudill
Please come early. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$5,394.96

SIMPLE SUPPER: \$459.95 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

With such a large crowd gathered, Jesus sits in a boat a little way from shore, and speaks to the people gathered on the beach. To these people, clearly hungry for God's Word, hungry for the truth, Jesus tells a parable about deeds and words. He calls it the parable of the sower, but it might also be called the parable of the soil! The sower cast the seed far and wide, but it is the soil that determines if it will bear fruit. Jesus knows that every person who hears his word will receive it in a different way. What kind of "soil" have we brought to the hearing of God's Word today?