



**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 16, 2015**

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

ANNUAL PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
5:00 PM
HERE ON THE PARISH GROUNDS



*Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert.
Beverages are provided.
Helping hands are needed.
Please sign up in the back of the church.*

RCIA, FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION – If you or someone you know would like to participate in RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) or if you would like to enroll your child in a class for First Communion or First Reconciliation, please sign up in the back of the church. We would like to organize our classes for this fall as soon as possible.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL WILLIAM BYRD FESTIVAL, Sponsored by Cantores in Ecclesia

Visit www.byrdfestival.org for a schedule of Festival Events

Festival locations: St. Stephens Church, SE 41st Avenue & Salmon Street
Holy Rosary Church, NE 3rd Avenue & Clackamas Street
Trinity Cathedral, NW 19th Avenue & Everett Street

Ticket hotline: 1-800-838-3006 or www.brownpapertickets.com

WOMEN'S RETREAT – *"Touched by Christ,"* a women's retreat, is set for August 28-30 at the Father Bernard Youth Center in Mount Angel. Father Peter O'Brien, pastor of St. Edward Parish in Lebanon, will lead the weekend, meant to give women stillness in a noisy world. For information call 541-258-5333.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE PARISH ROLL FESTIVAL 2015 Come for the ride and/or come for the food, games & music! Ride with Our Lady of the Lake at the ROLL Festival, from 12:45 to 5 pm. Sunday evening Mass will be held at 6 pm. Bike with us on a 15-mile, 6-mile or 1-mile fun ride starting at the church. Festival Activities: 3 inflatables, carnival games, obstacle course, health screenings and more. Enjoy the tropical rock sound of Beadhead, with surprise guests, Delicious food by Knights of Columbus, ice cream by the Boy Scouts, plus drinks and snacks. For information, or to register, go to www.ollparish.com.

This Sunday's gospel is the conclusion of the bread of life discourse. It is useless to try to separate what Jesus intended to say from what the evangelist understood. The discourse is grounded in the Church's reflection on the experience of Jesus in his word and in the Eucharist. He is and remains for us the living bread from heaven, flesh and blood given for the life of the world.

The conclusion of the discourse is closely linked with the synoptic accounts of the Last Supper. Jesus declares that in his sacrifice he will offer himself in food and drink which must be consumed. To receive him is to enter into a wholly new intimacy with him.

The words of Jesus illuminate the actions of taking and eating. They who eat are themselves assimilated into the life of Jesus. In turn, they are invited to give their lives without measure.

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today:	<u>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> . Proverbs 9:1-6/ Psalm 34:2-7/ Ephesians 5:15-20/ John 6:51-58
Monday:	Judges 2:11-19 /Psalm 106 /Matthew 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Judges 6:11-24a/Psalm 85/Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Judges 9:6-15/Psalm 21/Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday:	<u>Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church</u> . Judges 11:29-39a /Psalm 40/ Matthew 22:1-14
Friday:	<u>Saint Pius X, Pope</u> . Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 /Psalm 146/Matthew 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Psalm 128 /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

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 AM: Pamela & Arly Dunham

11:00 AM: Maura & Diarmuid O'Scannlain

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

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,240.00 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, Administrative Assistant - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

Reflection

John 6:51-58

This Gospel reading from the Book of John gives us Eucharistic elements once again. The language and images in this Gospel give us a deeper understanding of the Eucharist. They show a sacramental richness and beauty. Jesus speaks of those who eat his flesh and drink his blood. In this passage, Jesus states, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven," "I will raise him on the last day," and "I have life because of the Father."

What do the words "eat my flesh and drink my blood" refer to? What does the statement "My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink" mean? When we celebrate Eucharistic, what do we become? What are some of the ways we show that Jesus is part of our lives?