

# St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

*A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception*

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Mass Times

Monday to Friday: 12:15 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

### Confession Times

Monday to Friday: 11:40 AM – 12:10 PM

### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Thursday: 4:20 PM - 5:20 PM

### Spiritual Talk

Thursday: 4:00 PM

### Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 10 AM – 3:00 PM

### Spiritual Direction for College Students



<https://calendly.com/fatherrichard/spiritual-direction>

September 18, 2022

Dear brothers and sisters,

This Tuesday I almost had a heart attack! We had adoration with the FOCUS missionaries before noon Mass. After benediction, I reposed the blessed Sacrament and went to the Sacristy to prepare for Mass. One of the altar servers told me that we should probably consecrate some extra hosts since there were more people than usual. Indeed, I had seen a few extra people when doing Benediction, so we did set more hosts out for consecration. I thought we would have ten more people or so and I was not prepared for what happened next. When I got to the altar, I lifted up my eyes and I saw 55 people in daily Mass. And most of them under 25 years old! Very impressive!

What happened is that the missionaries of Christ in the City decided to join us for Mass. It was such a joy to have them come and share in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The singing of the Alleluia, Sanctus, Agnus Dei and Salve Regina was beautiful. But my favorite moment was the line for Holy Communion. It was a joy to see these young people receive our Lord with such devotion, reverence and joy. I was delighted when I heard that they will be visiting us every Tuesday!

Besides this unusual instance, attendance to weekly Mass and confessions has been steadily increasing. We've made a great recovery from the few people that would come last year. Of course, we now count on our 12 missionaries at the daily Mass. But, besides that, we have been seeing several new students, people that work in the area and occasional tourists joining us.

Speaking about our FOCUS missionaries, this week I joined them on Monday at the quad for volleyball, football, and other sports. There were more than 20 students that participated. I was very inspired and hopeful with such a response. Next week the missionaries will be starting three bible studies on campus. I ask you to please pray to our Lady of Guadalupe for the spiritual fruit of these efforts. Prayer is very powerful!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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# Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

This Sunday we read Lk 16:1-13. The parable of the dishonest steward is the logical continuation of the three parables of mercy. According to St. Bede, after the Lord has talked about mercy, now he wants to teach us about almsgiving.

St. Mother Teresa told a powerful story of almsgiving in a conference she gave: "I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa has no sugar for her children; and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: 'I will not eat sugar for three days; I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa.' How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name. He loved with great love; he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you – to love one another until it hurts. But don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts... I can enjoy this, but I give up; I could eat that sugar, but I give that sugar... you would be surprised of the beautiful things that people do to share the joy of giving."

Jesus says, "I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings" (Lk 16:9). According to St. Augustine "dishonest wealth are all the riches of the world, whenever they come. For if you seek the true riches, there are some [spiritual riches] in which Job when naked abounded, when he had his heart full towards God. The others are called dishonest riches; because they are not true riches, for they are full of poverty, and ever liable to chances. For if they were true riches, they would give you security."

To "make friends with dishonest wealth" is to use material riches to give glory to God, especially by almsgiving. The boy from Mother Teresa's story understood how to use material things to love others. He gave with generosity until it hurt and found great joy in giving.

By giving generously, we use material riches for their true purpose, to give glory to God. Indeed, material riches are not an end in themselves but a means to get to heaven. By giving we also acknowledge that material riches are not true riches, but only spiritual riches are. Almsgiving is also an act of hope in God, because although material riches "promise" security, only spiritual riches can give us the security of eternal life.

Finally, let's remember the saying of Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." We will get more blessings, have more joy, experience greater happiness, from giving than from receiving. The gift of self is actually the secret of happiness that the Lord taught us in his greatest teaching moment, from the Cross.

St. Bonaventure, in his "Life of St. Francis of Assisi" tells us that once he "met a certain leper [on the road], and this unforeseen meeting filled him with loathing. (...) [Overcoming his disgust] he leapt from his horse and ran to embrace him. When the leper stretched forth his hand as though to receive an alms, he kissed it, and then put money therein. Then immediately mounting his horse, he looked round him on all sides, and the plain was spread before him unbroken, and no trace of that leper might he see. Then; filled with wonder and joy, he began devoutly to chant praises unto the Lord, purposing from this to rise ever unto greater heights." Francis realized that it was Jesus whom he had kissed. He found tremendous joy and blessing from his almsgiving. Let's go and do likewise.

# Meet Will Ives

**M**y name is Will Ives. I am a 5th year missionary and the new director of outreach for the colleges on the Auraria Campus. I am so excited to lead a team of 12 missionaries on campus this year! We are brand new to Auraria and are so grateful to work alongside the community to bring students into an encounter with Jesus Christ through personal relationship, bible studies, community service, and mission trips!

I am originally from the great state of Ohio! I was brought up in the suburbs of Cincinnati and went to college at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

I graduated with a degree in finance and worked in the finance/accounting industry for about 2 years. During that time I picked up the part-time hobby of trying to disprove the Universal Christian Faith and, well... That didn't quite work as planned. But it definitely worked out for the best! After an in-depth intellectual conversation, the complete conversion of my heart soon followed. I fell in love with Christ Jesus and His Church, and I felt the desire to make a difference in our Church today. Soon after, FOCUS started popping up in my life - though I had never heard of it while I was in college. The desire that I had been experiencing was now paired with a real possibility to help the Church by becoming a missionary with FOCUS. I wanted nothing more than to give of myself as a witness to Christ for students in college. Now, as a missionary, my greatest desire is to become a friend and mentor to students by helping them encounter God and pursue a more meaningful life than what the culture has to offer. We are

here to train and equip future professionals for the objective Good, which is rooted in the Love of God and Love of Neighbor. Prior to my time here in Denver, I served as a campus missionary at the University of Pittsburgh for four years. I have experience in leading and coaching other missionaries, walking with many students in discipleship, and cannot wait to use the gifts that God has given me to help the Auraria Catholic community develop and thrive for years to come. Please pray for me and the other missionaries as

we strive to respond to God's labor in bringing others to an encounter with the Divine Love He has shared with us.

If you feel compelled in charity by our Lord, to help support our mission with a small monthly donation, please check out my support page so we can continue to do this work of evangelization together. And please do not hesitate to reach out!

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William Ives



Mission page

# Campus Outreach

## Sports & Freezie Pops

Mondays: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Quad)  
Thursdays: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Quad)

## Free Grill Outs

Thursdays 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
(St. Elizabeth's)

## Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Thursdays 4:20 PM - 5:20 PM  
(St. Elizabeth's)

## Spiritual Talk

Thursdays 4:00 PM  
(St. Elizabeth's)

# Youth Group

First Sunday of every month,  
starting in October

After Mass through 11:30 AM

Come together for games,  
activities and formation

All Middle and High School  
young men and women are welcome!

Hosted by Liz Barreca



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# CORDA

## Young Adults (18-30's) Activities

at the  
Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

### Swing' Sundays

Swing Lessons and Dance Time  
(First Sundays)

### A Pint with the Priests

Casual Conversations with the Cathedral Clergy  
&

### Father Sam's Pub Trivia

Team Trivia Challenge for Prizes  
(Third Sundays)

For more information:

<https://www.denvercathedral.org/young-adults/>

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# Sandwich Line Volunteer Mass

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

12:15 PM

Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

Join us to celebrate our  
Sandwich Line volunteers

Mass will be offered  
for our volunteers and their intentions



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