

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear brothers and sisters,

On Tuesday we had the glorious memorial of St. Francis of Assisi. With great joy we celebrated Mass offered for our Sandwich Line volunteers and their intentions. We had about 75 people attend Mass that day. During the homily I reflected on St. Francis' love and care for the poor. It is remarkable how St. Francis was able to find the face of Christ in the poor and at the same time to be the face of Christ to those in need. This is exactly what we pray our volunteers be for those in need.

Mass Times

Monday to Friday: 12:15 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

Before the final prayer we blessed prayer cards of St. Francis, which I have been distributing to our volunteers. I also said a special blessing over them, which I had written for the occasion. I want to thank once again our volunteers for their dedication, love and service to those in need.

Confession Times

Monday to Friday: 11:40 AM – 12:10 PM

This past week we celebrated the memorial of our Lady of the Rosary. Indeed, October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is one of the most powerful weapons in the arsenal of the Church. During Thursday's spiritual talk I reflected on the importance of praying the Rosary frequently and with devotion.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Thursday: 4:20 PM - 5:20 PM

In my talk I underlined the importance of not only saying the Hail Marys, but to meditate on the mysteries while we recite the vocal prayers. The Rosary is a summary of the gospels. All of the main mysteries of the life of Christ and his blessed Mother are visited while saying this wonderful prayer. I also remarked that the Rosary is centered in Christ. The idea is to contemplate Christ with Mary.

Spiritual Talk

Thursday: 4:00 PM

Finally, I reflected on the words of St. John Paul II who said that the "family that prays together, stays together." Prayer is the basis for union. There is nothing that unites people more than the love of God. That love increases in our heart through prayer. May our Blessed Mother intercede for us this month.

Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 10 AM – 3:00 PM

Yours in Christ,

Spiritual Direction for College Students



Fr. Richard, MC

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

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

In Lk 17:11-19 we read that Jesus complains about the nine ungrateful lepers and praises the Samaritan who came back to give thanks.

As you might have already heard me say in daily Mass, two of my favorite topics for the spiritual life are gratitude and trust. I think that almost any obstacle in our prayer life can be overcome with these two virtues. Indeed, I would say that trust depends on gratitude, because when we acknowledge that God is our greatest benefactor and he does so many awesome things for us, we can trust that he wants our good and that he will keep helping us in the future.

According to Aquinas, when dealing with gratitude, we need to look at the gift we have received and the love with which it was given. When we receive a gift from someone, it is usually from an act of love as expression of friendship.

The themes of gift, love and friendship are closely linked to gratitude. A gift is something freely given and not attached to any kind of “justice.” Indeed, if it were given out of justice, we would call it a payment and not a gift. Sometimes certain gifts are so over our power to repay them that we are always indebted to the donor, such as the gift of life that we receive from God and our parents.

The inability that we often find of repaying exactly what we were gifted points out an important necessary precondition to gratitude: humility. A proud person thinks that he deserves everything, that things are owed to him. He loses the capacity for appreciating the gift.

In order to be grateful, our first step is to recognize the intention behind the gift. Of course, we do see the gift, and the generosity of the gift influences how we react to it, but that is only the most superficial part of gratitude. We need to

enter into the heart of the donor and see the love with which he has given the gift. More important than the thing gifted is the intention, the love, the heart with which it was given. That is why St. Paul exhorts us saying “keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Let’s take, for instance, the gift of life. It’s not enough to realize that it is awesome to be alive. We need to see with how much love God created us in his image and likeness. We are good, worthy and beautiful because his love has made us so. Let’s look into the wonderful plans of success, joy, peace and love of God’s heart for our lives.

Secondly, to be grateful we need to give thanks for the gift. This is at the heart of today’s Gospel. It’s not enough to feel good about the gift, we need to express thanksgiving to God through worship. Especially through the Eucharist, which is the greatest act of thanksgiving. When gratitude is to human beings, this step is often manifested in words, respect and kindness for our benefactors.

And the third step to be grateful is to repay the gift in kind. Of course, as we said, it is impossible to repay them in the same measure that we have received them. But what it is physically impossible, we can make up with our love. In regards to God this repayment is with loving service, working for the glory of God by especially serving through the works of mercy. For gratitude with other people this often means giving gifts of similar kind, or at least with similar love to the ones we have received.

May we be aware of God’s gifts in our lives, see the loving heart with which he gives them, worship him in thanksgiving and serve him in our brothers and sisters.

Meet Jacob Lawhorn

Hello! My name is Jacob Lawhorn, and I am one of the missionaries that serves here at St. Elizabeth on the FOCUS team. I would love to share with you a little bit about myself and how God has called me to be here. I was born and raised in the great, neighboring state of Kansas. I grew up about one hour west of Kansas City off I-70. My parents were such a gift to me during my adolescent and teenage years in so many ways but one area that I never really grew up with was a family based on religion (Christianity some but not to the extent of it forming me very well). I grew up through high school as any teenager does. Insecurities and fears about friendships, relationships, and sports was really all I cared about. When I graduated high school, I took some of these things with me to The University of Kansas and was very plagued earlier on loneliness, anxiety, depression, and lack of confidence. I coped in many ways with these feelings through alcohol, drugs, women, and the whole party culture that is permeated in our young adults. I started to realize I longed for more in my life than just the shallow things I was doing in college, and I wanted to find genuine happiness and connection in my life. This is where my story shifts and I find myself living in a house with 4 other guys who were devout Catholics and lived lives of friendship, integrity, and vibrant joy. I quickly realized they had what I was so desperately longing for – true relationship and happiness. So, I started to dig a little into their way of life and started asking some big questions for my own life: Where do they get this happiness?

How is their friendship not based on use but genuine love and care for each other? Is there something outside of themselves that they live for? As I asked these questions it became more and more clear to me that all the answers had to do with the fact that they had a personal relationship with God in Jesus Christ, and this was lived out through their Catholic Faith. Long story short as I got more of my questions answered (and started to go to Mass with them and went on a retreat) I felt called by God in a very personal way to become Catholic. I came into the Church

in Easter of 2018 and said yes to being a missionary in fall of that year. My story to becoming a missionary is not a very long one. I wanted to live a life that was centered around and in Jesus and felt the call to join FOCUS and help other college students meet the person of Jesus. I have been on 2 different campuses in the past 3 years. In my current role I live with our missionary team and serve as the House Formator for our way of life as missionaries in community. It is such a great joy to be able to serve God in leading other men to

be devout disciples and teaching them that their masculinity is needed in a culture that lacks it. I am also so thankful for St. Elizabeth's and the opportunity to serve alongside you all here!



Jacob Lawhorn



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
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

Swingin' 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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Announcements

Welcome and Reception - On Sunday, 10/23 after 9:00 Mass the Liturgy Committee will have a reception welcoming Fathers Richard and Jon and the Focus Group. This will give all parishioners a chance to speak one on one and get to know all of these new faces. Coffee and donuts will be served outside on the grass unless the weather is inclement. Then it will be held in the dining room. We hope to see you all!

Month of Remembrance - Once again, we would like you to bring in pictures of your loved ones who have passed on to be placed on the special table in the back. The Book of Remembrance will also be set up ahead of November for you to start listing the names of any additional friends or relatives who may have died this past year. Fr. Richard will be saying Mass on All Souls Day, 11/2 at 12:15 for all the names in our Book of Remembrance.

St. Elizabeth's Feast Day, on 11/13 we will celebrate our Patron Saint, Elizabeth of Hungary. There will be a bake sale, roses and Dee's excellent guacamole. All proceeds will go to the Sandwich Line. Please bake or buy something to include in the bake sale. We will again do a Novena prior to her feast day. This will be available as we near 11/13.



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