



*Our help is from the Lord,  
Who made heaven and earth*  
Psalm 121

October 16, 2022 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time &

October 23, 2022 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday, English: 4:00 pm vigil Mass

Sunday, English: 8:30 am; 10:30 am

Sunday, Spanish: 1:00pm

2nd & 4th Sundays, Zomi/Myanmar: 3:30pm

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

English Masses: Monday 7:00 am; Tuesday 6:00 pm

Wednesday through Friday 8:00 am

Mass in Latin: Saturday 9:00am (Missal-of-1962 Latin)

**EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION**

Wednesdays, Thursdays 8:30am to 10:00am in the church.

Eucharistic Exposition questions: Father Ted Prentice x1302

**PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am-4pm

**SACRAMENTS**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Infant Baptism Preparation classes are held by appointment.

Contact Father Ted, x1302 or [tprentice@archdpdx.org](mailto:tprentice@archdpdx.org)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Before Sunday Masses (8-8:15am & 10-10:15am) and before

Saturday Vigil Mass (3:30-3:45pm).

**Marriage**

Please notify Fr. Ted, x 1302 or [tprentice@archdpdx.org](mailto:tprentice@archdpdx.org) at least six months in advance of desired date.

**Anointing of the Sick**

For near-death anointings, call 503-761-8710 and press 1 to reach

Fr. Ted directly. All non-urgent anointings may be arranged by

calling the office or emailing Fr. Ted at [tprentice@archdpdx.org](mailto:tprentice@archdpdx.org).

**In Case of Death** Please call Father Ted, x1302 to make arrangements for funeral services *before* setting the schedule with the mortuary.

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**OCTOBER 16, 2022 – 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**OUR HELP IS FROM THE LORD, WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH** Psalm 121

Today, in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus shares a parable with the disciples about the necessity to pray always without becoming weary. The poor widow persistently seeking justice from a dishonest judge is the mode of accomplishment that Jesus offers not only in this life but also in the spiritual life. The dishonest judge ultimately agrees to provide justice for the widow because of her determination to be heard. Jesus assures us that unlike a dishonest judge, God, Our Heavenly Father, always desires to “secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night.” For the blessings God shares with us as we turn to him in prayer, we are called to raise our hearts and voices in praise. Gratitude is the response of faithful disciples. In all things, especially in moments of powerful blessing, may we always thank the Lord with rejoicing and grateful praise.

May God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit – abundantly bless you and your families in these coming weeks!  
In Christ,  
Fr. Ted Prentice, Pastor



**2022-2023 CONFIRMATION CLASSES OFFERED** Confirmation classes will be offered this year for all regularly-attending St. Joseph the Worker parishioners. High school teens and their parents will need to attend the classes on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month from 11:45-12:45. **The first class starts Sunday, October 30 in the school basement.** For questions, please speak to Fr. Ted, 503-761-8710x1302 or [tprentice@archdpdx.org](mailto:tprentice@archdpdx.org)



**MIDDLE SCHOOL THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP STARTS UP AGAIN** To register or for more information, Contact Youth Ministry leader. Lisa email: [sjtwyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:sjtwyouthministry@gmail.com). Adults who wish to share a talent, a life story, or to participate as a CORE Team leader may also contact Lisa at [sjtwyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:sjtwyouthministry@gmail.com).



**CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION: First session starts October 23**

There are two weekend Faith Formation sessions for you to choose from this year. You may enroll your children in the one that works best for your family.

Session A, 9:30am to 10:15am (In the classrooms.)

Session B, 11:45am to 12:45pm (In the basement)

For questions, please speak to Fr. Ted, 503-761-8710x1302 or [tprentice@archdpdx.org](mailto:tprentice@archdpdx.org)



**AN INVITATION TO SERVE OUR CHILDREN AS A CATECHIST**

Here’s an opportunity to affirm, support and teach our children in their Catholic faith. Speak to Fr. Ted to serve as a Catechist or an assistant for Children’s Faith Formation on Sundays from 9:30am to 10:15am. 503-761-8710x1301 or [tprentice@archdpdx.org](mailto:tprentice@archdpdx.org)



**THE RIPPLE EFFECT IS IMMEASURABLE**

For three decades, Cottage Grove resident, Lori Eckstine, struggled with the effects of her teenage abortion. It wasn’t until she attended a retreat for post-abortive mothers in 2000 that she began to heal from her long-ago decision. The retreat led Eckstine to begin [Project Aurora](http://www.project-aurora.org) the following year. Project Aurora Retreats take place around Oregon and are offered in both English and Spanish. Cost is \$250 for lodging, meals and materials; scholarships are available. Go to: [www.project-aurora.org/](http://www.project-aurora.org/)



## GARDEN NEWS

Pau Mung stopped by his garden plot one day in September to plant a few seeds so he can harvest a fall-winter crop.

The SJTW Community gardens provided spaces for families and individuals as well as areas to grow fresh vegetables for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry.

This year, the gardens supported parishioners who are immigrants from various cultures including Zomi, Hispanic, and Muslim as well non-immigrants. John and Becky Fletcher coordinate the program. Watch for more news in the spring.

## FOR THESE WE PRAY

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS IN YOUR

### Please Pray for the Living...

- Rita Akin 7
- Bob Anderson 8
- Jackie Blanco 9
- Charles Crouch 8
- Terry Francis 8
- Janice Green 10
- Mark Gwyn & Family 6
- Ron James 10
- Ann Kirkpatrick 10
- Kadin Landyke 8
- Darlene McDonald 8
- Ben Maguddayao 10
- The Ojukwu Family 6
- Ardie Ostrow 8
- Gary Pitra 8
- Marianne Prentice 10
- Linda Sampson 8
- Matthew & Amanda Smith 8
- Greg Westin 8

### Please Pray for the Souls of...

- Carmella Gemmato 8/24/22
- Dolores Gunderson 9/27/22
- Bob Ladarre 9/15/22
- Jeff Manley 9/3/22

## Message from the Archdiocese

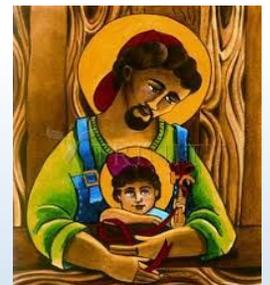
*Our goal has never been simply to make abortion illegal. Our goal is to make it unthinkable.* -Archbishop Sample

Every human person is created as the “Imago Dei,” the Image of God, with a sanctity and dignity that can never be denied. Out of the profound reverence due to every human person, the Church provides support to build a culture of life and advocate for the most vulnerable.



Practices that undermine the value of ALL human life - such as abortion, assisted-suicide, the death penalty, racism - have no place in a just society. We are pro-life for the whole life - womb to tomb - from conception to natural death.

Taken from the Archdiocese of Portland website, <https://www.archdpdx.org/pro-life>



Saint Joseph, foster father of God-made-man, I ask you to intercede for me. See my pain, hear my cries. As you protected Jesus and Mary, shelter me also. Bring me healing and the blessed peace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Youth Ministry

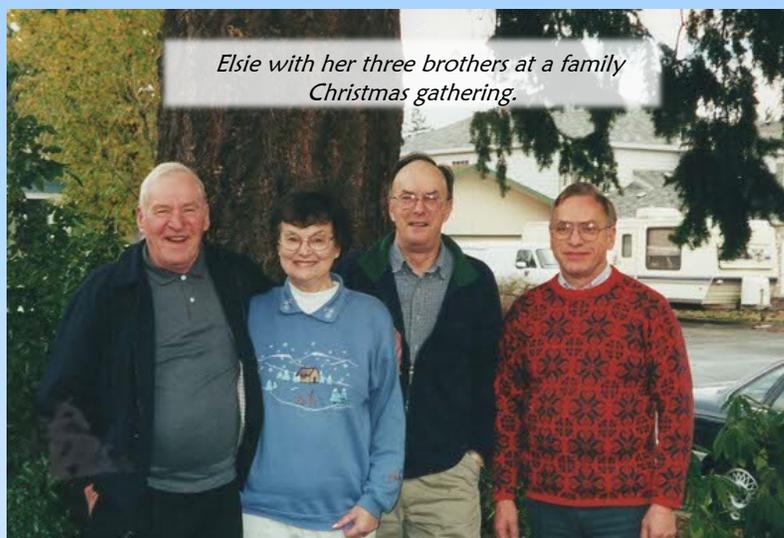
*Please keep our SJTW Youth Ministry in your prayers.*

October 23, Youth Group Meets, 7pm  
 November 13, Youth Group Meets, 7pm  
 November 18, 19, 20, Retreat

*Opportunities to assist with special youth ministry activities during the year: contact Lisa or Jason at x 1305 or [sjtwyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:sjtwyouthministry@gmail.com).*



## The Face of St. Joseph the Worker: Living a life of Love

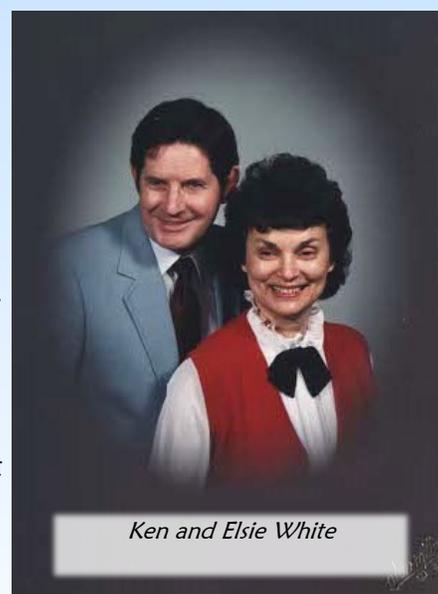


*Elsie with her three brothers at a family Christmas gathering.*

Parishioner, Elsie White, was born in China of parents who hailed from Eastern Europe. Her father, Frank Sobolewski, came from Poland, which was under Russian rule at the time. Young men were conscripted into the army when old enough but Frank's mother refused to let her son become part of the Russian army. Learning that ten dollars would allow him entry into the U.S., she saved up until she had earned the \$10 gold piece which she stitched into the hem of his clothing. Paying his way by peeling potatoes on the ship, Frank sailed to America. His \$10 gold piece in hand, he stepped foot on Ellis Island in 1910. Declining to join his shipmate friends who settled in Connecticut, Frank's adventurous spirit spurred him on to discover the vast land that was the United States. He took a

freight train across the country, stopping for a while in Detroit, working on a dairy farm in the Midwest and then lumberjacking in the West where he settled. When WWI broke out, he joined the army, fighting in France and eventually serving under George C. Marshall's command in Tientsin, China. Frank was a career military man.

Elsie's mother, Anna Golobowa, originated from a humble village in Russia. Her parents died when she was a baby. When the Bolshevik Revolution broke out, Anna escaped to China with an aristocratic family, settling in Tientsin, also. There, Frank and Anna met and married. The couple's first child, Elizabeth died in infancy. Their second child, Edward, survived, but their third child, Anna also died when very young. Elsie was born in 1932. When not more than a few months old, she became extremely ill. Sergeant Frank Sobolewski received an urgent message saying Elsie and Edward had been hospitalized, that Edward had recovered, but that Elsie had died. "No!" he cried, "I've already lost two little girls, I'm not going to lose another!" Rushing to the hospital, he found his daughter cold and still. Pleading with God and rubbing her



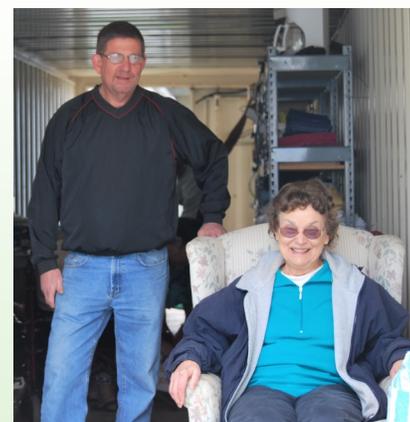
*Ken and Elsie White*



*Elsie and Ken surrounded by their grandchildren.*

unresponsive little hands and feet, he prayed. Suddenly, he felt warmth in her limbs. Rushing out to the hallway, he called in Chinese, "Nurse, Nurse! My little girl is alive!" It was as if God allowed his love to rub life into her, just as Jesus loved people from death to life and cured the sick. *(Continued page 5)*

*Elsie takes a break while working with the Helping Hands Furniture Program in 2015. The program's coordinator, Bill Benson joins her.*



## The Face of St. Joseph the Worker: Living a life of Love, continued



*Elsie (left) poses with daughter, Julie (right) and niece, Dara (middle), at the 2021 Altar Guild Bazaar.*

Elsie also fell in love with Ken White at first sight. She met him in 1952 through a reluctant blind date. A Navy man and a Pentecostal Christian, Ken had taught bible classes while onboard his ship during the Korean War. Elsie found herself attracted to his deep faith and his kindness. (Besides, he was terribly handsome!) Ken agreed to a

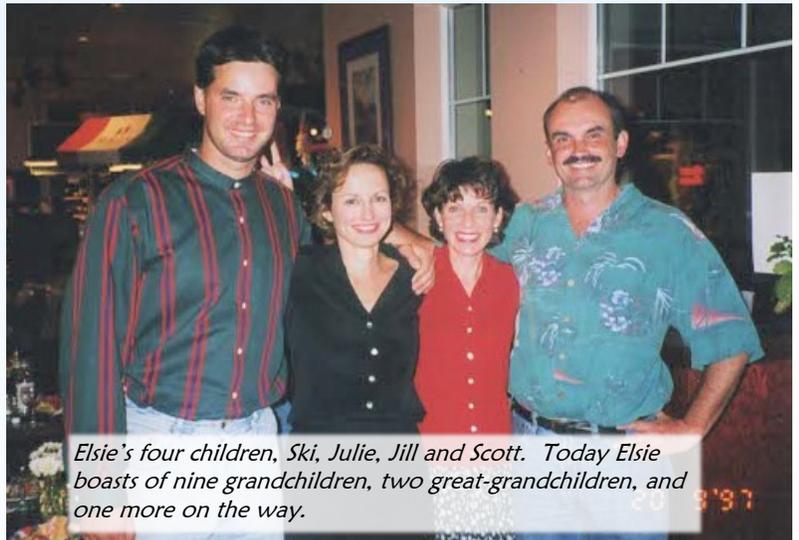


*Elsie's well-worn bible, given to her by her son, Scott when he was ten.*

Catholic wedding, attending the required classes, and promising to raise their children in Elsie's faith.

The couple had a family of four, two boys and two girls. Three of them, Ski, Julie and Jill, were fortunate enough to attend St. Joseph the Worker grade school before it's closure in 1975. All four attended Ken's alma mater, OSU.

Elsie has always enjoyed being with people. She was a member of a once-a-week bowling league for forty years, a Gold Life Master Bridge player, and became very involved with parish life at SJTW. When new to the parish, Elsie made a promise to God that she would do whatever He wanted her to do in the parish. She was thinking, clean floors or other menial tasks. However, that Sunday, Fr. Dieringer, Pastor at the time, asked for CCD (now called Faith Formation) teachers. So, Elsie volunteered as a catechist for Sophomore year CCD. Being only a few years older than the students she was a bit terrified, but ended up loving the kids, and they her. She taught that grade for several years before moving to 2nd and eventually to 5th.



*Elsie's four children, Ski, Julie, Jill and Scott. Today Elsie boasts of nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and one more on the way.*



*Bell that was original to [St. James Proto-Cathedral in Vancouver, WA](#) where Elsie first attended Mass with her middle-school friends, and was later accepted into the Catholic faith. The top plaque reads, "In memory of Frank and Anna Sobolewski," Elsie's parents.*

Over the years, Elsie has given her time and talent to Parish Council, Altar Guild, the school's Parent's Club, and served as a sacristan. She was also one of the founding members of the Helping Hands Furniture Give-Away program. These responsibilities brought stimulating challenges, along with friendships she still holds dear. (Some of her CCD students are now adult members of our parish!)

Ken loved the bible. He and Elsie read it regularly until his death in 2018. To this day, she reads three chapters a day, finding wisdom and inspiration between its covers. One passage in particular became her guiding light: *God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God and He in them.* (1 John 4:16) "God is all about forgiveness," says Elsie. Like all of us, Elsie has had her share of trials, failures, and challenges. With the help of God, she has managed to work through the difficulties and learn from her weaknesses. "God is always there for us," says Elsie. For our part, here at SJTW, maybe God sent us people like Elsie to show us how to love, how to forgive, and how to find the Christ in others.

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