

*October 11, 2026
The Twenty-eighth
Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

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Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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Sunday 8:30am
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Thursday 8:30am
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Rooted in the love of Christ, Saint Elizabeth Catholic church strives to be a welcoming community of prayer, faith, and compassionate service. Whether you are a parishioner or a visitor, we are blessed by your presence among us. In this sacred place, may all who enter encounter God's mercy, peace, and healing grace. We invite you to worship with us, grow in

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October 11, 2026



THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

At the Parish Center

Rosary 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am
Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of AnneMarie Bijan

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

At the Parish Center

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am
Mass Intentions for Jacob McCary

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

At the Parish Center

Daily Mass 8:30am
Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of Kendall McCary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC
Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC
Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC
Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of William Bezjian

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Holy Rosary 8:00am
The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am
Mass Intentions for Lisa McCary

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: *The Ricciardi's*

EMCs: *see sign-up sheet*

Ushers: *Richard and Janice Boyes*

Altar Server: *TBD*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: *Phyllis McGuire*

EMCs: *Minday Godfrey, Mike Godfrey, Karen Finkeldei*

Ushers: *Michael Murphy, Gary Finkeldei*

Altar Server: *Lera Murphy*



UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

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OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith, Robby Bartos

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Nancy Elfter, and Harry Hackenmueller



God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Dorothy Hill-10/12, Joe McClung-10/17

Loretta Metzger-10/17

May you have many more!



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 18



100 years ago, the Church began a global mission of solidarity.

Today, that mission continues through you.

For a century, Catholics around the world have united on World Mission Sunday to pray for the Church's missionary work in the poorest and most remote corners of the world.

This year, as we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and honor the missionary legacy of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, we will pray the World Mission Rosary together each day of October.

We invite you to join our livestreamed rosary at 3pm every day throughout October! Together, we can help equip the Church to carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth.



Jesús Tovar

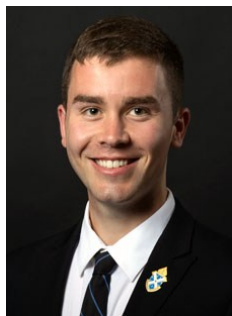
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*Our Seminarians
for the month of
October, 2026*



Benjamin Keating



STEWARDSHIP

As a parish, we are financially dependent on your generous weekly contributions to pay our bills and keep the lights on and our doors open. So, as you plan for the weeks and months ahead, please remember your parish family in your prayer and in your financial planning.

The Sunday Collection for 4 October 2026: \$2800

Project Revive Campaign as of 29 September 2026:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Pledge Bal.</u>
Parishioners	\$829,323	\$680,073	\$149,250
Non-Parishioners	\$119,740	\$102,247	\$ 17,493
Donations	<u>0</u>	<u>\$120,982</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$949,063	\$903,302	\$166,743



GIFT SHOP



Sun 10/11	9:30-1:00	A & J Selleck
	1:00-4:00	A & J Selleck
Mon 10/12	10:00-1:00	Deb Pickens
	1:00-4:00	R & C Breau
Tues 10/13	10:00-1:00	Donna Buttecali
	1:00-4:00	Donna Buttecali
Wed 10/14	10:00-4:00	CLOSED
Thurs 10/15	10:00-1:00	Jennifer Boardman
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Fri 10/16	10:00-1:00	Leva Murphy
	1:00-4:00	K & G Finkeldei
Sat 10/17	10:00-1:00	Nanette Barnett
	1:00-4:00	Sandy McClung
Sun 10/18	9:30-1:00	M & M Godfrey
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ONE CHURCH

The diocesan initiative One Church invests each year in a church or school in our diocese that needs a leg up to become a thriving community. The 2026-2027 partner is Holy Rosary School in Stuttgart. All funds donated to One Church over the next 12 months will help them expand so they can welcome more students in Arkansas County. Please pray for this project and give today. To give or for more information, visit dolr.org/one-church.



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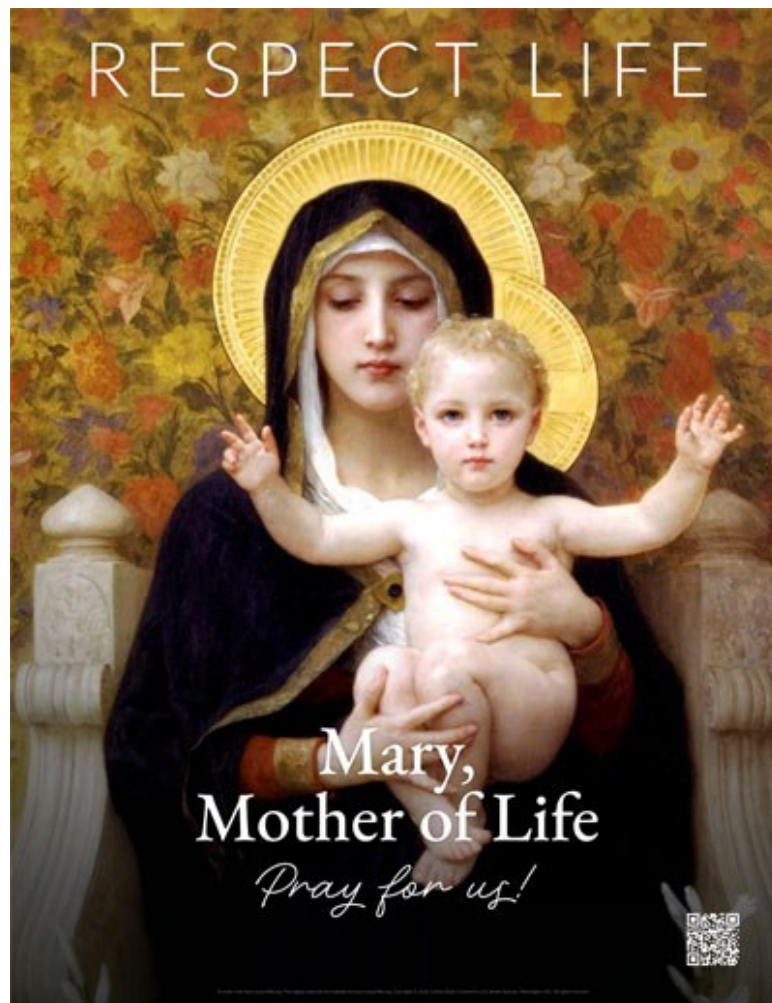
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Announcements



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ONE IN CHRIST, *United in Mission*

100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday (WMS) is the only world-wide collection mandated by canon law and taken up in every parish, on the same date, throughout the entire world. These funds support the pope's missionary efforts throughout the world. This weekend also cultivates a missionary spirit amongst all the baptized in our diocese. For more information, contact the [Stewardship and Development Office](#) at (501) 664-0340.

IMPACT

In 2025, the funds raised in parishes across the United States were used to:



Build 271
missionary
churches

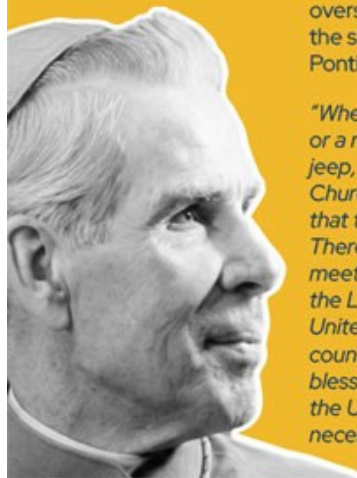


Support
87,977
seminarians



Train 844,000
missionary
catechists

The Voice of World Mission Sunday



Archbishop Fulton Sheen
oversaw this collection for
the sixteen years he ran The
Pontifical Mission Societies.

*"Whenever money is needed,
or a new hospital, or a new
jeep, it is always to the
Church of the United States
that the missionaries look.
There is something right and
meet and just about this, for
the Lord has blessed the
United States as no other
country in the world has been
blessed. The superfluities of
the United States are the
necessities of the poor."*

— Fulton Sheen

SPEAKER SERIES:

WHAT IS A CATHOLIC DECREE OF INVALIDITY (ANNULMENT) AND WHY WOULD I NEED ONE?



Speaker:

**Amanda
Crawford**

Moderator of the Tribunal
Diocese of Little Rock

October 22, 2026

6:30PM

PARISH LIFE CENTER

St. Stephen
Catholic Church



Weekly Scripture



Virtues, Explained!

If the question were posed: "Who is God?" a variety of answers could be given, and more than one could be correct.

The most succinct, however, would be this: God is truth.

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life," Jesus tells his disciples (John 14:6). The pursuit of truth, he further instructs, will set them free (John 8:32) from the original untruth uttered and embraced in Eden.

If God is truth, he is honored by truthfulness. Untruthfulness, not surprisingly, is synonymous with disorder and broken relationships among mankind — Eden's everlasting legacy. The virtue of honesty, writes St. Thomas Aquinas, is "a kind of spiritual beauty" which measures the degree to which we honor one another in how we live truthfully (Sum. II:II, 145, Art 1-4).

Honesty is something that must be known interiorly in order to be visible exteriorly: "Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your Truth" (Psalm 86:11).

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

The Lord GOD will wipe away
the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)

Psalm

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my
life. (Ps 23)

Second Reading

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of
going hungry,
of living in abundance and of being in need.
I can do all things in him who strengthens me.
(Phil 4:12-13)

Gospel

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads
and invite to the feast whomever you find."
(Mt 22:9)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

When God extends an invitation, we
don't always respond promptly. So,
what's the hold-up? Let's examine our
lives for anything that delays our RSVP.
This is one party we can't afford to miss.

Worship & Observances

Blessing for Our Common Home

God, bless and protect this beautiful earth You have created, the place we call home.
Grow Your compassion in us, as we share our lives in this world, together.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of October 11, 2026

Sunday

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday

Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday

Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/
Mt 22:15-21



CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Observances for the Week of October 11, 2026

Sunday

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday

Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day

Wednesday

St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

Thursday

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Friday

St. Hedwig, Religious;
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Saturday

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Next Sunday

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Mission Sunday

Gospel Meditation



Encourage
Deeper
Understanding
of Scripture

Matthew
22:1-14

Some friends invited me to one of the most famous and expensive restaurants in the country. I was grateful and eager to go. One invited friend even flew from another state for the experience. Every bite and sip was truly memorable and delicious. But my friends' teenage children spent much of the time on their phones, complained about the food, and generally ignored the once-in-a-lifetime experience. I wanted to yell, "C'mon, you guys! Look what you're missing!"

In today's parable, Jesus describes people invited to an amazing wedding feast who respond with inexplicable indifference. He says, **"Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business" (Matthew 22:5).** The problem is not that they choose evil but that they allow other desires to distract them from an amazing opportunity. The feast is prepared, but their hearts are elsewhere. In Christ Jesus, God offers each of us a wildly

extravagant offer: a place at the wedding banquet between heaven and earth.

What are your current excuses for the delay in engaging with Jesus? How are you postponing a deepening of your relationship with him under the guise of responsibility? The good news is that the feast is ready. His invitation remains. Hear the Lord say to us, "C'mon, guys! Look what you're missing!" Then respond with concrete action.

— Father John R. Muir

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus shares the Parable of the Wedding Feast, which tells of God's abundant generosity in opening salvation to all those who will accept it.

The King of Rejected Meals

"She was the Queen of Rejected Meals."

That's what I want it to say on my tombstone. Etched in marble, deeply, so the wind and rain of a thousand years can never erase it.

Humor, you see, masks my despair. I'm sure many of you know the feeling of sweating over a hot stove for an hour to create a dish that a small, picky eater will push away, lips curled with disgust.

We've all made a feast no one wanted to come to.

It strikes me that "King of Rejected Meals" is an epithet which could likewise be scrawled on the empty tomb. Don't mistake me — I'm not comparing myself to Christ! (And I'm definitely not comparing my sub-par beef-and-zucchini casserole to the Eucharist, the food of life.)

I'm just saying that a lot of evenings, when I'm clearing plates from the table, I wonder why I even bother. I wonder why I don't just give in and

let the kids eat potato chips and KitKats for every meal like they want.

Why don't I? Well, mom guilt, for starters. But it's more than that, really. It's the certainty I have, underneath the resentment, that my efforts aren't in vain, despite all evidence to the contrary.

Hope springs eternal, you see. How can we Christians help but be optimistic? We have been welcomed to a feast laid for others. We find our salvation in the ultimate rejected meal, in recognizing what true nourishment looks and feels and tastes like, even — especially! — when the rest of the world does not.

Maybe one day my kids will eat grilled chicken willingly. Who knows? Miracles happen every day.

—Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Liturgical Life



Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Life Explained

Question

How do I bring God into the work of my daily life?

Answer

Whatever your daily work, you have an opportunity to encounter God and to follow His commandments in love. In the New Testament, we see that most of the Apostles didn't have a previous religious position. They were fishermen, tax collectors, and political activists. St. Paul was a tentmaker. Among the saints, we have doctors, lawyers, farmers, and stay-at-home moms. No matter your daily tasks, God can be present there!

One way concerns behavior. Start with an examination of conscience. Look at areas where you tend to struggle to imitate Christ at work. Do you gossip? Does brimming frustration become impatience at home? Pick one sin you struggle with, then choose a virtue to strengthen that area. If you tend to speak poorly of your co-workers, resolve to stop and to say one kind thing a day instead.

Another way relates to perspective, particularly your perspective of others. Jesus' incarnation reminds us of the value of every human being. Jesus is God, and each of us is created in God's image. When you encounter another person, you have an opportunity to see God in a new place and a new way — in that person in front of you. Genuinely listen to them and be present to their concerns. Loving your neighbor is loving God! Our relationship with God and the love He inspires in our hearts shouldn't remain only at church on Sunday. We can — and should — let our faith animate our lives!

Catholic Trivia

What is the name of the body-length white liturgical robe priests wear during Mass?

Answer: An alb

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son... 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast" ' "

- Mt 22:2, 4bc

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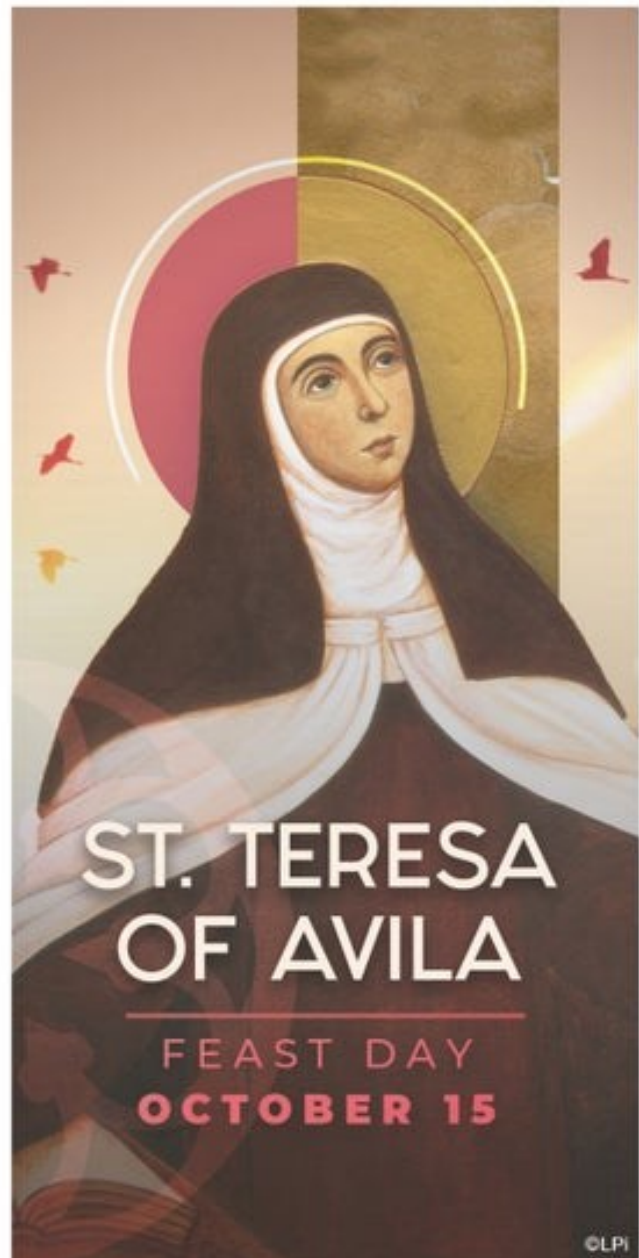
St. Teresa of Avila

Pray for us!

St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for the mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.

The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, her ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life. Her writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered works of art, especially the "Way of Perfection" and "The Interior Castle."

St. Teresa of Ávila died on Oct. 15, 1582. Canonized March 22, 1622, she is the patron saint of sick people, people in religious orders, chess, people ridiculed for their piety, and lacemakers.



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Liturgical Life

"The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests." – Mt 22:8b-10

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Liturgical Life



Questions of the Week

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect
& Respond to Scripture**

First Reading Question

Isaiah speaks of the Lord's lavish future blessings upon all nations and peoples. How should we, as believers, best prepare for God's future blessings?

Second Reading Question

Paul sees that the key to peace of mind in all of life's circumstances is to be "empowered" by Christ Jesus. How does your faith in Jesus strengthen you?

Gospel Question

In the Parable of the Wedding Feast, Jesus teaches that all who are invited to God's banquet are to be fully open and prepared. What are some spiritual exercises you practice to remain prepared for God's work in your life?



Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

Imagine your father invited 200 children and adults to your birthday party. He sent a limousine to pick them up, but they would not come. They tore up the car and beat up the driver. So your father sent a bus to the nearest children's home and homeless shelter. The bus took everyone to the party. Each person had a great time. How we act on earth gets us ready to go to God's party in heaven.

Now color
the picture!



Prayer

Holy Spirit, help me to be ready for the big party in heaven.

Mission for the Week

Every day I will say, "Here I am, Lord. How may I help you?"



Kids Corner

Circle the picture that is facing the **wrong** way. Then color in all the pictures.

