

*September 13, 2026
The Twenty-fourth
Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive
Eureka Springs, AR
72632

PARISH CENTER

232 Passion Play Road
Eureka Springs, AR
72632

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30am
Tuesday 8:30am
Thursday 8:30am
Friday 8:30am
(except 1st Fri. of
month-12noon at PC)
Saturday 4pm at PC

OFFICE HOURS

Tues. & Thurs.
10:00am-4:00pm

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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 faith with us, and journey with us toward Christ. Please let us know how we may serve you. May God bless and keep you always.

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If someone in our community is at home or in the hospital, and in need of Sacramental Care, or to be placed on our prayer list, please let us know at the Parish Office.

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Welcome to our Parish! If you wish to join our Parish family, please call the Parish Office, Tues. & Thurs., at 479-253-2222.

Registration forms are available in the narthex at both locations or you can register online at <https://stelizabetheureka.com/new-parish/join-parish>.

GETTING MARRIED?

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Parish Staff & Ministry Leaders

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Sharon Parker

**Parish Council, Parish Life &
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Ted Meyer

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September 13, 2026

THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am
Extended Adoration after Mass
Mass Intention for Hannah Meyer

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am
Mass Intention for Brandon Bunton

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Daily Mass 8:30am
Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of Austin Lebato

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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 Marieta Holst

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Holy Rosary 8:00am
The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am
Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of Harry Hackenmueller

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Robert Bartos

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Mark and Jo Elworth

Altar Server: TBD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Mike Godfrey

EMCs: Mindy Godfrey, Phyllis McGuire, Sandy McClung

Ushers: Bev Wright, Michael Murphy

Altar Server: Leva Murphy

*This month's special
collection is for
Catechetical Sunday on
September 19 & 20.*



Pray for us...



OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Rob Breaux, Florence Giels, Barbara Witkowski, Virginia Jankowski & Barb McClung.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Regina Booth, Cate Bradshaw, Carol Dvorah, Marsha Havens, Pam Heinzl, Kathleen Horosinski, Marci Krieger, Betty McClard, Joe McDaniel, Billy Metzger, Carol Morgan-Eagle, Gene Ochrymowich, Eric Pederson, David Reuter, Connie Stielow, Ed Terrill, Brenda Scheidly, Nora Hudspeth, Linda Gilmore, Betty Wallace, Patsy Case, Anthony Smith, Danny Schepp, Jimmy George, Candice George, Paula Tyndale-Faddrell, Brad Hill, Debbie Hill & Ron Davis

OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith, Robby Bartos

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Nancy Elfter, and Harry Hackenmueller



God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Cynthia Fiveash-9/13, Mark Elworth-9/14

Barb McClung-9/16, James George-9/17

May you have many more!





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

Project Revive Campaign Status as of 9/1/26

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Pledge Bal.</u>
Parishioners	\$829,323	\$674,678	\$154,645
Non-Parishioners	\$119,740	\$101,407	\$ 18,333
Donations	<u>0</u>	<u>\$121,493</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$949,063	\$897,578	\$172,978



Save the Date!

Friday, September 25

Sizzlin' End of Summer Social

Pot Luck Dinner and BINGO!



GIFT SHOP

Sun 9/13	9:30-1:00	A & J Selleck
	1:00-4:00	A & J Selleck
Mon 9/14	10:00-1:00	Deb Pickens
	1:00-4:00	R & C Breaux
Tues 9/15	10:00-1:00	Donna Buttecali
	1:00-4:00	Donna Buttecali
Wed 9/16	10:00-4:00	CLOSED
Thurs 9/17	10:00-1:00	Jennifer Boardman
	1:00- 4:00	Jennifer Boardman
Fri 9/18	10:00-1:00	Leva Murphy
	1:00-4:00	G & K Lubbers
Sat 9/19	10:00-1:00	Nanette Barnett
	1:00-4:00	Sandy McClung
Sun 9/20	9:30-1:00	M & M Godfrey
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Want to be part of the largest fraternal organization of Catholic men in the world and serve your pastor, your parish and your community? If so, contact: Grand Knight Mike Godfrey at: 402-699-9593.



Carroll County Council #6454 Eureka Springs, Ar.



Pedro Cervantes

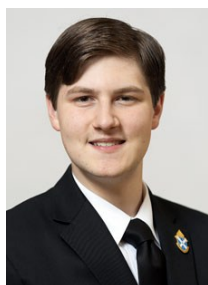
Contact address:

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For more information:

*Our Seminarrians
for the month of
September, 2026*



Mathew Lamb



**Wednesday
Scripture
Study
Wednesdays
10:00a
Parish Center**

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Announcements



Catechetical Sunday

*This month's special collection is for Catechetical Sunday on **September 19 & 20**. This weekend is a celebration to recognize and thank those who give generously of their time and gifts in the work of education of the Catholic faith. The collection taken up on this weekend helps to fund religious education and is divided equally between our parish and the diocese's Office of Faith Formation.*

Fighting fraud

Arkansas Attorney General Tim Griffin is hosting a FREE Fraud and Consumer Protection Summit Sept 28-29 at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock. The event will focus on scams and schemes affecting Arkansans and how to fight back. The event is open to the public, but attendees must register in advance at arkansasag.gov/2026FCPS.

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Saturday/sábado
October/octubre 3rd
2-8pm

St. Anne Catholic Church
614 S. Main St., Berryville

**ALMOST
FAMOUS**

International Food Festival of Saint Anne

Tamales Tacos Pupusas
Carne Asada Rice Beans
Chips & Salsa Hotdogs
Burgers Ribs Spring Rolls
Egg Rolls Noodles
Games Candy Popcorn
Nachos & More!

Observances for the week of September 13, 2026

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Friday:

Saturday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

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Readings for the week of September 13, 2026

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

FORGIVE



"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

MATTHEW 18:21-22

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: True or false: A pope's pontificate begins at their coronation.

Answer: False. It begins when they accept the election results.

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Gospel Meditation

September 13, 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 18:21-35

In my parish, there was once a new employee who frequently told me she was sorry for various imperfections in her work. It could be a little tiring. I finally told her, “You know, you don’t have to say ‘sorry’ so often.” She looked me right in the eyes and said, “Father, you’re right. I’m sorry.” Her ear-to-ear grin betrayed that she enjoyed the irony — and that she would keep asking for forgiveness as often as she needed it.

The Gospel reading this week proclaims to us that God, in Jesus, delights in numerous requests for, and the granting of, forgiveness. To Peter’s question, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus responds, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.” In other words, Peter, stop counting.

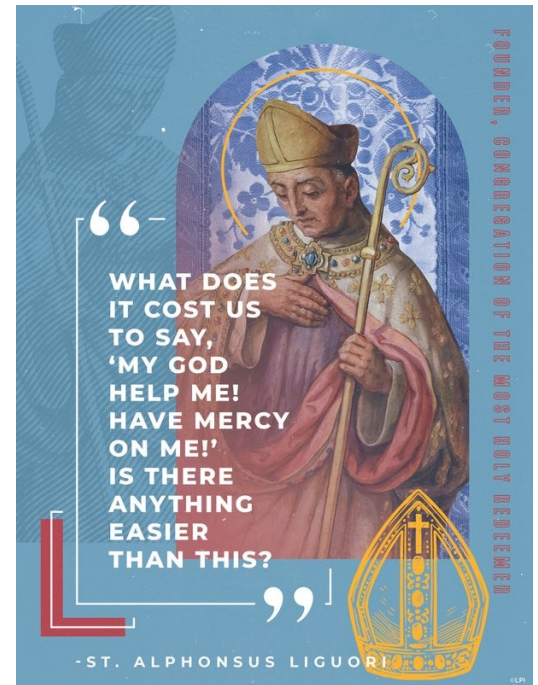
Christian life should be marked by a commitment to frequent forgiveness. God never tires of forgiving us. His limitless love has overcome the power of vengeance, hatred, and division. We tap into that each and every time we ask for forgiveness or extend it to another.

How beautiful our hearts become when they become accustomed to frequent forgiveness! How joyful and attractive become our marriages, families, and parish communities! How light our souls feel when unburdened by the habit of keeping score.

Challenge: Name one thing, small or large, for which you could ask forgiveness from someone in your life. Then do it.

— Father John Muir

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Questions of the Week

- 1st Reading Question
- Sirach encourages us not to hold anger or seek revenge against a neighbor who has wronged us.
- Can you think of a time when you took this good advice?
- 2nd Reading Question
- Paul tells us that Jesus died and rose to life so he might be the Lord of the living and the dead.
- How do you remain open to Jesus as the Lord of your life?
- Gospel Question
- In the parable of the unforgiving servant, Jesus teaches Peter the importance of forgiving others from the heart. How do you know your forgiveness of others is sincere?

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mercy You Can Feel

“You qualify for forgiveness,” I heard the woman on the other end of the phone tell me, and I surprised myself by starting to weep.

I had called the hospital system’s financial services department to set up a payment plan on a balance I owed after having some unexpected scans and tests. I was hoping to minimize the dent our family’s savings took — transform one devastating wallop into a series of more easily absorbed blows, so to speak.

Imagine my surprise when I realized the hospital was pulling its punch. If you have ever had a financial debt forgiven, you know the relief that came over me in that moment.

It wasn’t until a little later that the guilt set in. I know so many people who have medical debt. Why was I able to get out of paying, and they were not?

But the cold, hard truth is that I didn’t “get out” of anything. My insurance, for which I pay, had given the hospital enough money to cover the true cost of the procedures. That balance would merely have increased the hospital’s profit.

Make no mistake: capitalism does not forgive.

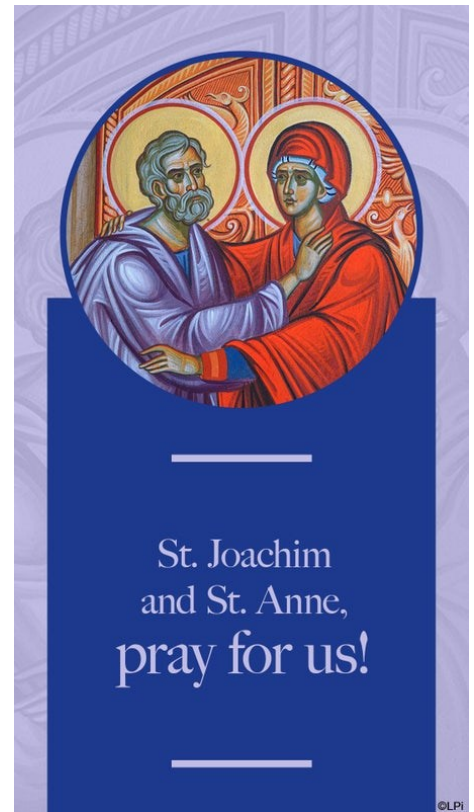
If you describe the Sacrament of Reconciliation to someone unfamiliar with theology, chances are they’ll think God is a chump. “You get to go in, say you’re sorry, and leave — and everything’s just fine?” someone once asked me in disbelief.

Well, yeah. That’s forgiveness.

Real mercy cannot be budgeted. It must be given recklessly, extravagantly, against all reason. It must cost the giver. It must scandalize any accountant worth his salt. And no one “qualifies.”

If I can’t wrap my head around the idea, it might mean I’m stuck in a for-profit paradigm of justice. It might just mean that I need to engage more in real mercy. Mercy I can feel.

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We have all been the wicked servant. We have denied others the same forgiveness and grace shown to us. This week, let us find new ways to make the love and mercy of God manifest in the lives of those we meet.

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VIRTUES, EXPLAINED!

Friendliness

Without practicing the virtue of friendliness, known officially as affability, we cannot properly evangelize the Gospel. This virtue is more important than ever in the modern world, where we so often encounter people who think differently than we do.

Friendliness, Explained!

The modern world we all must share seems, in some ways, to be shrinking.

For good or ill, thanks to the internet, the widespread use of social media, and the omnipresence of smartphones, we are finding ourselves interacting frequently with people who live, act, and think differently than we do.

It may well be that the virtue of friendliness, known officially as affability, is more important than ever.

In fact, being attached as it is to the virtue of justice, friendliness is a debt we owe our fellow human beings, writes St. Thomas Aquinas (Sum., II:II, 114, Art. 2). The fact is, we cannot evangelize without kindness. We can see this in the instructions Christ gives his disciples in the

Gospel of Matthew: “As you enter a house, wish it peace. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; if not, let your peace return to you.” (Matthew 10:13)

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Communion

Question:

Why can't everyone who wants to receive Communion, receive Communion at Mass?

Answer:

Outside of the Church, many organizations have all sorts of requirements for membership: dues, achievements, professional standings, etc. The requirements bring the group together in common purposes and goals. Within the Church, there are also basic “requirements” for receiving the sacraments. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the true “Bread of Life.” It is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving Jesus. Out of reverence for Christ, only those in union with this teaching and in a state of grace should receive communion. As Catholics, we should abstain from communion if we are in mortal sin.

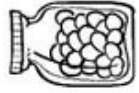
While we share many articles of faith with our Protestant brothers and sisters, their understanding of this teaching is fundamentally different. For most non-Catholic churches, they do not believe that Christ becomes truly present in the Eucharist. As such, they should not receive communion in a Catholic Church. These differences are greater for people of non-Christian faiths, and even more apparent for those who do not believe in God. Receiving communion is not a right, but a gift to be accepted in humble, trusting faith.

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PUZZLE

Circle the group in each row that has **more**. Then color in all the pictures.



MISSION

I will forgive those who hurt me because
God has forgiven me.



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GRANDPARENTS DAY



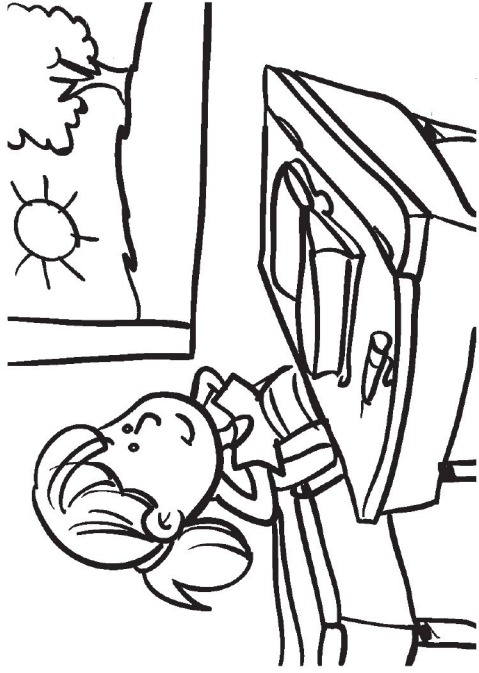
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A Blessing for Grandparents

Dear God,

Bless the grandparents in our community. Stir in them a sense of caring, thoughtfulness, and kindness toward their preceding generations. Like St. Anne and St. Joachim, inspire them to live lives of brave faith and virtue. Give them and their families warm memories, happy times, and bright hope. Amen.

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GOSPEL

You sin, just like everybody else does. God forgives you even if your sin is very bad. God washes all of your sins away and treats you with kindness. The next time someone hurts your feelings, remember how God forgives you. Follow God's example.



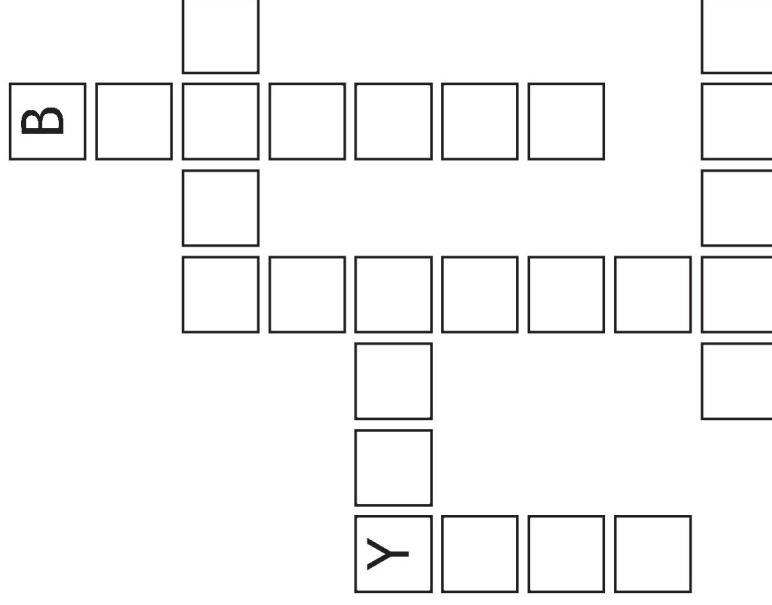
PRAYER

God, teach me to forgive other people the way you forgive me.



PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:
Forgive your brother from your heart.



MISSION

Name one person you are angry with. Pray to God. Ask God to help you let go of your anger and really forgive.