October 25, 2026
The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

Eureka Springs Arkansas
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Sun 8:30a
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Fri 8:30a
(except 1st Fri of month-12 noon at Parish Center)
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November 1, 2026

This Week at St Elizabeth

Special Events & Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday, October 27

Holy Rosary at the Parish Center 8:00am
Daily Mass at the Parish Center 8:30am
Extended Adoration
last Tuesday of the Month at the Historic Church 9:00-11:00am
Mass Intention for Anuradha and Angela

Thursday, October 29

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am
Mass Intention for Anuradha and Angela

Friday, October 30

Daily Mass 8:30am
Mass Intention for Regina

Saturday, October 31

At the Parish Center:
Confessions 2:30pm
Holy Rosary 3:30pm
Vigil Mass 4:00pm
Mass Intention for Sabuninan and Family

Sunday, November 1

Holy Rosary 8:00am
The Solemnity of All Saints 8:30am
Mass Intention for Sabuninan and Family

God's Blessings and Birthday Wishes to-

Bill George-10/30

May you have many more!

Liturgical Ministries

Mass Ministers

Saturday, October 31

4pm Mass at the Parish Center
Lector: *Jerry Horning*
EEMs: *see sign up sheet*
Ushers: *Robert and Sophie Bartos*
Altar Servers: *TBD*

Sunday, November 1

Lector: *Phyl McGuire*
EEMs: *Rod McGuire, Karen Finkeldei, Mary Szafranski*
Ushers: *Michael Murphy, Gary Finkeldei*
Altar Server: *Leva Murphy*

Pray for us...

Our Parishioners-

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

Our Friends and Family Members-

Pamela Heinzel, Cate Bradshaw, Brenda Scheidly, Billy Metzer, Nora Hudspeth, Linda Gilmore, Patsy Case, Anthony Smith, Danny Schepp, Jimmy George, Candice George, Paula TyndaleFaddrell, Brad Hill, Debbie Hill, Ron Davis, Nicole Devlin, Ron Horton & Crystal Norman

Our Military-

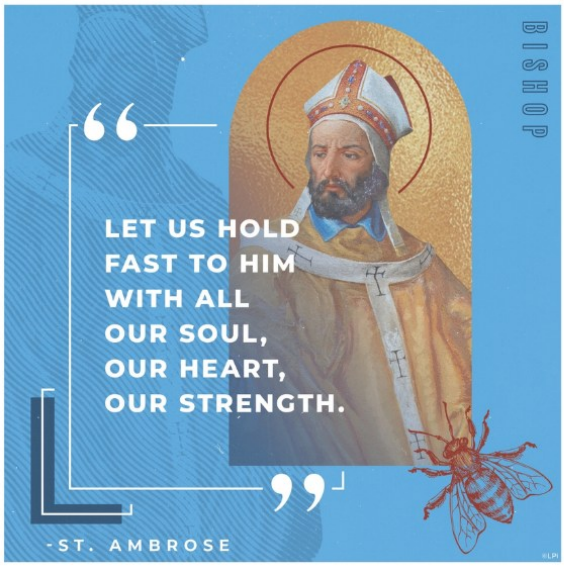
Nic Smith & Robby Bartos

Those Who Have Died-

Harry Hackenmueller & Loretta Metzger

Please Bring your framed photos for the **Altar of the Dead** before November 1st

There will be boxes at the Church and Parish Center



Until Further Notice

Daily Mass will be held at the Parish Center

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Our Seminarians for the month of October, 2026



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Stewardship

As a parish, we are financially dependent on you 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 October 18 was $3, 215

Project Revive Campaign as of Oct 6, 2026:

	Pledges	Payments	Pledge Bal
Parishioners	$829,323	$681,603	$147,720
Non-Parishioner	$119,740	$102,982	$ 17,243
Donations	0	$120,982	0
	$949,063	$907,879	$154,963

Gift Shop

Sun 10/25	9:30-1:00	R & P McGuire
	1:00-4:00	R & P McGuire
Mon 10/26	10:00-1:00	Deb Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Leva Murphy
Tues 10/27	10:00-1:00	Donna Buttecali
	1:00-4:00	Donna Buttecali
Wed 10/28	CLOSED	
Thur 10/29	10:00-1:00	Terri Kees
	1:00-4:00	J & J Horning
Fri 10/30	10:00-1:00	Deb Pickens
	1:00-4:00	G & K Finkeldei
Sat 11/1	10:00-1:00	
	1:00-4:00	

Adoration at the Church
9:00 to 11:00
Tuesday, October 27

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Weekly Scripture



Virtues, *Explained!*

All human beings have a body, just as all human beings have a soul. Since mankind fractured his relationship with the divine, the inclinations of the body are often at odds with the well-being of the soul.

Through the virtue of chastity, these inclinations become once again integrated.

In the Catechism, we read that chastity "includes an apprenticeship in self-mastery which is a training in human freedom" (CCC 2339). True freedom is impossible when a person is subject to any of his or her passions.

The sins of lust, pornography, and prostitution are principal offenses against the virtue of chastity, because these things undermine the integrity, or wholeness, of the human person's physical and spiritual dimensions.

All people are called to chastity, even those who are not called to celibacy, because all people have a physical self. Chastity is one of the twelve gifts of the Holy Spirit, which sustains moral life.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

"You shall not wrong any widow or orphan.
If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me,
I will surely hear their cry.
My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword;
then your own wives will be widows, and your
children orphans." (Ex 22:21-23)

Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

Second Reading

For they themselves openly declare about us
what sort of reception we had among you,
and how you turned to God from idols
to serve the living and true God
and to await his Son from heaven. (1 Thes 1:9-10)

Gospel

"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
and with all your mind." (Mt 22:37)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

Jesus gives us the greatest commandment: love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind. When we do that, the rest comes naturally, and we love others as they should be loved. So, give Him everything — and let your life be love.

Worship & Observances

Blessing for Harvest

Thank you, Lord, for the growth we have seen this season. Bless our harvest and those who labor to bring us nourishment. May Your provision be known, Your pruning be sure, Your preservation total. Prosper the work of our hands, Lord, in Your goodness.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of October 25, 2026

Sunday
Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/ Mt 22:34-40

Monday
Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday
Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday
Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Thursday
Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday
Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday
Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a



Observances for the Week of October 25, 2026

Sunday
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

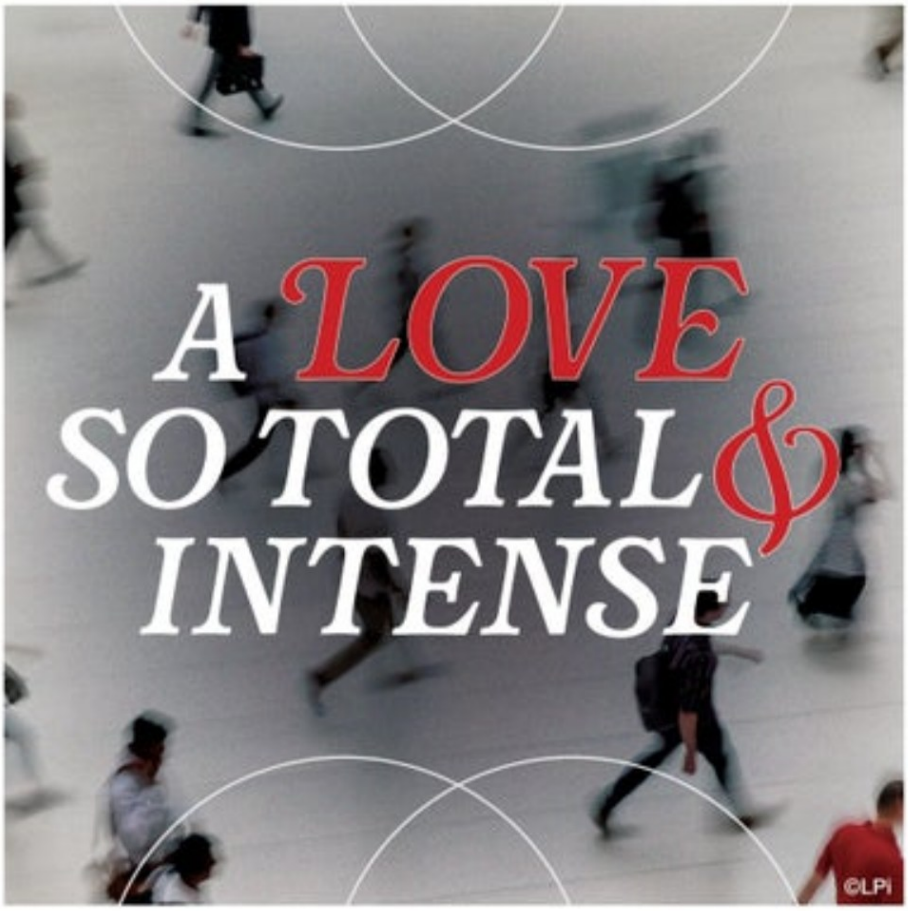
Wednesday
Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Saturday
All Hallow's Eve

Next Sunday
All Saints; *Daylight Saving Time Ends*; National Vocation Awareness Week

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Gospel Meditation



Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Matthew 22:34-40

When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, **"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37)**. He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else because we love him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love.

— Father John R. Muir

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus hands down the "greatest commandment" — to love God with all your heart, soul and mind.

Love God First

When the iconic Notre-Dame Cathedral of Paris burned in 2019, some made the argument that the money necessary to rebuild it would be better spent by the Church on providing services to the poor.

"After all," I heard someone argue. "History is important, but humanitarianism is our religion."

Close, but — as my father likes to say — no cigar.

Humanitarianism is actually not our religion, and you should never let anyone tell you it is. It's a small mistake, but it can become a big one, fast. Humanitarianism is wonderful — it describes a set of principles animated by an underlying belief in the value of human life. But this is not sufficient. We can't start with loving people and work our way up to God.

Why? Because I promise you, we will never end up reaching God.

If you have any doubt about this, you can consult literally any history book. Every war, every famine, every political disaster since the dawn of time has resulted from an attempt to put people first. "We're putting our people first," governments say — always right before they do something really, really heinous.

For what it's worth, the Church hasn't owned the Notre-Dame de Paris since the French Revolution. It was seized and rededicated to the Cult of Reason — the atheistic state religion that, it assured everyone, put people first (and put those people who disagreed to death at the guillotine).

We can't start with love of people, because we will always displace *some of the other people.* Only by starting with love of God — heart, soul, and mind — can we enter the narrow gate of correctly loving other people.

-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



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Liturgical Life



Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Life Explained

Question

Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?

Answer

The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallow's Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember ... this feast was Catholic first!

Catholic Trivia

Other than Sundays, what are the names of the days on which Catholics are required to attend Mass?

Answer: Holy Days of Obligation

One of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."
- Mt 22:35-37

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Liturgical Life

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." - Mt 22:37-39

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect & Respond to Scripture

First Reading Question

At the heart of the Mosaic social laws, we hear God's expectation for compassion, especially to the most vulnerable among us. Is compassion a virtue that comes easily to you?

Second Reading Question

Paul offers a prayer of thanksgiving for the faith of the Thessalonian community members who are seen as role models for believers throughout the regions of Macedonia and Achaia. Is there someone in your life who models the Faith well?

Gospel Question

Jesus taught that love of God and love of neighbor are the foundation of the Jewish law and the prophets. How does this two-fold commandment inspire you to live the Christian life?



Liturgical Life

St. Peter of Alcantara

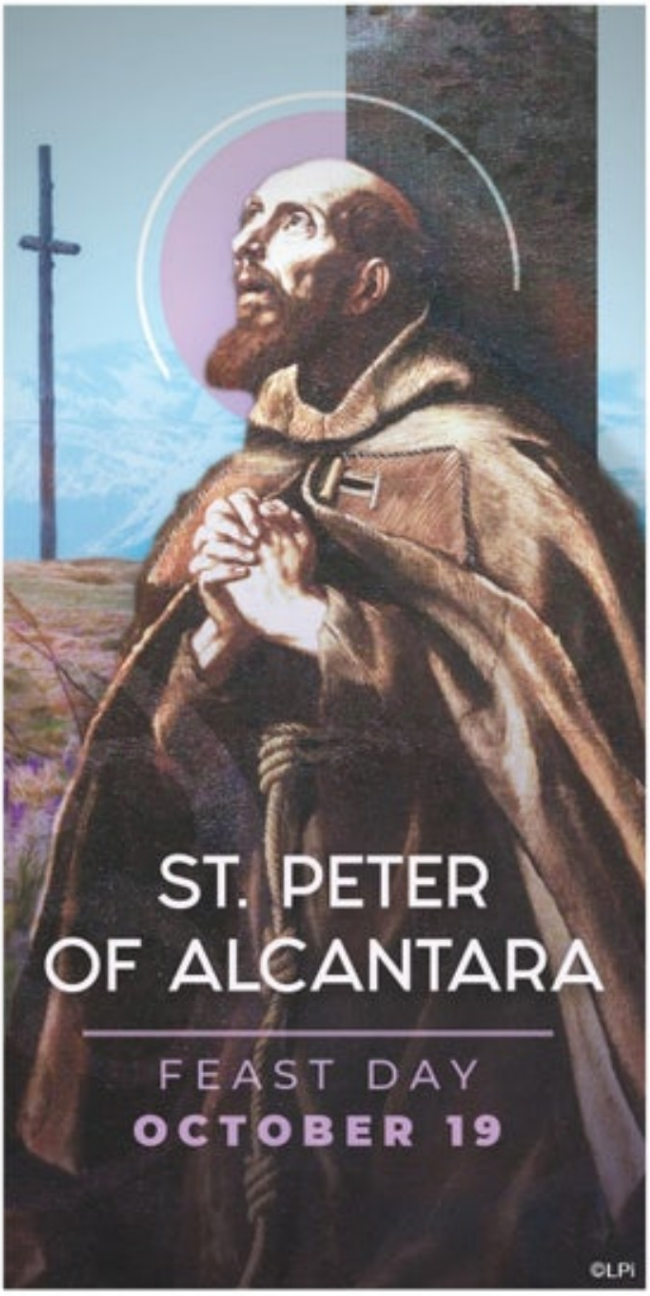
Pray for us!

St. Peter of Alcantara was born in Alcantara, Spain, in 1499 to a noble family. After studying at the University of Salamanca, he joined the Franciscan Friars of the Stricter Observance in 1515, was ordained in 1524, and became Guardian of St. Mary of the Angels in 1525.

A devoted preacher to the poor, St. Peter also spent long periods in solitude, prayer, and meditation. From 1553 to early 1555, he lived in seclusion, then made a barefoot pilgrimage to Rome, where Pope Julius III permitted him to establish friaries.

He was known for moments of ecstasy during prayer, when he was wholly absorbed in the warmth and light of the Holy Spirit.

Near death, St. Peter knelt in prayer and refused water, saying, "Even my Lord Jesus Christ thirsted on the Cross." He died in prayer on October 18, 1562, and canonized by Pope Clement IX in 1669.





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Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

When you have a choice to make, think about what God wants. Make sure your choices are good and that they help other people. When you follow God's example, you will be ready to love other people. With God's help you can be gentle, forgiving and kind.

Now color the picture!

Prayer

God, help me to love you and other people more and more every day.

Mission for the Week

As a family, help an elderly person in your neighborhood. Help them clean up their home or their yard.



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Kids Corner

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

~~GREATEST~~
LAW
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MIND
NEIGHBOR
YOURSELF

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