

*July 26, 2026
The Seventeenth
Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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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

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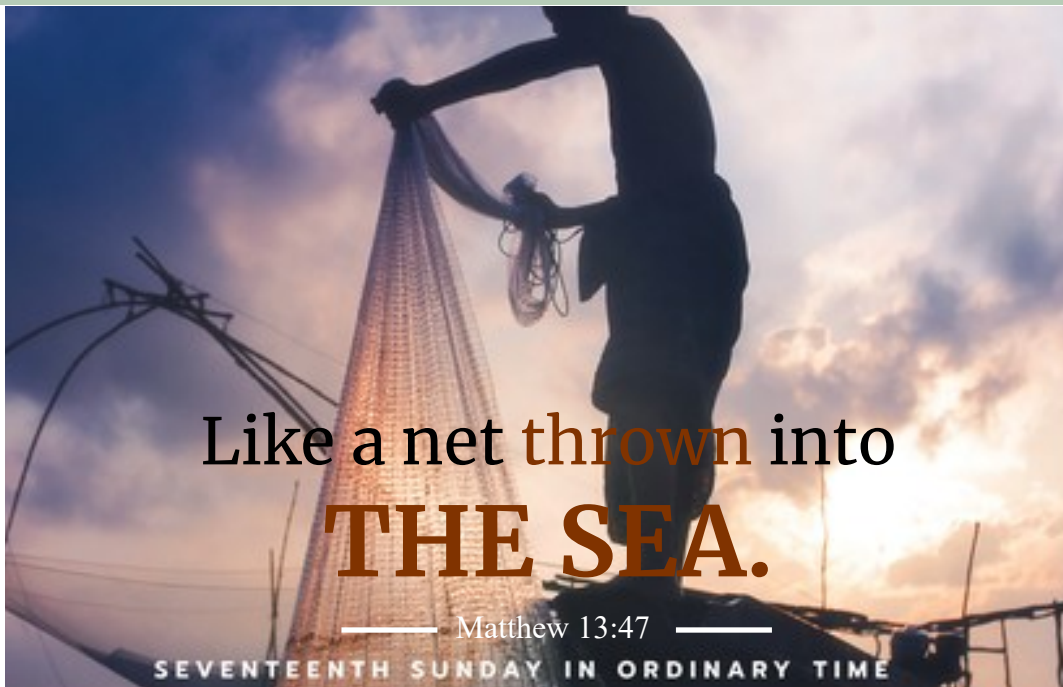
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Like a net thrown into
THE SEA.

— Matthew 13:47 —

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

MINISTRY TO SICK & HOMEBOUND

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.

GIFT SHOP

St. Elizabeth Gift Shop is located behind the Church. It is generally open six days a week (March - Nov.) and weekends through the Holiday season. We carry a large selection of medals, holy cards, rosaries, crucifixes, statuary and religious art. Stop in and see us!

NEW TO OUR PARISH

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?

Saint Elizabeth welcomes couples from all over the world who want to receive the Catholic Sacrament of Matrimony in our beautiful and historic Church. For more information, please contact the Parish Office, at 479-253-2222.

Parish Staff & Ministry Leaders

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July 26, 2026



THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JULY 28

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am
Extended Adoration after Mass

Mass Intentions for Enki Noah Meltan

THURSDAY, JULY 30

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

Mass Intention for the Parishioners

FRIDAY, JULY 31

Daily Mass 8:30am

Mass Intention for the Parishioners

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

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 Joanne Plume

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Holy Rosary 8:00am
The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of Joseph 'Gordo' Hankins

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Robert Bartos

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Robert and Sophie Bartos

Altar Server: TBD

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Rod McGuire

EMCs: Mindy Godfrey, Karen Finkeldei, Sandy McClung

Ushers: Ted Meyer, Gary Finkeldei

Altar Server: Dan Kees

A Reminder: Extended Adoration is the last Tuesday of every month from 9:00 - 11:00am at the Church—

Tuesday, July 28!



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 & Ron Davis

OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith, Robby Bartos

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Nancy Elfter



God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Ken Mills-7/28
Mary Bartell-7/31

May you have many more!



What's new on FORMED?



To access FORMED, just click on the link through our St Elizabeth website—your membership is paid through the parish!

Social Hours!

Meet us after Mass next Saturday and Sunday for fellowship and refreshments!

Wednesday Scripture Study

Will not meet in July or August, but will resume Sept 9

Our Seminararians for the month of July, 2026



Andrew Schaefer

Contact address:
House of Formation,
1201 S. Van Buren,
Little Rock, AR 72204
For more information:

www.dolr.org/seminarians **Abner Sierra**



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 July 19-\$4,113

Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of July 14, 2026

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Parishioners	\$837,103	\$655,805
Non-Parishioners	\$124,283	\$100,667
Donations	\$ <u>0</u>	<u>\$107,421</u>
	\$961,386	\$870,199



GIFT SHOP

Sun 8/2	9:30-1:00	L & S Stamps
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Mon 8/3	10:00-1:00	Jo Elworth
	1:00-4:00	R & C Breaux
Tues 8/4	10:00-1:00	D Buttecali
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Wed 8/5	10:00-4:00	CLOSED
Thurs 8/6	10:00-1:00	Deb Pickens
	1:00-4:00	J & F Ricciardi
Fri 8/7	10:00-1:00	Deb Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Lisa Ward
Sat 8/8	10:00-1:00	Missy Leggett
	1:00-4:00	Missy Leggett
Sun 8/9	9:30-1:00	A & J Selleck
	1:00-4:00	A & J Selleck

Project Rachel

Virtual Healing Resource (VHR) Gathering for AUGUST 2026

Anyone suffering from the trauma of a past **abortion** is invited to join a virtual small prayer group and discussion meeting on Monday, August 3, 2026, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The topic for this meeting is Self-Honesty. You may join **anonymously** from the comfort of your own space. This gathering is hosted by **Project Rachel**, a ministry of the Diocese of Little Rock. This non-judgmental group desires to assist anyone who is searching for healing, peace, and forgiveness.

Please call or text our CONFIDENTIAL helpline at 501-663-0996 or email projectrachel@dolr.org for more information and to receive a link to join the group meeting. We love you, and we want you to know that you are not alone.

Project Rachel Ministry

Virtual Healing Resource (VHR)



This is a confidential, non-judgmental small group meeting for anyone who has been affected by the trauma of abortion.

Available to join virtually, so that anyone, anywhere, can participate from the comfort of their own space, anonymously if desired.

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month from 6:30 pm- 7:30 pm (except for September)

Next Meeting: Monday, August 3, 2026

TOPIC: Self Honesty

To register, call or text
CONFIDENTIALLY: 501-663-0996,
or email: projectrachel@dolr.org

Project Rachel is a ministry of the Diocese of Little Rock

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart
to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.
For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?" (1 Kgs 3:9)

Psalm:

Lord, I love your commands. (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose. (Rom 8:28)

Gospel:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."
(Mt 13:44)

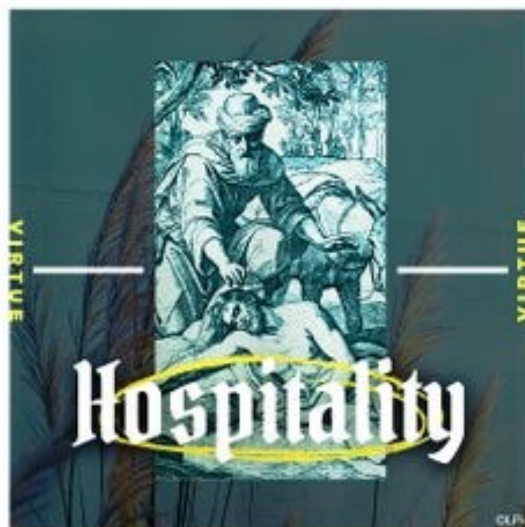
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ compares the kingdom of Heaven to buried treasure — the find of a lifetime, one you would risk everything to keep. Are we doing all we can to hold onto this treasure that we have been lucky enough to discover? What is Heaven worth to us?

Observances for the week of July 26, 2026

- Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of hospitality is characterized by kindness and welcome, particularly to those who are strangers. It is the practice of true Christian love — love purely for the sake of the one "who loved us first" (1 John 4:19).

Blessing for Our Parish

Dear God,
Pour Your blessing upon our
parish, in need of Your renewal and
inspiration.
Prune the places that need pruning,
and pour fresh grace and courage
into our midst.
Help us to find You and, with great
joy, follow You wholeheartedly.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 26, 2026

Sunday:

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday:

Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday:

Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday:

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday:

Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/
Mt 13:47-53

Friday:

Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:

Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/
Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/
Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, **"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."** He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church.

This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged.

Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us.

— Father John Muir

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Choosing Heaven

My children often ask me questions about Heaven. What does Heaven look like? Is there nighttime in Heaven? Do you get hungry in Heaven? Are there oceans in Heaven? Will we feel bored in Heaven?

My answer is almost always the same: "I can't tell you for sure." I guess I didn't realize how little we actually know about Heaven until I had kids who were obsessed with hearing the details.

But accepting human ignorance is liberating in a way, because it allows me to see clearly — and cling wholeheartedly to — the three things I do know for sure: Heaven is where God is, and Hell is where He isn't, and it's completely my decision where I want to be.

The choice, you see, is everything.

We need to pay attention to how Jesus describes the kingdom of Heaven in his parables. It is, he tells us, a treasure — but a treasure buried in a field owned by someone else. It is a beautiful pearl — and a very expensive pearl. It is a bountiful yield — one which must be carefully, even painstakingly sifted through.

It's so easy to imagine the delight of the man who finds the treasure, who encounters the pearl, who hauls the bursting net aboard, just as it is easy to call ourselves followers of Christ, to hang a Rosary from our windshield and go to Mass.

It's less easy, and a great deal more uncomfortable, to contemplate what comes next: the sacrifice, the commitment, the perseverance through uncertainty.

Heaven is an incredible stroke of luck — one that requires a good deal of follow-through. We can never earn it, but we must choose it. Again and again and again, we must choose it.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

Answer:

Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities" (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, "As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" (4:10).

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The Lord grants Solomon's request to give him a wise and discerning heart so he can rule justly over the people of Israel. Have you ever had a wish come true?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of God working with believers according to his purposes. How would you describe your purpose or passion in life?

Gospel:

Jesus often speaks in parables about the kingdom of Heaven that invite you to imagine how God works in the world. Where do you see God at work in your family?



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