

*August 2, 2026
The Eighteenth
Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30am
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Thursday 8:30am
Friday 8:30am

(except 1st Fri. of
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Saturday 4pm at PC

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— Matthew 14:17 —

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?

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August 2, 2026



THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am
Extended Adoration after Mass
Mass Intentions for Mary Lou Sanchez

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am
Mass Intentions for Stephan Kubaska

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Daily Mass 8:30am
*Mass Intention for the Repose of the Souls of
Marvin and Mildred Fujan*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

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 Whang Young

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Holy Rosary 8:00am
The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am
Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of Nancy Elfter



God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Missy Leggett-8/3

May you have many more!



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Jerry Horning

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Mark and Jo Elworth

Altar Server: TBD

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Phyllis McGuire

EMCs: Rod McGuire, Mindy Godfrey, Karen Finkeldei

Ushers: Bev Wright, Mike Godfrey

Altar Server: Mike Lubbers

Little Portion will be selling their
baked goods after Saturday and
Sunday Masses-August 8 & 9!



Pray for us...



OUR PARISHIONERS -

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

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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



Next week, August 16, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at: www.usccb.org/home-missions

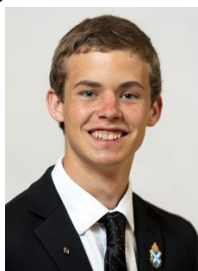
Social Hours this Week!

Saturday-wine and cheese after Mass
Sunday-coffee and donuts after Mass

Wednesday Scripture Study

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

Our Seminarians for the month of



Jack Smith

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 1201 S. Van Buren,
 Little Rock, AR 72204
 For more information:
www.dolr.org/seminarians



Samuel Stengal



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	\$837,333	\$659,968
Non-Parishioners	\$124,283	\$101,037
Donations	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$114,013</u>
	\$961,616	\$875,018



GIFT SHOP

Sun 8/2	9:30-1:00	L & S Stamps
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	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.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD:
All you who are thirsty,
come to the water! (Is 55:1)

Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8:38-39)

Gospel:

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven,
he said the blessing, broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them to the crowds. (Mt 14:19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, he didn't create only what was needed — there were leftovers that could be saved and shared again. God is lavish in bestowing His grace upon us. He always gives enough to share.

Observances for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. John Vianney, Priest
Wednesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Saturday: St. Dominic, Priest
Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Respect, wrote the theologian Fr. Romano Guardini, is the "everyday form of reverence." It is an admiration of the sacredness of a thing, and so respect for those made in God's image flows naturally from our primary respect for God Himself.

Blessing of God's Provision

Dear God,
Thank You for the ways You have always provided in the past, and be with us in these days as well. Bless our community — every family, every home, every person entrusted to our parish's care. Provide for our needs — bodily, emotional, financial, mental, and spiritual — in Your holy and sacred name.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/
Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday:

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21,
29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/
2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday:

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab,
39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/
Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his song, "Lose Yourself," the artist Eminem raps, **"the mood all changed."**

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today's Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, **"When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself."** Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John's death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple's life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.

— Father John Muir

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The Miracles We Don't See

"Why aren't there miracles anymore?"

I've heard people say this more than once. Usually, it is someone who is a believer in Christ but not a Catholic, because Catholics understand that miracles happen at every Mass, to say nothing of the other miracles the Church recognizes. But even some Catholics often find themselves wondering why it's been so long since God gave us a good show. A good sundance in the sky. A good, flashy reason to believe.

I don't know what it looked like when the loaves and the fishes were multiplied. I believe it happened, and I have envisioned it often, but I just can't picture it. Did everyone blink and there was a giant pile of food? Did they just keep finding more? Was it all the same kind of bread, or did Jesus mix it up?

I think the Gospel is deliberately vague on this to test the patience of pathologically nosy people like myself. It's not important what it looked like. If those details mattered, they would be spelled out in Scripture.

How often we find ourselves unsatisfied with the answers God has for us.

I wonder if that's what Christ was thinking when he savored those last few minutes of solitude on the boat, where he had gone to be alone after hearing the crushing news of his cousin's execution. Was he imagining the crowds gathering on shore? Was he contemplating their enormous expectations for God — for him! — and anticipating their disappointment when every wish could not be granted?

Maybe. But that's not what the Scripture says.

"His heart was moved with pity," we are told. I think of him looking at them all, so weary and uncertain and hungry. Pity — this is what he felt. Not resentment, exhaustion or frustration. Pity. And his precious heart was moved.

What a miracle. No details, no explanation. No dancing sun. But what a miracle.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

If God is eternal and infinite, how can He have a mother? Why don't we call Mary just the mother of Jesus?

Answer:

The title of "Mary, Mother of God" can be confusing. We aren't implying that Mary existed from eternity or that she is divine herself. We aren't promoting some kind of Marian superpowers. The Church has fought for this title throughout the centuries for one simple reason: Christ's identity is at stake.

As the Church grew in the early centuries, theologians wrestled with what it meant for Jesus to be both God and man. Many distortions of his identity began to emerge. One of these was propagated by a man named Nestorius. Nestorius and his followers denied that Jesus' human nature and his divine nature were inseparable. Following that logic, Mary could have only conceived Jesus' *human* nature. But people don't give birth to a "nature." They give birth to a whole person. For Jesus, his whole person is both human and divine. In 431 A.D. the Council of Ephesus denounced Nestorius. The bishops affirmed that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine and proclaimed Mary *Theotokos*. Translating the Greek to English, that means "God-bearer." Note that this isn't "God-generator" or "God-creator." Mary bore Jesus, God and man, in her womb and gave him birth. She is mother to the whole person, the whole Jesus, and therefore Mother of God.

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over--twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children. - Mt 14:19c-21

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Isaiah speaks of the Lord's invitation to all to join in His feast of rich food and drink without cost. To whom can you show generosity to this week?

Second Reading:

Paul is convinced that nothing in this life can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. When do you feel closest to God?

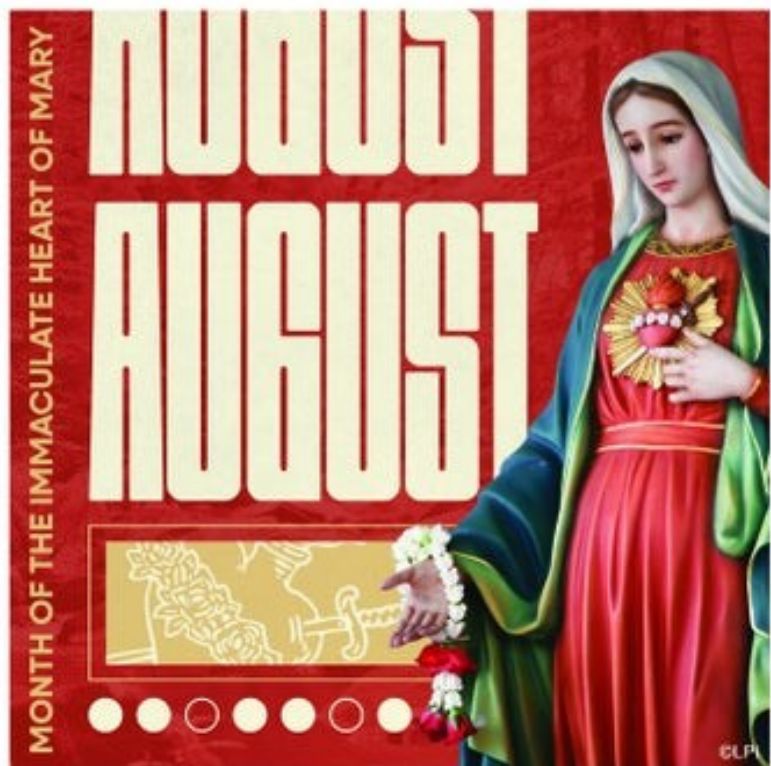
Gospel:

Moved with pity for the crowds, Jesus healed the sick among them and fed thousands with only five loaves and two fish. Can you think of a time when someone showed compassion toward you?



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Prayer

Lord, thank you for giving me enough to share.

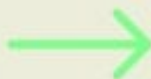
Mission for the Week

I will give five loaves of bread and two fish (or some other food) to the homeless shelter.

Sharing the Gospel

Today you filled your basket with five loaves of freshly baked bread and two fish you caught in the Sea of Galilee. You sat down in front of Jesus to hear him better. You shared your food with Jesus and the others nearby. You were amazed when the disciples had 12 basketfuls left over. The disciples gave you two basketfuls to take home with you. Your mother and grandmother were very proud that you shared.

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