

*August 30, 2026
The Twenty-second
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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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>.

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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.

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August 30, 2026



THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Adoration 8:00am

Daily Mass 8:30am

Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of Kathy Tromberg

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Daily Mass 8:30am

Confessions 9:15am

Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of Bob Blackburn

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Daily Mass 8:30am

Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of Bert Falley

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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 Ann Powers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Holy Rosary 8:00am

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of Nancy Elfter



God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Brayden Cox-9/1, Isaac Spiva-9/3

Rod McGuire-9/4, Mindy Godfrey-9/5

May you have many more!



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: The Ricciardi's

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Robert and Sophie Bartos

Altar Server: TBD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Rod McGuire

EMCs: Rod McGuire, Mindy Godfrey, Sandy McClung

Ushers: Ted Meyer, Mike Godfrey

Altar Server: Mike Godfrey



Please consider volunteering as an
Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister or as an
Usher



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, Rodney Ryan, and Harry Hackenmueller

SOCIAL HOUR

After Mass on Saturday, September 5 and
Sunday, September 6!

Save the Date!

Friday, September 25

Sizzlin' End of Summer Social

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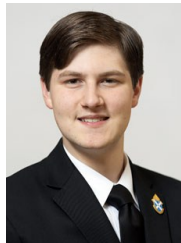
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Matthew Lamb

*Our Seminarrians
for the month of
September, 2026*



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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 August 22/23-\$2,899

Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of 18 Aug 26:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Pledge Bal.</u>
Parishioners	\$829,323	\$666,508	\$162,805
Non-Parishioners	\$119,740	\$101,407	\$ 18,333
Donations	<u>0</u>	<u>\$118,418</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$949,063	\$886,333	\$181,138



GIFT SHOP

Sun 8/30	9:30-1:00	R & P McGuire
	1:00-4:00	R & P McGuire
Mon 8/31	10:00-1:00	Deb Pickens
	1:00-4:00	R & C Breaux
Tues 9/1	10:00-1:00	Donna Buttecali
	1:00-4:00	Donna Buttecali
Wed 9/2	10:00-4:00	CLOSED
Thurs 9/3	10:00-1:00	Jo Elworth
	1:00- 4:00	J & F Ricciardi
Fri 9/4	10:00-1:00	Deb Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Lisa Ward
Sat 9/5	10:00-1:00	Mary Szafranski
	1:00-4:00	Lisa Ward
Sun 9/6	9:30-1:00	R & P McGuire
	1:00-4:00	R & P McGuire



Bible Study begins on September 9th!

Join us at the
Parish Center at 10:00

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Diocese of Little Rock

Announcements



Join the fashion fun and support your seminarians by purchasing socks, luggage tags or pop-sockets for your phone. All of the proceeds will assist the Vocations ministry in educating seminarians for the priesthood in the Diocese of Little Rock.

There are two unique fun designs of these very comfortable socks. Buy one pair for \$15 or 3 for \$40. Luggage Tags and Pop-Sockets are \$5 each. *(hint: the perfect Christmas present or best stocking stuffers)*

SALE: purchase must be made by **January 1st** to receive the promotion. If you place your purchase between now and January 1, 2020, get a pair free for every 3 purchased. Tags and Pop-Sockets -mix and match 5 for \$20.00

- **Order by mail:** Add \$4.50 for shipping and handling for 1-4 pairs/items. Add \$6.50 for 5-7pairs/items. Please allow 8-10 days plus processing time for your order to arrive. **If you need faster delivery, pick up in person OR call Maria at the Vocations Office for other options: (501) 664-0340 Ext. 378.**

Order Form on next page:

Mail Order Form (List the quantity and deduct the cost of the amount for payment line below.)

_____ Pairs of blue socks and/or _____ Pairs of black socks. Be sure to include shipping if ordering by mail.

_____ Pop-sockets - \$5 each

_____ Luggage Tags - \$5 each

My check for \$_____ is enclosed. Please make check payable to
"Seminarian Fund". Mail with your check to Vocations Office, P.O. Box 7565,
Little Rock, AR 72217. Payment must accompany your order. Credit card payment
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The socks are adult one size-fits most.

Material: Approx. 75% Cotton, 23% Nylon, 2% Spandex. Length: Crew

Shoe Sizes socks will fit:	Men's	5-11
	Women's	7-12



Respect Life Office Youth Art Contest

Entries accepted Sept. 1-21, 2026

2026 THEME:
Mary, Mother of Life
Pray for us!

Artwork

Create your art as a painting, drawing or mixed media! All art should be mounted on construction paper and delivered or mailed by Sept. 21, 2026 to the Diocese of Little Rock, Attn: Respect Life Office 2500 N. Tyler, LR, AR 72207

Exhibition

All artwork submitted will be displayed during Respect Life Month on the 4th floor of Morris Hall at the Diocese of Little Rock. Respect Life Art Contest entries can be viewed from October 1-30, 2026.

Event Details

There are three divisions for entries: preK-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th grades. Please indicate artist's name and age or grade level on the back of the entry. Artwork will be judged on originality, creativity, and thematic expression. Awards will be given in each division.

Artwork can be picked up at the Diocese of Little Rock from Nov. 2-6, 2026 or returned by mail, if a self-addressed return envelope is submitted with the entry.

Theme & Awards

This diocesan-wide contest encourages students to use their artistic gifts to express the dignity of every human life. The theme reflects on Mary's role as mother of all the living and our call to cherish, defend, and protect every human life from fertilization to natural death in every circumstance across the lifespan. Bishop Taylor will present awards on Respect Life Sunday, October 4, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Edward Church Hall, 801 Sherman, LR, AR. Everyone is welcome!

Questions? email respectlife@dolr.org



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I say to myself, I will not mention him,
I will speak in his name no more.
But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones. (Jer 20:9)

Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. (Rom 12:1)

Gospel:

"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Mt 16:25)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Plenty of people are drawn to Jesus. Curious about him. Inspired by him. But can they carry the cross? Today, Jesus tells us that we cannot have one without the other — it is Christ and the cross, or nothing at all. Which will we choose?

Observances for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thursday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Virtuous zeal refers to an all-consuming love, which has for its object the Lord Himself. Closeness with God is impeded by anything contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ, so no person can be "zealous" for God if they are violent or hateful.

Prayer for Vocations

Dear God,
Give us the courage and strength to answer when You call! Give us clarity and trust to hear Your soft invitations. Give us the love to respond, and the bravery to take the steps that will bring us ever closer to You.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday:

1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101,
102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab,
13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:

1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:

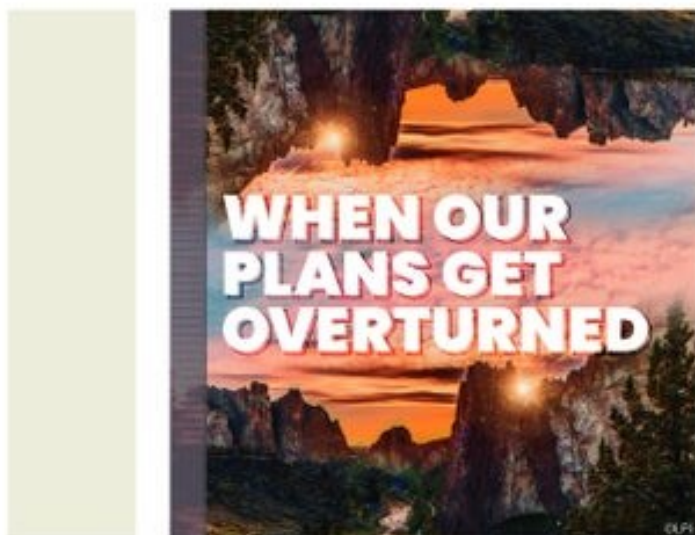
1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/
Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/
Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, **"Get behind me, Satan."**

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a *suffering* Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. **"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."** In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

To Carry the Cross

Carry the cross? Absolutely. I'm happy to! Hand it over. Here's the thing: I just might...set it down for a second, from time to time. That's okay, right?

How else am I supposed to have both hands free to gesture in anger? I can't do that if I'm carrying the cross. Well, fine, then let me just shift its weight, so I can catch my breath and say what I think about this person who's got it all wrong — I'll just lean it against the wall here. No? Okay, fine, I won't put it down! I'll keep holding it. That's better, actually. Then I can use it as a weapon.

What? Am I doing this "Christian" thing wrong?

"Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it," Jesus tells us in today's Gospel. "But whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

This is not an affirmation of the paradox that if you no longer care about something, you can finally have it once and for all. It's not a judgment about the worthlessness of life in this fallen world or the futility of trying to preserve that life.

It's merely a statement about priorities.

When Peter says, "God forbid!" at the thought of suffering, God is not his priority. His own safety is.

When I say, "God forbid!" at anything that comes from the mouth of God, it's a reminder to look at my hands — because they've probably put down the cross.

How merciful is our Lord — he never takes my cross from me, even when I walk far away from it. He always lets me pick it back up. In his dear and sweet goodness, he even helps me lift its weight. And he gestures, in case I've forgotten: "This way. Follow me."

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do priests wear vestments? Do they have a special meaning?

Answer:

Vestments are clothes worn for a specific purpose. Priests will joke that they cover a thousand flaws. But our own manner of dress often corresponds to what we do. We dress up for special occasions and for special guests. We wear certain clothes for golf, for outdoor activities, and years ago, we even had our "Sunday best" clothes we wore just for Church. Vestments are much the same, and each one has a meaning. The alb is a reminder of the baptismal garment. The stole is a symbol of ordained ministry and authority within the Church. The chasuble reminds us that we are on a pilgrimage of faith, passing through this life towards heaven.

Priests wear vestments for two basic reasons. First, they draw attention to the importance and solemnity of the act of worship. The color of the vestments indicates the season of the year or the feast being celebrated. Secondly, vestments draw attention to what the priest does, rather than who he is. In the celebration of the Mass, the focus is on what we do together, on our common unity, and on the mystery and person of Christ.

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct." - Mt 16:26-27

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Jeremiah wrestles with an inner struggle to proclaim the word of the Lord that comes to him. Who helps you work through distress or anxiety?

Second Reading:

Paul challenges believers not to conform to the present age but be transformed by the renewal of their minds. What in our "present age" needs to be avoided?

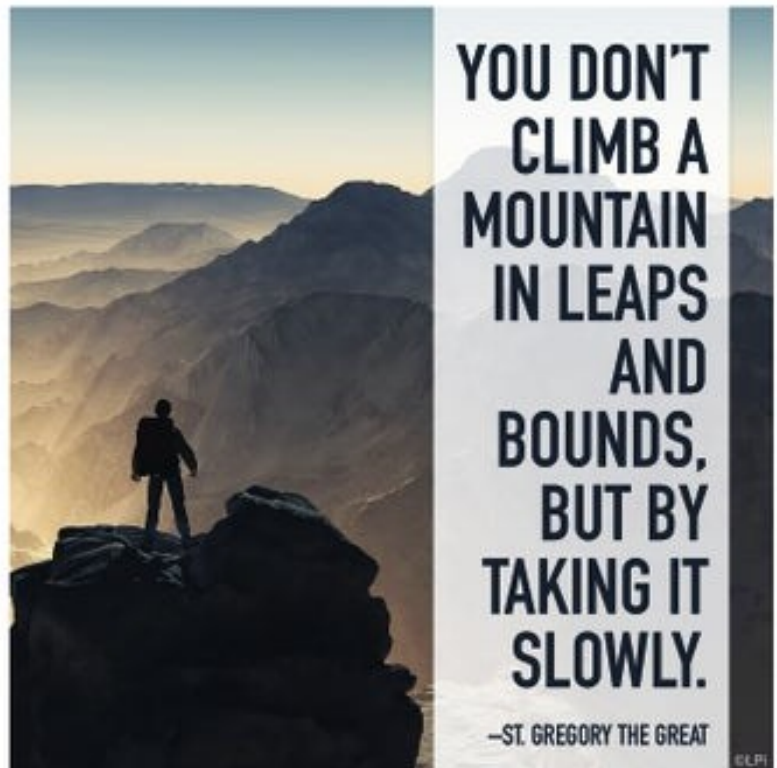
Gospel:

Peter does not want to accept Jesus' destiny as the Messiah who suffers greatly and dies. How do you process difficult news or information?



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"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?" - Mt 16:24b-26

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Prayer

Heavenly Father, give me strength to share your love.

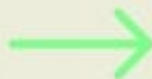
Mission for the Week

Give of your time this week to help someone who needs it.

Sharing the Gospel

Sometimes it's hard to give of your time, or your toys, or even to share your friends. Sometimes you want to be selfish and keep everything for yourself. This is not what Jesus did. He kept sharing God's love all the time. He shared so much that he even gave his life for us by dying on the cross. Jesus wants us to share like he did, to give of ourselves even when we want to be selfish.

Now color
the picture!



Find the matching pair.

