

*August 9, 2026
The Nineteenth
Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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Sunday 8:30am
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Thursday 8:30am
Friday 8:30am
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Saturday 4pm at PC

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HE CAME TOWARD THEM
WALKING ON

THE SEA.

— MATTHEW 14:26 —

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

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August 9 2026



THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

There will be no Mass

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

There will be no Mass

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

There will be no Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

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 Joseph Rind

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

Holy Rosary 8:00am

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of Phyllis Rind

There will
NO DAILY MASSES
this week!



God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Joyce Metzger-12 Aug

Craig Elliot-13 Aug

May you have many more!



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Barb McClung

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Janice and Richard Boyes

Altar Server: TBD

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Mike Godfrey

EMCs: Mindy Godfrey, Phyl McGuire, Sandy McClung

Ushers: Mark Leggett, Mike Godfrey

Altar Server: Missy Leggett



Wednesday Scripture Study

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



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

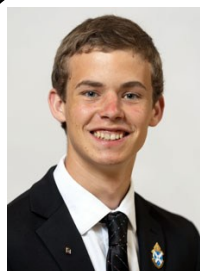
OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith, Robby Bartos

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Nancy Elfter

Catholic Home Missions

Next week we will take up the Catholic Homes Missions Appeal.

The special collection for this month is for Catholic Home Missions on August 15 & 16. This collection supports over 70 dioceses in the U.S. and its territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Thank you for your generosity!



Jack Smith

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Seminarians for
the month of*



Samuel Stengal



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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

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 8/16	9:30-1:00	M & M Godfrey
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	1:00-4:00	R & C Breaux
Tues 8/18	10:00-1:00	D Buttecali
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Wed 8/19	10:00-4:00	CLOSED
Thurs 8/20	10:00-1:00	J Boardman
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Fri 8/21	10:00-1:00	L Murphy
	1:00-4:00	K & G Finkeldei
Sat 8/22	10:00-1:00	S McClung
	1:00-4:00	T & S Meyer
Sun 8/23	9:30-1:00	J & J Horning
	1:00-4:00	L & S Stamps

Project Rachel

**“Day of Prayer and Healing”- Saturday,
August 29, 2026**

Project Rachel will offer a “Day of Prayer and Healing” which is a one-day retreat for anyone who seeks healing from a past abortion. The retreat will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2026, in English, in the NWA area from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call or text our confidential helpline at 501-663-0993 or email projectrachel@dolr.org to register.

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NARRATED BY MARTIN SHEEN



IN THEATRES AUGUST 25 & 26
EL 27 DE AGOSTO EN ESPAÑOL



Day of Prayer & Healing Retreat

Saturday, August 29, 2026 in the NWA area (English)

9am-5pm

*(*exact locations are disclosed only to participants)*

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All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then the LORD said to him,
"Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD;
the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kgs 19:11)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie;
my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me
witness. (Rom 9:1)

Gospel:

Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter,
and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you
doubt?" (Mt 14:31)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In the midst of life's greatest storms, Jesus comes to us, but we may not recognize him. We may test him. In doing so, he will test us — and likely, we will fail. But when we falter, his saving hand is there.

Observances for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday:	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Tuesday:	St. Clare, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Thursday:	Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Saturday:	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

What is serenity? It is an attitude of calm, one that can only be identified when contrasted with turmoil. It is stillness in a storm. It is Christ, walking steadily across the raging waves. It is the feeling we find when we are reconciled to God's mercy.

Prayer in Faith in Trial

Dear God,
In this time of difficulty, be with me.
When I don't feel Your presence or
hear Your voice, sustain me.
When I don't see the path ahead,
guide me.
When I don't know the next step,
support me.
In every day and in every moment, be
my strength.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday:

Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday:

Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday:

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday:

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

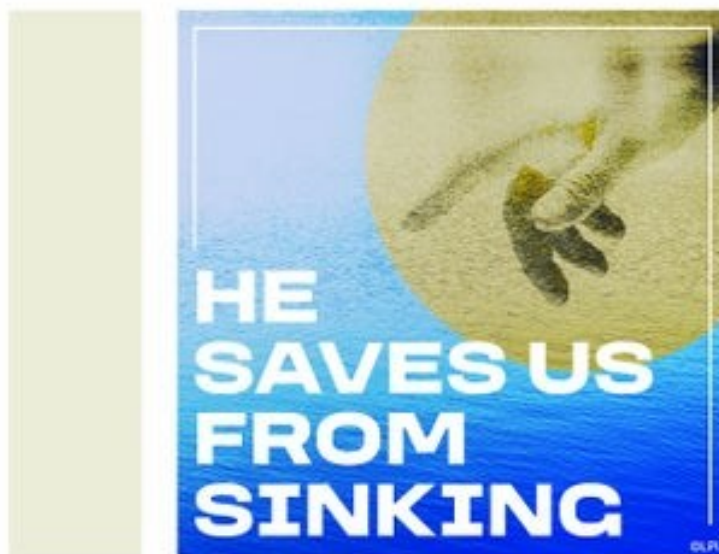
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process. How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first. **"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."** But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, **"Lord, save me."** Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. This is the paradox leaders often face. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations, such as subtle fears and compromises, that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy. Jesus helps Peter overcome both the obvious and hidden sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders.

— Father John Muir

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Looking for God

What do we think when we see Jesus coming to save us?

The first thing the Apostles scream is "Ghost!" when they catch sight of Jesus walking towards them on water. That always makes me laugh. After all they have witnessed thus far as the companions of the Messiah, they see someone walking on water and they still react like extras in a bad episode of Scooby-Doo.

We are always more quick to believe a bad thing than a good thing. We can easily believe gossip and hearsay about a friend, but we fear being taken for a fool when it comes to faith. We would rather look cynical than stupid.

"Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck," reads Psalm 69. "My eyes fail, from looking for my God."

I think back on my life, on all the various ways that God has rescued me from slipping beneath the surface. Rarely did it ever occur to me, in the midst of it, that I was being rescued. In fact, I usually thought I was being held underwater. Did I hear His voice directing me, or did I only hear my own despairing? "Save me, God." Was I looking for Him, or were my eyes shut in fear? "My eyes fail, from looking for my God."

It's never until after the fact — sometimes years after, or decades — that we see things clearly. That we see Christ in the situation, making his way toward us, hand outstretched.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we call Jesus "the light of the world"?

Answer:

In cultures around the world, light and darkness are chief symbols of good and evil, order and chaos, clarity and confusion, hope and despair. These symbols tap into something essential about the nature of things. God has given us the created world as a gift. His first work, as we see in Genesis 1, is to create *light*, giving meaning and insight to the abyss. It is in the light that the rest of creation comes to be. A gathering darkness emerges in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve hide, shrouding themselves from the sun's rays and the gaze of God. While God offers a promise of salvation and establishes a covenant with His people, the sense of fog and dim understanding still remains. The Hebrew people repeatedly betray the promises they have made to God, and all around them the nations actively worship idols.

The promise of God is not in vain, however. In John 1, we see a depiction of Christ as primordial goodness, order, clarity, and hope. "*The true light, which enlightens everyone was coming into the world ... this life was the light of the human race*" (John 1: 9, 4). Think of the last sunrise you witnessed (if you could wake up for it!). As you watched the lavender brighten to rose edged with gold, did your heart swell? Did you recall the goodness of the world? Did you feel rekindled hope? Such is the role of Christ in the soul. Such is his coming Incarnate in our world.

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" - Mt 14:28-30

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Elijah finds the Lord not in the wind, earthquake or fire, but in a light, silent sound. When or where do you hear God's voice?

Second Reading:

Paul grieves over the unbelief of his fellow Jews. How can you help family members or friends who do not believe in Jesus?

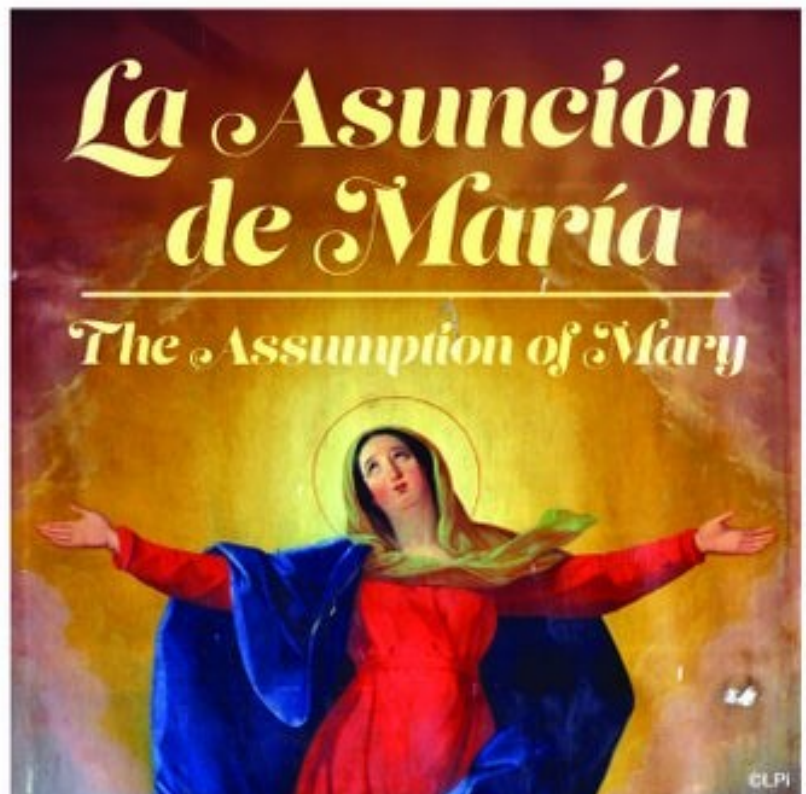
Gospel:

Peter musters the courage to step out onto the water when Jesus calls him. What are some fears the Lord could help you face?



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But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” - Mt 14:30-31

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Prayer

Lord, help me be humble,
kind, and loving.

Mission for the Week

I will hear and do what
God asks in a humble
manner.

Sharing the Gospel

Mary was humble. She loved and trusted God. God had been good to Abraham and to the people of Israel. Mary would do as God asked. God, the mighty one, chose her out of many women to be the mother of his only Son. Be like Mary. Do not brag about your goodness. Do not act like you are better than others. Then God will lift you up to a place of high honor with him in heaven.

Now color
the picture! →

Which picture name begins with this letter?
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

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