

August 27, 2023

21st Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Contact Us...

CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive
Eureka Springs, AR
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PARISH CENTER

232 Passion Play Road
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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

OFFICE HOURS

Tues. & Thurs.
10:00am-4:00pm

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All visitors to our beautiful town of Eureka Springs are welcome to visit our historic Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church, and to pray and worship with us. If you are Catholic, and have recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you are also invited to share in the Holy Eucharist. If you are not a practicing Catholic, we invite you to come forward with arms crossed over your chest to receive a sacramental blessing. Pray that we all continue to grow together into the body of Christ, to which the Lord calls us.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

For Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, contact our Parish Office, and we will point you in the right direction.

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 in a small building. It is generally open seven days a week (March - Oct.) and weekends through the Holiday season. We carry a large selection of medals, holy cards, rosaries, crucifixes, statuary and religious art. Come on back and check us out!

TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome to our Parish! If you wish to join our Parish family, please call the Parish Office, T&Th, at 253.2222. Registration forms are available in the narthex at both locations.

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, 479.253.2222.

PARISH STAFF & MINISTRY LEADERS

Pastor

Rev. Joseph Archibong

Parish Secretary & Bookkeeper

Nancy Elfter

Director of Music

Sharon Parker

Parish Council Chair, Parish Life,

Gift Shop Manager Rod McGuire

Finance Council Chair

Ted Meyer

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Mike Godfrey

Liturgical Ministers & Ministry of Care

Leva Murphy

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Mark Elworth

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SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Daily Mass 12:00noon at the PC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC
Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC
Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab;
Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17;
Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12;
Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9;
Mt 25:14-30

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Dan Kees - 8/27, John Green - 8/29

May you have many more!

IMPRESSIONABLE

When we try to make an impression, that's exactly the impression we make.

-Anonymous



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Robert Bartos, Sophie Bartos

Altar Server: Robby Bartos

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Phyllis McGuire

EMCs: Mary Szafranski

Karen Finkeldei

Mike Godfrey

Ushers: Mike Murphy, Gary Finkeldei

Altar Server: Leva Murphy



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 29

For the Intentions of Jeff Ensey

Thursday, August 31

For the Intentions of Nicholas, Helen & Nicholas T.

Bukaczyk

Friday, September 1

For the Intentions of the Family of Anna Zunich and for
the Intentions of Kaylee Deininger

Saturday, September 2

For the Intentions of Michelle Ann Smith

Sunday, September 3

For the Repose of the Soul of Marie Weissert



OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Connie Breaux, Richard & Sheila Fowler,
Florence Giels, Charlotte Nowlin, Sharon Parker, Mary
Popovac, Ernie & Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Patsy Crawford, Robert Elworth, Marci Krieger, Chuck
Maxwell, Joe McDaniel, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino,
David & Becky Sisco and Debra Reid

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Ken Shonka

OUR MILITARY - Tyler Horning, Zachary Lubbers,
George Schwender, and Nic Smith.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of last weeks Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised money to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Big Thank You to the local Knights of Columbus members **Mike Godfrey, Gary Finkeldei and Rod McGuire** for the beautiful job of staining the fence at the Parish Center. Appreciate your hard work and dedication!



DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

The 2024 Diocese of Little Rock Directory is coming soon. It is an invaluable resource to keep in your house or car to find Mass times for another parish or to call or e-mail a parish, priest, deacon or religious in the diocese. It costs only \$15, which includes shipping. Send your check or money order to **Directory, Arkansas Catholic, P.O. Box 7417, Little Rock, AR 72217**. Directories will be shipped in October.



Steven Wilson

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on our seminarians, go to
www.dolr.org/seminarians



**Minh
Phong
Nguyen**

*Our Seminarians
for the month of
August, 2023*



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 and even more so during these difficulties times. So, as you plan for the weeks and months ahead, please remember your parish family in your prayer and in your financial planning.



GIFT SHOP



August Gift Shop Schedule

Sun. 8/27	9:30-4:00	Elfter
Mon. 8/28	10:00-4:00	Breaux
Thurs. 8/31	10:00-1:00	Kees
	1:00-4:00	Horning
Fri. 9/1	10:00-1:00	M. Leggett
	1:00-4:00	Elfter
Sat. 9/2	10:00-4:00	M. Leggett
Sun. 9/3	9:30-4:00	Stamps

Be gracious to us, O Lord,
for we are in distress
(*Psalm 31:9*)

God, bring consolation and relief to **Mauí**.

Amen.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Despite being forced into marriage at 16, **Venerable Teresa Fardella de Blasi** still pursued her heart's desire to serve the poor wherever she lived with her husband. Originally from New York, she founded and eventually joined the Poor Daughters of the Crowned Virgin in Italy.



PRAYER

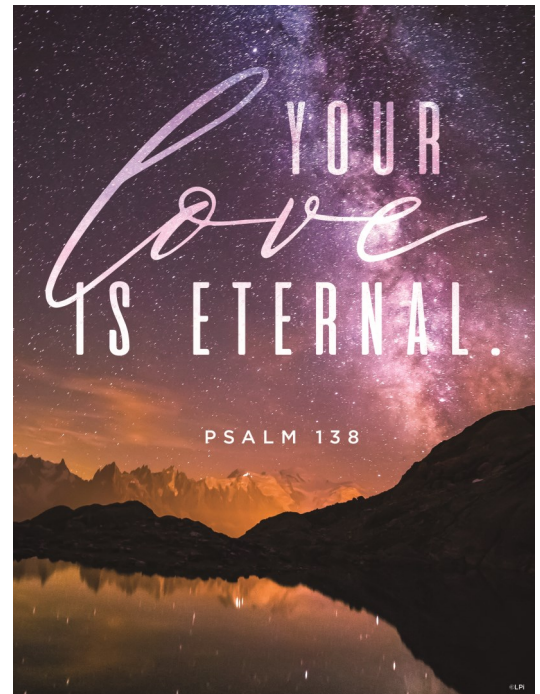
O loving Jesus, please grant that Your servant, Venerable Teresa Fardella de Blasi, who worked selflessly for poor and homeless children and adolescents, may, through the intercession of Mary Queen of Heaven, be glorified by visible signs and miracles; so that for Your glory and salvation of souls, she may, by Your power, be declared Blessed. Amen.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023

WHO IS JESUS?

Jesus poses the question “But who do you say I am?” in today’s Gospel passage. It is a question posed to Peter and the disciples, to Matthew’s first readers and to the Church today. Peter’s confession of faith in Jesus as Christ and Son of God was a culmination of what the disciples had experienced in their life with Jesus thus far. Jesus affirms Peter’s declaration as a gift from God. But it was only the beginning of Peter’s understanding of what these words actually meant, and how the disciples saw themselves in light of this truth. As Jesus and the disciples turned toward Jerusalem and to the cross, the disciples perhaps pondered their own identity, together with their dawning understanding of Jesus’ identity. For us, the journey of faith, initiated and sustained by the Holy Spirit, means an ongoing reflection upon who Jesus is and who we are.



CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, job.

Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

***OUR FASCINATING FAITH* The Documents of Vatican II - The Decrees**

As mentioned earlier, the four Constitutions were not the only documents issued by the Second Vatican Council. There were also nine Decrees. Here is a list of them, with a word about the significance of each.

The Decree of Instruments of Social Communication (Inter Mirifica) calls on the Church to use modern means of communication to proclaim the gospel.

The Decree of Ecumenism (Unitatis Redintegratio), while clearly outlining the uninterrupted succession in the Roman Catholic Church since the beginning, seeks reunion with the other Christian churches and ecclesial communities. Historical blame on both sides is acknowledged for the separation that now exists, and dialogue is encouraged, with reform of the Catholic Church as part of the process. In *Ut Unum Sint*, his encyclical on ecumenism, Pope Saint John Paul II himself proclaimed that Vatican II committed the Catholic Church irrevocably to the ecumenical effort.

The Decree on the Bishops’ Pastoral Office in the Church (Christus Dominus) picks up where *Lumen Gentium* left off, giving a job description for bishops and urging shared decision-making (collegiality). Diocesan pastoral councils were also established by this decree.

The Decree on Priestly Formation (Optatam Totius) revises the Council of Trent’s rules for seminary formation-now including scripture, ecumenism and history, among others - and allows for local guidelines.

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GOD COULD HAVE ESTABLISHED HIS CHURCH UNDER SUPERVISION OF ANGELS THAT HAVE NO FAULTS OR WEAKNESSES. BUT WHO CAN DOUBT THAT AS IT STANDS TODAY, CONSISTING OF AND UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF POOR SINNERS — SUCCESSORS TO THE ‘POOR SINNER FISHERMEN OF GALILEE’; THE CHURCH IS A MORE OUTSTANDING MIRACLE THAN ANY OTHER WAY?

”

- BL. SOLANUS CASEY



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Who Do You Say That I Am?

I once knew a very devout woman whose adult godchild had fallen away from the practice of the faith. This godchild still believed in God, and even felt a sense of belonging in the Church. He was a good and kind person. But poor catechesis and a society that confuses pleasure with joy had left him lax in practice, without an appreciation of the sacraments. He was making choices that threatened his soul.

His godmother wanted more for him. She planned to speak with him about his life, hoping to encourage him to return to the practice of the faith. She knew that, when she brought this up, he would reply that it wasn't important to attend Mass or to receive the Eucharist, that was all just "extra."

She told me that she was going to begin their conversation by asking him the question Jesus poses to Peter in Matthew 16:15 — the critical question in all our lives, the question whose answer will define what we become in this world and the next.

Her godson knew the answer. She was confident, unshakably, that he did. He may have forgotten it or ignored it. He may have tried to convince himself he wasn't entirely sure. He may have refused to give an answer. But he knew it. He knew the answer.

There is a reason that, after Peter's response, Jesus gives him the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

"Who do you say that I am?"

Let our whole lives be our answer.

*"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
— Matthew 16:16*

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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