Ordinary Time

## SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY 19th Sunday in CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, *Fi*rkansas

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## **CHURCH**

30 Crescent Drive Eureka Springs, AR 72632

### **PARISH CENTER**

232 Passion Play Road Eureka Springs, AR 72632

### 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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## 19<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:48-50

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 five 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. 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.

## Setting 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

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## SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15** 

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass 8:30am Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

Daily Mass 8:30am

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13,

14; Mt 17:22-27

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: 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

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3,

4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-13,

## God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Elizabeth Maul-8/11, Joyce Metzer - 8/12

May you have many more!





### SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Jerry Horning
EMCs: see sign-up sheet

**Ushers:** Richard Boyes, Janice Boyes

Altar Server: Robby Bartos SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

8:30am Mass at the Church Lector: Larry Stamps

EMCs: Rod McGuire, Phyllis McGuire, Mindy Godfrey

Ushers: Mike Godfrey, Mike Murphy

Altar Server: Leva Murphy

## Mass Intentions



Tuesday, August 13

For the Intentions of Eva

Thursday, August 15

For the Repose of the Soul of Eric Longer

Friday, August 16

For the Intentions of Eva

Saturday, August 17

For the Repose of the Soul of Young Whang

Sunday, August 19

For the Repose of the Souls of Fr. Anthony Kluckman, &

Bill & Donna Kluckman





### **OUR PARISHIONERS** -

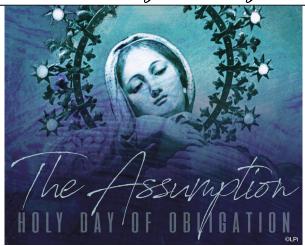
Connie Blazek, Richard & Sheila Fowler, Florence Giels, Ernie & Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

## **OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -**

Patsy Crawford, Mary Ann Dobrobolny, Linda Gilmore, Carol Gingrich, Pam Heinzel, Marci Krieger, Chuck Maxwell, Joe McDaniel, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, Leslie Scroggins, Mary Lou Smith, Shari Soukup and Libbie Vesekla

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Frank Dinello

**OUR MILITARY** - Tyler Horning and Nic Smith.





Thank you, **Donna Butticali**, for painting our beloved statue. You did a beautiful job and we appreciate it

## Catholic Home Missions

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



## Our Seminarians for the month of August, 2024

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For more information
on our seminarians, go to

www.dolr.org/seminarians



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## 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**

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Tues., 8/13	10:00-4:00	D. Buttecali
Thurs., 8/15	10:00-4:00	Boardman
Fri., 8/16	10:00-1:00	L. Murphy
	1:00-4:00	Finkeldei
Sat., 8/17	10:00-1:00	Barnett
	1:00-4:00	S. McClung
Sun., 8/18	9:30-4:00	Godfrey



# Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

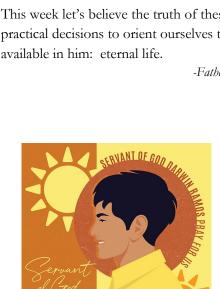
## **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

This week we hear Jesus say, "He that believes in me, has eternal life" (John 6:47). These straightforward words uttered by human lips, sound - how to put this? - insane. Who could possibly say such a thing? Jesus says things that are so high, so demanding, so beyond our capacity to fathom, we hardly know what to do with them and (if you're like me), they usually go in one ear and out the other. So, let us ask: how can believing in him lead to eternal life?

To believe in something means not just to acknowledge its existence, but also to orient yourself entirely to it. If a football player believes in his team, it means he puts his life totally at the service of that goal. If a student believes in her dream to become a doctor, she gives everything she has to her studies and preparation for her MCAT test. Belief means to move boldly toward something we love, and trust is possible to attain.

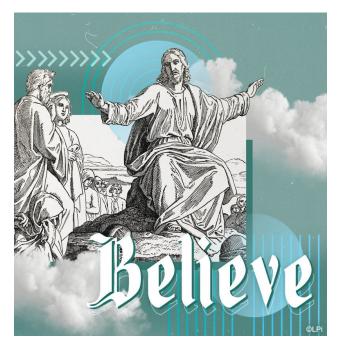
What is the highest possible good at which we can aim? It is God himself, the gift of eternal life without end. Jesus has made this "good" possible in and through his human nature. To believe in him means to have him as our ultimate goal. This week let's believe the truth of these words and make practical decisions to orient ourselves toward what we see available in him: eternal life

-Father John Muir



#### SAINT OF THE WEEK

Servant of God **Darwin Ramos**, a poor Filipino boy, died from muscular dystrophy at the age of 17. Never brought low by the disease, he spoke of his illness as his "mission for Jesus." Many were blessed by his smile and compassionate friendship. He was known as the Master of Joy.



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## PRAYER FOR MEMORY

Dear Lord,

Don't let me forget the ways you've fought for me throughout history. You have been in my life in endless ways and words. May these memories comfort and encourage me now and always.

Amen.

## **Liturgical** Life

# CATHOLIC

## Murmurings

When people whisper, what they whisper usually is not flattering. It's also usually not accurate. If it was either of these things, it probably wouldn't have to be whispered.

"Stop murmuring among yourselves," Jesus tells the community in today's Gospel, and I think I detect a hint of impatience in his voice — or is that just my own bias? Maybe, maybe not. But it's true that what they were whispering about wasn't particularly flattering, and it also wasn't very accurate: Did you hear what he said? That he's the bread of life?

Do they disbelieve, or are they simply confused? Resentful? Afraid? Overwhelmed? We don't know, but we do know that they're not bringing their questions into the open. They're whispering them, trading them secretly, like contraband candy.

We know this guy. Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me...

And then we get to what is usually the true purpose of a whispered opinion: the desire to make oneself out as the correct and unchallenged judge of the matter at hand.

In many ways, we have become a Church of murmurers. Did you see what Bishop So-and-So said to Such-and-Such newspaper? Did you hear what Fr. Whatshisname said in his homily? Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me...

Perhaps it was always this way, even before modern times. Perhaps this Gospel shows us that this is no new thing.

Today, we see Jesus respond to his sulking critics by drawing their attention back to the truth at the heart of his teaching. Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. And that is the end of their murmuring.

The truth is like a brick wall, and it knocks them over — or rather they, hurling themselves against it, knock themselves over.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." — John 6:51

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

I've heard that faith is a theological virtue. What does that mean?

#### Answer:

To say a virtue is theological means that it comes as a gift from God. St. Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican monk who crafted the famous arguments for the existence of God, wrote: "This alone is the true knowledge of God: to know that God is beyond knowing." God is transcendent. This word comes from the Latin "transcendere," meaning "to climb beyond." When something is transcendent, it exists beyond our normal range of experience. Philosopher Peter Kreeft put it simply: "God is always more."

While God created us in His image and likeness, too often we re-create Him in ours. We project our deepest hopes, our subliminal fears, and our hidden dreams, and conjure up our own image of what God could be. Yet God can never be limited to our own perception of Him.

That's where faith comes in. We read in the Catechism that "faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that He has said and revealed to us and all that the Holy Church proposes for our belief" (CCC 1814). We can know God through reason, to a point. As human beings, we want to know and understand the world around us, but God isn't in the world around us. He's beyond it. The best way to come to know God is not through our own clever mental maneuvering, but through trusting in God's revelation of Himself. We might think we know who God is, but the only way we can have any idea is if we trust, through the virtue of faith, who He has revealed Himself to be.

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

## First Reading:

The prophet Elijah was exhausted and prayed for death under a broom tree. How do you help a friend or family member who has such despair?

## Second Reading:

Paul's high standard for living in the community of believers was literally unheard of in the ancient world. How can any community of faith achieve such an ideal way of living?

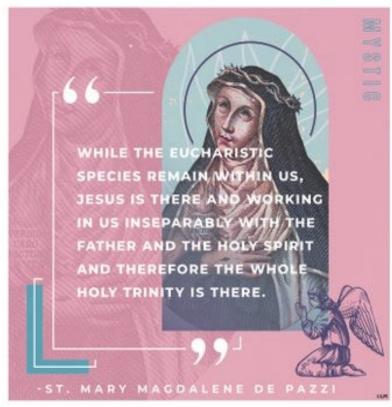
## Gospel:

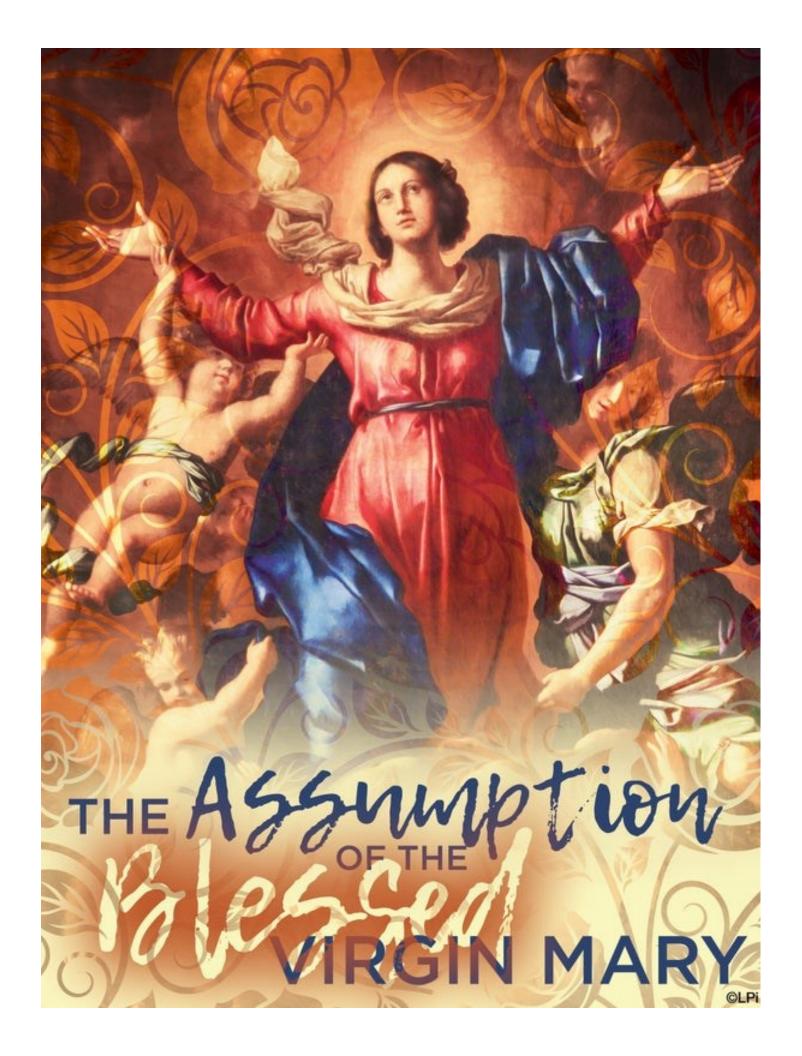
Despite opposition from those who knew Jesus and his family personally, Jesus offered eternal life to all who believe in him. How can someone remain open to new or challenging ideas?



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