

August 18, 2024

20th 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
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"Whoever eats my flesh and
drinks my blood remains in me
and I in him. Just as the living
Father sent me and I have life
because of the Father, so also
the one who feeds on me will
have life because of me."

- Jn 6:56-57

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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.

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

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THIS WEEK
at Saint Elizabeth

**SPECIAL EVENTS &
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

Daily Mass 8:30am

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ez 24:15-23; Dt 32:18-19, 20-21;
Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-38, 30,
35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ex 36:23-28; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10;
Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18;
Jn 1:45-51

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Kit Core- 8/20

May you have many more!

A GOOD PRAYER

A good prayer, though often used, is still fresh and fair in the eyes and ears of heaven.

-Thomas Fuller



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Barb McClung

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth

Altar Server: Robby Bartos

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Rod McGuire

EMCs: Mindy Godfrey, Phyllis McGuire, Karen Finkeldei

Ushers: Ted Meyer, Mike Godfrey

Altar Server: Dan Kees

Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 20

For the Intentions of Lucy Braut

Thursday, August 22

For the Intentions of Makayla Ehmke

Friday, August 23

For the Intentions of Coy & Tate Pollmeier

Saturday, August 24

For the Intentions of Anthony Goforth

Sunday, August 25

For the Intentions of Robert & Anita Cochlin



Pray for us...



OUR PARISHIONERS -

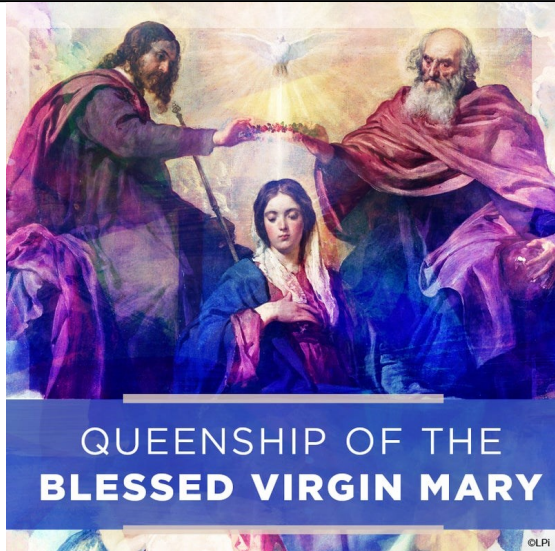
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OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

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THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Frank Dinello

OUR MILITARY - Tyler Horning and Nic Smith.



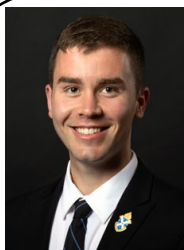
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Our Seminaricians for the month of August, 2024

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For more information on our seminaricians, go to www.dolr.org/seminarians



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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 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., 8/18	9:30-4:00	Godfrey
Mon., 8/19	10:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 8/20	10:00-4:00	D. Buttecali
Thurs., 8/22	10:00-1:00	Kees
	1:00-4:00	Barnett
Fri., 8/23	10:00-4:00	Meyer
Sat., 8/24	10:00-1:00	S. McClung
	1:00-4:00	Meyer
Sun., 8/25	9:30-4:00	Elfter

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Subiaco Academy is currently accepting applications for the Fall of 2025. If you have a son, or know of a boy, who would benefit from an all-boys, Catholic education, please visit their website at subiacoacademy.us and schedule a time to visit with an admissions representative. With a college preparatory curriculum, robust athletic opportunities, and an outdoor adventure program, there is something for everyone. Ask about how the LEARNS Act money can be used to make this experience more affordable.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

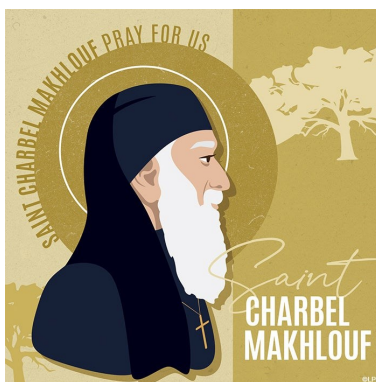
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, “Do you believe in Jesus?” He answered, “Yes, I do. But may I ask you,” he continued, “Where do you experience Jesus’ body and blood?” His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, “I don’t. I just believe in him. That’s all that is needed.” Later my priest friend would relate to me, “The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus’ body and blood, not just hear about him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost.”

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus’ teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the **“bread of life come down from heaven.”** Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That’s why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to **“eat my flesh and drink my blood”** (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus’ body and blood - he himself, truly, really, substantially - has been the Church’s treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart *and* the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on *both*, not just one *or* the other.

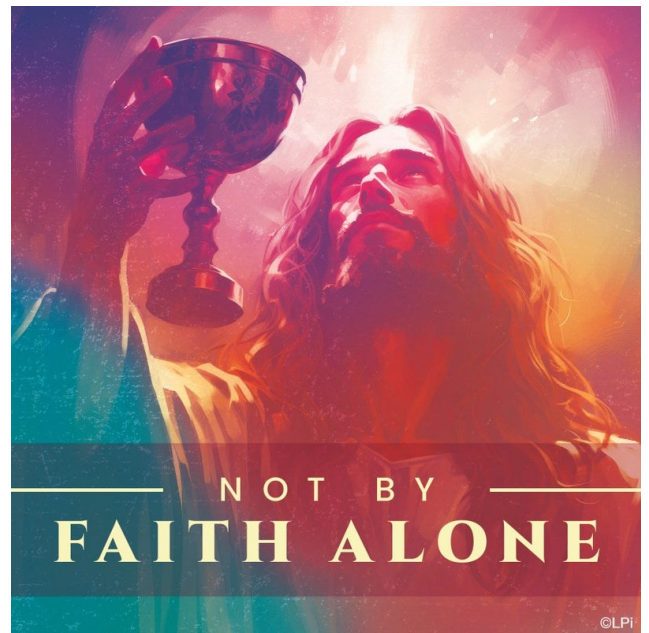
This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts and our bodies, faith *and* the Eucharist.

-Father John Muir



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Charbel Makhlouf (1828-1898) was a Maronite monk and priest who lived much of his life as a hermit. He was renowned for healing, casting out demons, and levitating during prayer. Millions have visited his tomb and sought and received his intercession, even those of other faiths.



Ozark Folk Festival

September 5th - 7th

The Original Ozark Festival is ready for its 77th year, with a new date and more music and workshops than ever before.

The longest-running folk festival in America is excited to announce its September 5th - 7th lineup. This year we celebrate the Strings in the Springs with workshops for fingerpicking, flat-picking, uke and mandolin, as well as jig dancing & spoons. The Ozark Songwriting competition is back showcasing songwriters from all over the country. Enjoy the Folk Fair in Basin Park with Ozark artists and Craftspeople on Friday and Saturday. Come to Eureka’s Original Ozark Folk Festival for three nights and three days of music, fun, and folk.

For more information on the Original Ozark Folk Festival visit our website at <https://www.ozarkfolk.com/>

PRAYER OF EUCHARIST

Dear Lord,
May our congregation be more deeply assured of Your love each time we receive Communion. May our “Eucharist” make our lives a song of worship and thanks, sung to You. May this sacred food nourish us to be bold and brave disciples of You.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Fullness of Life

Like any other child of the '90s raised by budget-conscious parents, I've spent my fair share of Sunday mornings in line at an Old Country Buffet, hot plate in hand. Kids ate for chump change on Sundays, and I never left that fine establishment without getting our money's worth. I always came away stuffed to the gills. But I never, ever remember feeling satisfied.

In fact, if I recall correctly, most of the time I felt rather empty. I was always thinking about the food I didn't get to eat — whatever I couldn't fit on my plate, or whatever they were bringing out from the kitchen just as we were about to leave.

As I've gotten older, it's a feeling I've encountered again and again, and not just at buffets. Haven't we all? The people you think are perfect reveal themselves to be deeply flawed. The things you want the most are never as satisfying to possess as they are to long for. The experiences you anticipate the most end up being letdowns, when instead it's the ordinary moments — maybe even the hard moments, the painful moments — that stand out, that become cherished memories.

Today's scripture readings equate wisdom and fullness with an acceptance of something that makes no sense, that defies scientific explanation, cultural norms, and even common sense: the Real Presence of our God in the Eucharist.

Is it strange to believe that we are consuming the Body and Blood of Christ in our worship, and that only by doing so will we ever achieve everlasting life?

Perhaps. But we are asked to do many strange things as Christians. We are asked to love when we do not feel like loving, when the object of that love has not earned it. We are asked to forgive even when the recipient of that forgiveness does not seek it or merit it. We are asked to believe, in moments when belief feels impossible.

Socrates says that the only wisdom is in knowing that you know nothing. Perhaps the only spiritual fullness is in knowing that there is only emptiness to be had here in this world, that there is no physical experience or indulgence that can really make you feel satisfied and strong. That the only food that really nourishes you in a way that lasts is a small white Host you can barely taste on your tongue.

"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." — John 6:55

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I've heard that gratitude is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. What does that mean?

Answer:

In St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, he talks about the "fruits of the Holy Spirit." He is referencing an idea that Jesus talks about frequently in the Gospels. "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16). He uses the example of a plant. If the plant is healthy, it will bear good fruit. If the plant is unhealthy, it will bear rotten fruit or none at all. Jesus echoes this idea at the Last Supper, when he says that if we remain close to him we will "bear much fruit" (John 15:8). If we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, we will bear the fruits of the Spirit!

Technically, gratitude is not one of the fruits St. Paul lists. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23). But doesn't that sound like the response of a grateful heart? When we're grateful, we experience a sense of joy and peace that makes it easier to love. We can be kind, patient, generous, and gentle with others rather than possessive or competitive. When we're grateful, we don't need to grasp at what we don't have. We practice self-control. Gratitude helps us to be faithful, knowing God will always be with us. Sounds like good fruit to me!

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."
- Jn 6:53-55

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

We hear from Proverbs how Wisdom herself invites us to a deeper understanding of life. Is there someone in your family or among your friends who you consider a "wise" person?

Second Reading:

Paul taught the Ephesians that a wise person strives to understand the will of the Lord and lives a life of prayer and gratitude. What are some ways we can grow in prayer and gratitude in our daily lives?

Gospel:

Jesus promises *eternal life* those who believe in him if we eat his flesh and drink his blood (participate in the Eucharist). How can we show our gratitude to the Lord for such a gift?



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