

August 25, 2024

21st 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

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Saturday 4pm at PC

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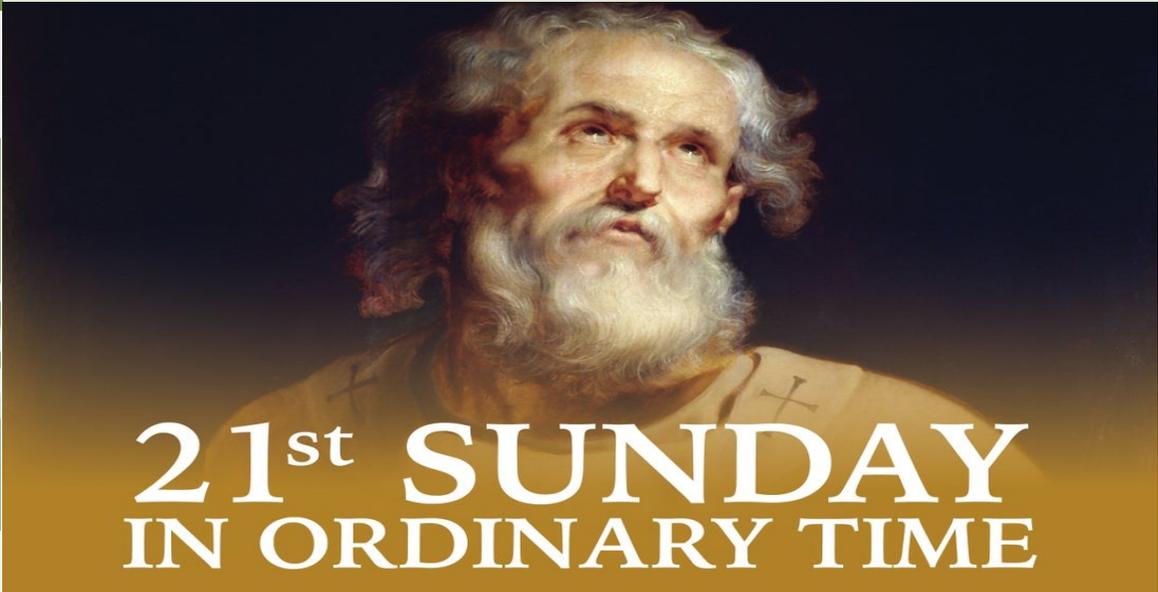
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For Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, contact our Parish Office, and we will point you in the right direction.

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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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### 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.

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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, 479.253.2222.

### PARISH STAFF & MINISTRY LEADERS

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# THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

## SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

Adoration 8:00am  
Daily Mass 8:30am

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

Daily Mass 8:30am  
Confessions 9:15am

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

Daily Mass 8:30am

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

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

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

### Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 6:17-29  
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 25:14-30

### God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Ginny Jankowski – 8/24, Dan Kees - 8/27,  
Donna Buttecali - 8/29, 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



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Mass Ministers



### SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

**Lector:** Jo Elworth

**EMCs:** see sign-up sheet

**Ushers:** The Simmons Family

**Altar Server:** Robby Bartos

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:30am Mass at the Church

**Lector:** Cassian Heath

**EMCs:** Phyllis McGuire, Mindy Godfrey, Mike Godfrey

**Ushers:** Michael Murphy, Leva Murphy

**Altar Server:** Mike Lubbers

### Mass Intentions



Tuesday, August 27

For the Intentions of Margaret Texada

Thursday, August 29

For the Repose of the Soul of Joan Purdy

Friday, August 30

For the Intentions of Barbara Wilhelm

Saturday, August 31

For the Repose of the soul of Dr. Richard Williams

Sunday, September 1

For the Intentions of Michael O'Brien



Pray for us...



### OUR PARISHIONERS -

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

### OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Patsy Crawford, Mary Ann Dobrobozny, Linda Gilmore, Carol Gingrich, Pam Heinzl, 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.



TASTE AND SEE  
*God's goodness.*

Psalm 34

**CASA**

Our goal is \$9,900. We have raised \$8,810, which is 89% of our goal. Not much more, folks!

*Catholic Home Missions*

Thank you for your generous support of last week's 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](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions). #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection - see [usccb.igivecatholictogether.org](http://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org).



*Our Seminararians  
for the month of  
August, 2024*

**Benjamin Keating**

Contact address:

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For more information

on our seminararians, go to

[www.dolr.org/seminarians](http://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**



*Aug. / Sept. Gift Shop*

Sun., 8/25	9:30-4:00	Elfter
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Tues., 8/27	10:00-4:00	D. Buttecali
Thurs., 8/29	10:00-1:00	Kees
	1:00-4:00	Horning
Fri., 8/30	10:00-1:00	Elfter
	1:00-4:00	Finkeldei
Sat., 8/31	10:00-1:00	R. McGuire
	1:00-4:00	P. McGuire
Sun., 9/1	9:30-4:00	Stamps

**INTERFAITH DINNER**

Peace Across Faiths is an annual interfaith dinner that brings community members and leaders together to mark the beginning of [Arkansas Peace Week](#). The event will be held Sunday, Sept. 15 at 5:30 pm at Westover Hills Presbyterian Church, 6400 Kavanaugh in Little Rock. The event will feature a vegetarian dinner, local musicians, and speakers from different religious and non-religious perspectives offering their reflections and blessings for peace. The event is free and open to the public, and childcare will be provided. For more information, visit the [interfaithcenter.org](http://interfaithcenter.org).

**MINISTRY TO CATHOLIC WOMEN**

**Magnificat**, a ministry to Catholic women, will host a breakfast called "Jesus, Bread of Life" from 10am - 1pm, Saturday, Sept. 28 at St. Joseph Church Spiritan Center in Conway. The guest speaker will be Erin Pohlmeier, a wife and mother who teaches Theology of the Body at St. Joseph School in Fayetteville. Tickets are \$20 a person. The deadline to order is September 24. For tickets, visit <https://tinyurl.com/42kx2y65>.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The famous Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky said, **“Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing.”** In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus does something harsh and dreadful - he watches his own disciples abandon him. What could possibly be loving about that?

Well, we notice the context is Jesus’ teaching about eating and drinking his body and blood. His followers hear this and say, **“This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?”** (John 6:60). We shouldn’t imagine we’d do anything different, because not even the ones who stay, like Peter, seem to understand what Jesus is saying. Then we hear this devastating line, **“Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.”** (John 6:66). Besides the night of the Last Supper, only now do Jesus’ disciples abandon him. And painfully, Jesus just lets them go.

The best way to make sense out of this is love. Jesus is God’s love in action. He wants to become one with those whom He loves. He wants to love them as His own body. Yes, the oneness manifested in the Eucharist sounds harsh and dreadful because it is rooted in love which is willing to risk abandonment and separation to attain its goal: to be one body with the beloved. It is both terrifying and wonderful that Jesus will risk losing us in order to be one with us. Our response? Lord, we cannot grasp a love so great, but please help us never to abandon it, either.

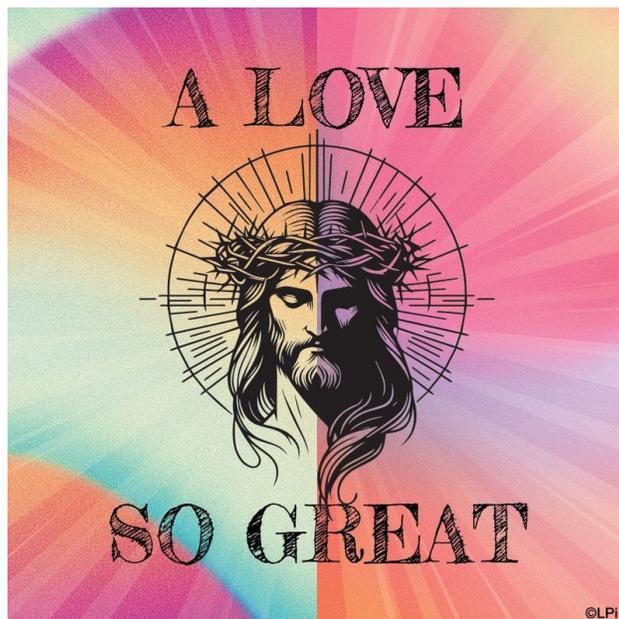
-Father John Muir



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i.

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13 & under

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**7AM - MOVE IN**

9- COOKS MEETING
9:30- KIDS COOKS MEETING
11:30- JUDGES MEETING
1-1:30- KIDS TURN IN
2-2:30- RIB TURN IN
3-3:30- COLORS
3:45- BBQ AWARDS
5- CAR AWARDS

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## PRAYER OF DECLARATION

Lord,  
In the season when faith is hard, help me to be as bold as Peter, who picked you above all others saying, “To whom shall I go? You have the words of eternal life.”  
You’re my God.  
I’m yours.  
There is nowhere else I would rather be.  
Amen.

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### To Whom Shall We Go?

A friend of mine, who is a far better Christian than I can ever hope to be, once shared with me that her family sneers at her belief system and lifestyle.

She believes in fairy tales they tell her. She's looking for simple solutions from a kind-faced man in the sky because she doesn't want to grapple with complicated answers to complicated problems.

Religion, they argue, is the easy way out.

As she spoke about this, her voice became unsteady. Not with anger, but with emotion. "I would never call this life easy," she said. "If I was looking for something that was easy, I wouldn't choose Catholicism."

What was unspoken was *why* she has chosen Catholicism. I know the answer, but only because I know her. I knew her before she chose it wholeheartedly, and I know her now, and I see the difference. I see that these words are written so clearly across the days of her life: "Master, to whom shall we go?"

Once the truth is known in your soul, you see, it can never be unknown.

Following Christ is not about easy answers and simple teachings. Sure, it all sounds very basic: love one another as I have loved you. What could be more straightforward?

But what does that mean? What does that look like in daily, modern life, in a world full of the fallen, whose flaws have given us rough edges and weakened wills?

I'll tell you what it looks like — it looks like a struggle. It looks like failure and mess and confusion and losing your way and finding it again, all because you remembered that within you there is a compass pointing due north. It's a constant state of wandering in the dark, following a Voice that asks you to go where you're afraid to go. And you follow the Voice not because it's the only voice there is and not because it's the voice that says what you want to hear, but because it's the only one that speaks the truth, and the truth pulls on you in a way you can't quite resist.

When Christ asks, "Do you also want to leave?" he is not gaslighting us. It's a genuine question. We are free to go. We are not prisoners.

But we have heard the words of everlasting life, and now we can only have peace if we follow where they lead.

*"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." — Joshua 24:15*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

#### Answer:

Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives.

If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another.

"The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.  
- Jn 6:63c-64a, 65-66

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

Upon entering the Promised Land and remembering the Exodus from Egypt, both Joshua and all twelve tribes of Israel pledged their faithful to God alone. What has God done in your life that you can acknowledge and celebrate?

### Second Reading:

Toward the end of his letter to the Ephesians, Paul takes up the topic of husbands and wives. He speaks of the importance of mutual respect and love. What do you add as key parts for a successful marriage?

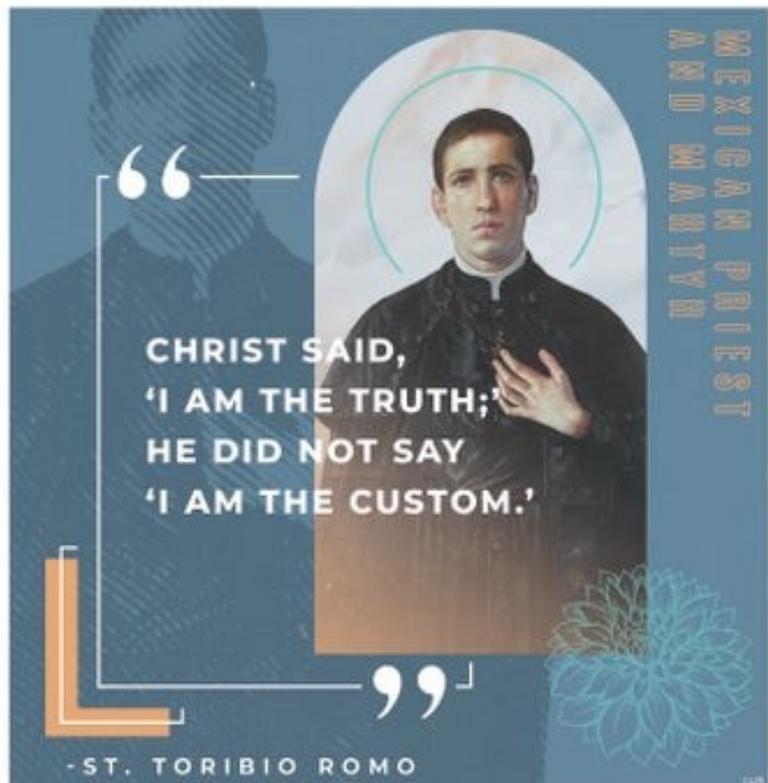
### Gospel:

John tells us that many of Jesus's disciples stopped following him because they found some of his teachings too hard to accept. What keeps you following Jesus?



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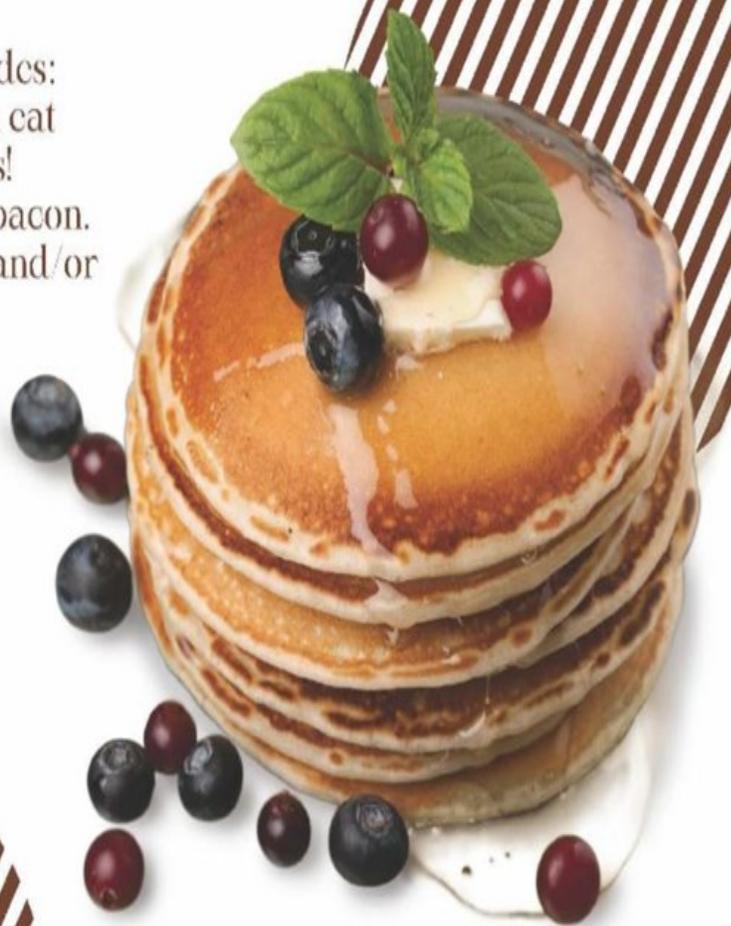
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