

July 27, 2025

17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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PARISH CENTER

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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

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8

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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 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.

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.

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JULY 29

Adoration 8:00am

Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, JULY 31

Daily Mass 8:30am

Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

Daily Mass 12:00noon at the PC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC

Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC

Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 3-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1m 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Eccl 1:2: 21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1); Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Ken Mills – 7/28

May you have many more!

PRAY

If you pray you are sure of saving your soul. If you do not pray you are just as sure to lose your soul.

-St. Alphonsus
Liguori



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Robert Bartos, Sophie Bartos

Altar Server:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Mike Godfrey

EMCs: Mindy Godfrey, Karen Finkeldei, Sandy McClung

Ushers: Ted Meyer, Gary Finkeldei

Altar Server: Dan Kees



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 29

For the Intentions of Jane & Joseph Lehman

Thursday, July 31

For the Intentions of Michael & Nanette Guillory

Friday, August 1

For the Intentions of Michael & Nanette Guillory

Saturday, August 2

For the Intentions of Michael & Nanette Guillory

Sunday, August 3

For the Repose of the Soul of Steve Rady



OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Rob Breaux, Florence Giels, Larry Handley, Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi, Mary Szafranski, Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Regina Booth, Sam Donelson, Carol Dvorah, Marsha Havens, Pam Heinzl, Kathleen Horosinski, Marci Krieger, Betty McClard, Joe McDaniel, Billy Metzger, Carol Morgan-Eagle, Gene Ochrymowich, Eric Pederson, Michael Ricciardi, Connie Stielow, Ed Terrill and Libbie Vesekla.

OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Lin Crider



Virtual Healing Resource (VHR) Gathering for September 2025

Anyone suffering from the trauma of a past abortion is invited to join a virtual small prayer group and discussion meeting on Monday, September 8, 2025, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. You may join anonymously from the comfort of your own space. This gathering is hosted by Project Rachel, a ministry of the Diocese of Little Rock. We invite women and men from all areas of our state who have been impacted by abortion in any way. This non-judgmental group desires to assist anyone who is searching for healing, peace, and forgiveness. Please call or text our CONFIDENTIAL helpline at 501-663-0996 for the confidential meeting link or email projectrachel@dolr.org. We genuinely want to offer our help, and we love you.



Steven Wilson

Contact address:

St. Meinrad Seminary,
200 Hill Drive,
St. Meinrad, IN 47577

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



**Duwan
Booker**

Our Seminarians for the month of July, 2025



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. 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 July 12 & 13 is **\$1,983.00** For the Fiscal year (7/25-6/26) is **\$7,951.56**.

Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of 7/16/25:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Parishioners	\$822,303	\$418,850
Non-Parishioners	\$113,380	\$ 20,394
Donations	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>33,866</u>
	\$935,683	\$473,110



GIFT SHOP

July Gift Shop Schedule

Sun., 7/27	9:30-4:00	Horning
Mon., 7/28	10:00-1:00	D. Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 7/29	10:00-4:00	McGuire
Thurs., 7/31	10:00-1:00	T. Kees
	1:00-4:00	Horning
Friday, 8/1	10:00-1:00	Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Elfter
Sat., 8/2	10:00-1:00	Szafranski
	1:00-4:00	Elfter
Sun., 8/3	9:39-4:00	Stamps



Father Joseph, celebrating his 25th+ birthday a birthday party among a number of birthday parties!

He's going to be worn out from all the celebrating, Bless His Heart!!

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once I went to a hospice facility to celebrate Last Rites for an elderly dying man. His family had told me that he had been uncommunicative for days. At the conclusion of the ritual, we began to recite the Our Father prayer. To everyone's surprise, his lips moved, clearly mouthing the words to the Lords's prayer. Stripped of most of his faculties, the man could still pray those precious God-given petitions. A life-time of prayer had planted the words even deeper than his failing consciousness.

Do we want the Lord's prayer to be as deeply embedded in us? If we want to be people of hope, we should. Recall that our Lord immediately follows the prayer by saying: **"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you"** (Luke 11:9). We only ask, search and knock because we hope that the request is not in vain. Everything we could possibly hope for is contained in the prayer. Praying the Our Father deepens our hope.

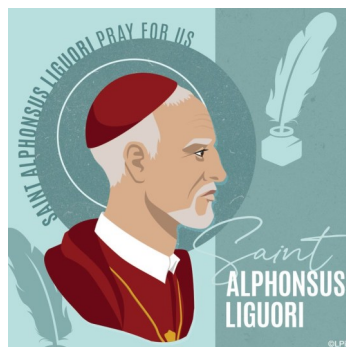
We should consciously pour all our hopes into the Lord's prayer: we should allow it to be an expression of hope, not simply rote words. Then, over time, it builds up our hope in God. It sinks deep into our souls and bodies. How blessed we are when these words of hope are on our lips, even when everything else seems to fail.

-Father John Muir

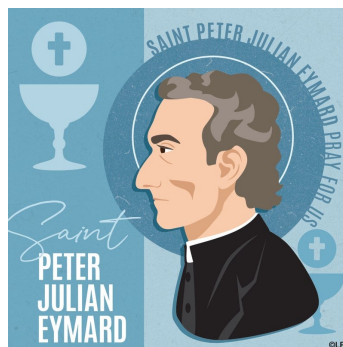


DEVOTIONS, Explained!

The daily examen is a spiritual practice whereby one places himself in the presence of God, prayerfully reflecting on the blessing of the day, the actions he took, and the invitation God has for his future decisions.



St. Alphonsus Liguori, (1696-1787) was a prolific theologian and founder of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (The Redemptorists). Renowned for his profound devotion to the Eucharist and insightful theological teachings, he is the patron saint of moral theologians.



St. Peter Julian Eymard, known as "Apostle of the Eucharist," founded the Society of the Blessed Sacrament and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. He promoted perpetual adoration, inspired those estranged from the Church to return, and worked to educate all about Christ.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, it can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong enough.

Ask and You Shall Receive

It's easy to look at today's Gospel reading and come away with a view of God as disinterested and irritated, reluctant to give us what we need unless we bang down his door, hound him to the furthest reaches of heaven, wrench him from his reverie and force him to answer just so we'll finally go away.

Well, that's not what Jesus means by the parable of the friend at midnight — but it's also not surprising that we would think that it is. The whole point of this Gospel is that communication between God and man has been broken. It's not as easy as it once was, as it should be, as it could be.

In this parable, there exists many barriers between the supplicant and his friend. The time of day is not ideal. The door is locked. Their dispositions are opposite — one is in the middle of a REM cycle and the other is deeply agitated. They appear to be two people who are not primed to communicate well. Everything is working against them.

The same could well be said of God and the human race. Here we are in a fallen world, surrounded by sin and pain and sickness and death to the extent that it infiltrates not just our bodies but our souls, our minds, our attitudes.

We are the friend caught unprepared in the dead of night. We don't always know how to talk to God (*That door is thick! Will he hear us if we knock?*). We don't always know if we should (*It's all my fault that I ran out of loaves, after all*). We don't even know if we want to (*It's nighttime! He might be angry!*).

Everything is working against us.

It doesn't matter, Jesus tells us. Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, the One who desires its full and irrevocable attention, it can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong enough.

So knock.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

This time of year, I attend a lot of weddings. Why do Catholic weddings need to take place in a church?

Answer:

Technically, there is a clause in Church law that could allow for weddings to take place outside of a church, in a suitable space under special circumstances, but it requires the rare permission of the bishop. But the meaning of marriage goes very, very deep, and the Church has a vested interest in protecting that meaning. As Catholics, we don't see a wedding as an event that needs a pleasing backdrop.

Marriage is a sacrament, both an occasion of joyful promise and symbolic solemnity. It is a spiritual event. The loving bond of marriage symbolizes the mystical union between Christ and his Church. The man and woman profess lifelong vows of fidelity, and they receive supernatural grace from God to keep their promises. Receiving the sacrament of Marriage in a church has broader symbolic meaning for the couple as well. Marriage isn't simply two people in isolation from the world around them. Marriage is the joining of families and the beginning of a new, holy mission in the life of the couple. Weddings are sacred occasions, and it's fitting that they occur in sacred spaces.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." - Lk 11:9-10

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Abraham questions God about how He passes judgment on people. What questions do you have for the Lord?

Second Reading:

Paul teaches the believers in Colossae that through his cross and resurrection from the dead, Jesus united Jews and Gentiles by their shared faith in him. How does your faith in Jesus bring you closer to others?

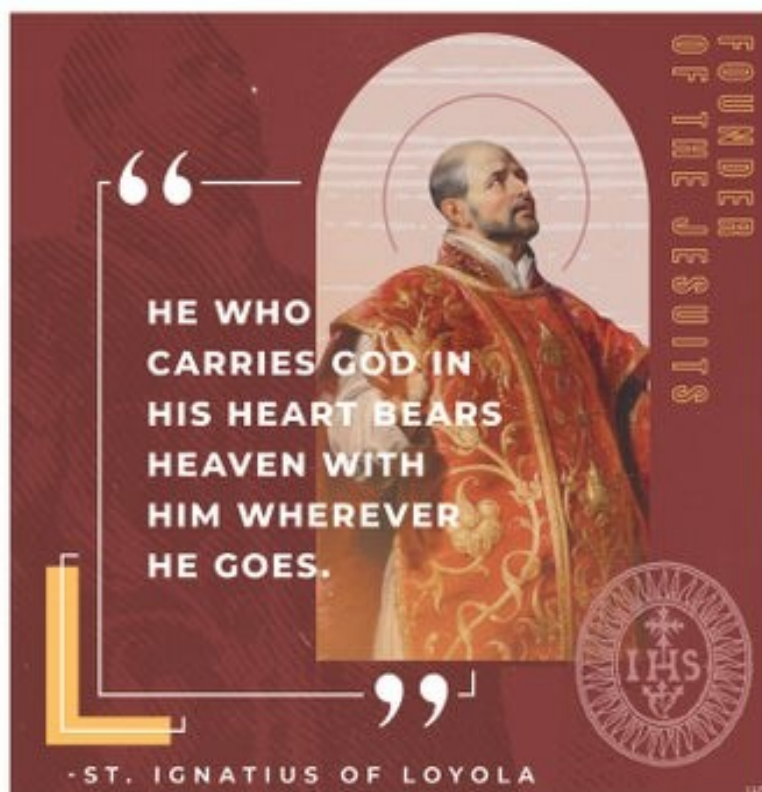
Gospel:

Jesus encourages his disciples to be persistent and bold in praying to God. Can you think of a time when God answered a bold prayer from you?



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7:00 P.M.  FRIDAY AUGUST 1, 2025

Heart of Many Ways

**68 Mountain Street
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The 1973 Longhair Invasion – ESHM Time Travel Event!

Friday Aug 8, 2025

5:00 PM - 10:00 PM CDT

Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center

207 W. Van Buren

Eureka Springs, AR 72632



Description

The Eureka Springs Historical Museum is excited to announce our new TIME TRAVEL event for this year: The 1973 Longhair Invasion!

LAST YEAR, we traveled back to 1898 for the infamous Eureka Springs Jailbreak and the ensuing “Jailbird Ball”. Our guests were treated to an unforgettable evening of period music and entertainment, mugshots, a silent auction of items from the “evidence room”, an immersive jailbreak experience, social dancing, and some of the best “prison food” ever served on this side of the Mississippi.

THIS YEAR, we’re getting into a different groove! On the evening of August 8, 2025, we’re breaking out the bell-bottoms, tie-dye, and longhair fashions as we pay tribute to the Eureka Springs of 1973 and the “Longhair Invasion” of back-to-the-land artists, musicians, and free-thinkers that turned our town into an original Ozark hippie haven.

Details coming soon – Please share and save the date!

Eureka Springs Jazz Weekend

Friday Aug 1, 2025 Sunday Aug 3, 2025

Location

All around Eureka Springs!



Join us for a Jazzy weekend in Eureka Springs!

Friday, August 1st

Grady Nichols Basin Park 6-8pm

Michael Wouters- Jack Rabbet's 6-8pm

JD & CO – Gotahold Brewing 6-8pm

Blake Gardener- Frisco Sporting Club 7-9pm

Urban Jazz Collective- Chelsea's 9-11pm

Saturday, August 2nd

Eureka Waters- New Delhi 12-4pm

Tim Hillwood- Gotahold Brewing 1-3pm

Alicia Patillo- Basin Park 4-6pm

Chris Combs Duo- Gotahold Brewing 6-8pm

Eureka Waters- Frisco Sporting Club 7-9pm

Blood on the Mandolin- Missy's White Rabbit Lounge 8-11pm

Sunday, August 3rd

Michael Wouters- Frisco Sporting Club 4-6pm



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