

May 5, 2024
6th Sunday of
Easter

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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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.
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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"If you keep my
commandments, you will
remain in my love, just as
I have kept my Father's
commandments and remain
in his love." - Jn 15:10

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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.

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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.

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, APRIL 7

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, MAY 9

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Daily Mass 8:30am

SATURDAY, MAY 11

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

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-21 *Ascension* Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6); Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6); Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7,

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Bill Farrar - /4, Donnie Diggs - 5/7,
Sally Fernandez - 5/7, Gary Finkeldei - 5/9

May you have many more!



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, MAY 11

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Robert Bartos

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth

Altar Server: Jim Witkowski

SUNDAY, MAY 12

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Phyllis McGuire

EMCs: Rod McGuire, Karen Finkeldei, Mindy Godfrey

Ushers: Ted Meyer, Mike Godfrey

Altar Server: Dan Kees

Mass Intentions



Tuesday, May 7

For the Repose of the Soul of Lorraine Ivnic

Thursday, May 9

For the Intentions of Shannen Irene Kolde

Friday, May 10

For the Repose of the Soul of Andrea Joan Schulke

Saturday, May 11

For the Repose of the Soul of Lorraine Ivnic

Sunday, May 12

For the Repose of the Soul of Lorraine Ivnic




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, Linda Gilmore, Marci Krieger, Chuck Maxwell, Joe McDaniel, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, Arlene Ray and Libbie Vesekla

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Charlotte Nowlin

OUR MILITARY - Tyler Horning and Nic Smith.



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

May Gift Shop Schedule

Sun., 5/5	9:30-4:00	Stamps
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Thurs., 5/9	10:00-4:00	Lubbers
Fri., 5/10	10:00-4:00	Reed
Sat., 5/11	10:00-4:00	Leggett
Sun., 5/12	9:30-4:00	Selleck

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Most U.S. Catholics Approve of Pope Francis

A new report shows most U.S. Catholics approve of Pope Francis, but his ratings have slipped in the past few years, marked by political divides.

Recent data shows that 75% of U.S. Catholics regard the Pope favorably, compared to 83% in 2021 and 90% in 2015. However Pope Francis has generally earned higher marks among the nation's Catholics than Pope Benedict XVI, although neither pope has enjoyed the popularity of St. John Paul II.

Data has also shown that 89% of U.S. Catholics who are Democrats approve of the pope, while just 7% disapprove of him, while 63% of U.S. Catholics who are Republican approve of him with 35% disapproving of him.



*Our Seminarians
for the month of
May, 2024*

Duwan Booker

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For more information

on our seminarians, go to

www.dolr.org/seminarians



Joel Brackett

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, “He is mistaken about our friendship. I don’t recall ever having suffered with him.” As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now I’m not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn’t the juxtaposition of *suffering* with *friendship* sound exactly like JPPII? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, “**You are my friends if you do what I command you**” (John 15:14). In Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command - to love, to lay down our lives for others - will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you’ll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you’ve suffered together a great deal.

-Father John Muir



St. Cyril of Jerusalem was a bishop in the fourth century. His teachings on the Eucharist, among other topics, secured his place as a Doctor of the Church. Though his ministry was marked by estrangement, exile, and ultimately, reconciliation, he never lost his faith!



IS GOD CALLING YOU?

The “**Come and See**” Discernment Retreat is for men ages 16 and older to learn about answering God’s call. Rooted in prayer, the retreat includes talks, group discussions, videos and personal testimonies by priests and seminarians. For information, call Georgina Pena in the Vocations office at 501-664-0340, ext. 353, or email gpena@dolr.org.

Retreat is in Rogers, AR on June 1st.
Registration due by May 28th.



PRAYER OF LOVE

God the Father,

You created me in love.

Jesus, your love for me compelled you to come to earth to die for me.

Holy Spirit, love between God and Jesus, now you surround me with the love of the Father and the Son.

Help me to live out this reality, today and always.

Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

As I Love You

This week my children were learning about energy. We set up an experiment with toy cars — one was placed in front of another, and a third was pushed into the two stationary ones.

The forward motion caused the front car to move, but not much. "Most of the energy goes into the car in the middle, not the car on the end," my daughter concluded.

I asked her why she seems to have so much energy, and I seem to have so little.

"Because you're old," she replied confidently.

Most days I feel like that first car, barreling at life with all my energy and love and good intentions, only to have it almost entirely absorbed by the proverbial middle car. It's so easy to be discouraged. The devil so badly wants us to feel discouraged.

But the law of love is not unlike the law of conservation of energy. Love is neither created nor destroyed. It is only transferred from one form to another. And yes, sometimes it certainly seems like it disappears. It appears to get lost between my hands and the plate of dinner that goes uneaten or evaporates off of my lips as words I fear are never heard. It is spat upon as a commandment the world would prefer I do not keep.

But we are not called to simply love one another — to love when it seems effective and productive and appreciated. We are called to love as Christ loved: recklessly, selflessly, and yes, even without logic. We are called to love with a love that doesn't give up and is never withdrawn. A love that doesn't fear death or the world's hatred. A love that stands willing to argue, to be reviled, to be dismissed.

We are called to be that first car, hurtling ourselves against a world that isn't ready to accept or understand us. And we trust that, even when we can't see how, the love that seems to disappear simply changes forms.

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."
— John 15:12*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

My neighbor is just beginning to explore the Catholic faith but was raised agnostic. I grew up believing in God, praying, and attending Mass. How does one start from scratch as an adult to develop a relationship with God?

Answer:

Start on a personal level! How did you and your neighbor become friends? How did you begin to discuss such a personal topic as faith? Communication, spending time together, and getting to know each other are essential to forming the bonds of a relationship. Personal prayer is essential to our relationship with God. We can't be close to someone we don't know! Invite your friend to explore the stories of Jesus in the Bible. Introduce them to the lives of the saints, especially ones you think they might be interested in.

Your neighbor might also have questions about the Catholic faith that you don't know how to answer. If your friend hasn't yet enrolled in RCIA classes, invite them to Mass at your parish. Introduce your friend to the faith formation director to make a connection. Personal support can be helpful as well, especially if few of your neighbor's current friends are practicing their faith. Connect your neighbor to other people in your parish living their faith well. The good examples of other faithful people could help your neighbor to feel welcomed and supported. Our Church is vibrant and alive!

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

- Jn 15:16-17

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The Jewish believers who accompanied Peter to the house of Cornelius were "astonished" that Gentiles who had faith in Jesus also received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Have you ever been surprised by what God has done in your life?

Second Reading:

John teaches us that the essence of God is love and we are called to love one another. Who might you work on loving this week?

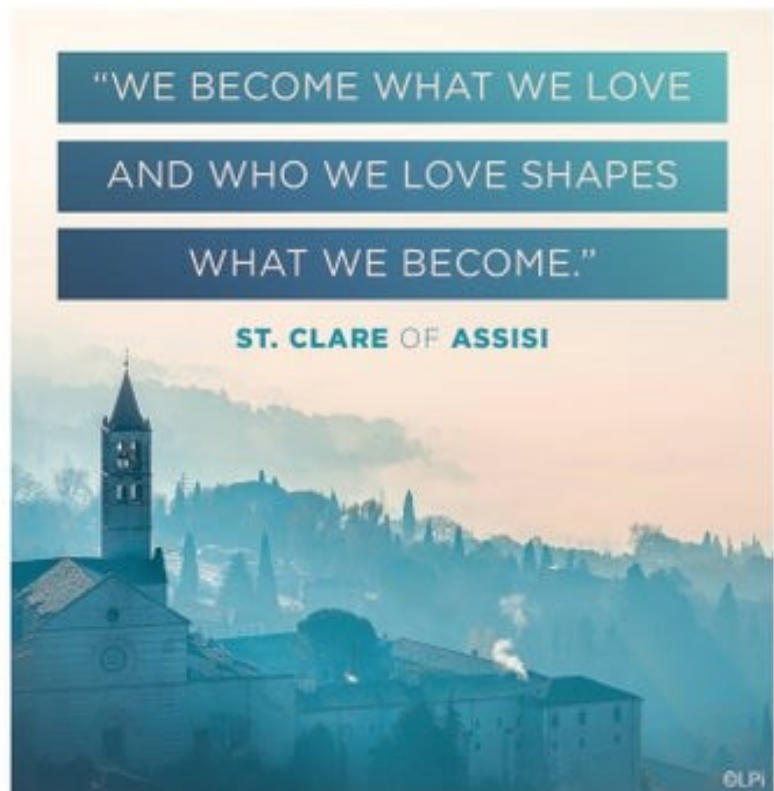
Gospel:

Jesus taught his disciples that loving him and loving each other brings "complete joy." What brings you joy in your life?



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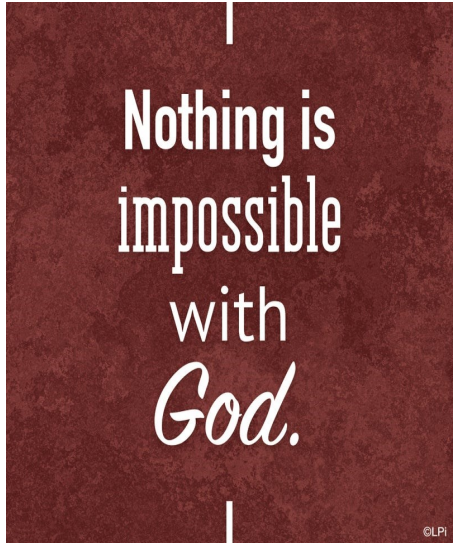




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POPE

“

GOD MADE US FOR
JOY. GOD IS JOY,
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- ST. JOHN PAUL II





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