

October 1, 2023

26th Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

# SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Eureka Springs, Arkansas*

## Contact Us...

### CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive  
Eureka Springs, AR  
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### 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

### OFFICE HOURS

Tues. & Thurs.  
10:00am-4:00pm

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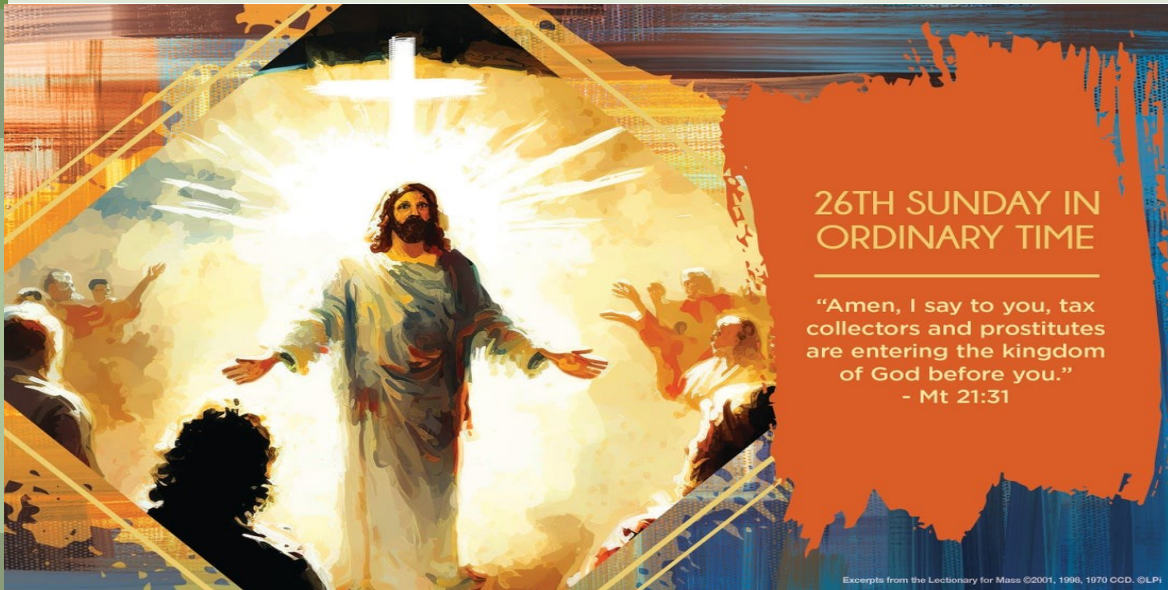
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## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, tax  
collectors and prostitutes  
are entering the kingdom  
of God before you."  
- Mt 21:31

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 seven days a week (March - Oct.) 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.

## PARISH STAFF & MINISTRY LEADERS

### Pastor

Rev. Joseph Archibong

### Parish Secretary & Bookkeeper

Nancy Elfter

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Sharon Parker

### Parish Council Chair, Parish Life,

Gift Shop Manager Rod McGuire

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### Religious Education for Youth

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## SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Adoration 8:00am  
Daily Mass 8:30am

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Daily Mass 8:30am  
Confessions 9:15am

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Daily Mass 12:00noon at the PC

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

### *Readings for the Week*

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;  
Mt 18:1-5, 10  
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62  
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;  
Lk 10:1-12  
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12; 27-29; Ps 69:33-37;  
Lk 10:17-24

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

Tommy Reinhart - 10/1, Fran Ricciardi - 10/1,  
Mary Mills - 10/2, Jessica Mumaugh - 10/2,  
John Shie - 10/4

*May you have many more!*

### ANGELIC

The reason angels can fly is because they  
take themselves lightly.

-G.K. Chesterton



### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

**Lector:** Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi

**EMCs:** see sign-up sheet

**Ushers:** Robert Bartos, Sophie Bartos

**Altar Server:** Jim Witkowski

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:30am Mass at the Church

**Lector:** Larry Stamps

**EMCs:** Mary Szafranski

**Ushers:** Mike Murphy, Bev Wright

**Altar Server:** Leva Murphy



### *Mass Intentions*

Tuesday, October 3

For the Intentions of the Caleron Family

Thursday, October 5

For the Intentions of Jo Ann Carfield

Friday, October 6

For the Repose of the Soul of Portia Morton

Saturday, October 7

For the Repose of the Soul of Portia Morton

Sunday, October 8

For the Repose of the Soul of Portia Morton



*Pray for us...*



### OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Connie Breaux, Richard & Sheila Fowler,  
Florence Giel, Charlotte Nowlin, Ernie & Helen Wright  
and Barbara Witkowski.

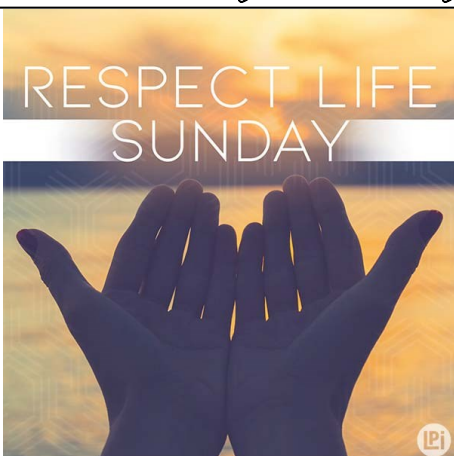
### OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Patsy Crawford, Robert Elworth, Marci Krieger, Chuck  
Maxwell, Joe McDaniel, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino,  
David & Becky Sisco and Debra Reid

### THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -

**OUR MILITARY** - Tyler Horning, George Schwender,  
and Nic Smith.





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**Annual Red Mass**

Please join Bishop Anthony B. Taylor and the Saint Thomas Moore Society in the celebration of the 29th Annual Red Mass of the Holy Spirit on Friday, Oct. 6, 2023, 12:00noon at Christ the King Church, 4000 North Rodney Parham Rd., Little Rock. The Red Mass is open to all to pray for our judicial system, bench, bar, law professors and all civic and public officials. Lunch will follow in the CTK Family Life Center for \$25. Register for lunch by Sept. 29 at St. Thomas Moore Society, P.O. Box 1426, North Little Rock, AR 72115-1426, or via PayPal at <https://tinyurl.com/Red-Mass-2023>. For more information, contact Connie Brown Phillips, Red Mass Chairperson, 501-680-6919 or [cbphillips-law@gmail.com](mailto:cbphillips-law@gmail.com).



***Our Seminararians  
for the month of  
October, 2023***

**Quinton Thomas**

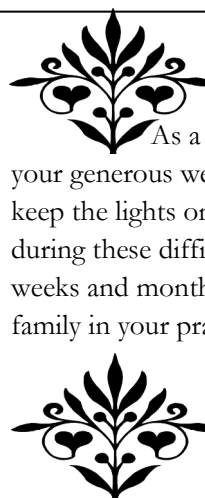
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For more information  
on our seminararians, go to  
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**Steven  
Wilson**



**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**

***October Gift Shop Schedule***

Sun. 10/1	9:30-4:00	Stamps
Mon. 10/2	10:00-4:00	Breaux
Thurs. 10/5	10:00-4:00	L. Murphy
	1:00-4:00	Ricciardi
Fri. 10/6	10:00-1:00	M. Leggett
	1:00-4:00	Elfter
Sat. 10/7	10:00-4:00	M. Leggett
Sun. 10/8	9:30-4:00	Selleck

***St. Elizabeth Coming Events***

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Bingo, Brats & Beer  
Friday, October 27th

ST. ELIZABETH DAY MASS & BREAKFAST  
Friday, November 17th

ST. ELIZABETH CHRISTMAS PARTY  
Friday, December 15th

Details announced as the events get closer.



**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

**St. Theodora Guerin**, a French immigrant to the U.S., established a community of the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. Her congregation went on to start numerous schools and institutions as well as orphanages and free pharmacies to care for the poor and sick.



**PRAYER**

St. Mother Theodore Guerin, valiant woman of God, intercede for us in our needs. Implore for us through Jesus, the Christ, the gifts of a living faith, abiding hope and steadfast charity, so that through a life of prayer and service with others we may aid in promoting the Providence of God among all peoples. St. Mother Theodore Guerin, pray for us. Amen.



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## THE MYSTERY OF MERCY

For the past several weeks, the word of God has drawn us into the mystery of mercy. Today's readings deepen our reflection, reminding us how blessed we are to know God's kindness and sharing practical ways to show compassion to others. The prophet Ezekiel cautions God's chosen people, emphasizing that bad behavior naturally leads to painful consequences. The psalm responds prayerfully: "Remember your mercies, O Lord." In this prayer, we ask for the mercy of recognizing our sins and receiving the strength to act differently. In his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul invites us into a daunting challenge of mercy: "humbly regard others as more important than yourselves." If we scoff at Paul's challenge as impossibly naïve, the Gospel gives us a chance to reconsider. Our natural instincts of self-preservation might reject merciful behavior initially, but like the sun in today's Gospel of mercy, we can change our minds.

## CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

### Prayer to My Guardian Angel

Angel of God  
My guardian dear  
To Whom His Love  
Commits me here  
Ever this day  
Be at my side  
To light and guard  
To rule and guide. Amen



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## PEACEFUL HEART

While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.

*-St. Francis of Assisi*

## OUR FASCINATING FAITH St. Francis of Assisi (October 4)

Francis was born in 1182 in Assisi, Italy, into the Bernardone family, wealthy merchants engaged in the cloth trade. At the age of twenty he joined the army; after a failed expedition he was captured and suffered a complete breakdown. During his recovery he began to discover God in ordinary life. His encounters with God in the contemplation of nature grew more and more frequent, and he realized that true wealth is in heaven. He began giving away his possessions - and his father's - to the poor. This so enraged his father that he beat Francis and brought him before the bishop. There, Francis stripped naked, renounced his father's goods, and declared that God alone was now his father. Heeding a vision in which he was called by God to "Repair my house," Francis went to rebuild a small church called the Portiuncula. Over time, he was given to understand that what God desired was a spiritual rebuilding of the Church. This call he heeded as well, ultimately founding the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) and contributing greatly to the renewal of the universal Church. Francis embodied the essence of living poor in order to embrace the poor. He died in 1226 at the age of 44, carrying on his body the stigmata of Christ's passion.



# *Month* of the *Rosary*



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"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

- Mt 21:32



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### The Vineyard

The second son never showed up to the vineyard. Did he get lost? Did he get tired? Did he not know where to begin?

When it comes right down to it, good intentions amount to very little. We all know this, don't we? "Show me, don't tell me." "I'll believe it when I see it." It's as true in the workplace and in relationships as it is in the life of the Christian disciple.

It doesn't matter if we *intend* to work in the vineyard. It doesn't matter if we promise to, if we think about it a lot, or if we make grand plans for what we will accomplish there. None of that matters if we don't show up. Before we show up, we have to find the way.

Showing up is the whole point. The work is the point, not the intention.

But all this begs the question: what does the *work* mean for us as baptized Catholics in the modern world? Spending our Saturdays in soup kitchens and homeless shelters? Standing on a street corner shouting out the words of the Gospel?

Our baptismal call is to the vineyard. Where is our vineyard? How do we show up? *We are ready, Lord, we say. We intend to work. But where do we go?*

My vineyard is not your vineyard, and so it's not my place to tell you how to get there. I am glad you want to go, but you'll have to find your own way, just like I will. But I can tell you this: only one voice will lead you there. If you listen to it, you will find your vineyard.

*"Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way." — Psalm 25:8*

*Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

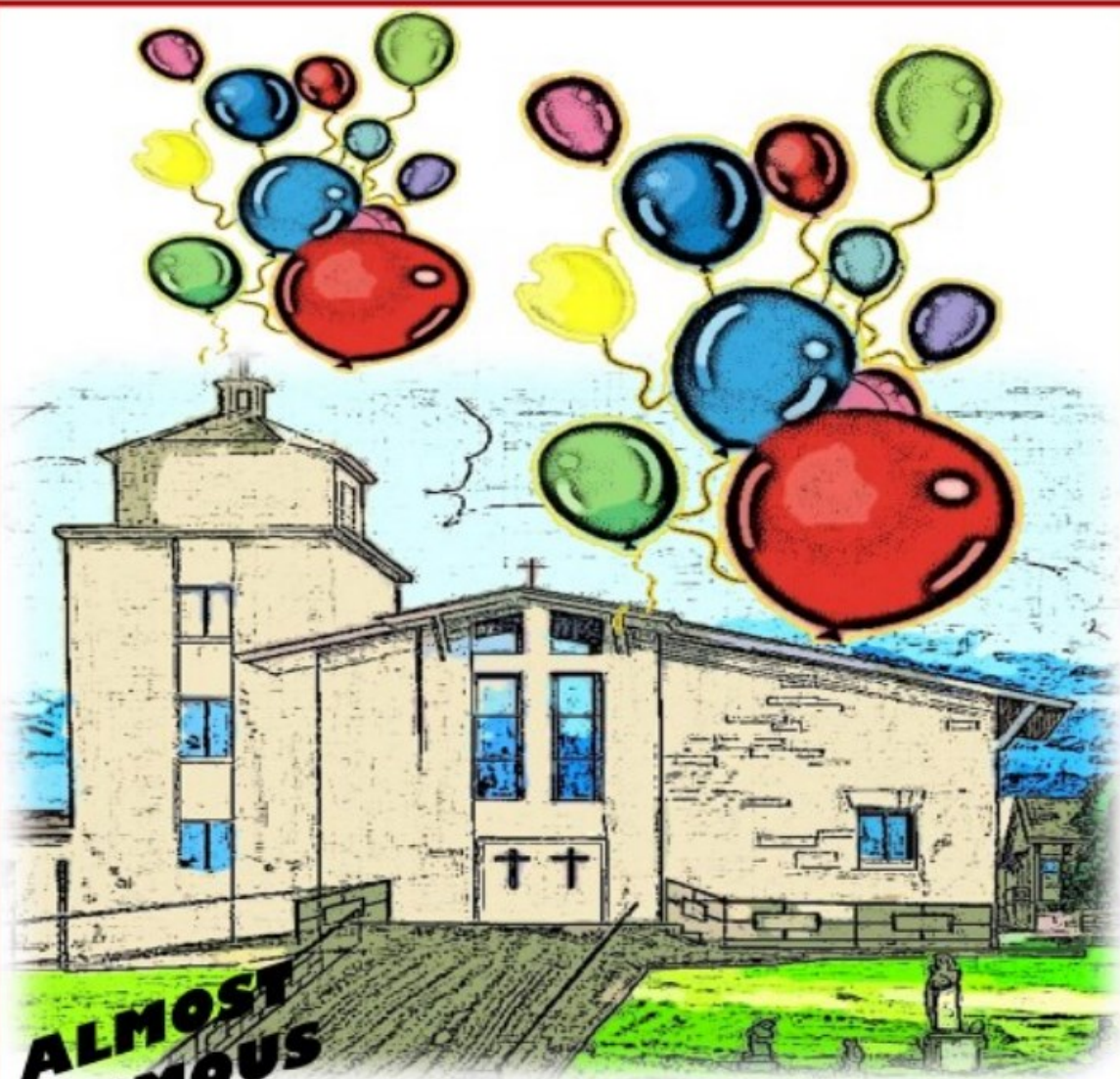
Can anyone offer the Anointing of the Sick to a sick or dying person, or is that only something a priest can do?

### Answer:

The Letter of James speaks to us of the ancient tradition of a special anointing and blessing of those who are sick: "Is there anyone sick among you? Let him send for the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord ... If he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven him" (5:14, 15b). This passage forms the foundation for the theology of the sacrament that we call "Anointing of the Sick." In keeping with what we read in the Letter of James and the ancient tradition of the Church, the anointing of a person of who sick or dying many only be performed by a priest or bishop.

Although deacons and other members of the Church are not able to celebrate the sacrament with a person who is sick, we can read Sacred Scripture and pray with and for those who are ill. Resources like the Book of Blessings also contain special blessings that can be celebrated by deacons or lay ministers. In the end, we want to be sure that we show a special care and concern for the sick, helping them to always experience God's loving comfort through made tangible through our acts of charity and service.





**ALMOST  
FAMOUS**

# International Food Festival of Saint Anne

**Saturday/sábado  
October/octubre 7th  
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