

October 29, 2023

30th 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  
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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.  
10:00am-4:00pm

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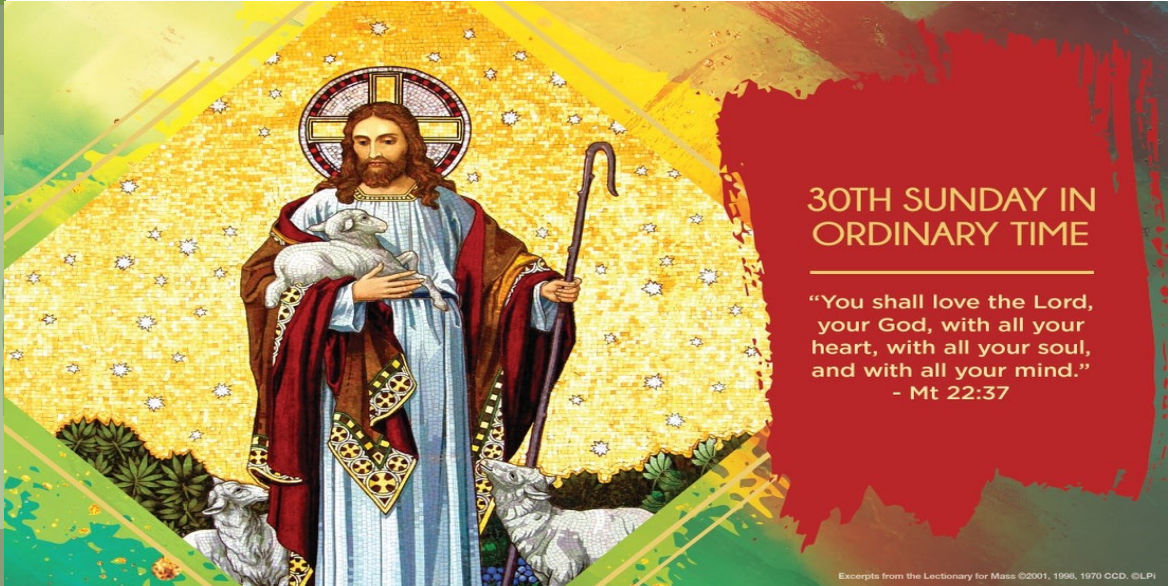
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## 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord,  
your God, with all your  
heart, with all your soul,  
and with all your mind."  
- Mt 22:37

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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 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

### Director of Music

Sharon Parker

### Parish Council Chair, Parish Life,

Gift Shop Manager Rod McGuire

### Finance Council Chair

Ted Meyer

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### Liturgical Ministers & Ministry of Care

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### Religious Education for Youth

Contact St. Anne in Berryville

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# THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

## SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Adoration 8:00am  
Daily Mass 8:30am

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Daily Mass 8:30am  
Confessions 9:15am

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Daily Mass 12:00noon at the PC

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21;  
Lk 13:10-17  
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21  
Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-67; 1 Jn 3:1-3;  
Mt 5:1-12a  
Thursday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or  
6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from  
no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead,  
nos. 1011-1016  
Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;  
Lk 14:1-6  
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13

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

Vicki Vanderhorn - 10/30

*May you have many more!*

### NO FOOLING

You may fool those who work above you; you may fool those who work around you; but you will rarely fool those who work under you.

-Anonymous

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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, NOVEMBER 5

8:30am Mass at the Church

**Lector:** Mike Godfrey

**EMCs:** Mindy Godfrey

**Ushers:** Ted Meyer, Bev Wright

**Altar Server:** Dan Kees



### Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 31

For the Repose of the Souls of Carl & Phyllis Cooley

Thursday, November 2

For the Repose of the Soul of Ryan Yarham

Friday, November 3

For the Repose of the Soul of Nita Reuter

Saturday, November 4

For the Repose of the Soul of Bobby Elworth

Sunday, November 5

For the Repose of the Soul of Drenda Higdon



## Pray for us...



### OUR PARISHIONERS -

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

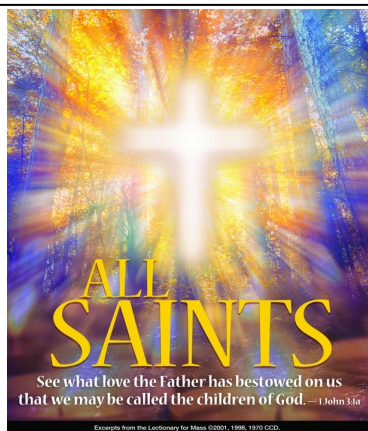
### OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

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

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -** Bobby Elworth

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





## World Mission Sunday

A heartfelt thank you to each one of you for your outpouring of support on World Mission Sunday. Together, our parish raised money for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your generosity echoes the theme **“Hearts on fire, feet on the move,”** bringing warmth and hope to communities worldwide. To remain connected and engaged with the Pope’s commitment to the universal mission of the Church is deeply appreciated.

## ALTAR OF THE DEAD

Please bring your photos to the Parish Center Library after October 22.



## Our Seminarians for the month of October, 2023

### Quinton Thomas

Contact address:

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

For more information  
on our seminarians, go to  
[www.dolr.org/seminarians](http://www.dolr.org/seminarians)



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



### Oct. / Nov. Gift Shop Schedule

Sun. 10/29	9:30-4:00	Stamps
Mon. 10/30	10:00-4:00	Closed
Thurs. 11/2	10:00-1:00	L. Murphy
	1:00-4:00	Ricciardi
Fri. 11/3	10:00-1:00	Leggett
	1:00-4:00	Elfter
Sat. 11/4	10:00-4:00	Leggett
Sun. 11/5	9:30-4:00	N. Barnett

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** Bingo, Brats & Beer has been canceled due to the lack of Parishioners signing up to buy tickets. Sorry to miss such a fun and joyful activity.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**Blessed Father Francis Xavier Seeios** was a German immigrant and redemptorist priest deeply committed to serving those marginalized in the USA during the 1800's. He was known for his gentle and compassionate nature and his tireless dedication to the poor and the sick.

### PRAYER

O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer, let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight. I offer to You the grace You have bestowed on Your humble missionary. Blessed Francis Xavier Seeios.

May I have the same joyful vigor that Blessed Seeios possessed during his earthly life to love you deeply and live faithfully your gospel. Amen





A **BIG THANKS** goes to **Doug and Marlisa Gautier** for doing such an outstanding job in keeping the Parish Center Sign and Garden so very lovely.



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



## *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*October 29, 2023*

### **GOD'S LAW AND GOD'S LOVE**

The secret to our Sunday readings today lies in the Gospel Acclamation: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him" (John 14:23). That single line from John's Gospel gets right to the heart of today's readings, reminding us of the intimate relationship between the law ("keeping God's word") and God's love. While human nature tends to resist burdensome rules, our readings show us the wisdom of God's plan that guides us with the rule of law. In Exodus, the law boldly prevents injustice, protecting the most vulnerable members of society. In Thessalonians, the law elevates our behavior and saves us from "the coming wrath." In Matthew's Gospel, the law swaddles us in God's compassion. In loving God, neighbor, and self, we imitate God and bring blessing to a fractured world.

### **We offer these special Universal Prayers for those affected by the violence in the Middle East**

For all innocent people in the Middle East harmed by violence or instability, may God's grace sustain and strengthen them and keep them from harm, let us pray to the Lord.

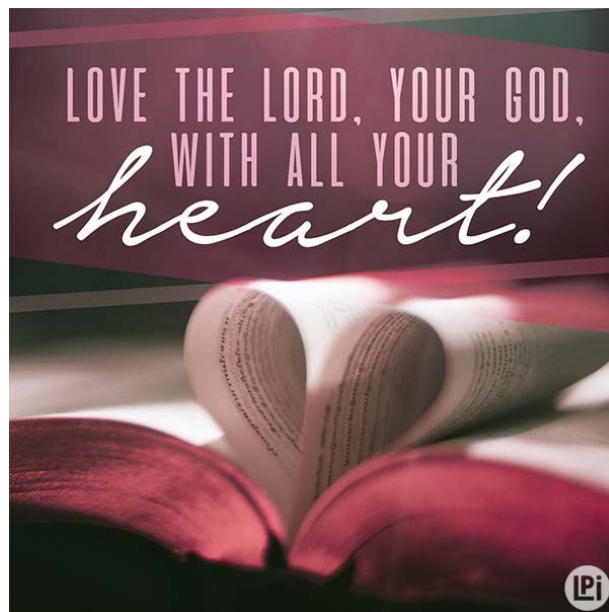
For those who are mourning the deaths of friends and family members, and those whose loved ones are missing, may God console them in their pain and grief and grant them strength, let us pray to the Lord.

### ***OUR FASCINATING FAITH* Day of the Dead (*All Souls Day* - November 2nd)**

During the month of October, Mexico and other Latin American countries prepare for the celebration of **All Saints Day** (November 1) and **All Souls Day** (November 2). In these countries, these two feasts are a mixture of ancient Christian rites and Meso-American devotions. They assert that death is a natural part of the cycle of life and that the deceased are not forgotten by their loved ones. This is the basis of the Catholic devotion to the saints: God is God of the living and not the dead (Matthew 22:32).

At the end of October and the beginning of November, families spend time in the cemetery, visiting the graves of their relatives and friends, washing the headstones, placing bouquets of marigolds, and lighting candles. This custom is similar to that of the Christian Romans who did the same with the tombs of martyrs and relatives in the catacombs.

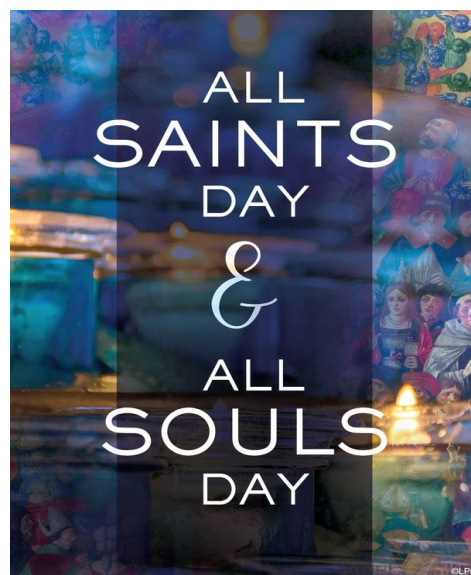
Often we cannot go back to the graves of our loved ones, so the custom of the altars of the dead has become important in our churches and homes. Many Latinos construct and adorn small altars and dedicate them to the souls of their loved ones who have died. On the altars are found decorated colored paper, photographs of the deceased, religious articles, food, drink and other things that the deceased enjoyed during their lives. These altars are testimony to the fact that deceased Christians do not forget us and we do not forget them either. The love of God unites us forever.



### **INCLUSIVE LOVE**

Love of our neighbors is included in the love of God.

*-St. Thomas Aquinas*



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### 27 Words That Matter

One of the quickest things you learn as a parent is how dangerous it is to explain too much, especially when your kid is teetering on the brink of a rebellion. The fewer words you use, the more power they have. A kid who is about to be carried away by their feelings needs to be brought back to earth with a tether made of short, succinct directions.

There are a lot of similarities between the Pharisees of Scripture and a toddler on the edge of a meltdown. Stay with me — this will make sense, I promise. Think about it: both toddlers and Pharisees have lots of feelings and lots of opinions. Both toddlers and Pharisees think you're out to get them. Both toddlers and Pharisees keep trying to trick you to get what they *think* they want.

A thorough Google search informs me that there are about 80,000 words in the Torah. Eighty-thousand words, and Jesus can boil it all down to 27: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

It doesn't make the excess words untrue; it doesn't even make them unnecessary. Sometimes I need the long explanation, the full and complete picture.

Because sometimes, as much as I hate to admit it, I act like both a toddler and a Pharisee. I am carried away by my feelings. I don't trust God. I am about to bolt.

When that happens, I need to be told in short and simple terms what my salvation means. I need a tether made of short, succinct directions.

*"The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." — Matthew 22:40*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

What is a sacramental seal and where did it come from?

### Answer:

Leaving more than just a memory, there are some events in our life that are truly transforming, making us different people. The same thing can be said of spiritual things, especially sacraments. A sacramental seal or character is a theological concept to describe the life-changing and permanent effect of three sacraments on the person: baptism, confirmation, and holy orders. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that these sacraments confer a seal "by which the Christian shares in Christ's priesthood and is made a member of the Church according to different states and functions. This configuration to Christ and the Church, brought about by the Spirit, is indelible" (#1121).

Once we receive these sacraments, we are forever changed. It's a spiritual "point of no return" whereby we take a step forward in our faith journey. We are marked as people of faith, as those who have received the Spirit and as those called to serve in ordained ministry. That is why these sacraments are received only once. The direction is set, the choice is made, and we are called by God to be his people. Nothing can change that, not even our own sinfulness.





# *30<sup>th</sup> Sunday*

IN ORDINARY TIME



He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." - Mt 22:37-39



A painting of several hands clasped together in a circle, symbolizing unity and love. The hands are of various ages and skin tones, and the background is a soft, textured wash of light colors. The text "Love Your Neighbor" is overlaid in the center in a bold, black, serif font.

# Love Your Neighbor



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