

October 26, 2025

30th Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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30 Crescent Drive
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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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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, OCTOBER 28

No Mass

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

No Mass

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

No Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC
 Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC
 Vigil Mass (All Saints Day) 4:00pm at the PC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

All Souls Day 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2 & 4, 6-7ab, 20-21;
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 3-4; Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31;
Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;
Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;
1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Sunday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5-11
or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Billy George – 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 1

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, NOVEMBER 2

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Phyllis McGuire

EMCs: Rod McGuire, Mary Szafranski, Karen Finkeldei

Ushers: Mike Murphy, Gary Finkeldei

Altar Server: Leva Murphy



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 28

No Mass

Thursday, October 30

No Mass

Friday, October 31

No Mass

Saturday, November 1

For the Repose of the Soul of Minnie Martin

Sunday, November 2

For the Repose of the Soul of Ryan Yarham

Pray for



OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Florence Giels, Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi and Barbara Witkowski.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Regina Booth, Bradshaw Cate, 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, David Reuter, Connie Stielow, Ed Terrill, Libbie Vesekla and Betty Wallace.

OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -



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 October 11 & 12 was **\$3,040.79**. For the Fiscal year (7/25-6/26) is **\$51,776.70**.

Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of 9/16/25:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Parishioners	\$825,303	\$453,890
Non-Parishioners	\$113,380	\$ 55,673
Donations	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>69,397</u>
	\$938,683	\$578,960

Please remember to bring in pictures of your deceased to put in front of the Altar for the whole month of November. You may drop them off at the Parish Center or the Church.

The Parish Life Committee is announcing upcoming events. Save the dates on your calendar!
November 17...St. Elizabeth Feast Day



Mass at the Church...8:30am
 Country Breakfast *(by reservation)* at the Parish Center...9:30am
 Reservation sign-up will start on weekend of October 27

Gift of Giving Name Drawings
 Weekend of November 15-16, 22-23 and 29-30 or until all names are drawn

Friday, December 12...St. Elizabeth Church Christmas Party (*Gift of Giving Gifts are due).

Feast of Christmas Dinner...turkey and ham entre, with pot luck sides, dessert provided.

Bingo with Hobby Lobby Christmas Décor as prizes
Reservation Sign-Up will begin on weekend of Nov. 22



GIFT SHOP

Oct. & Nov. Gift Shop

Sun., 10/26	9:30-4:00	McGuire
Mon., 10/27	10:00-1:00	D. Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 10/28	10:00-4:00	Buttecali
Thurs., 10/30	10:00-1:00	T. Kees
	1:00-4:00	Horning
Friday, 10/31	10:00-1:00	Elfter
	1:00-4:00	Finkeldei
Sat., 11/1	10:00-1:00	Szafranski
	1:00-4:00	Elfter
Sun., 11/2	9:39-4:00	Stamps



“Photography for our new pictorial directory starts in just a couple of weeks! Photography will be taking place Nov. 4-5. If you haven’t scheduled already, we still have slots available and we want you to be included. You are an important part of our church family and our directory wouldn’t be complete without you! For participating you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait as well as an updated church directory. The process will only take about 30-45 minutes and you will have the opportunity to purchase family portraits. You can schedule your appointment by contacting Nanette at 405-625-2745 or by clicking the link below. Thank you for your commitment to the church - we appreciate all that you do to support and be a part of our church community.
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Our Seminarians for the month of October, 2025



Benjamin Keating

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

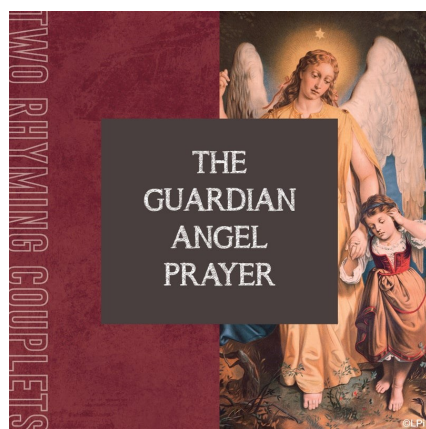
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: “I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God’s sons and daughters.” His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the hearts of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride’s sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable’s penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might “go home justified.”

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, “Have mercy on us,” during Mass or when we repeat the “Jesus Prayer” in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ’s example - finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

-Father John Muir



DEVOTIONS, *Explained!*

Often one of the first prayers taught to children, the Guardian Angel Prayer, consists of two rhyming couplets invoking the protection of one’s guardian angel. It’s exact authorship is unknown, but it originated in the medieval period.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Dear God,

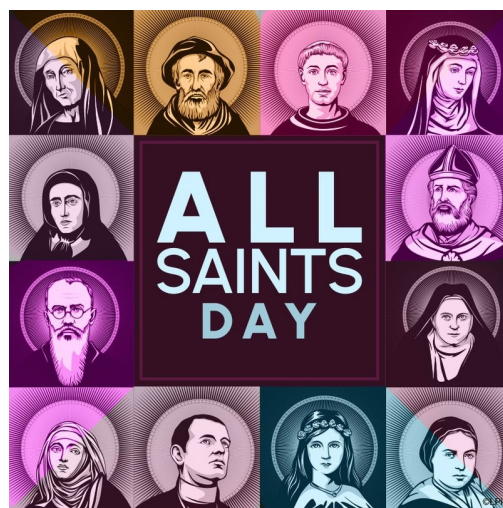
As we look forward to the week ahead, help us to remember that You will accompany us at every moment - You who greet us with mercy anew every morning, and grace in abundance each night.
Amen.



LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisee took such pride in his good deeds that he forgot to ask God for forgiveness: the tax collector acknowledged his many sins, and went home justified. Remember that we are saved not by our own merit, but by the mercy of God.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: The Pharisee did the right thing sometimes. He fasted. He tithed. But he gazed so long at his own holiness that he became blinded by it. He stood before God, and he could only think of what he had done right.

Tunnel Vision

There are some parents on the playground I really can't stand.

You know them, probably, if you're a parent, or if you're not, you know a different version of them. They'll tell you about how their little Brayden is a bilingual violin prodigy who sleeps through the night and only ever asks to snack on vegetables. But as soon as Brayden starts to chase your screaming kid with a stick, they're conveniently scrolling on their phone, unaware.

You're not irritated that their kid is smarter than yours and likes veggies (well, maybe you are, a little). You're irritated that they have tunnel vision. In striving for perfection, they have become unable to acknowledge imperfections.

If you're reading this, you're probably in church. If you're in church, you're probably someone who is concerned with what is right and what is wrong. I've got news for you: that might just make you (and me) more at risk of being like Brayden's parent than the people who stayed home today.

Unclutch your pearls! It was good of you to come to Mass. Definitely keep doing that. That's the right choice. Just don't forget that in making the right choice, we don't *become righteous*.

Look, I'm not going to lie to you. Sometimes, it's my kids who are doing the chasing with the stick. They're kids, and kids do dumb things, just like everyone else. And maybe it's because they hate vegetables and sleep terribly that I'm less reluctant than Brayden's mom to admit their mistakes. It's a hard fall from the pedestal.

If we're churchgoing followers of Christ, we are hopefully people who earnestly want to do the right thing. Maybe, sometimes, we do exactly that. The Pharisee did the right thing sometimes. He fasted. He tithed. But he gazed so long at his own holiness that he became blinded by it. He stood before God, and he could only think of what he had done right.

We need to stay vigilant, folks. Just when you look away, that's when Brayden grabs the stick.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we kneel at Mass?

Answer:

Since the beginnings of the Church, kneeling has been a key posture of prayer. We see Sts. Peter and Paul in the Acts of the Apostles kneeling in prayer. Early in the 4th century, the Council of Nicea prohibited kneeling on Sundays and special feasts. Kneeling began more as a posture of penance for our sins, but in the history of the Church, it has become more a posture of reverence and solemn prayer.

You will notice that the times we kneel at Mass are tied to the consecration of the holy Eucharist. We kneel in both anticipation of what will occur and then in awe of what has taken place: Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us under the guise of bread and wine. The profoundness of this event has over time led the Church to mandate in the current General Instruction of the Roman Missal that kneeling is the only posture allowed during this time. The sheer awesomeness of the holy Eucharist leads us to fall to our knees in wonder and thanksgiving.

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance... and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

- Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Sirach teaches us that God cares deeply about our desire for justice. Can you think of a time when you fought against an unjust situation?

Second Reading:

As Paul nears the end of his life, he shares with Timothy how he fought hard for the faith, ever grateful for the Lord's support. As you look back on your life, can you see where God has been present?

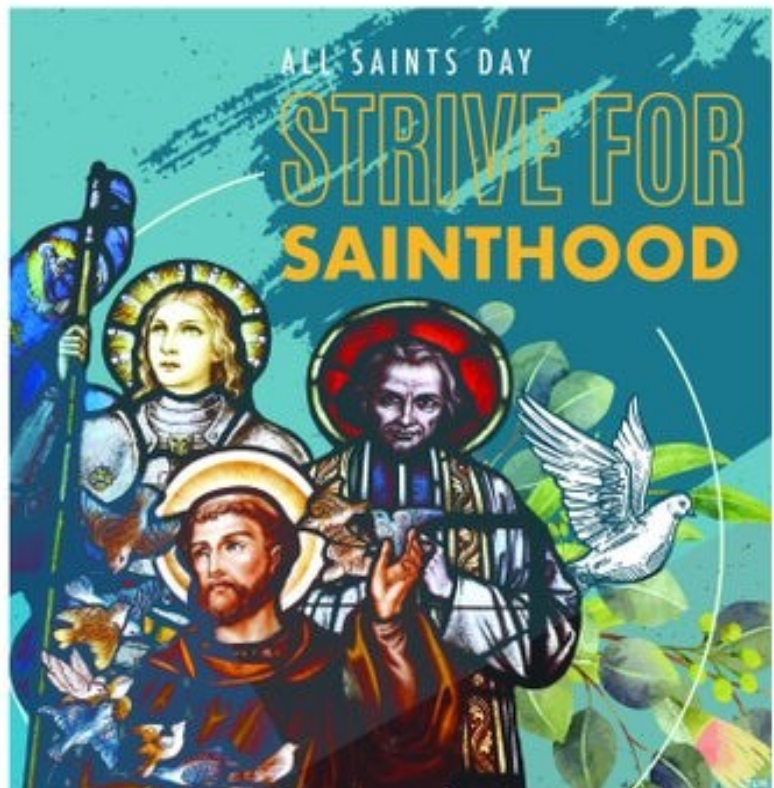
Gospel:

Jesus teaches the crowds about the importance of humility. Does humility come to you naturally or do you have to work at it?



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Melissa Carper LIVE at The Aud

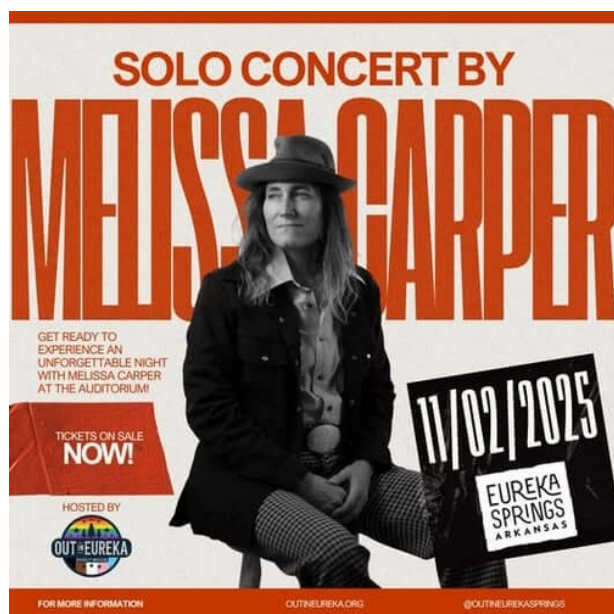
Sunday Nov 2, 2025

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM CST

The Auditorium

36 South Main Street

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Melissa Carper is a one-of-a-kind voice in American roots music. With a sound that blends classic country, western swing, soul, jazz, and blues, her music feels both timeless and fresh. A skilled upright bassist and powerhouse vocalist, Melissa draws comparisons to greats like Loretta Lynn and Billie Holiday – earning her the nickname “Hillbilly Holiday.”

Originally from Nebraska, Melissa spent years living and performing in Eureka Springs, where she found community and creative inspiration. She’s known for co-founding groups like The Carper Family, Sad Daddy, and Buffalo Gals with fiddler Rebecca Patek. Her years in Eureka’s music scene helped shape the storytelling style and vintage flair that define her solo work today.

Her breakthrough solo album Daddy’s Country Gold introduced fans to her signature blend of vulnerability and wit, with standout tracks like “Old Fashioned Gal.” She followed it with Ramblin’ Soul – a bold, genre-crossing record that earned national acclaim. Her most recent release, Borne In Ya, continues that evolution with lush arrangements and even deeper emotional resonance.

Melissa’s songs are heartfelt, often humorous, and always honest – a perfect fit for Fall Diversity Weekend, where storytelling, identity, and community take center stage. Join us for this unforgettable performance from an artist whose roots run deep in Eureka Springs.

Candlelight Concert at the Crescent Hotel

Saturday Nov 15, 2025

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM CST

1886 Crescent Hotel & Spa

75 Prospect

Eureka Springs, AR 72632



Autumn Get Together-Candlelight Concert

Join us at the Crescent Hotel for a one-of-a-kind candlelit concert, featuring a music artist to be announced soon.

The evening begins with a reception at 6 PM.

Tickets are \$15 per person and include a guaranteed seat plus one specialty cocktail.

The performance takes place on the East Lawn of the 1886 Crescent Hotel & Spa, with limited seating and additional standing room available. A cash bar will also be open for guests throughout the event.

The Crescent Hotel is proud to support live music. The Autumn Get Together candlelit performance offers a memorable way to experience talented artists in a unique setting.

Doors open at 6 PM, and the music begins at 6:30 PM.

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