

October 6, 2024

27th Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive
Eureka Springs, AR
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PARISH CENTER

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

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“But from the beginning
of creation, God made
them male and female.”
- Mk 10:6

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.

PARISH STAFF & MINISTRY LEADERS

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Rev. Joseph Archibong

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

Daily Mass 12:00noon at the PC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8 & 10c;
Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,
114c-15; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Lk 11:1-4
Thursday Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75;
Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Lk 11:15-26
Saturday Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Lk 11:27-28

TRUE WEALTH

Measure wealth not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money.

-Anonymous



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Robert Bartos

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth

Altar Server: Robbie Bartos

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Rod McGuire

EMCs: Phyllis McGuire, Mindy Godfrey, Mike Godfrey

Ushers: Michael Murphy, Leva Murphy

Altar Server: Mike Lubbers



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 8

For the Repose of the Soul of Wilbur J. Hall

Thursday, October 10

For the Repose of the Soul of Wilbur J. Hall

Friday, October 11

For the Repose of the Souls of the Fritz & George

Families

Saturday, October 12

For the Repose of the Souls of the Fritz & George

Families

Sunday, October 13

For the Intentions of Suzanne Bryde

Pray for



OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Richard & Sheila Fowler, Florence Giels, Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Patsy Crawford, Mary Ann Dobrobnly, Linda Gilmore, Pam Heinzl, Marci Krieger, Chuck Maxwell, Joe McDaniel, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, Leslie Scroggins, Shari Soukup and Libbie Vesekla

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Kathy Tromburg, Ernie Wright

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

October Gift Shop Schedule



Sun., 10/6	9:30-4:00	Stamps
Mon., 10/7	10:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 10/8	10:00-4:00	D. Buttecali
Thurs., 10/10	10:00-4:00	Lubbers
Fri., 10/11	10:00-4:00	Reed
Sat., 10/12	10:00-4:00	M. Leggett
Sun., 10/13	9:30-4:00	Selleck



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Join us for these free activities on Respect Life Sunday

Sunday October 6, 2024

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary for Life

11:20 a.m. Cathedral of St. Andrew 617 S. Louisiana St., Little Rock

Eucharistic Procession for Life

NOON from the Cathedral, processing along 7th and Sherman streets to the Shrine of Divine Mercy, 801 Sherman St., Little Rock

Respect Life Mass with Bishop Taylor (in English & Spanish)

1:00 p.m. St. Edward Church, 801 Sherman St., Little Rock

Tacos for Respect Life

2:00 p.m. parish center, St. Edward Church, 801 Sherman St., Little Rock

Holy Hour for Life

3:00 p.m. Shrine of Divine Mercy, 801 Sherman St., Little Rock

Confessions available at the Cathedral 11:20 - 11:50 a.m. and at the Shrine of Divine Mercy 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday October 6, 2024, is observed as Respect Life Sunday, and during the month of October Catholics are asked to reflect more deeply on how we uphold the dignity of every human life, in every circumstance across the lifespan.

Pray for Life during October

Respect Life Novena download the Novena in English or in Spanish

For more information email respectlife@dolr.org



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Our Seminarians for the month of October, 2024

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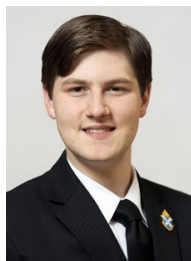
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**Matthew
Lamb**

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding

As a young pastor years ago, I met with a middle-aged couple who had been divorced and civilly remarried. They were frustrated that an annulment had to precede a Church marriage. Sympathizing with their plight, I promised to walk with them along their journey. Once as we sat in my office, the man said to me, "Why is the Church so difficult on marriage?" I replied, "Actually Jesus' teaching is what's difficult." He furrowed his brow and asked what I meant.

We opened the Bible and together read today's gospel passage from Mark 10:12 in which Jesus says, "**Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery with her...**" My two friends sat in silent astonishment. Surely Jesus understands the complexities of human life and sexual love. The words hung thick and heavy in the air. How could the merciful Lord be so seemingly unrealistic in his expectations, especially with so much divorce and remarriage in our world?

I didn't know what to say. So, we kept reading. Next, Jesus says, "**Let the children come to me.**" The innocence of children allows them to receive and give love, to trust unconditionally, to believe in love that endures. Most children aren't yet jaded by statistics, broken hearts or dysfunctional relationships. Children remind us of the world to come. The couple and I began to talk about child-like trust in Jesus and his teaching, and we continued to move forward. When it comes to the Church's demanding teaching on marriage, it's best to approach it as trusting children, whatever situations in which we find ourselves.

-Father John Muir



St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 -1917) dreamed of being a missionary. She first served Italian immigrant populations, from New York to Chicago, and across the U.S. She is the first United States citizen to be canonized and is the Universal Patron of Immigrants.



October 12, 2024

BINGO SATURDAY

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PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE

God,

Pour Your blessings upon those You have called to marriage. Strengthen the bonds of their unions. May Your love be revealed in the ways they cherish and support each other, in good times and bad, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health.

Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Hardness of Your Hearts

As far as I know, no one has ever woken up in the morning, looked out the window, and thought, "This is a beautiful sunrise. I'll have to be very careful not to let it make me happy."

But I'm certain that every day, lots of people — including, on not-infrequent occasions, myself — have woken up and remembered something that happened the day before. Something that made us feel upset or frustrated or insulted. And we thought to ourselves, "That makes me so, so angry." And we've pictured the face of the person who made us feel that way, and we have scoffed with disgust.

And we hold onto that anger because anger feels so much better than sadness. And deep within ourselves, in the place where we feel all the love and pain and confusion that is inherent in human existence, we harden.

Nobody ever intends to be hard-hearted. That's just the stuff of Bond villains and horror flicks. No, in real life a hardened heart isn't a conscious choice. It's a reflex. It's just us trying to protect ourselves, to be strong — or, at least, to embody the version of strength offered by a fallen world.

A heart of stone is not so easily scratched, you see. But it's also not so easily warmed or touched or moved.

A heart hardened by resentment and pain and anger is not just protected from injury. It is protected from the impact of the whole spectrum of tender feelings. It is not open to forgiveness, so it cannot feel the rush of life-giving mercy. It is closed off to new ideas, so it can never feel the awe of discovery.

There is a reason we are called to guard ourselves against hard-heartedness. God gave us hearts of flesh and blood. They are hearts that can be broken, yes — but also, they are hearts that can be made new.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I read in the catechism that marriage is indissoluble. Why then does the Church issue annulments?

Answer:

Sacramental marriage is indeed indissoluble. You can find this in several places in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Indissolubility is foundational to the union of marriage (CCC 1646) and required by spousal love (CCC 1644). This quality of marriage draws its meaning from the fidelity of Jesus to his Bride, the Church (CCC 1647). Spouses give themselves forever to each other. Through the vows and their consummation, the spouses form a covenantal bond that binds them as one. Indissolubility presumes and depends on this sacramental bond between the spouses.

Sometimes, however, there are impediments to marriage that are overlooked, poorly understood, or unknown. It is possible that at the time of the vows, something was either present or absent that made the consent invalid. The ceremony itself does not bring about the sacrament. The priest is the official witness of the Church, but he is not the minister of the sacrament. The husband and wife are the ministers of the sacrament to each other. Without the full, free, and able consent of the man and the woman, no sacrament takes place. An annulment does not destroy the marriage bond. It is an acknowledgement that the sacramental bond did not form in the first place.

“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.”

- Mk 10:7-9

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Today's reading from Genesis provides the foundation for our Christian understanding of marriage. Who in your life has a happy and successful marriage?

Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews teaches us we are united with Jesus as one family in our suffering and death. Are there any family members who need your support and comfort this week?

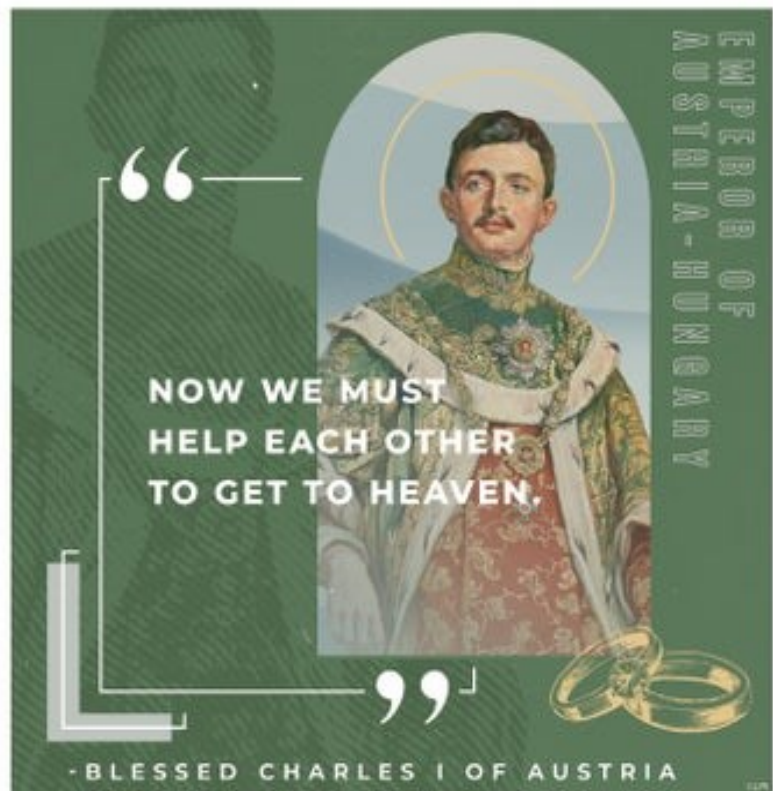
Gospel:

The Pharisees learned that Jesus holds a higher standard on marriage than even Moses. Does Jesus's position on marriage surprise you?



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