

*Sept. 10, 2023*

*22nd Sunday*

*in*

*Ordinary Time*

# SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Eureka Springs, Arkansas*

## *Contact Us...*

### CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive  
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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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## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"If your brother sins  
against you, go and tell  
him his fault between you  
and him alone. If he listens  
to you, you have won  
over your brother."  
- Mt 18:15

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ELP

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*

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### *Knights of Columbus*

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### *Religious Education for Youth*

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## SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Adoration 8:00am  
Daily Mass 8:30am

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Daily Mass 8:30am  
Confessions 9:15am

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Daily Mass 8:30am

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab;  
Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;  
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8,  
11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

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

Cynthia Fiveash - 9/13, Mark Elworth - 9/14

*May you have many more!*

### HATE NOT

I will permit no one to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate them.

-Booker T. Washington



### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

**Lector:** Jerry Horning

**EMCs:** see sign-up sheet

**Ushers:** Richard Boyes, Janice Boyces

**Altar Server:** Jim Witkowski

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:30am Mass at the Church

**Lector:** Larry Stamps

**EMCs:** Mindy Godfrey

Karen Finkeldei

Phyllis McGuire

**Ushers:** Gary Finkeldei, Mike Godfrey

**Altar Server:** Dan Kees



### Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 12

For the Repose of the Souls of Josh George & Audrey

Eichholz

Thursday, September 14

For the Repose of the Soul of Louise Thiemke

Friday, September 15

For the Repose of the Souls of Ronnie & Mary Kilgore

Saturday, September 16

For the Intentions of William & Robert Cavell

Sunday, September 17

For the Intentions of Lorraine Erilla



### Pray for us...



### OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Connie Breaux, Richard & Sheila Fowler, Florence Giels, Charlotte Nowlin, Sharon Parker, 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 -** Ken Shonka

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



### **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Is Mary our Mother calling you? Let us magnify Jesus together through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Eucharistic Heart of Mary: **A Retreat for Women** will be held Dec. 8-10 at Subiaco Abbey's Courty House Retreat Center. The retreat director/speakers are Debbie Eckert, spiritual director and business owner, and Fr. John Marconi, spiritual director and priest of the Diocese of Little Rock. The cost per person is \$205 for double occupancy, \$245 for a private room or \$110 for commuters. The fee includes 6 meals for overnight guests and 4 meals for commuters. Limited scholarships are available. To register or for more information, contact Nancy Unverferth at 281-381-8645 or [nunverferth@gmail.com](mailto:nunverferth@gmail.com).



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**Jack Smith**

*Our Seminarians  
for the month of  
September, 2023*

## **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**

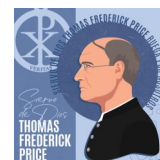


### *September Gift Shop Schedule*

Sun. 9/10	9:30-4:00	Selleck
Mon. 9/11	10:00-4:00	Breaux
Thurs. 9/14	10:00-4:00	Lubbers
Fri. 9/15	10:00-1:00	L. Murphy
	1:00-4:00	Finkeldei
Sat. 9/16	10:00-1:00	N. Barnett
	1:00-4:00	S. McClung
Sun. 9/17	9:30-4:00	Godfrey



## **SAINT OF THE WEEK**



**Servant of God Thomas Frederick Price** survived severe illness and a shipwreck as a young man before becoming a priest. He cofounded the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, better known as Maryknoll, and led the institutions first mission to China.

## **PRAYER**



Heavenly Father, You so inspired Father Thomas Frederick Price with love for You and zeal for the Gospel that he dedicated his life to serve You and Your Church, first in North Carolina, his home state, and then in the foreign missions. Grant that by his example we may grow in holiness and into a deeper union with Our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to be authentic witnesses of the Gospel and proclaim the Holy Name of Jesus throughout the Diocese of Raleigh and to all the people and in all the places we are sent to love and serve. If it be according to Your will, glorify Your servant, Father Thomas Frederick Price, by granting the favor we now request through his prayerful intercession. We make this prayer confidently through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

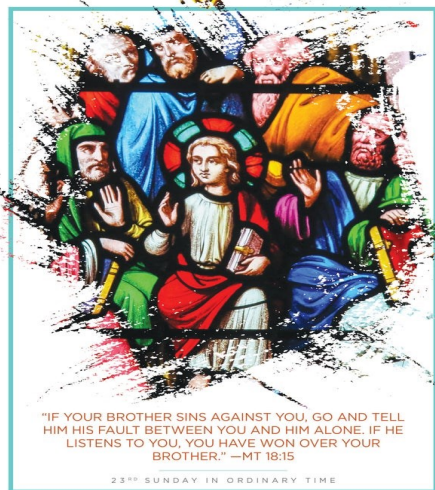


# Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2023

## GOD'S WATCHERS

If you ever thought that living as a Christian was always going to be easy, today's readings will convince you that this is not so. In the first reading from Ezekiel, the prophet was sent to convince the people in Jerusalem to return to God and God's ways; he bore rejection as a result of fulfilling his mission. In today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his followers to work toward reconciliation when we have been wronged, rather than remaining caught in anger or disappointment. Saint Paul captures what lies behind these instructions - love. "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law." When we are tempted to walk away from a friend or co-worker with whom we disagree, or even more so when we worry that the person has turned away from the Lord, we are instead called to reach out in love.



## CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

### Praying the Rosary

1. Begin on the crucifix and say the Apostles' Creed.
2. On the first bead, say one Our Father.
3. On each of the next 3 beads, say the Hail Mary.
4. On the next bead, say one Glory Be.
5. Think of the first mystery in the group of mysteries selected for meditation for the day and say one Our Father on the same bead.
6. On each of the next 10 beads, say one Hail Mary. Follow these with one Glory Be.
7. Repeat Steps 5 and 6 for each of the 5 mysteries.

## PATIENCE

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow.

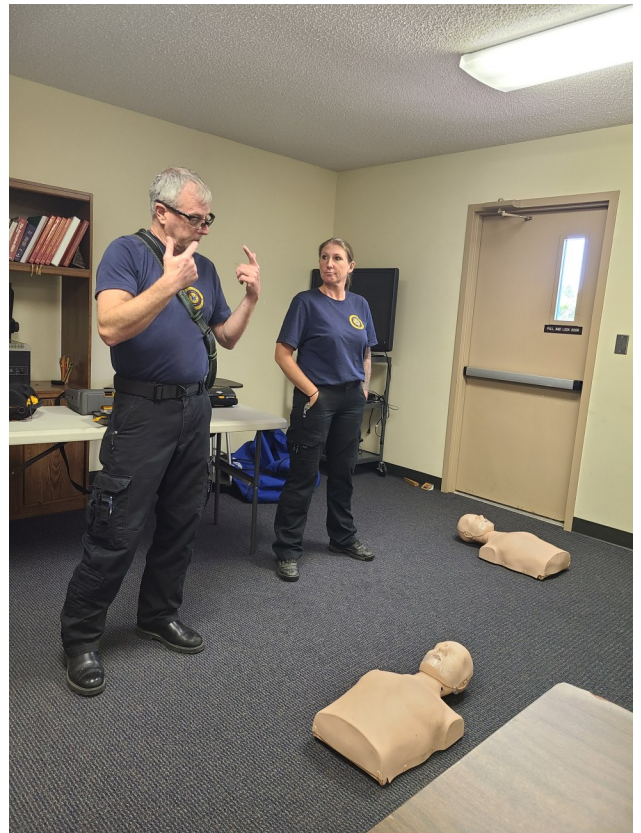
-Chinese proverb

## OUR FASCINATING FAITH - The Documents of Vatican II - Three Declarations

**The Declaration on Christian Education** (*Gravissimum Educationis*) asserts the baptismal right of every Christian to be educated for their role in the liturgy, the community and the world. It emphasizes that parents are the primary educators of their own children, and it charges the Church especially with seeing to the education of those who are poor and disadvantaged. The Church must also see to the proper formation of teachers as witnesses to Christ.

**The Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to non-Christians** (*Nostra Aetate*), the shortest of all the Vatican II documents, is a landmark in interfaith relations. It urges Christians to seek out commonalities with members of other religions before addressing obvious differences. While continuing to uphold God's perfect revelation in Jesus Christ, it specifically mentions Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism as each bearing truth and holiness worthy of reverence, since whatever is true finds its source in the one true God. *Nostra Aetate* stresses God's continuing special love for the Jewish people, and condemns every form of persecution and discrimination against them.

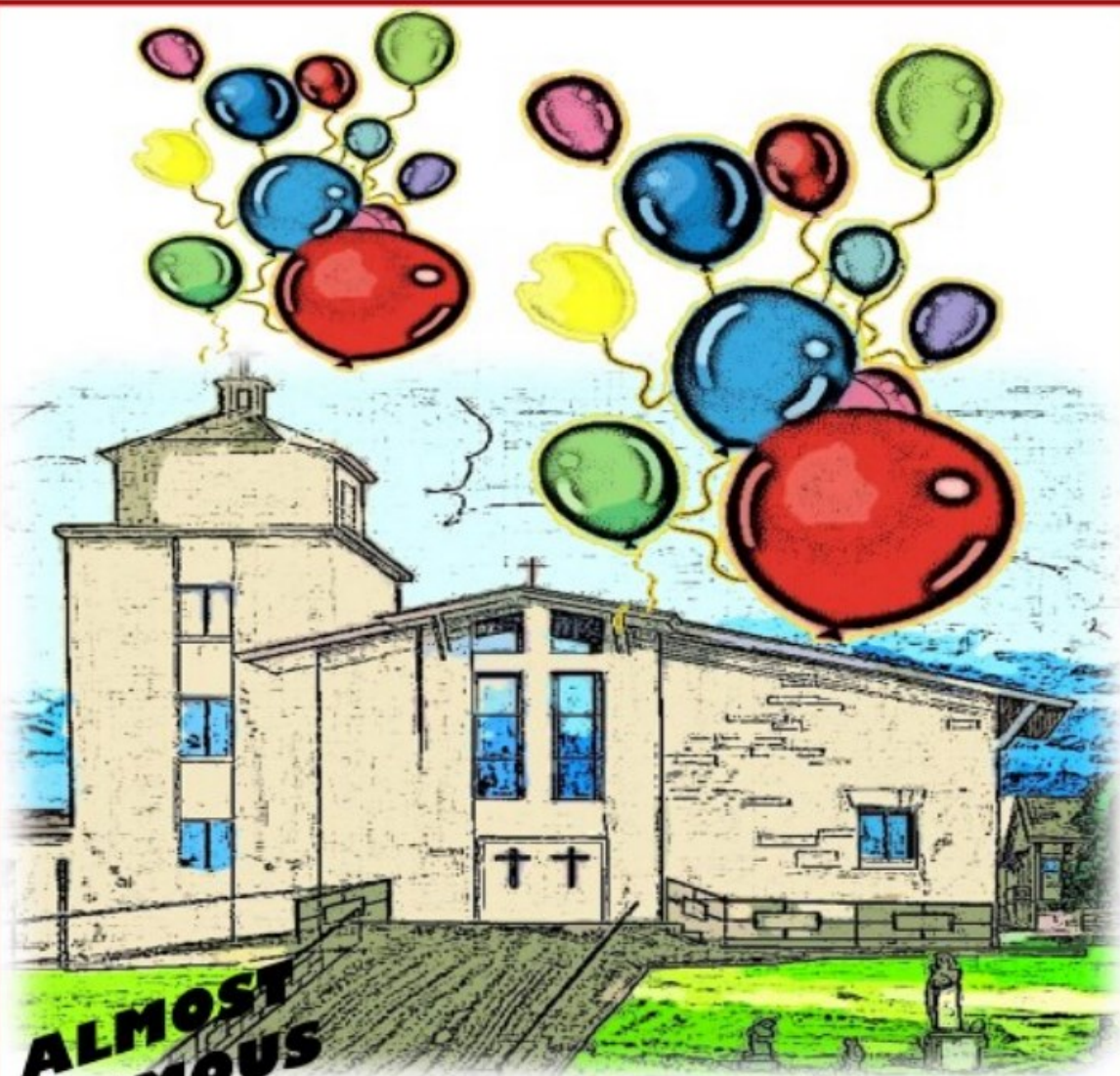
**The Declaration on Religious Freedom** (*Dignitatis Humanae*) asserts the dignity of all human persons and their freedom of conscience to come to faith without the burden of any coercion. The baptized faithful, throughout the world must be free to follow their Christian beliefs, and all others must be equally free to pursue their own religious practices.



Twelve parishioners participated in an **AED** (Automatic External Defibrillator) training session held at the Parish Center on Friday, September 1, to know how to use the life saving machines if ever necessary. Mike Murphy coordinated the training with the Eureka Springs Fire Department after the Gift Shop purchased two defibrillators- one for the Church and one for the Parish Center, at a cost of over \$1700. Both units are now in place, operational, and with plenty of trained users. Thanks for volunteering trainees!







**ALMOST  
FAMOUS**

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Go from feeling **OVERWHELMED** to **UNDER CONTROL**  
regain order back into your life.

Go from feeling **GUILTY** to **PEACEFUL**  
give the best of you and not what is left of you.

Go from feeling **ALONE** to **ACCOMPANIED**  
recognize and engage caregiving support.



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*Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. Mark Miravalle*

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Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss the angels. What is an angel? What are the choirs of angels? How do we engage with our guardian angels?

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# 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

## IN ORDINARY TIME



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'"

- Mt 18:15-16



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### Choosing the Cross

I've been called a lot of things in my life, but I've never been called "Satan," at least not to my face.

It seems to me the worst name you could call a person, and today we hear it straight from the lips of Jesus. It's just one of the many small reminders strewn throughout Scripture that Jesus preaches meekness, but he is not mild — not when mildness serves no purpose, anyway.

And here, when Peter is trying to deter Jesus from making the right choice, mildness serves no purpose at all.

Can we blame Peter? I certainly can't. I'm sure I would have said the same thing to my own dear friend. He is, in today's Gospel, wholly unwilling to embrace the cross — he's afraid of it, even — but aren't we all, in the end, afraid of our cross? I am. It's no sin, it's only human. Fear is natural. Self-preservation is a reflex.

What Christ speaks of today is a choice, one we are all faced with, again and again, just as Peter is. We will not always respond perfectly; Peter does not respond well today. He does not respond well on Holy Thursday.

But on his last day, on the day of the ultimate choice? On that day, he chooses the cross.

We marvel at first responders who put themselves in harm's way for the sake of others, because to do so is not human, it is divine. I have to believe that if even a firefighter's loved one threw themselves in his way, he would still charge toward the flames, crying, "Get behind me."

Christ runs into the burning building for us, shaking off not only his own fear (and he had it, I promise you — he was human, too) but the fear of everyone who loved him.

*"Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God..." — Romans 12:1*

*Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

What does the Church say about suicide?

### Answer:

Unfortunately, despite the Church's clear teachings in resources like the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, there are still many people who are confused about what the Church teaches regarding the tragic reality of suicide.

While we hold that all life is sacred, we are also all-too aware that psychological, emotional, and even physical illness — as well as extreme anxiety, fear, and abuse — can lead individuals to take their own lives. Speaking to this, the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults reflects, "Although suicide is always objectively sinful, one should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (pg. 294). The text also states the reality of illness or other extreme influences can "diminish the responsibility of one committing suicide" (pg. 293).

Parishes and grief support groups should show special care and concern for those families that have lost a loved one to suicide. And communities should always try to be mindful of those who might be at risk of suicide or self-harm.

If someone is contemplating suicide, please know that help is available, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (988).



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