

Sept. 17, 2023

24th Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Contact Us...

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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

OFFICE HOURS

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

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- Mt 18:21-22

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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

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Knights of Columbus

Mike Godfrey

Liturgical Ministers & Ministry of Care

Leva Murphy

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Contact St. Anne in Berryville

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SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Daily Mass 8:30am

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-23ab, 5-6;
Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20;
Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Barb McClung - 9/16, Don VanderHorn - 9/18,
Ernest Wright - 9/20, Ann Dinello - 9/22,
Kate Hunter - 9/22

May you have many more!

AUTUMN

Besides the autumn poets sing,
A few prosaic days
A little this side of the snow
And that side of the haze.



-Emily Dickinson



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Barb McClung

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth

Altar Server: Jim Witkowski

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Mike Godfrey

EMCs: Mike Godfrey

Mary Szafranski

Mindy Godfrey

Ushers: Mike Murphy, Bev Wright

Altar Server: Leva Murphy



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 19

For the Intentions of Margaret Texada

Thursday, September 21

For the Repose of the Soul of Thomas Swenson

Friday, September 22

For the Repose of the Soul of Juana Irwin

Saturday, September 23

For the Intentions of the Henry Family

Sunday, September 24

For the Intentions of Anita Lang



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 -

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



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.



The **Collection for Catechetical Sunday** is this weekend. This collection allows parishes to recognize and thank those who give generously of their time and gifts in the work of catechesis. It is divided evenly between the local parish religious education program and the diocese's Office of Faith Formation.



*Our Seminararians
for the month of
September, 2023*

Robby Bartos

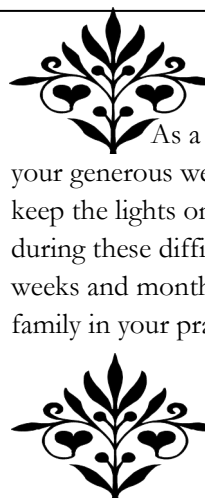
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**House of Formation,
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For more information
on our seminararians, go to
www.dolr.org/seminarians



Jack Smith



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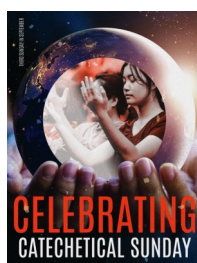
As a parish, we are financially dependent on your generous weekly contributions to pay our bills and keep the lights on and our doors open and even more so during these difficulties times. So, as you plan for the weeks and months ahead, please remember your parish family in your prayer and in your financial planning.



GIFT SHOP

September Gift Shop Schedule

Sun. 9/17	9:30-4:00	Godfrey
Mon. 9/18	10:00-4:00	Breaux
Thurs. 9/21	10:00-4:00	Boardman
Fri. 9/22	10:00-4:00	Meyer
Sat. 9/23	10:00-1:00	S. McClung
	1:00-4:00	Meyer
Sun. 9/24	9:30-4:00	Ricciardi



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Angeles were men from the Zapotec tribe in Mexico and lay Catholic catechists. They were brutally murdered with clubs and machetes by a local mob in retaliation for disrupting a ritual where people were worshipping idols to celebrate the harvest.



PRAYER

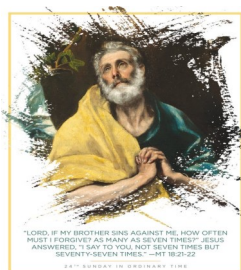
Lord, may we strive to be as brave as Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Angeles during times of prosecution for our beliefs. As we yearn for strong spiritual friendships like theirs and to follow Jesus like them, may we never waver in our faith and stand strong as Catholics our whole lives long. Blessed Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Angeles, indigenous martyrs of Mexico, pray for us. Amen.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2023

MISSING THE POINT

“You missed the point,” we might be tempted to shout at the servant in today’s Gospel. His master had just forgiven a huge debt when he cried for mercy, and yet, when given the opportunity to show mercy himself, he instead acted violently and with retribution toward a fellow servant. Certainly, he had missed the point of his master’s merciful actions toward him, and suffered the consequences as a result. He missed the point. He is not alone, however. We all “miss the point” sometimes - we miss the point of God’s enduring covenant of love, and miss the mark in our call to live as though we are the Lord’s, for this is who we are, God’s love is always about what is just and right. As God’s people, we are to live and die for the Lord, forgive even when it doesn’t make sense to do so, and leave the rest in God’s hands.



CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer after the Rosary

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech you, that, meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

OUR FASCINATING FAITH - The Second Vatican Council and the Church Today

In the 15th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, we read of what became known as the “**Council of Jerusalem**,” which addressed the Christian communities of Gentile origin in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. The letter proclaiming the results of that council’s deliberations begins, “It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us.” Thus it is with every council of the Church. The “spirit of Vatican II” is none other than the Holy Spirit - Pope Francis in April 2013 called the Council “a beautiful work of the Holy Spirit.” So while you might perhaps see one parish or another promote itself as a “Vatican II parish,” in truth every parish must be a Vatican II parish.

Because we are human, implementation of any council of the Church takes time, and that of Vatican II will continue to move in fits and starts. There will be differences over the meaning and application of some of the Council’s decisions for years to come. But those near-unanimous votes (by thousands of bishops!) made each document the law of the Church. When in doubt we can always consult with the Holy Spirit at whose inspiration the Second Vatican Council was convened, and under whose guidance its conclusions were reached.



“Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?” Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.” - Mt 18:33-35
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PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

Arkansas Catholic is hosting a 10-day pilgrimage to Ireland Sept. 11-20, 2024 with vicar general Father John Connell. Immerse yourself in the saints, culture and faith of Ireland with visits to Dublin, Galway and Knock, one of the world’s most well-known Marian apparition sites. The land portion costs \$3,788 per person, including 8 nights accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily, deluxe motorcoach transportation, a professional tour escort and entrance fees to scheduled sites. A \$500 deposit is due at the time of registration. A \$100 discount will be offered to those who register by Dec. 15. To learn more, an informational meeting will be held Sunday, Sept. 24 at 4:30 at St. John Center in Little Rock. RSVP at 2024pilgrimage.eventbrite.com. For more information, contact Kathy Primm of Sue Smith Vacations at 501-771-0987 or Kathy@suesmithvacations.com.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Hateful Things We Hug Tight

At the end of "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King," Gollum fights with Frodo for possession of the One Ring. He wins the fight, but in doing so topples over the edge of the mountain ledge, falling into the cavernous fires of Mount Doom. As he falls, we see him smile, and clutch the ring to his chest. He is happy. He has won what he spent his life pursuing.

It is only in the last millisecond before his face slips below the lava that we see his eyes widen in terror as he realizes the truth: the thing he clutches to his heart is the thing that killed him. In choosing the ring, he chooses death.

Sin, and the fallen nature of this world, makes us addicted to something that kills us.

Like any addiction, it is a vicious cycle. The less we forgive, the more hardhearted we become ... and the less we seek forgiveness ourselves.

What breaks the cycle? Reconciliation with God — or, Confession, as we call it. In fact, it does more than break the cycle. It turns it backward. Not only does it detoxify our souls of sin, it weakens our addiction to sin's effects — anger, vengeance, unforgiveness. The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works, said St. Augustine.

Ultimately, I view our whole human life as a struggle on the ledge of a mountaintop. It is certain that we will choose sin — we always do. We will tumble over the side, toward ruin. But let us be Frodo, and not Gollum. Let us cling to the rock of the sacraments and accept the hand that would drag us away from the flames.

"Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." — Sirach 27:30

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics? Why or why not?

Answer:

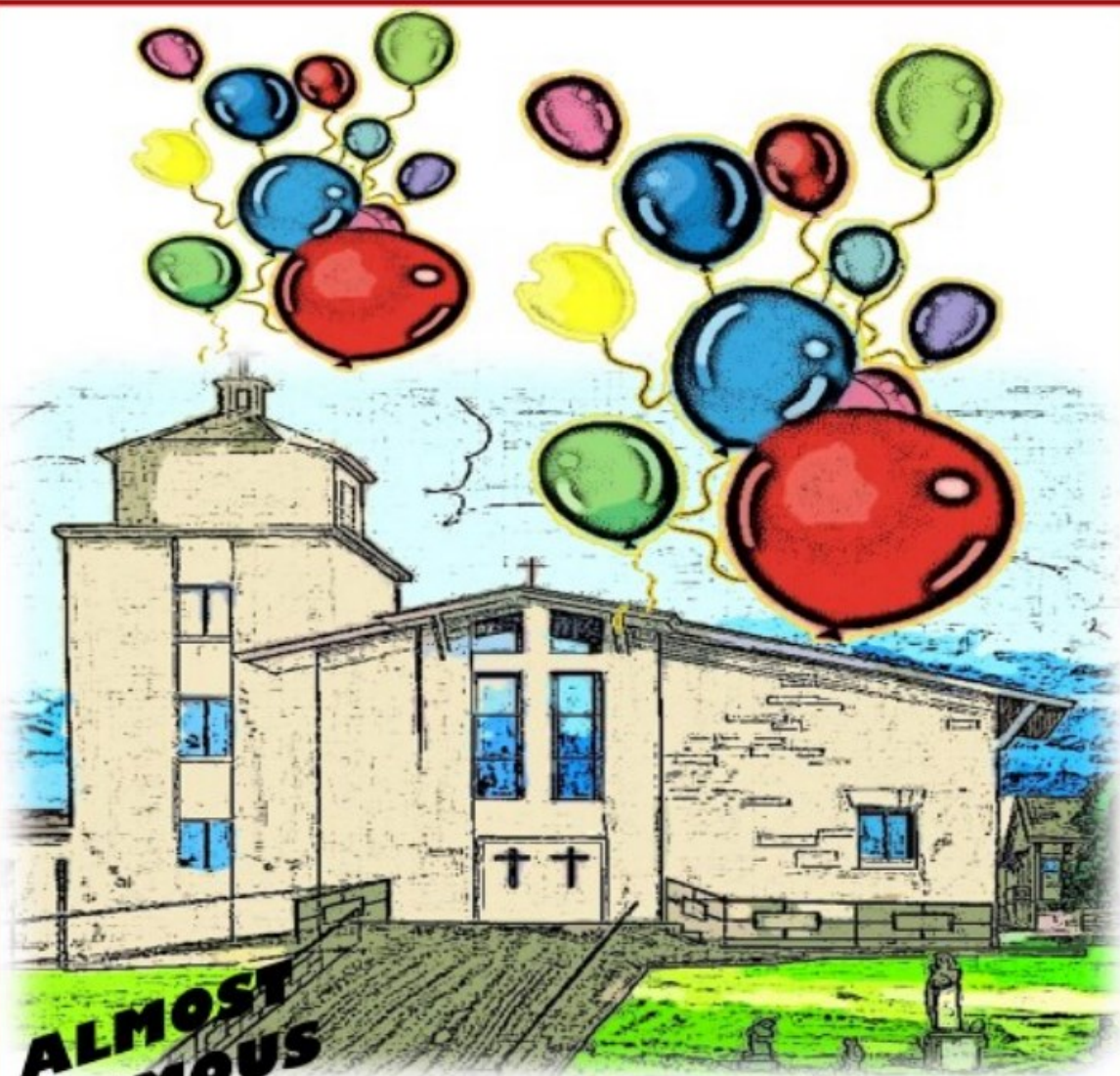
It's part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: "Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (no. 2116).

Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God's desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us.

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