

September 3, 2023

22nd 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

OFFICE HOURS

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

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"Whoever wishes to come
after me must deny
himself, take up his cross,
and follow me. For whoever
wishes to save his life
will lose it, but whoever
loses his life for my
sake will find it."
- Mt 16:24b-25

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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

Ted Meyer

Knights of Columbus

Mike Godfrey

Liturgical Ministers & Ministry of Care

Leva Murphy

Religious Education for Youth

Contact St. Anne in Berryville

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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Saint Joseph's Guild & Gardens

Mike Lubbers

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Mark Elworth

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SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

No Mass

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Daily Mass 8:30am

Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Daily Mass 8:30am

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC

Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC

Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13;
Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any
readings from the Mass "For the
Blessing of Human Labor," nox. 907-911

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6,
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;
Mt 18:15-20

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Rod McGuire - 9/4, Mindy Godfrey - 9/5,
Trilby Maul - 9/8

May you have many more!



RELIGION DEFINED

I do not know how philosophers may ultimately define religion; but from Micah to James it has been defined as service to one's fellow human rendered by following the great rule of justice and mercy, of wisdom and righteousness.

-Theodore Roosevelt



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Robert Bartos

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth

Altar Server: Jim Witkowski

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Rod McGuire

EMCs: Phyllis McGuire

Rod McGuire

Mary Szafranski

Ushers: Bev Wright, Ted Meyer

Altar Server: Mike Lubbers



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 5

For the Repose of the Souls of Ronnie & Mary Kilgore

Thursday, September 7

For the Intentions of the Family of Estela de Los Santos

Friday, September 8

For the Intentions of Terry & Deanna Hauschel

Saturday, September 9

For the Intentions of Nicholas, Helen & Nicholas T.

Bukaczyk

Sunday, September 10

For the Repose of the Souls of Josh George & Audrey

Eichholz



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.

Big Thank You to the local Knights of Columbus members Mike Godfrey, Gary Finkeldei and Rod McGuire for the beautiful job of staining the fence at the Parish Center. Appreciate your hard work and dedication!



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 Coury 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.



Our Seminarians for the month of September, 2023

Robby Bartos

Contact address:

House of Formation,
1201 S. Van Buren,
Little Rock, AR 72204

For more information
on our seminarians, go to
www.dolr.org/seminarians



Jack 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 difficult 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



August Gift Shop Schedule

Sun. 9/3	9:30-4:00	Stamps
Mon. 9/4	10:00-4:00	Breaux
Thurs. 9/7	10:00-1:00	L. Murphy
	1:00-4:00	Ricciardi
Fri. 9/8	10:00-4:00	Reed
Sat. 9/9	10:00-1:00	Jankowski
	1:00-4:00	Szafranski
Sun. 9/10	9:30-4:00	Selleck

Fall Book Sale

Coury House Book Store, Subiaco Abbey, Subiaco, AR is having a Fall Book Sale. A selection of books will be available for \$5 or \$10 through 9/30/23. The book store is open 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday - Saturday and 9am-4:30pm on Sunday. Coury House Book Store is in the Coury House retreat center on the grounds of Subiaco Abbey, 405 N. Subiaco Ave., Subiaco, AR. Coury House is on the north side of the church.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Venerable Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik became known as Chicago's Apostle of Mercy due to her work in the late 1800's and the early 1900's serving the poor and abandoned. She founded the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago - the first women's religious congregation in Chicago.

PRAYER



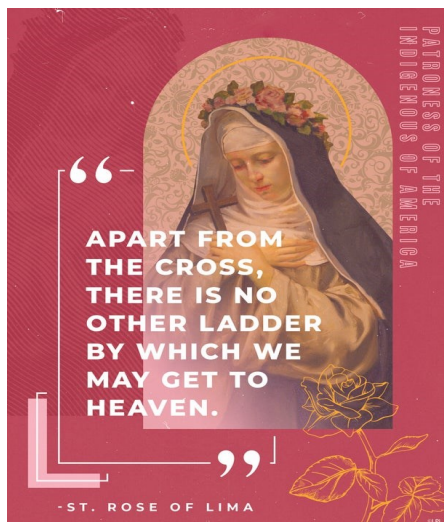
Heavenly Father, you inflamed the compassionate heart of Mother Mary Theresa with the heroic virtues of charity and mercy. If it is your will, may she be declared Blessed for your honor and glory and may she inspire others to imitate her love for the needy, poor and suffering of our world. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FOLLOWING THE PATH OF JESUS

We are invited to reflect on the path of discipleship offered by Jesus in our readings today. Jesus, now seen by the disciples as Messiah and Christ, begins to describe most fully what this means: he will not march into Jerusalem filled with God's power like a conquering general. His path is like that of Jeremiah; he will be rejected and mocked. His path is like that described by Paul, offering his body as a living sacrifice. Jesus summons his followers down the same path of death and resurrection, to live the radical paradox that "whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Loving and trusting God will entail self-surrender, leading us to joy in service to others. We will learn to let go of what we desire and what we think we need, trusting God to provide what we truly need.



***Please note....** there will be no Mass this Tuesday morning, September 5th.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer Before a Day's Work

Direct, we beg you, O Lord, our actions by your holy inspirations, and grant that we may carry them out with your gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may begin always with you, and through you be happily ended. Amen.

HARD EARNED LUCK

I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.

-Thomas Jefferson

OUR FASCINATING FAITH - The Documents of Vatican II - More Decrees

The Decree on Appropriate Renewal of Religious Life (*Perfectae Caritatis*) calls on men and women in religious life to re-discover their founding charisms and to adapt with the rest of the Church to changing times.

The Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity (*Apostolicam Actuositatem*) is the first document addressing the laity ever to be produced by an ecumenical council, and received the highest degree of support from the Council fathers. It teaches that each layperson has a ministry rooted in his or her baptism, not simply a share of the ministry of the ordained. That is, laypeople are agents of the Church's activity, and not merely objects of it.

The Decree on the Eastern Catholic Churches (*Orientalium Ecclesiarum*) provides the Roman view on the main Eastern Rite Churches and proclaims the equality of the Eastern and Western traditions. It expresses an ardent desire for reconciliation.

The Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity (*Ad Gentes*) proclaims that the whole church is missionary; each of the baptized has been charged to spread the gospel. It also encourages the embracing of local customs and finding the seed of the gospel within them.

The Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests (*Presbyterorum Ordinis*) calls on priests to support the laity - a ministry not only for them but with them - and reaffirms celibacy for Latin Rite priests.

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"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?" - Mt 16:24b-26

(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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