

September 22, 2024

25th Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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30 Crescent Drive
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PARISH CENTER

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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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"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

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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.

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Daily Mass 8:30am

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5;
Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35,
44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:20, 72, 89, 101, 104,
163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b;
Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b & 2abc, 3-4;
Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14
& 17; Lk 9:43b-45

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Ann Dinello - 9/22, Kate Hunter - 9/22,
Bev Wright - 9/24, Preston Mitchell - 9/27

May you have many more!

EDUCATION

Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army.

-Edward Everett



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Barb McClung

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: The Simmons Family

Altar

Server: Robbie Bartos

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Cassian Heath

EMCs: Karen Finkeldei, Mary Szafranski, Phyllis McGuire

Ushers: Gary Finkeldei, Bev Wright

Altar Server: Leva Murphy



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 24

For the Intentions of Michael O'Brien

Thursday, September 26

For the Repose of the Soul of Wilbur J. Hall

Friday, September 27

For the Repose of the Souls of Mary, Melinda, & Robert

Morgan

Saturday, September 28

For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Sunday, September 29

For the Repose of the Soul of Wilbur J. Hall



Pray for us...



OUR PARISHIONERS -

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

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

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

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -

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 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



September Gift Shop Schedule

Sun., 9/22	9:30-4:00	Ricciardi
Mon., 9/23	10:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 9/24	10:00-4:00	D. Buttecali
Thurs., 9/26	10:00-1:00	Kees
	1:00-4:00	N. Barnett
Fri., 9/27	10:00-4:00	Meyer
Sat., 9/28	10:00-1:00	S. McC lung
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Sun., 9/29	9:30-4:00	Stamps

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on our seminarians, go to

www.dolr.org/seminarians



Joshua Osborne

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down's Syndrome. He looked like a Viking with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we'd never connect.

Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus' words float into my mind.

"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." (Mark 9:37). I thought "Jesus, you must somehow be in Robin." I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice, "Jesus, are you there?" Robin did not turn to me and say, "Hi, John. Yes, it's me, Jesus." He kept playing with his toys in silence.

But something changed in me. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His "disabilities" were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend.

Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you.

-Father John Muir



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Often called the father of the medieval papacy and Apostle of the English, **Saint Gregory** (540-604) became Pope in 590. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, the consolidation of papal power, and the conversion of England.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS For ST. Leo's Alumni Weekend:

On **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH**, we will celebrate our annual St. Leo's Alumni Weekend (SLAW), inviting all former students, faculty, staff, and those that supported our ministry over the years to our weekend event. We are planning all kinds of activities throughout the day including tailgating for the ATU football game beginning at 12 noon. We will eat great food and participate in fun activities before we head over to the game together. At 6:30 PM, we will dine on a wonderful dinner and socialize with music, games, and food (BYOB). We will all get together, have fun, and enjoy each other's company while eating great food and reminiscing on our times together. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us through email: stleosatu@gmail.com or by phone at **479-968-8249**. Please RSVP by phone or email in order to help us prepare the meals. Also, please help us spread the word. We hope to see you there!

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

Dear Jesus,
Wrap the young members of our family in your love. They know how to love BIG, even though they are still small. Their trust can inspire, their faith can change hearts. Help them to know You, now and always.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Bearing Witness

I am fascinated by minor Gospel characters. These people — the rich young man, the adulterous woman, the teachers at the temple — share the stage with Jesus only briefly. They bear passing but powerful witness to crucial moments of his earthly ministry. They breathe the air he breathes. They hear the sound of his voice. Some of them feel the touch of his skin.

And then they go on with their lives and disappear into obscurity. They become just another one of us.

I think of the child who sat in Jesus' lap while he said those famous words: *"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."*

What did the boy think? Did he understand the words, or did he only know that they were gently spoken? Did he only think to himself how kind was the face of this man, and how consoling and warm his embrace?

I picture this child growing up. Perhaps he married and loved his wife and children. Perhaps he was happy, or perhaps he was not. Perhaps he became wealthy or was even wealthy to begin with. Perhaps he, like so many other children of that era, had only a very short life, and returned quickly to the arms that enveloped him that day in Capernaum.

We don't know. But we know he was there: he saw Christ, he felt him, he heard him. We sigh to think of it. *How lucky. If only we could, too. Then it would be easier. Then we could be holy.*

But we are all this child in Capernaum. We are all the woman at the well. We are all the centurion at the cross. Every time we kneel before the Host and hear the words "This is my Body," we occupy the same earthly time and space as the Messiah, and he fixes upon us the same gaze he fixed upon them.

We all bear witness.

We receive him, and then we go back to our lives, our ordinary lives.

Do we carry him with us? Do we dare?

*"I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."
— Psalm 54:6*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

There seems to be a lot of division in some Christian churches over moral issues, especially abortion, ordination, and end-of-life care. If all Christians follow the Gospel of Jesus, why is there such a difference of opinion?

Answer:

There is always a struggle between culture and religion, and part of that struggle is politics. To be politically correct means that you must embrace the secular virtue of the moment so that you are "enlightened," "sensitive," "aware," and, most importantly, "open-minded." Unfortunately, common sense can be sacrificed in the race to be "PC."

Some factions within Christian denominations have tried to redefine tradition, history, and biblical teaching to bend it around the politically correct religious thinking of the day. On the life issues that you mention, there are those who began with their own conclusions and have tried to bend theology around their conclusions. This is possible in part because of a lack of a central teaching authority and partly because society has become apathetic to these issues. It will result in a lot of division, factions, and schisms. The Gospel calls all believers to embrace the truth, to turn from sin, and to seek holiness and justice. No matter how hard some may try, a square peg will not fit a round hole. The camel cannot fit through the eye of the needle.

Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

- Mk 9:36-37

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The Jewish wisdom writer teaches us that wicked people revile and test those who are just and upright. What might be an effective way to win over a wicked person?

Second Reading:

James encourages us to be sincere and consistent in cultivating peace. Can you think of a situation this week at home or at work where you could seek peace?

Gospel:

We hear today that the disciples did not always understand Jesus and were afraid sometimes to ask him questions. How would you suggest dealing with tensions that arise in close relationships?



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- ST. ANDREW KIM TAEGON



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The Red Mass

Friday, October 4, 2024

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