

September 29, 2024

26th Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

# SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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Sunday 8:30am  
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At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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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, OCTOBER 1

Adoration 8:00am  
Daily Mass 8:30am

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Daily Mass 8:30am  
Confessions 9:15am

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Daily Mass 12:00noon at the PC

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50  
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8; Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Mt 18:1-5, 10  
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12  
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

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

Roger Schultz - 9/28, Tommy Reinhart - 10/1,  
Fran Ricciardi - 10/1, Mary Mills - 10/2,  
Jessica Mumaugh - 10/2, John Shie - 10/4

**May you have many more!**

### ANGELIC

The reason angels can fly is because they take themselves lightly.

-G.K. Chesterton




## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Mass Ministers



### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

**Lector:** Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi

**EMCs:** see sign-up sheet

**Ushers:** Robert Bartos, Sophie Bartos

**Altar Server:** Robbie Bartos

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:30am Mass at the Church

**Lector:** Karl Diederich

**EMCs:** Mindy Godfrey, Phyllis McGuire, Mary Szafranski,

**Ushers:** Ted Meyer, Gary Finkeldei

**Altar Server:** Dan Kees

### Mass Intentions



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Tuesday, October 1

For the Repose of the Soul of Connor Sloat

Thursday, October 3

For the Repose of the Soul of Wilbur J. Hall

Friday, October 4

For the Repose of the Soul of Irma Carrales

Saturday, October 5

For the Repose of the Soul of Frank Dinello

Sunday, October 6

For the Repose of the Soul of Frank Dinello



### Pray for us...



### OUR PARISHIONERS -

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

### OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Patsy Crawford, Mary Ann Dobrobołny, 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 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



### Sept. / Oct. Gift Shop Schedule

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Tues., 10/1	10:00-4:00	D. Buttecali
Thurs., 10/3	10:00-1:00	D. Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Ricciardi
Fri., 10/4	10:00-1:00	Elworth
	1:00-4:00	Elfter
Sat., 10/5	10:00-1:00	Elfter
	1:00-4:00	Szafranski
Sun., 10/6	9:30-4:00	Stamps

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### Our Seminarians for the month of September, 2024

**Joseph Nguyen**

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For more information

on our seminarians, go to

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**Joshua Osborne**



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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

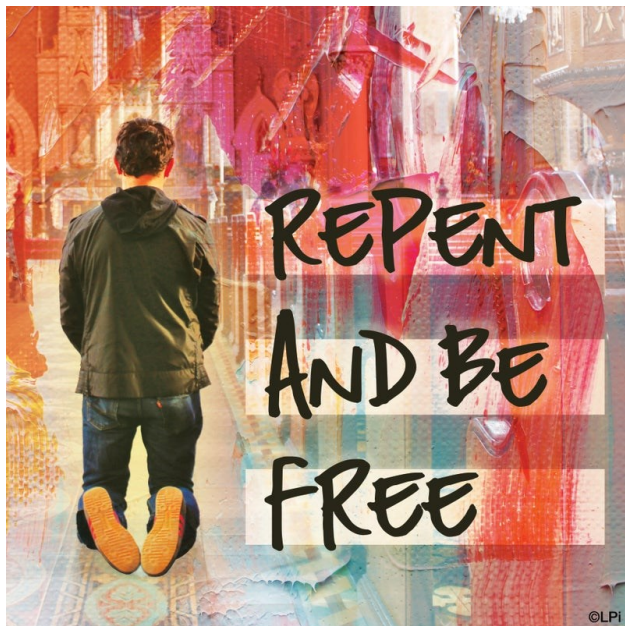
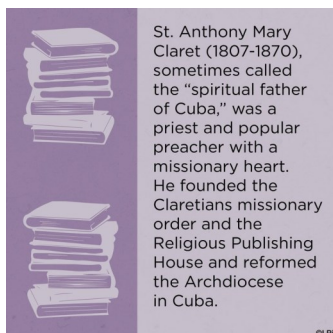
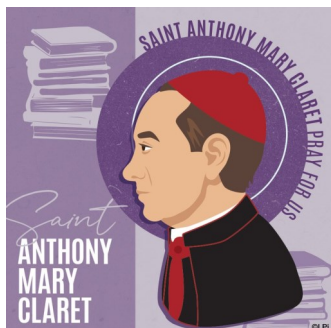
Maggots, grubs, worms. When I imagine one of many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body - unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out - I feel deeply disgusted. If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and fast. But what if I couldn't ever get it out?

This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, **“where the worm does not die.”** If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor.

First, sin is always parasitic. It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It's not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others. - usually the most poor and vulnerable, the **“little ones,”** as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping greed, over-indulgence, lying, pride, laziness, just for power and reputation, and so on... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves.

We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action. Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We'd never wait to act against physical parasites. Neither should we with the worms of sin.

-Father John Muir



### (VHR) Virtual Healing Resource Gathering for October

Anyone suffering from the trauma of a past abortion is invited to join a **virtual** small prayer group and discussion meeting on Monday, October 7, 2024, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. You may join **anonymously** from the comfort of your own space. This gathering is hosted by Project Rachel, a ministry of the Diocese of Little Rock. We welcome anyone from any area of our state who has been affected in any way by an abortion. Our non-judgmental group desires to assist anyone who is searching for peace and forgiveness. Please call or text our CONFIDENTIAL helpline at 501-663-0996 for the confidential meeting link or email [projectrachel@dolr.org](mailto:projectrachel@dolr.org).



### PRAYER OF SERVICE

Dear Sweet Jesus,

Every day you give us is a gift. We know endless gifts from your hands. Even our attempts to “give back” to you often become new doors of graces in our lives.

Help us to serve you more fully, more deeply.  
Amen.

## ( PRACTICING ) CATHOLIC

### The Angel in the Marble

If you show up to the gates of heaven completely whole, I kind of doubt you'll be let inside.

I know that sounds pretty awful, because what kind of God doesn't want all of you, exactly as you are? "Be yourself," we tell our kids. "If someone expects you to change to be their friend, you don't want to be that person's friend."

And sure, all of that is true ... to an extent. But I think if we really analyze our closest friendships, we'll see that we have been changed by them. We aren't the same person we were on the day we met our best friend or before we fell in love with our spouse. The good relationships should always change us, form us. They should call us to some higher plateau on the mountain climb that is life. But to be nimble enough for the climb, there will be parts of ourselves that we have to jettison — preconceived notions, prejudices, selfish tendencies, habits that we cling to like a security blanket.

This is how we become who we are meant to be: by discerning what isn't helpful and good in our own nature, and letting it go.

"I saw the angel in the marble," Michelangelo once said of his artistic process, "and I carved until I set him free."

Would it not be a terrible tragedy if we all remained shapeless hunks of marble, untouched by the chisels of experience and relationship, thinking ourselves perfect exactly as we are?

God looks at us and he sees the angel hidden in the marble, imprisoned there by the constraints of earthly life: original sin, the weakness of our flesh, the unceasing enticement of the evil one. He sees past what we need to excise, what we need to lop off, what we need to relinquish. He knows we are greatly attached to every part of ourselves, even those parts that lead us to sin.

He sees more than what is. He sees what can be.

*"Cleanse me from my unknown faults!" — Psalm 19:13*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Why do we do that?

#### Catholic Life Explained

##### Question:

Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time? Can you explain?

##### Answer:

Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary?

"Ordinary" is not in contrast to "extraordinary" or "special" but rather stresses the Latin language notion of "ordinal" or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, *tempus ordinarium*, conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a "measured" time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence.



Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward."

- Mk 9:39a, 40-41

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

Moses hoped the Spirit of the Lord would be bestowed on all the Israelites, not limited just to the seventy elders. What are you hoping for this week?

### Second Reading:

James holds the rich in low regard, warning them against the trappings and dangers of excessive wealth. How are you generous toward others with your resources?

### Gospel:

Jesus taught his disciples the valuable lesson: "Whoever is not against us is for us." How do you promote unity rather than division at work or at home?



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**PSALM 91:11**



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