

September 7, 2025

23rd Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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30 Crescent Drive
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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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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 five days a week (March - Nov.) 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.

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Adoration 8:00am

Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Daily Mass 8:30am

Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Daily Mass 12:00noon at the PC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC

Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC

Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13-6ab, 6c;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-25

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab;
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11;
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a & 6-7;
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38;
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

HATE NOT

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

-Booker T. Washington



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Robert Bartos

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth

Altar Server:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Cassian Heath

EMCs: Rod McGuire, Karen Finkeldei, Phyllis McGuire

Ushers: Ted Meyer, Gary Finkeldei

Altar Server: Mike Lubbers



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 9

For the Repose of the Soul of Lin Crider

Thursday, September 11

For the Repose of the Soul of Lin Crider

Friday, September 12

For the Repose of the Soul of Lin Crider

Saturday, September 13

For the Repose of the Soul of Michael A. Ricciardi

Sunday, September 14

For the Repose of the Soul of Lin Crider



OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Florence Giels, Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi and Barbara Witkowski.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Regina Booth, Bradshaw Cate, Sam Donelson, Carol Dvorah, Marsha Havens, Pam Heinzl, Kathleen Horosinski, Marci Krieger, Betty McClard, Joe McDaniel, Billy Metzger, Carol Morgan-Eagle, Gene Ochrymowich, Eric Pederson, Michael Ricciardi, Connie Stielow, Ed Terrill and Libbie Vesekla.

OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Lin Crider

Saturday/sábado
10-11-2025, 2-8pm
St Anne's Catholic Church
614 S. Main St, Berryville



ALMOST FAMOUS

International Food Festival of Saint Anne

Tamales Tacos Pupusas
Carne Asada Rice Beans Chips
& Salsa Hotdogs Burgers
Ribs Spring Rolls Egg Rolls
Noodles Games Candy Popcorn
Nachos Snow Cones & More!

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. So, as you plan for the weeks and months ahead, please remember your parish family in your prayer and in your financial planning. The Sunday Collection for August 23 & 24 was **\$2,022.00**. For the Fiscal year (7/25-6/26) is **\$28,887.91**.

Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of 8/26/25:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Parishioners	\$824,803	\$431,840
Non-Parishioners	\$113,380	\$ 50,303
Donations	\$ 0	\$ 49,639
	\$938,183	\$531,782



GIFT SHOP

September Gift Shop Schedule

Sun., 9/7	9:30-4:00	Stamps
Mon., 9/8	10:00-1:00	D. Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 9/9	10:00-4:00	Buttecali
Thurs., 9/11	10:00-4:00	Lubbers
Friday, 9/12	10:00-4:00	Reed
Sat., 9/13	10:00-4:00	M. Leggett
Sun., 9/14	9:39-4:00	Selleck

A Reminder: A good way to honor your loved ones, deceased or living, is by offering a Mass Intention.

A Reminder: Extended Adoration is the last Tuesday of every month from 9:00am-11:00am after morning Mass.



Our Seminararians for the month of September, 2025



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Contact address:

St. Meinrad Seminary,

200 Hill Drive,

St. Meinrad, IN 47577

For more information

on our seminararians, go to

www.dolr.org/seminarians



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Carlson**

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY



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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One hot Arizona summer afternoon my car ran out of gas. I phoned the parish office and begged for help. My secretary came and helped me fill the gas tank. She chided me, "If you can't manage getting your car from A to B, how can we expect you to guide the parish where it needs to go?" Point taken, Julie. I vowed to always make sure I have plenty of gas in my car.

The Lord Jesus chides us in this week's Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts?

The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven - his own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to him as his precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. Or better put, our Lord will have the stones and soldiers required to see his great work through.

-Father John Muir



DEVOTIONS, *Explained!*

Lectio divina ("divine reading") is an ancient practice of praying through the reading of Scripture. It includes four steps: read (*lectio*), meditate (*meditation*), pray (*oratio*) and contemplate (*contemplation*).



POPE'S INTENTIONS

The Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer his request and join with people worldwide in praying for this intention.

September

For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by St. Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the Week

Today, Jesus tells us the cost of true discipleship - and it turns out, it's everything. We must reject the world in order to love God. What attachments are holding us back from the relationship we could have - we *should* have - with our Lord?

PRAYER OF SIMPLICITY

Dear God,
In my desire for You, take away anything that keeps me from knowing You, myself, or my mission here on earth. Help me to remember what is truly important, and to seek and treasure that.
Amen.

Suicide Prevention Month

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. Each of us can help prevent suicide. Learn the warning signs, normalize help-seeking, and let people know there are proven treatments that work. Find information here [SAMHSA.gov](https://www.samhsa.gov). For printable [information in Spanish click here](#). If you or someone you know needs immediate support, call or text 988 the suicide and crisis lifeline.

September is also a time to remember those we've lost to suicide and to support families impacted by this deep pain. "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives" (CCC2283) but trust in the mercy and love of God. [Remember](#) from Red Bird Ministries is a Catholic, virtual, grief after suicide program. There is a 12 week group that begins Sept. 21, and another group that begins Sept. 29.

National Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities

September 9, 2025

"Brothers and sisters, let us not forget to pray for peace and for all those who, because of violence or war, find themselves in a state of suffering and need." - Pope Leo XIV, *Angelus*, July 13, 2025

For an end to the violence perpetrated by harsh words, deadly weapons, or cold indifference. May our homes, our nation, and countries around the world become havens of peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the grace to see every human being as a child of God, regardless of race, language or culture, let us pray to the Lord.

For the strength to teach our children how to resolve differences non-violently and respectfully, and the courage to model it in our own behavior, let us pray to the Lord.

For our faith community, that we may respond boldly to the Holy Spirit's call to act together to end violence and racism, let us pray to the Lord.

For solidarity in our global human family, that we may work together to protect those who are most vulnerable and most in need, let us pray to the Lord.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: For someone who talks about love so much, it seems weird that in today's Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred. It makes us question everything we think we understand about him, about God, about discipleship.

How to Hate the Christian Way

When I was a kid, we had the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

It was a chair in my parents' foyer where an offending child had to sit for five or ten minutes if they uttered the words "dumb," "stupid" or "hate." The rules in my house growing up were very clear. We don't call anyone stupid. We don't call anyone dumb. And we hate no one and nothing.

Well, today, Jesus has to sit in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

For someone who talks about love so much — for whom love is a legacy and a commandment — it seems weird that in today's Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred. It makes us question everything we think we understand about him, about God, about discipleship.

I'll let you guess which of the kids in my family spent the most time in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair (Hi! It was me). But I didn't really think my sister was stupid, and I didn't really hate my brother. Those were just the words I used, even though they were strictly forbidden — maybe *because* they were strictly forbidden. They were the strongest words I knew, and you need strong words for strong feelings.

Jesus knew that hate is a really strong word. It's a word that gets people's attention. And I think what he wants to do today, more than anything, is get our attention. He wants to force us to consider the ways in which our attachments to this world — and even to other people — supersede our attachment to God. He wants us to radically evaluate what (and who) we love and how we love it and how much of our souls, our lives, ourselves we have let this love consume.

It's a tough assignment, and we don't like it. Maybe we kind of hate it. That's okay: hate has its place. So take a seat in the chair and give it a ponder.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What happens if someone drops a consecrated host?

Answer:

Despite our best efforts, and this is as true in our liturgical celebrations as in all of life, accidents happen. Occasionally at Mass, a host may be dropped or some of the Precious Blood could even be spilled from the chalice, despite the best efforts of the priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of holy Communion assisting at the liturgy.

So, when a host is dropped or the Precious Blood is spilled, we can take guidance from the U.S. Bishops' statement *Norms for the Distribution for Holy Communion Under Both Kinds*:

All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine. Should there be any mishap — as when, for example, the consecrated wine is spilled from the chalice — then the affected "area . . . should be washed with water, and this water should be then poured into the sacrarium."

According to no. 280 of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, the general rule is that a dropped host is picked up by the minister distributing Communion and reverently consumed. The minister should be careful to make sure that no other particles from the host remain on the ground. As we see in the instruction from the bishops, the Precious Blood would be absorbed (customarily with a purificator) and the area attentively and reverently washed with water which would then be disposed of properly. w

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The author of Wisdom teaches us that our limited understanding can be overcome by the gift of wisdom from God's Holy Spirit. Have you ever prayed for the gift of wisdom in discerning a difficult course of action?

Second Reading:

Paul is asking Philemon to welcome back his runaway slave, Onesimus, as a brother in Christ. Who do you consult when making difficult life decisions?

Gospel:

Jesus challenges the crowds to weigh carefully the high cost of discipleship. What have you given up following Jesus?



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August 31, 2025

Dear Father Joseph and the Parish Council,

Thank you so much for your beautiful contribution to my recovery! It has eased my mind and helped pay for the huge deductible and necessary improvements to my home.

I was very touched by your gesture and Rod and Phyllis' visit to my home. When Rod said that although I wasn't Catholic, I was part of your congregation – well, you have touched my heart. I am so grateful for each and every one of you!

Sincerely,

Marsha

Marsha





According to legend,
St. Joachim and
St. Anne are Jesus'
grandparents
on Mary's side.

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St. Joachim and
St. Anne's feast day,
July 26th,
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St. Joachim
and St. Anne,
pray for us!

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*Feast of
Grandparents*

Old Time Square Dance Workshop with Steve Green

Saturday Sep 6, 2025

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM CDT

Basin Spring Park

4 Spring Street

Historic Downtown Eureka Springs

Fees/Admission

All are welcome to this free family-friendly event!



Description

Traditional (Old Time) square dance is the American Folk Dance that folks used to do in their homes and town halls, and folks of all ages still do across the Ozarks. It does not require special clothes, lessons, or previous experience. This workshop for the complete beginner will be learn by doing! With just a few minutes of instruction, you'll have learned enough that we can start the music and the fun! The instructor, Steve Green, likes to say, "A folk dance is a dance that folks can do". We will have live music from Bayard Blain to give a lift to your spirits, and make you want to tap your feet! This workshop for ages 13 and up will get you ready to show your stuff at the evening Folk Fest Community Square Dance!

For more information on Folk Fest go to <https://www.ozarkfolk.com/>

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