

July 12, 2026
The Fifteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Contact Us

CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive
Eureka Springs, AR
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479-253-2222

Parish Center
232 Passion Play Rd
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72632

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:30am

Tuesday 8:30am

Thursday 8:30am

Friday 8:30am

(except 1st Fri. of
month-12 noon at
PC)

Saturday 4pm at PC

Office Hours

Tues. & Thurs.
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Gift Shop

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Society of St.

Vincent de Paul

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“A
SOWER
WENT OUT
TO SOW”

Matthew 13:3

Rooted in the love of Christ, Saint Elizabeth Catholic church strives to be a welcoming community of prayer, faith, and compassionate service. Whether you are a parishioner or a visitor, we are blessed by your presence among us. In this sacred place, may all who enter encounter God's mercy, peace, and healing grace. We invite you to worship with us, grow in faith with us, and journey with us toward Christ. Please let us know how we may serve you. May God bless and keep you always.

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

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NEW TO OUR PARISH

Welcome to our Parish! If you wish to join our Parish family, please call the Parish Office, Tues. & Thurs., at 479-253-2222.

Registration forms are available in the narthex at both locations or you can register online at <https://stelizabethureka.com/new->

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Parish Staff & Ministry Leaders

Pastor

Rev. Joseph Archibong

Secretary & Bookkeeper
Regina Morris

Director of Music
Sharon Parker

**Parish Council, Parish Life &
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July 12, 2026



THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JULY 14

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am
Mass Intention for Darrell Frederick and Family

THURSDAY, JULY 16

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am
Mass Intention for Darrell Frederick and Family

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Daily Mass 8:30am
Mass Intention for Intentions of the Parishioners

SATURDAY, JULY 18

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC
Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC
Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC
Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of Jerry Buice

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Holy Rosary 8:00am
8:30am
Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of Nancy Elfter

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, JULY 18

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center
Lector: Paula Perry
EMCs: see sign-up sheet
Ushers: Janice and Richard Boyes
Altar Server:

SUNDAY, JULY 19

8:30am Mass at the Church
Lector: Mike Godfrey
EMCs: Rod McGuire, Phyllis McGuire, Mindy Godfrey
Ushers: Ted Myer, Mark Leggett
Altar Server: Leva Murphy



A Reminder: Extended Adoration is the last Tuesday of every month from 9:00 - 11:00am at the Church.



Pray for



OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Rob Breaux, Florence Giels, Barbara Witkowski, & Virginia Jankowski & Barb McClung

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Regina Booth, Cate Bradshaw, Carol Dvorah, Marsha Havens, Pam Heinzl, Kathleen Horosinski, Marci Krieger, Betty McClard, Joe McDaniel, Billy Metzger, Carol Morgan-Eagle, Gene Ochrymowich, Eric Pederson, David Reuter, Connie Stielow, Ed Terrill, Brenda Scheidly, Nora Hudspeth, Linda Gilmore, Betty Wallace, Patsy Case, Anthony Smith, Danny Schepp, Paula Tyndale-Faddrell, and Ron Davis

OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith, Robby Bartos

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Nancy Elfter



God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Richard Boyes-7/11, Jacki Derks-7/11

Ginger Lehren-7/16

May you have many more!



SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us for a night of celebration & support at:



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Saturday, August 8th, 2026

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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 4 & 5 July-\$3,487.00

Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of 6/16/26:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Parishioners	\$831,333	\$647,915
Non-Parishioners	\$124,283	\$ 98,417
Donations	\$ <u> 0</u>	<u>\$104,046</u>
	\$955,616	\$850,378

Blessing for Abundant Growth

Dear God,
Bless our efforts in Your Name.
Help us to understand Your will.
Allow us to follow the invitation You have provided.
We want to be rich soil — help us respond
deeply and abundantly to every place You call.
Amen.

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	1:00-4:00	Breauxs
Tues 7/14	10:00-1:00	D. Buttecali
	1:00-4:00	D. Buttecali
Wed 7/15	10:00-4:00	CLOSED
Thurs 7/16	10:00-1:00	J. Boardman
	1:00-4:00	J. Boardman
Friday 7/17	10:00-1:00	L. Murphy
	1:00-4:00	Finkeldeis
Sat 7/18	10:00-1:00	N. Barnett
	1:00-4:00	S. McClung
Sun 7/19	9:30-1:00	Godfreys
	1:00-4:00	Godfreys



Our Seminararians for the month of July, 2026

Andrew Schaefer

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

For more information:

www.dolr.org/seminarians



Abner Sierra

A Reflection

Our hearts are fertile ground for the Word of God, but we must be careful gardeners. Be conscious of what damages and depletes the soil of your heart. Pay attention to what nourishes it, so that the goodness of the Word can bloom forth into the world.



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

My word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it. (Is 55:11)

Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

Second Reading:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. (Rom 8:18)

Gospel:

Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. (Mt 13:17)

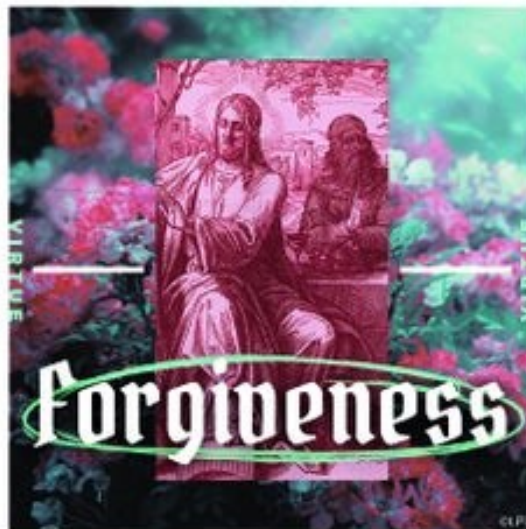
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

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Observances for the week of July 12, 2026

Sunday:	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Henry
Tuesday:	St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Saturday:	St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Next Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Forgiveness is love in action. It is mercy extended for no other reason than a desire to be like God, who forgives us out of sheer goodness. The Catechism says that forgiveness proves that "love is stronger than sin."

Blessing for Abundant Growth

Dear God,
Bless our efforts in Your Name.
Help us to understand Your will.
Allow us to follow the invitation You have provided.
We want to be rich soil — help us respond deeply and abundantly to every place You call.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 12, 2026

Sunday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/
Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday:

Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday:

Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday:

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-
15/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday:

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15,
16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday:

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 12abcd, 16/
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday:

Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday:

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. **"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it."** By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing.

God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed **"understand the Word."** Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold.

Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Gardener and the Soil

I began writing this piece by googling “how do you make soil fertile?” which should tell you everything you need to know about my own abilities as a gardener.

I remember seeing a packet of seeds in the store one summer as a child and convincing my mother to buy them. They were delphiniums, which bloom into a beautiful cone shape if you know what you’re doing. Alas, I didn’t. I chose for my garden a particularly dry spot of earth right next to my backyard playset, scattered the seeds, congratulated myself, and went on my merry way. I returned occasionally to water the area, but only when I remembered to.

Nothing grew, not even a little sprout. I was more than heartbroken — my faith was shaken. I had planted these seeds! I had watered them! (A little.) There was sunlight! All my childhood books and rhymes said this was all you needed. Was it all a lie?

Of course it wasn’t a lie. Seeds need soil, sunlight, water, and oxygen — good soil, adequate sunlight for whatever the plant is, and consistent water.

So what seeds need more than anything is a gardener. (At least, delphiniums do.)

When I hear the parable of the rich soil and the rocky ground in the Gospel of Matthew, I often miss the point. I think Jesus is trying to give me a message about how I should be. “Be better.” That’s what I think he’s telling me.

I forget that I am only the soil. I cannot enrich myself; all my efforts to do so will come to nothing. What he is telling me is to ask the gardener: “Make me what I need to be.”

— *Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I’m afraid to. How do I share my faith?

Answer:

There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don’t be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because He has faith in you!

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