

# St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

*A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception*

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Mass Times

Monday to Friday: 12:15 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

### Confession Times

Monday to Friday: 11:40 AM – 12:10 PM

### Eucharistic Adoration

Monday to Friday: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

### Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 10 AM – 3:00 PM

### Spiritual Direction for College Students



October 29, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters,

Last Thursday, we rejoiced in receiving two Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia from Nashville, Tennessee. These wonderful Sisters are dedicated to education and the salvation of souls.

The Sisters visited us to support our students and promote vocations. They also participated in a bible study with the girls and spent lots of quality time with them. It was a joy to have them, and we pray they'll come back soon.

This week, after some great historical research over at the Cathedral to find St Elizabeth's consecration date, Fr. Sam was able to find a little resource that showed both the dedication date and the consecration date for Saint Elizabeth of Hungary. The church was dedicated on May 1, 1898. Thus, instead of celebrating the Memorial of St Joseph the Worker, we will always celebrate the Solemnity of the Dedication of the Church of Saint Elizabeth on May 1 every year in the church itself. Parishioners and others who attend can receive a plenary indulgence under all the normal conditions that day. Thank you, Fr. Sam, for your research and leadership!

As you know, last October 8, we offered Mass for our Sandwich Line volunteers. At the end of Mass, we blessed some medals of our Lady of Guadalupe. We have visited the Sandwich Line volunteers each day of the week, distributing these medals to them. May our Lady keep guiding them always!

As we are getting well into the fall semester, the number of students engaged in campus outreach is very significant. Thursday's barbecues and games remain very popular. The seven bible studies, run by missionaries and students, are very well attended. Please keep praying for the spiritual fruit of the ministry to the students.

May our Lady of Guadalupe always be our star, guiding us to Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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# Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

Following the Nazi invasion of Poland in 1939, St. Maximilian Kolbe and several friars were apprehended due to their involvement in media evangelization. The Nazis confiscated all valuable assets from Niepokalónow, while the remaining friars devoted their time to aiding refugees. After a few months, St. Maximilian and his fellow friars were released. Despite the ban on Kolbe's publications, he succeeded in persuading the Nazis to permit one final magazine printing in 1940. During this period of oppression, the friars turned to Eucharistic Adoration as their central ministry.

In February 1941, the Nazis arrested St. Maximilian once more and dispatched him to the Auschwitz concentration camp, where he was assigned registration number 16670.

In late July 1941, a prisoner managed to escape from St. Maximilian's barracks. In response, the Nazis selected ten prisoners to be condemned to death by starvation. Among these ten was Polish Sergeant Francis Gajowniczek, who cried out in anguish about his family's uncertain fate in his absence. In a remarkable and unexpected act, St. Maximilian stepped forward from the ranks and stood before the Commandant.

The Commandant inquired, "What does this Polish pig want?"

Father Kolbe pointed to Sergeant Gajowniczek and declared, "I am a Catholic priest. I would like to take his place, because he has a wife and children."

After a moment of silence, the Commandant agreed to this request, allowing Gajowniczek to rejoin the other prisoners while Father Kolbe took his place.

Maximilian entered the starvation chamber with the nine other men, where he spent the final two weeks of his life providing encouragement to his companions through prayer and hymn singing in the starvation bunker of block 13.

On August 14, 1941, the eve of the Feast of the Assumption, Maximilian was one of only four prisoners still alive. Impatient captors executed him by administering a lethal injection of carbolic acid and subsequently burned his body in the camp's crematorium. Saint Maximilian's Feast Day is celebrated on August 14.

Pope John Paul II canonized Maximilian Kolbe on October 10, 1982, recognizing him as a Martyr of Charity and the "patron saint of our difficult century."

Sergeant Francis Gajowniczek survived World War II and dedicated the rest of his life to traveling the world, sharing the story of the man who saved his life. He was present at St. Maximilian's canonization and passed away in 1995.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that upon the love of God and the love of our neighbor depends all of our faith. St. Maximilian lived the double commandment of love to heroic heights.

He loved God by dedicating his life to the service of God through his vocation as a Franciscan priest. He was deeply devoted to the Virgin Mary and saw her as a symbol of God's love and mercy.

He also loved his neighbor by his selfless act of offering to die in place of a fellow prisoner. This sacrifice showed his deep love and concern for other people, even in the face of extreme adversity.

In his martyrdom, St. Maximilian Kolbe embodied the essence of Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel. He loved God with all his heart and soul by dedicating his life to his religious vocation, and he loved his neighbor as himself by giving up his life to save another. His actions serve as a powerful example of selflessness and the highest form of love for both God and men, as taught by Jesus in these verses.

Let us imitate this great saint, loving God and others to the point of sacrificing ourselves.



# SEEK Promotion & Dominican Sisters



## Campus Outreach

### Sports

Mondays: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

### Free Cookout & Talk

Thursdays: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
(St. Elizabeth's)

### Eucharistic Adoration



Monday to Friday: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
(St. Elizabeth's)

SCAN to Sign-up for  
Eucharistic Adoration

## Sock and Sticker Fundraiser

Step into Our Faith-Inspired Fundraiser!

Attention, fellow parishioners!  
It's time to come together and join our Sock and  
Sticker Fundraiser!

Explore a fantastic selection of faith-inspired  
goodies, including Sock Religious socks and  
faith-filled stickers. Your purchase will have a  
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Celia Moneboulou, a FOCUS Missionary at St. E's.

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## Announcements

**Liturgical Ministries** - Volunteer opportunities for greeters, lectors, altar servers and Eucharistic ministers. Sign up here: <https://www.stelizabethdenver.org/ministries>. If you wish to volunteer for substitute cantor contact Fr. Richard.

**Prayers of the Faithful** - If you have someone you would like prayers for, let Lisa know at [lisa@stelizabethdenver.org](mailto:lisa@stelizabethdenver.org) and we will include the intention in the Prayers of the Faithful for the upcoming Sunday.

**Sandwich Line** - We need volunteers every day of the week, 9am - 12pm. We are in great need of men's shoes and boots - new or used.



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## All Souls Day

Thursday, November 2nd

Commemoration of All Souls

Mass at 12:15 PM

Write the names of your deceased loved ones in the book of the dead in the back of the Church. Mass will be offered for all the deceased in that book on November 2nd. We will also pray for them at the prayers of the faithful every Sunday in November.



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