



## *Saint Elizabeth of Hungary*



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# Liturgy Schedule

## Saturday, August 10

3:00 pm —St. Elizabeth  
Confession  
4:00 pm —St. Elizabeth  
The Transue Family  
6:00 pm —St. Gabriel  
+ Nancy Cira (Gloria & Family)

## Sunday, August 11

8:15 am —St. Elizabeth  
Recitation of the Rosary  
9:00 —St. Elizabeth  
For the living & deceased parishioners of  
St. Elizabeth, St. Gabriel's and St. Joseph's

## Monday, August 12

9:00 am —St. Elizabeth  
The Deceased Members of the  
Dr. William Keating Family

## Wednesday, August 14 ~Vigil Mass

### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary~

7:00 pm — St. Elizabeth  
+Brian Morris (Mike & Toni Morris)

## Thursday, August 8

### ~The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary~

9:00 am —St. Gabriel  
+Gertrude Hartle (Hartle Family)

## Saturday, August 3

3:00 pm —St. Elizabeth  
Confession  
4:00 pm —St. Elizabeth  
+Lloyd Mulvihill (Mike & Geri Mulvihill)  
6:00 pm —St. Gabriel  
+ Steve Frison (Mary Beth Frison)

## Sunday, August 4

8:15 am —St. Elizabeth  
Recitation of the Rosary  
9:00 am —St. Elizabeth  
+Dave Petrucci (Bob Murphy)

### Sanctuary Light for the week of August 11

St. Gabriel  
Gerald & Thelma Miller

### Readings for the week of August 11, 2024

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51  
Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27  
Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20  
Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/  
Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12  
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15  
Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58



The  
*Assumption*  
of the  
**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

# Parish Picnic

# Thank You

Nearly 90 people from St. Elizabeth's and St. Gabriel's attended the Parish Picnic. Thank you to everyone who attended the picnic as we work to build community and cooperation between our two churches.

Our parish family would like to thank the planning committee, in particular, Charlene Gross, Bob Murphy, and John & Joyce Stehle as well as all of the people who helped to set up, volunteer during the picnic and then provide clean-up!

A special thank you goes out to Marian Bush and Nicole Tanner for their generous donation of the hamburgers for the picnic!

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Invest time each week to expand your vocabulary and deepen your faith.

11 August 2024

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Hyperdulia *\hī-pər-'dü-lē-ə\*

Literally, "a greater service"; it refers to the special reverence Catholics show to the Blessed Virgin Mary. God alone is worshipped and adored (latrā), while the saints are honored (dulia). As the Mother of God, Mary is uniquely honored with a higher reverence, or **hyperdulia**, than the rest of the saints.

Pronunciation: <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-Hyperdulia>

## CONTEXT

I met the girl I was to marry after finding a note from her . . . protesting against my inaccuracy in writing . . . of the "worship" Roman Catholics gave to the Virgin Mary, when I should have used the term *hyperdulia*.

—Graham Greene

Dulia is like a high but finite number; **hyperdulia** is like the highest number out of a finite number of finite numbers; latrā is like infinity."

—Peter Kreeft, Practical Theology

## WHY IT MATTERS

Two affiliations loom large for Catholics that distinguish us from any other brand of Christian: our relationship with Mary and with the pope. Getting Mary right is therefore vital. She's not a fourth wheel in the Trinity, and she's not just another saint in the celestial realm. Mary is Mother of God and Mother of the Church. As Christ-bearer, she models for us what true discipleship is. Let's give Mary her due!

From the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Paul VI, *Marialis Cultus*: The Church in spirit and truth adores the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, venerates with special love Mary the most holy Mother of God, and honors with religious devotion the memory of the martyrs and the other saints."

## RELATED WORDS

Adoration | Veneration | Honor | Devotion | Praise

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### Why do Catholics believe in Mary's Assumption into heaven?

The Assumption was formally declared as dogma in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, but as early as the third century the tradition of Mary's "transitus" recounted her bodily reception into heaven. The theological argument for the Assumption is one of "fittingness." Mary is the Ark of God's new covenant in Christ. She was preserved from sin for this end (her Immaculate Conception) and should not undergo the corruption of death. Her body, given over to God's purposes in the divine plan of salvation, became a vessel too sacred to be discarded or forgotten.

Perhaps a more humanly compelling argument arose in the wake of the 20th century's two brutal world wars. Pius XII surveyed the ghastly indignities suffered by humanity and saw an opportunity to teach emphatically that God cares what happens to our mortal flesh. Mary's exaltation brings "clearly to the notice of all persons" our common destiny as vessels of divine life precious in God's sight.

—Alice Camille, from *Questions Catholics Ask* [https://www.vocationnetwork.org/en/blog/questions\\_catholics\\_ask/2010/08/why\\_do\\_catholics\\_believe\\_in\\_the\\_assumption\\_of\\_mary](https://www.vocationnetwork.org/en/blog/questions_catholics_ask/2010/08/why_do_catholics_believe_in_the_assumption_of_mary)

## REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

### SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (AUGUST 15)

#### What's so special about Mary?

The most important thing to remember about Mary is her discipleship. She is the first and most revered of Jesus' followers because of her embrace of the role she was asked to play in salvation history and her unflinching support of Christ's mission. What Mary endured, we can endure; what Mary achieved, we can achieve. She is the "guide, strength, and consolation of our mortal life," said Pope Pius XII in a prayer in honor of the Assumption.

READINGS: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56 (622 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/081524-Day.cfm>). "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord."

## FAITH IN ACTION

Begin your spiritual journey as Mary did by proclaiming God's greatness.

**Offertory Report**

**St. Elizabeth**  
 August 4: \$6,240.00  
 CSA: \$1,142.68

**St. Gabriel**  
 August 3: \$940.00  
 CSA: \$200.00

**Faith Formation**

There will be a parent and student meeting directly after Mass August 25th to review the upcoming Faith Formation Program. If your child or children have been a part of the program in the past, welcome back! If you are new to the parish, this will give us a chance to give you information and get information from you.

All children and young adults from first grade through high school are welcome. We are looking forward to having an exciting, active year with all as we build our relationship with God and our community.

Fran Reilly, Jon and Joyce Stehle.

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-  
 Diocesan Requirements  
 for working with children:**

Working alongside the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth reinforces the ongoing implementation of policies and procedures that protect children. All clergy, employees, and volunteers in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before being granted access to their children. Visit [www.eriercd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/) to see what is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.

**\*St. Elizabeth Ministry Schedule\***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Altar Server</b>
Sat. Aug 10	4:00 pm	Josh Costa	Vin
Sun. Aug. 11	9:00 am	Tom Kreiner	Carter
Sat. Aug. 17	4:00 pm	Ray Learn	Nick
Sun. Aug. 18	9:00 am	Fran Reilly	Faith

**Sacramental Information**

**Baptism:** Parents & Godparents are asked to participate in a Preparation Program prior to scheduling a Baptism.

**Matrimony:** An appointment with the parish priest needs to be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. Before the wedding can be scheduled, Pre-Cana, Engagement encounter or NOVA is required.

**Sick Calls, Anointing, Communion:** Please call the parish office to arrange visits for those sick or homebound.

**New Members are always welcome!** Contact the parish office to register or use the form on the back of the bulletin. Moving? Please let us know.

**RCIA (rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):** Any individual seeking information on becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith should call the parish office.

**Tuesday**

Recitation of the Rosary  
 Immediately after 9:00 Mass  
 @ St. Gabriel Church

Recitation of the Rosary 2:00 pm  
 @ St. Elizabeth Church

Happy  
 Birthday!

Kelsey Cusatis: 11th  
 Mary Stavisky: 13th

**St. Elizabeth Church  
 Mobile Food Pantry**

**PICK-UP:**  
 Tues. Aug. 13th

Anyone wanting to help can arrive  
 between 11:30 and 1:00

**Parish Pastoral Council will meet**

**Wednesday, Aug. 14th**

**7:00 pm**

**At St. Gabriel's Church.**

**A Family Perspective**

"Stop murmuring" Jesus told the disciples in today's gospel. Complaining is a dead-end; constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don't make them personal attacks.

**\*St. Gabriel Lector Schedule\***

August 10 ~ Jerry Patton

August 17 ~ Cindy Bosworth

August 24 ~ Mary Beth Frison

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 Endowment

*Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to Rectory.*

Note: Use of this form does not automatically register you with the church. You will be contacted to arrange an appointment. Thank You