

April 19, 2026

The Third
Sunday of
Easter

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Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:30am

Tuesday 8:30am

Thursday 8:30am

Friday 8:30am

(except 1st Fri. of
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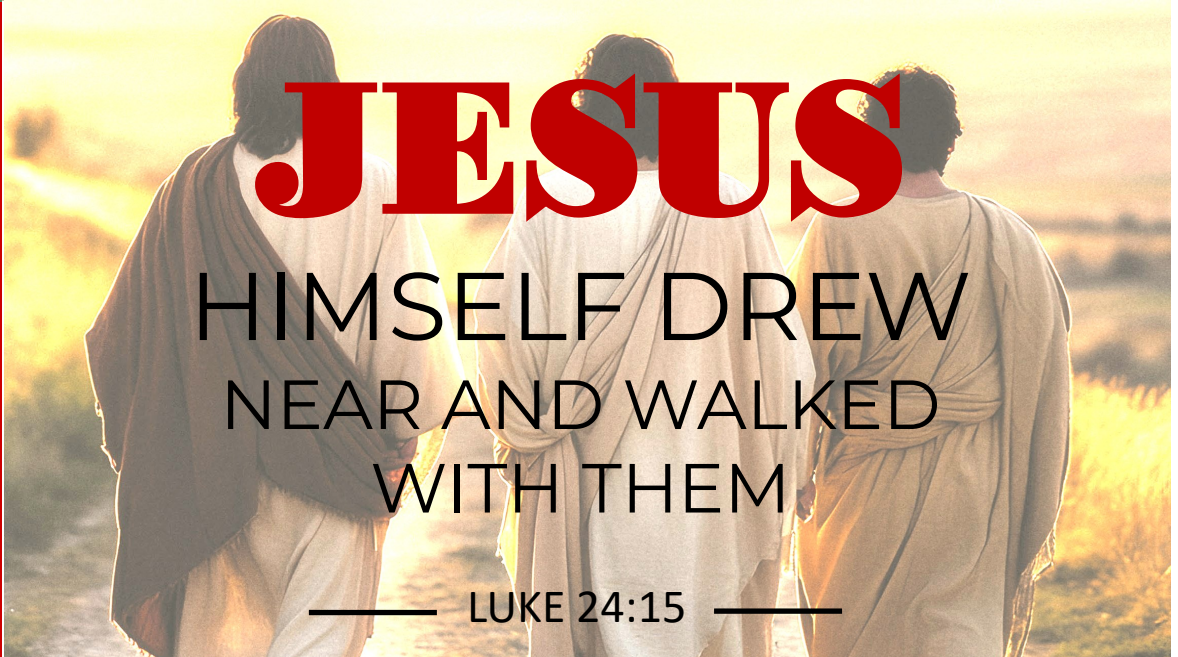
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All visitors to our beautiful town of Eureka Springs are welcome to visit our historic Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church, and to pray and worship with us. If you are Catholic, and have recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you are also 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.

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. It is generally open six 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. Stop in and see us!

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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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am
Mass Intention is for the Repose of the Soul of Cornelia Christopher

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am
Mass Intention is for the Repose of the Soul of Cornelia Christopher

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Daily Mass 8:30am
Mass Intention is for the Repose of the Soul of Cornelia Christopher

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Holy Rosary 8:00am
Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:30am
Mass Intention is for Jessica Petter



God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to: -

Catherine Henson - 4/18, James Witkowski - 4/18,
Therese Kees - 4/20, Dolores Becker - 4/23



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, APRIL 25

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Paula Perry

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Mark & Jo Elworth

Altar Server:

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Cassian Heath

EMCs: Mindy Godfrey, Karen Finkeldei, Phyllis McGuire

Ushers: Gary Finkeldei, Mike Godfrey



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, Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi and Barbara Witkowski.

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, Libbie Vesekla and Betty Wallace.

OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith, Robby Bartos

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Carol Greer, Alice Midden & Nancy Elfter

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

Special Collection for the week of
Sat, April 18, 2026 - Sun, April 19 2026

All parishes in the diocese will take up a special collection April 18 and 19 to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled – but as the Church in Africa grows, the pastoral needs of the people also increase.

Clergy formation, communications programs to bring the Gospel to remote territories, youth ministries that engage the next generation of disciples – these and all the Church’s needs are wide-ranging.

The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for our contributions help them face these challenges and build lasting foundations of missionary discipleship.



Steven Wilson

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*Our Seminararians
for the month of
April, 2026*



**Phillip
Zawislak**



STEWARDSHIP

As a parish, we are financially dependent on your generous weekly contributions to pay our bills, 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 April 11 & 12 was **\$2,990.00.**

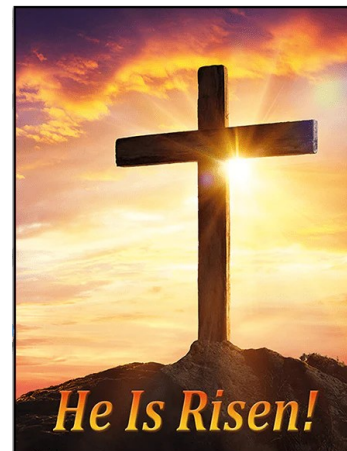
Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of 4/8/26:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Parishioners	\$828,303	\$593,638
Non-Parishioners	\$113,380	\$ 63,993
Donations	\$ <u> 0</u>	\$ <u>96,898</u>
	\$941,683	\$754,529



GIFT SHOP

Sun., 4/19	9:30-1:00	McGuire
	1:00-4:00	McGuire
Mon., 4/20	10:00-1:00	D. Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 4/21	10:00-1:00	D. Buttecali
	1:00-4:00	D. Buttecali
Wed., 4/22	10:00-4:00	CLOSED
Thurs., 4/23	10:00-1:00	Terri Kees
	1:00-4:00	Nanette Barnett
Friday, 4/24	10:00-1:00	Meyers
	1:00-4:00	Meyers
Sat., 4/25	10:00-1:00	S. McClung
	1:00-4:00	Meyers
Sun., 4/26	9:30-1:00	Boardman
	1:00-4:00	Boardman



Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. While dioceses work year-round to prevent abuse, during this month a special emphasis is placed on the importance of learning how to protect the vulnerable from this evil.

Together, for the next nine days, let's pray that the vulnerable are protected from abuse, and that survivors of abuse may be accompanied on their paths to healing.

Novena

for Protection and Healing from Abuse

Intercessions

- Day 1:** May the most vulnerable be protected from all types of abuse and exploitation.
- Day 2:** May those who have been sexually abused receive comfort and healing.
- Day 3:** May those who work with children and young people be vigilant in protecting them from harm.
- Day 4:** May those who provide help for the abused act with wisdom and compassion in their healing ministries.
- Day 5:** May all families strive to provide safe and nurturing environments for children and young people.

Day 6: May all those who have committed abuse acknowledge the harm they have done, repent, and accept justice that ultimately comes from God.

Day 7: May those who have been abused receive the courage to tell their story, and may they be believed and supported.

Day 8: May Church leaders, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, promote justice and healing for survivors of abuse.

Day 9: May our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, fulfill his role as good shepherd and protect the most vulnerable in his flock.

Prayers

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be, Prayer for Healing

Prayer for Healing

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.

Soothe their restless hearts with
hope, steady their shaken
spirits with faith.
Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace, to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Exalted at the right hand of God,
he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father
and poured him forth, as you see and hear." (Acts 2:33)

Psalm:

Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

He was known before the foundation of the world
but revealed in the final time for you. (1 Pt 1:20)

Gospel:

Then they said to each other,
"Were not our hearts burning within us
while he spoke to us on the way and opened the
Scriptures to us?" (Lk 24:32)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Like Cleopas, we make our way
through this world with weary feet and
disappointed hearts. Christ falls into step
beside us. He can open our eyes. Will we
let him?

Observances for the week of April 19, 2026

Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Easter
Tuesday:	St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	<i>Administrative Professionals' Day; Earth Day</i>
Thursday:	St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
Friday:	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; <i>Arbor Day</i>
Saturday:	St. Mark, Evangelist
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations



Virtues, Explained!

This cardinal virtue of temperance is shown in the person who is master of his passions and his attachment to the world. "It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable," we read in the Catechism.

Blessing for Spring

Dear Lord,
As this new season begins,
bring new life to our hearts as
well.
Prune what has grown
despondent,
brush back that which darkens
and clouds.
As the flowers bud and bloom,
bless us with new wonder, new
hope, new promise, new joy.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 19, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8,
9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Monday:

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday:

Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and
8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/
Jn 6:44-51

Friday:

Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday:

1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/
Mk 16:15-20

Next Sunday:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but "**their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.**" (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Christ gave us everything. He gave us “happily ever after.” But what do you do with everything? What do you do with “happily ever after?” What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

The Story That Never Ends

The biggest mistake we can make as Christians is to think that the Resurrection is the end of the story.

Of course we *know*, logically, that it isn't — there are whole books of the Bible that come after it, detailing not just the activities and teachings of the Risen Christ, but the development of the early Church and the Gospel's first baby steps into the wider world. We know this.

But sometimes we don't act like it.

The thing is, we like stories that can be tied up neatly in a bow. It's why “happily ever after” is a thing. These tidy endings are especially satisfying following an emotional gut punch and a twist — for instance, let's say the crucifixion of the story's hero and a *gotcha!* moment where it turns out he's not dead after all. Drinks all around! And...scene. The curtain falls.

But the curtain didn't fall. It still hasn't.

Look at Cleopas. He has heard the testimony of people he knew, people he trusted — and yet, he's in a world of confusion. He's stumbling along the road, wondering what to believe.

Christ gave us “happily ever after.” But what do you do with “happily ever after?” What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

The Resurrection left loose ends — not because it was insufficient, but because it was not a final chapter. So being a Christian means embracing the life of a loose end. It means figuring out what to do with the Resurrection, with salvation, with forgiveness — with this hard-won “happily ever after” that is a gift but also a commission.

Because the curtain is still up, and we are all characters in the Greatest Story Ever Told.

So, what's the next scene?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What do Catholics believe about the end of the world?

Answer:

We hear the phrase “the end of the world” casually today. Often in film or media, it means the end of civil society or the threat of human annihilation by natural disasters. For the Christian, our perspective is distinctly Christ-centered. Numerous times through the Gospel, Jesus notes that he will come again, even after he has ascended into heaven. The Church typically refers to this as the Second Coming of Jesus or the Latin “Parousia,” meaning “presence” or “arrival.”

We believe that Christ will come again, and at his Second Coming, temporal time will end. Human history will end, at least as we know it. However, it doesn't mean that creation will be destroyed. The book of Revelation speaks of a renewal, indeed a “*new heaven and a new earth*” (Rev 21:1). Christ will come again in glory. Our souls will be reunited with our bodies. While our lives were judged individually at our deaths, which we call the particular judgment, something new will happen here. Theologians call it the general judgment or the last judgment, in which our deeds and the effects — for good or ill — will be known to all. For the early Christians, this second coming was hoped for! They knew it was the completion of God's work of redemption for the human race. We, too, should pray with them, “Come Lord Jesus!”

And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.
- Lk 24:30-31

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

In his first speech on the streets of Jerusalem, Peter quotes Psalm 16 as proof of God's promise to David in raising Jesus from the dead. Have you ever made a promise to God?

Second Reading:

In the resurrection of Jesus, Peter urges us to have our faith and hope in God. What is something you could hope for from God this week?

Gospel:

Jesus' interpretation of Scripture opened the eyes of the two disciples. Does reading the Bible bring you clarity?



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They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread. - Lk 24:33-35

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Path of the Apostles: Pilgrimage to Greece and Ephesus

Due to an overwhelming response, *Arkansas Catholic* is hosting a second pilgrimage to Greece and ancient Ephesus to walk in the footsteps of St. Paul, St. John the Evangelist and, according to tradition, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join Father William Burmester, pastor of St. Edward Church in Texarkana, September 27–October 8, 2027.

We will visit:

- Philippi, where St. Paul baptized Lydia, Europe's first Christian
- Athens, where St. Paul preached at the Areopagus
- Corinth, where St. Paul lived and wrote
- Ephesus, where St. John wrote the Gospel and St. Mary spent her final years

Daily Mass, Scripture reflections and fellowship will enrich each step. If you've longed to grow closer to God through religious travel — this is your chance.

To learn more, an informational meeting will be held Sunday, May 31 at 3 p.m. in the parish hall at St. Edward Church in Texarkana. RSVP at <https://bit.ly/>

A\$50 discount is available for those who book by October 28, 2026. Register online or download the brochure at arkansas-catholic/pilgrimage. For more information, contact Kathy Primm of Sue Smith Vacations at (501) 771-0987 or kathy@suesmithvacations.com.

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