

April 5, 2026

Easter

Sunday

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Contact Us

CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive
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Parish Center

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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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HE HAS BEEN RAISED!

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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April 5, 2026



THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am
No Intention

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am
No Intention

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Daily Mass 8:30am
Mass Intention is for the Repose of the Soul of George M. Dirnberger

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

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 Bobby Elworth

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Holy Rosary 8:00am
Second Sunday of Easter 8:30am

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Barb McClung

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Mark & Jo Elworth

Altar Server:

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Mike Godfrey

EMCs: Rod McGuire, Phyllis McGuire, Karen Finkeldei

Ushers: Gary Finkeldei, Mark Leggett

Altar Server: Mike Lubbers



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 - Sam Donelson, Carol Greer & Nancy Elfter



God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Steve Simmons - 4/7, Susan Schaefer - 4/8,
Kyla Boardman - 4/9

May you have many more!





Please consider donating your gently used furniture or making a monetary gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Berryville. Your generosity helps bring hope and healing to individuals and families facing poverty and hardship in our community.

Every donation makes a difference and allows us to continue supporting those in need.

We also invite you to consider joining our wonderful team of volunteers. Our mission is to serve and support people throughout Carroll County, and even a few hours of your time each month can have a meaningful impact on the lives of those we serve.

If you're interested in volunteering, please call 870-423-3572 and ask to be connected with a Board Member to learn how you can get involved.



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 March 28 & 29 was **\$3,112.00**.

Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of 3/10/26

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Parishioners	\$828,303	\$589,068
Non-Parishioners	\$113,380	\$ 62,693
Donations	\$ <u> 0</u>	\$ <u>92,520</u>
	\$941,683	\$744,281



GIFT SHOP

Sun., 4/5	9:30-4:00	Stamps
Mon., 4/6	10:00-1:00	D. Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 4/7	10:00-4:00	Buttecali
Wed., 4/8	10:00-4:00	CLOSED
Thurs., 4/9	10:00-4:00	Lubbers
Friday, 4/10	10:00-4:00	Reed
Sat., 4/11	10:00-4:00	Leggett
Sun., 4/12	9:30-4:00	Selleck



*Our Seminararians
for the month of
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Steven Wilson

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel:

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,
while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb. (Jn 10:1)

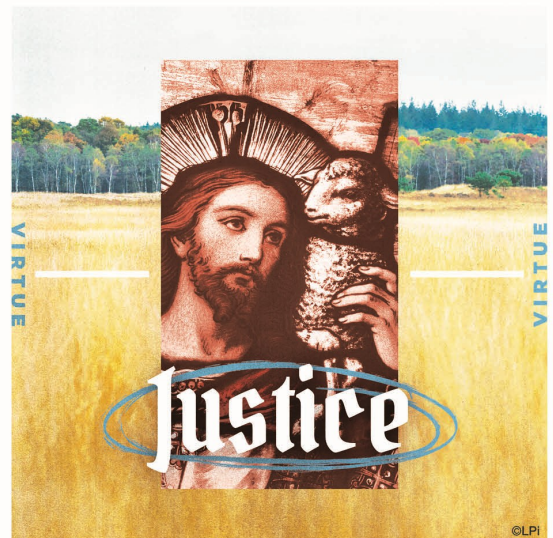
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples didn't understand, at first, what happened at the tomb. Often, we can't fathom the purpose of God's plan. We only see a stone in the wrong place. When we pause and look deeper, we see it: God has moved the stone. So, we must ask ourselves: why?

Observances for the week of April 5, 2026

- Sunday:** Easter Sunday
- Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
- Thursday:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday:** Friday within the Octave of Easter
- Saturday:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



Virtues, Explained!

The cardinal virtue of justice has to do with the fulfillment of our duty to one another and to God. It gives us a framework for existing in the world alongside one another, in reverence with our respective rights, property, and obligations.

Easter Blessing

Dear Lord,
Where there has been death, bring new life! Renew and redeem the sorrow in our stories with Your goodness and grace. Bless our hearts and homes this Easter and always. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 5, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday:

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Zander Price was the fastest kid at my grade school. He won every race on Field Day. To me, his swiftness meant he was the greatest. Zander was the best.

It's the same with the speediest Apostle on Easter morning. John tells us he **“ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first.”** (John 20:4) But only *after* Peter entered did John go in, see the burial cloths, and believe. Here is a symbol of two dimensions of the Church. John, the beloved disciple, represents the contemplative, mystical life: affection, prayer, intimacy. Peter, the rock, represents the Church's institutional life: steady, authoritative, structured...but slower.

Of course, John runs faster! Love is the heartbeat of Christian faith, so love will always arrive first. Peter's role is, in a sense, secondary. He arrives later, but is still very much needed. John waits for him. The Church must be built, balanced, protected, and led. Love without structure can vanish; structure without love becomes lifeless.

This dynamic is not just historical — it is personal. In you, there is a John who longs to run to the tomb in love. Let him run! Pray, sing, love Jesus. There is also a Peter, who eventually gets to the tomb and takes charge. The Risen Christ wants both. Remember: if you want to get to the mystery of Jesus' resurrection *fast*...love him, for love is best.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: I go to church — to Catholic Mass, specifically — for the same reason Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. I go because it is the last place I saw Christ, and I am desperate to see him again.

While It Is Still Dark

If you are a person who is religious in any way, chances are that at some point, someone has asked you to give a reason why.

I meet lots of people who identify as *spiritual* but not *religious*, lots of people who are more comfortable splashing in the shallow end of belief but hesitating to wade into the more uncertain depths of doctrine. So when they ask the question “Why do you believe what you believe?” it usually comes out as “Why do you go to church?”

They want to know why I come to this specific place at this specific time. What am I expecting to happen?

We read that Mary Magdalene went to the tomb “while it was still dark.” I imagine she could not sleep. She was traumatized. Grieving. Confused. Angry, perhaps. Doubting? Maybe. It’s possible. We cannot know what was in her heart.

We only know what she did. We only know where she went. And we know that it was dark, that the light of Easter’s dawn had not yet pierced the sky.

Often, I am grieving when I go to church, or angry, or confused, or all three. I have gone many times with a doubting and resentful heart.

Because, you see, it is still dark. The dawn of eternity, which will illuminate all understanding, has not yet even begun to creep across my horizon.

My answer to the question, when I am asked, is that I go to church — to Catholic Mass, specifically — for the same reason Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. I go because it is the last place I saw Christ, and I am desperate to see him again

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why is the Easter season so long? And should we be doing something special for it?

Answer:

You’ve probably noticed the priest continuing to wear white vestments at the Sunday liturgy. While we celebrated Christ’s resurrection several weeks ago, the Easter season extends fifty days — just over seven weeks — from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. For most of that time — about six weeks — Jesus is still with the disciples, teaching and encouraging them. The Easter season isn’t just a celebration of when Jesus is with us. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send an “advocate” or “counselor” when he left. At the Ascension, he directs the disciples to await “power from on high” — the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension completes the Paschal Mystery, beginning with Jesus’ suffering and death and continuing in the resurrection. But the Holy Spirit ushers in a new era for the Church.

After spending weeks in prayer, fasting, and service during Lent, it may seem odd that we don’t widely have similar practices for Easter. That doesn’t mean you can’t embrace the season! Commit to taking moments of little joy throughout the weeks, like random acts of kindness towards others. Consider reading the Acts of the Apostles to learn more about the early Church or picking up an Easter devotional to pray with. He is still risen indeed!

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:6-8

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Peter testifies to others about what the Apostles witnessed with the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Do you ever share your faith with friends or family?

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the Colossians to see themselves as already risen with Christ, anticipating his return in glory. Does anticipating Christ's return impact any of your daily decision-making?

Gospel:

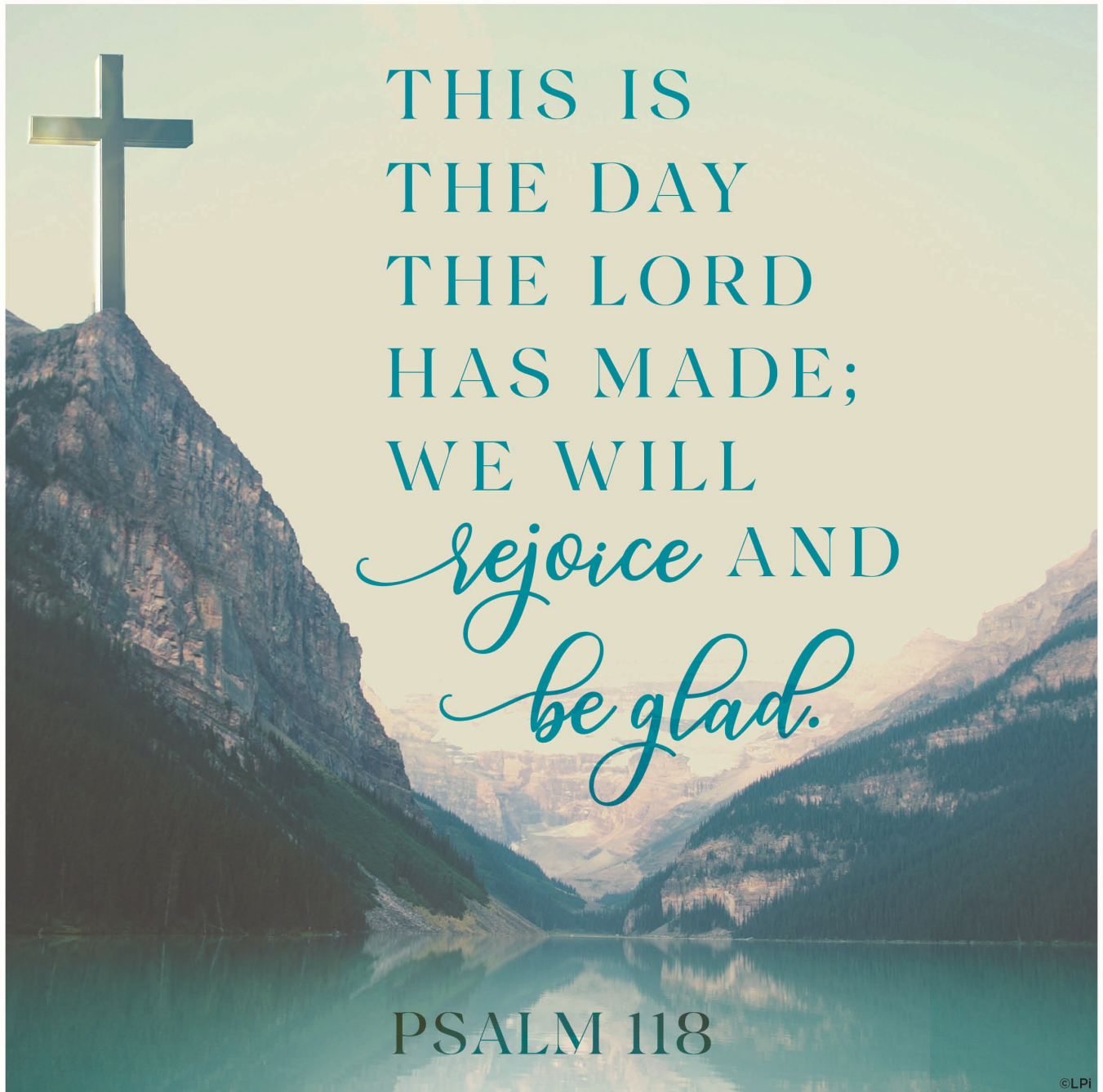
Both the angel of the Lord and the risen Jesus greet Mary Magdalene and the other Mary with these words of comfort: "Do not be afraid." Who in your circle of friends or family needs to be comforted this week?



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“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you.” - Mt 28:5b-7

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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.

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- Philippi, where St. Paul baptized Lydia, Europe's first Christian
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- 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.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

An Invitation

If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for you. Our faith community misses you & is incomplete without you.

No matter how long you've been away, or for whatever reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with your fellow Catholics.

Please join us for informal listening sessions and an update of the Catholic faith facilitated by former non-practicing Catholics. The sessions are conducted in a support-group format. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.** There is **NO** requirement to rejoin the Church.

Catholics Returning Home is a six-week series that **Starts Thursday, April 9, 2026 in Faith Hall, St. Raphael, Springdale, at 6:30pm.** These sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church.

Week 1: 4/9 Welcome, Overview of Series, Faith Sharing

Week 2: 4/16 Sharing Stories of the Faith

Week 3: 4/23 The Church today: Changes since Vatican II

Week 4: 4/30 Explanation of the Mass

Week 5: 5/7 Explanation of the Sacraments

Week 6: 5/14 Explanation of the Nicene Creed

If you know of a Catholic who no longer attends Church, please talk to them about this program. **No reservation required.**

For more information contact St. Raphael Catholic Church parish office at 479-756-6711, rphillips@straphaelcc.org or visit WWW.CRH-NWA.ORG

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