

August 17, 2025

20th Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

# SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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### CHURCH

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30am  
Tuesday 8:30am  
Thursday 8:30am  
Friday 8:30am

(except 1st Fri. of  
month-12noon at PC)  
Saturday 4pm at PC

### OFFICE HOURS

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IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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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.

### SACRAMENTAL LIFE

For Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, contact our Parish Office, and we will point you in the right direction.

### 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 in a small building. It is generally open five 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. Come on back and check us out!

### TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome to our Parish! If you wish to join our Parish family, please call the Parish Office, T&Th, at 253.2222. Registration forms are available in the narthex at both locations.

## Getting Married?

Saint Elizabeth welcomes couples from all over the world who want to receive the Catholic Sacrament of Matrimony in our beautiful and historic Church. For more information, please contact the Parish Office, 479.253.2222.

## PARISH STAFF & MINISTRY LEADERS

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# THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

## SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

Adoration 8:00am

Daily Mass 8:30am

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

Daily Mass 8:30am

Confessions 9:15am

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Daily Mass 8:30am

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC

Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC

Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab & 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15); Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

### God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Kit Core— 8/20

*May you have many more!*

### A GOOD PRAYER

A good prayer, though often used, is still fresh and fair in the eyes and ears of heaven.

-Thomas Fuller



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Mass Ministers



### SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

**Lector:** Barb McClung

**EMCs:** see sign-up sheet

**Ushers:** Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth

**Altar Server:**

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

8:30am Mass at the Church

**Lector:** Cassian Heath

**EMCs:** Rod McGuire, Mindy Godfrey, Mike Godfrey

**Ushers:** Mike Murphy, Ted Meyer

**Altar Server:** Leva Murphy



### Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 19

For the Repose of the Soul of Catherine Rose Dooley

Thursday, August 21

For the Repose of the Soul of Juana Irwin

Friday, August 22

For the Repose of the Soul of Dev Bennett

Saturday, August 23

For the Repose of the Soul of Dev Bennett

Sunday, August 24

For the Intentions of the Parishioners



### OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Florence Giels, Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi, Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

### OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Regina Booth, Sam Donelson, Carol Dvorah, Marsha Havens, Pam Heinzl, Kathleen Horosinski, Marci Krieger, Betty McClard, Joe McDaniel, Billy Metzger, Carol Morgan-Eagle, Gene Ochrymowich, Eric Pederson, Michael Ricciardi, Connie Stielow, Ed Terrill, Fran Terrill and Libbie Vesekla.

**OUR MILITARY -** Nic Smith.

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -** Lin Crider





### *Catholic Home Missions Appeal*

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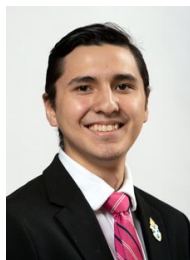
### *Our Seminarians for the month of August, 2025*

**Phillip Zawislak**

Contact address:

**House of Formation,**  
1201 S. Van Buren,  
Little Rock, AR 72204

For more information  
on our seminarians, go to  
[www.dolr.org/seminarians](http://www.dolr.org/seminarians)



**Pedro  
Alvarez**



## 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 August 2 & 3 was **\$3,019.00** For the Fiscal year (7/25-6/26) is **\$20,264.56**.

Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of 8/5/25:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Parishioners	\$822,303	\$421,720
Non-Parishioners	\$113,380	\$ 49,603
Donations	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 37,459</u>
	\$935,683	\$508,782



## GIFT SHOP

### *August Gift Shop Schedule*

Sun., 8/17	9:30-4:00	Godfrey
Mon., 8/18	10:00-1:00	D. Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 8/19	10:00-4:00	Buttecali
Thurs., 8/21	10:00-4:00	Boardman
Friday, 8/22	10:00-4:00	Meyer
Sat., 8/23	10:00-1:00	S. McClung
	1:00-4:00	Meyer
Sun., 8/24	9:30-4:00	Elfter



**A Reminder:** A good way to honor your loved ones, deceased or living, is by offering a Mass Intention.

### ARE YOU ATTENDING ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY IN THE FALL?:

If you plan on attending Arkansas Tech University or are a current student who has not received any information from us, we would like to get in touch with you. Please call us: (479) 968-8249 or email us at [stleoatu@gmail.com](mailto:stleoatu@gmail.com).

We are the Catholic University Parish built just for you at 509 West L Street Russellville, Arkansas. You can always come and visit us at our center as well. Check out our

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### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

#### **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

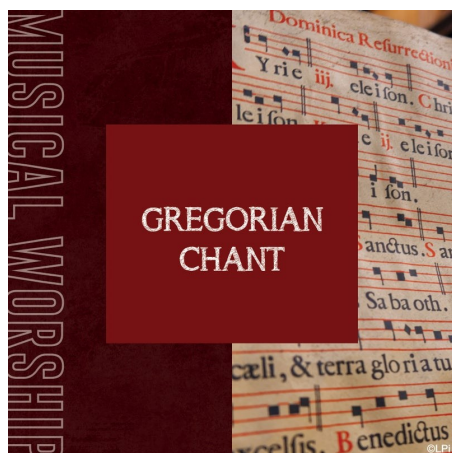
During my baseball career, my best coach often said, “You shouldn’t be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don’t. If I stop pushing you, it means I don’t think you have any more potential.” He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. **“Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?” he asks, “No, tell you, but rather division” (Luke 12:51).**

He wants you and me - in fact, all the earth, to participate in the luminous glory of God. That’s why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents’ wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let’s thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

*-Father John Muir*

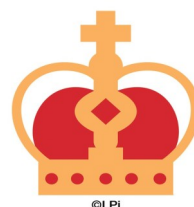


### **DEVOTIONS, *Explained!***

Defined by a monophonic (meaning a single melody without harmony of chords), unaccompanied song, Gregorian chant is a form of sacred music used in liturgical settings and prayer. It has been synonymous with Catholic musical worship since the first millennium.



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### **PRAYER FOR BRAVERY**

Dear God,

In the moments when my faith is met with others’ disdain or ridicule, give me the grace to be grounded in You. Remind me that Your mission matters, and that You alone bring comfort, healing and salvation.

Amen

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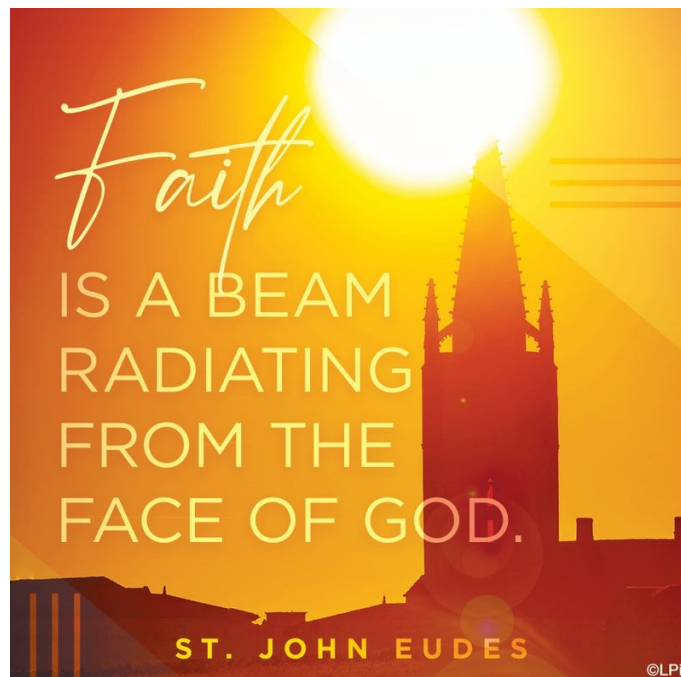
August 13, 2025

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

As you know from the news, the ongoing crisis in Gaza has left many people in desperate circumstances. Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas. These people are struggling to survive, protect their children and live with dignity in dire conditions. Pope Leo XIV continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory. Given the extraordinary nature of this crisis, we have been asked to take up a special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support through either the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) or Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Both organizations have well-established partnerships with the Catholic Church in the region. Moreover, I am a member of the board of directors of CRS and so have chosen CRS to be the recipient of donations from the Diocese of Little Rock, but any donations intended for CNEWA will be sent to them. I am asking that all priests make arrangements to take up a second collection, as soon as reasonably possible, to assist the suffering people of Gaza and send it to the diocese for transmittal to CRS. Thank you for your generosity and your prayers for the suffering people of Gaza.

Sincerely in Christ,

Anthony B. Taylor, Bishop of Little Rock





## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** If we let Christ set fire to our lives, what would that fire burn away? What dead and festering undergrowth in our souls would be consumed by the flames? What promise of future holiness would sprout from beneath the ashes?

### The Fire

This past week I have been reading a biography of St. Francis of Assisi. I admit I didn't know much about Francis going into the book, but I always had this image of him as a hippie — an easygoing nature-lover who sang about peace and let animals climb on him.

I'm not sure where that caricature of Francis came from, but since I've been reading this book I've come to see that it's not true at all. He was a lover of nature, yes. A poet who sang of God's peace, yes. And I'm sure he let a few animals climb on him from time to time (he did live in a hut in the woods).

But St. Francis of Assisi wasn't the lost fourth member of Peter, Paul and Mary. He was a man on fire. He was a man burning.

Francis walked around barefoot and slept on the ground. He abandoned a life of wealth to embrace the material poverty that Christ experienced. He embarrassed his family and they disowned him. When his father would encounter Francis in the streets of Assisi, he would curse him.

Sometimes we get this idea that Christianity is a comfortable, cozy thing. We give our lives to Christ, and we expect to feel instantly satisfied, happy, safe and warm. But the saints knew better.

The saints knew that Christ had not come to wrap us in a warm blanket. Christ has come to set us on fire. And though fire is often seen as a sign of death and destruction, it is also the precursor of new life.

Think of a field of native plants and how it benefits so richly from a controlled burn — an action that clears away detritus and releases nutrients back into the soil.

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— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?

#### Answer:

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! ... Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." - Lk 12:49, 51

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

One of the court officials, Ebed-Melech, pleaded for Jeremiah to be rescued from a muddy cistern. How might you help a friend or colleague this week?

### Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews encourages his community to focus on Jesus as a way to stay strong and hopeful. Can you think of a time when your faith in Jesus helped you through a challenging circumstance?

### Gospel:

Jesus forewarns his disciples that even families will be divided over his words. Growing up, how did your family deal with tension and conflict?



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# Eureka Yin

Part One- ES Women Artists



**Show- July 11 to Sept. 11**

**Museum of Eureka Springs Art**  
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**Suzanne Dillan**

The Museum of Eureka Springs Art is proud to present Eureka Yin: Part One – ES Women Artists, a powerful exhibition celebrating the talent and creativity of local women artists. Running from July 11 through September 11, this showcase highlights works by Josie Yerby, Janet Goodyear, Stella Ipswich, Kathy Attwood, Judith Griffith, and Suzanne Dillan.

Set in the Community Center Complex at 44 Kingshighway, the show invites art lovers and visitors to experience a vibrant collection that reflects the unique voices of women in the Eureka Springs art community. This exhibit is the first in a new series aimed at spotlighting the depth and diversity of artistic expression in the region.

Eureka Yin can be viewed during Museum hours:

- Thursday: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Friday: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- Saturday: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

For more information, call 479-981-9161. Don't miss this inspiring celebration of women in the arts!



# Catholic Charities of Arkansas Golf Tournament

Catholic Charities of Arkansas Golf Tournament, Monday, October 13th

This year's golf tournament benefiting Catholic Charities of Arkansas will be Monday, October 13 at Rebsamen Golf Course in Little Rock. The cost of a four-person team is \$600 and includes food, refreshments, and on course beverages. Tee time is 1:00 p.m. for a shotgun start and scramble format. Team prizes will be flighted and contests will include hole-in-one and longest drive. If golf is not your game, consider being a \$150 sponsor for a priest to play or a hole sponsor for \$500. You can register your team or make a donation/sponsorship pledge online at [birdease.com/ccagolf](http://birdease.com/ccagolf). For more information, contact Megan Moore at [mmoore@dolr.org](mailto:mmoore@dolr.org) or by calling (501) 664-0340, ext. 379. Thank you for supporting Catholic Charities of Arkansas.



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30th Annual

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## TOURNAMENT

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