

August 24, 2025

21st Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Contact Us...

CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive
Eureka Springs, AR
72632

PARISH CENTER

232 Passion Play Road
Eureka Springs, AR
72632

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

Tues. & Thurs.
10:00am-4:00pm

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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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Rev. Joseph Archibong

Parish Secretary & Bookkeeper

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

Daily Mass 8:30am

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC
Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC
Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429); Ps 97:1 & 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mk 6:17-29
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a); Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

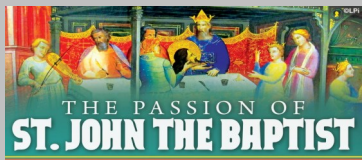
Ginnie Jankowski - 8/24, Dan Kees - 8/27,
Donna Buttecali - 8/29

May you have many more!

IMPRESSIONABLE

When we try to make an impression, that's exactly the impression we make.

-Anonymous



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Paula Perry

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: The Simmons Family

Altar Server:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Mike Godfrey

EMCs: Mindy Godfrey, Phyllis McGuire, Karen Finkeldei

Ushers: Gary Finkeldei, Bev Wright

Altar Server: Dan Kees



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 26

For the Intentions of Santana Averion

Thursday, August 28

For the Intentions of Lacey Rose Elliott

Friday, August 29

For the Intentions of Jane & Joseph Lehman

Saturday, August 30

For the Repose of the Soul of Young Whang

Sunday, August 31

For the Intentions of Lacey Rose Elliott

Pray for



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 and Libbie Vesekla.

OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Lin Crider



A Reminder: Extended Adoration is the last Tuesday of every month from 9:00am-11:00am after morning Mass.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Thank you for your generous support for last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised money to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.uscb.org/home-missions, [#iGiveCatholicTogether](https://twitter.com/iGiveCatholicTogether) also accepts funds online for the collection - see usccb.igivecatholictogether.org.



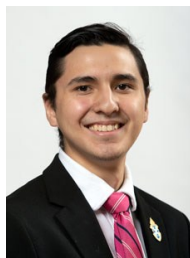
Our Seminarians for the month of August, 2025

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



**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 9 & 10 was **\$3,231.35**. For the Fiscal year (7/25-6/26) is **\$23,485.91**.

Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of 8/12/25:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Parishioners	\$822,303	\$429,895
Non-Parishioners	\$113,380	\$ 49,603
Donations	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 37,456</u>
	\$935,683	\$516,954



GIFT SHOP

August Gift Shop Schedule

Sun., 8/24	9:30-4:00	Elfter
Mon., 8/25	10:00-1:00	D. Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 8/26	10:00-4:00	Buttecali
Thurs., 8/28	10:00-1:00	T. Kees
	1:00-4:00	N. Barnett
Friday, 8/29	10:00-1:00	Elfter
	1:00-4:00	Finkeldei
Sat., 8/30	10:00-1:00	P. McGuire
	1:00-4:00	R. McGuire
Sun., 8/31	9:39-4:00	Stamps

FYI...The next meeting of the Prayer Group is Wednesday, August 27 at noon at the Parish Center. All are welcome.

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.

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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August 21, 2025

GOSPEL MEDITATION

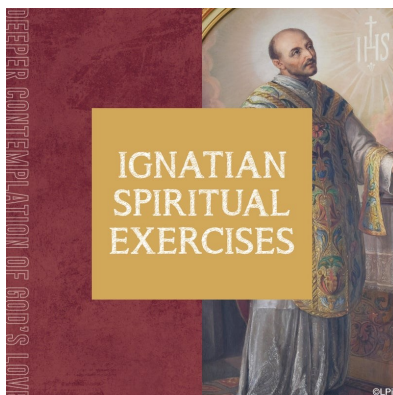
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: **"Strive to enter through the narrow gate" (Luke 13:24).** How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; hypomone in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

-Father John Muir



DEVOTIONS, Explained!

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises are prayers and meditations which are meant to accompany souls on a journey toward deeper contemplation of God's love and a more meaningful understanding of His call to discipleship.



Path of the Apostles: Pilgrimage to Greece & Ephesus

April 19-30, 2027

Walk in the footsteps of St. Paul, St. John and the Blessed Virgin Mary on a powerful 12-day pilgrimage with *Arkansas Catholic*. Visit Philippi, Athens, Corinth and Ephesus, with daily Mass and Scripture reflections led by Father Mauricio Carrasco. A \$100 discount is available for those who book by October 30. A brochure is available at arkansas-catholic.org/pilgrimage. Contact Kathy Primm at (501) 771-0987 or kathy@suesmithvacation for more details.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the Week

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate," Jesus tells us. **"Many will attempt...but will not be strong enough."** So let us never be so foolish that we rely on our own strength. Narrow does not mean unpassable - not if we ask for help.

PRAYER FOR HOLINESS

Good Shepherd,
Guide me through the narrow gate.
Remove from me anything that
distracts me from You. Your love,
Your invitation, Your mission. Keep
me close to You, familiar at every
step.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Jesus' whole thing was that you can sit with us, whoever you are, wherever you're from and whatever you've done. But there are a lot of lunch tables in the world, and not everyone wants to be at one with rules like "repent" and "be good to that person you really don't like."

Heaven and Regina George

There are certain phrases that serve as a kind of shibboleth for millennials, a dog whistle that only ears formed between 1981 and 1996 can discern. "You can't sit with us!" is one of those phrases.

It's from the movie *Mean Girls*, (which, I hear from my younger family members, has now become cool with the kids again, so maybe my point about it being niche is incorrect). The character Regina George, merciless ruler of the cool kids, is rejected from the ultra-exclusive lunch table she herself formed when her minions, tired of her cruelty, serve her the most devastating words a teenager can hear in public: "You can't sit with us."

So passes earthly glory, as they say.

At first blush, this Gospel gives "Mean Girls" vibes. We have an image of the unlucky masses clamoring for entry into the kingdom of heaven as God locks the door against them, saying, "I do not know where you are from."

Very "you-can't-sit-with-us."

But we need to remember that the people pounding on the door of heaven in today's Gospel aren't people who wanted a seat at God's lunch table — at least, not until it was the only lunch table left, because they had Regina George'd their way out of all the other ones.

Jesus' whole thing was that you can sit with us, whoever you are, wherever you're from and whatever you've done. But there are a lot of lunch tables in the world, and not everyone wants to be at one with rules like "repent" and "be good to that person you really don't like." It's not always an easy table to sit at, especially when there are so many other options.

We have to choose heaven before heaven becomes our only choice.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the difference between a basilica and a cathedral?

Answer:

Basilicas are churches that are so titled because of their antiquity, dignity, historical importance, or significance as centers of worship. A cathedral is the principal church of a diocese, which contains the chair of the bishop, or "cathedra" in Latin. The chair is the symbol of the bishop's teaching authority.



"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."
- Lk 13:29-30

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Isaiah reveals to us God's plan to gather and unite all His people and witness His glory in the age to come. What are you hoping for in the future?

Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews offers words of encouragement for community members struggling and discouraged in their faith. Is there a friend or co-worker you could look to support this week?

Gospel:

Jesus speaks to the crowds of the dire consequences of rejecting his call to salvation. What could be some effective ways to bring others to faith in Jesus?



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★ ST. MONICA & ST. AUGUSTINE

Two Saints with feast days in August who were mother and son:


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Mother & Son Saints




★ St. Monica and St. Augustine of Hippo's feast days are August 27 and 28. As a young man, Augustine strayed from Church teaching. His mother, Monica, followed him as he traveled and prayed constantly for his conversion.

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★ Eventually, St. Monica's prayers were answered and St. Augustine became a fervent follower of Jesus and teacher of philosophy and theology. He became an important Doctor of the Church!

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★ They are often remembered together due to their family connection and St. Monica's devotion, never giving up on her son. St. Augustine and St. Monica, pray for us!

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Run Unicorn Run

Sunday Sep 21, 2025

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<http://www.RunUnicornRun.com>



🎉 Run Unicorn Run – A Sparkle-Fueled Race 🦄

📅 Sunday, September 21, 2025

📍 Eureka Springs, Arkansas

🌟 Registration: <http://rununicornrun.com>

🦄🌟 Let your inner unicorn shine at Run Unicorn Run – the most magical race you'll ever trot, gallop, or sparkle-walk!

This isn't just a race. It's a celebration of joy, color, and community set in the whimsical town of Eureka Springs. Whether you're running for your personal best, prancing with friends, or pushing a glittery stroller, there's a place for you in our enchanted herd.

Expect:

🌈 Rainbows, sparkles, and magical vibes

🦄 Unicorn swag (yes, there will be horns!)

💜 Costume contest & photo ops

🎵 Music, cheering squads & post-run fun

🥥 Snacks worthy of a unicorn

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Whether you're local or coming from afar, Run Unicorn Run is your invitation to let loose, have fun, and run (or walk!) like the mythical creature you are.

Now Showing at the Museum of Eureka Springs



Show- July 11 to Sept. 11

Museum of Eureka Springs Art
44 Kingshighway
Community Center Complex
479-981-9161

Eureka Yin

Part One- ES Women Artists



Josie Yerby
Janet Goodyear
Stella Ipswich
Kathy Attwood
Judith Griffith
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!



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