

August 31, 2025

22nd Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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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-12noon at PC)
Saturday 4pm at PC

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Tues. & Thurs.
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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.

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Daily Mass 12:00noon at the PC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13;
Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10, 11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 & 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17
(1); Phim 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Brayden Cox - 9/1, Isaac Spiva - 9/3,
Rod McGuire - 9/4, Mindy Godfrey - 9/5

May you have many more!

HARD-EARNED LUCK

I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.

-Thomas Jefferson



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Robert Bartos, Sophie Bartos

Altar Server:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Phyllis McGuire

EMCs: Rod McGuire, Mindy Godfrey, Sandy McClung

Ushers: Mark Leggett, Mike Godfrey

Altar Server: Missy Leggett



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 2

For the Intentions of Aedan Collins

Thursday, September 4

For the Intentions of Aedan Collins

Friday, September 5

For the Repose of the Souls of the D. Cruz & Lobo

Family

Saturday, September 6

For the Repose of the Soul of Jerry Buice

Sunday, September 7

For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Pray for us...



OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Florence Giels, Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi 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

Saturday/sábado
10-11-2025, 2-8pm
St Anne's Catholic Church
614 S. Main St, Berryville



ALMOST FAMOUS

International Food Festival of Saint Anne

Tamales Tacos Pupusas
Carne Asada Rice Beans Chips
& Salsa Hotdogs Burgers
Ribs Spring Rolls Egg Rolls
Noodles Games Candy Popcorn
Nachos Snow Cones & More!

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 16 & 17 was **\$3,774.00**. For the Fiscal year (7/25-6/26) is **\$26,865.91**.

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

September Gift Shop Schedule

Sun., 8/31	9:30-4:00	Stamps
Mon., 9/1	10:00-1:00	D. Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 9/2	10:00-4:00	Buttcali
Thurs., 9/4	10:00-1:00	J. Elworth
	1:00-4:00	Ricciardi
Friday, 9/5	10:00-1:00	Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Elfter
Sat., 9/6	10:00-1:00	Szafranski
	1:00-4:00	Elfter
Sun., 9/7	9:39-4:00	Stamps

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



*Our Seminararians
for the month of
August, 2025*

Phillip Zawislak

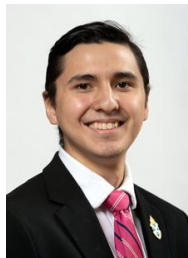
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For more information

on our seminararians, go to

www.dolr.org/seminarians



**Pedro
Alvarez**



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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: **“When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, ‘My friend, move up to a higher position.’ Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table” (Luke 14:10).** This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He exchews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do.

-Father John Muir



Often called the father of the medieval papacy and Apostle of the English, Saint Gregory (540-604) became Pope in 590. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, the consolidation of papal power, and the conversion of England.



DEVOTIONS, *Explained!*

Imago divina (Latin for “divine image”) is an extension of the ancient practice of *lectio divina* (literally, “divine lesson”). *Imago divina* is, in a sense, praying with one’s eyes, using the medium of artwork to assist in lifting the mind to God.

PRAYER FOR HUMILITY

Dear God,
Mold my heart after Yours. Help me to see myself as You see me: surrounded by Your love. Help me to see others as You see them as well. Give me knowledge of Your ways, today and always.

Amen

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

October 5, 2025

at the Cathedral of St. Andrew & the Shrine of Divine Mercy
All events are FREE! Everyone is welcome.

·**Rosary for Life** 11:20 a.m., Cathedral in Little Rock

·**Eucharistic Procession for Life**, 11:50a.m. – 12:50 p.m.
from the Cathedral to the Shrine of Divine Mercy

·**Respect Life Mass** 1:00 p.m., Bilingual English & Spanish
St. Edward Church (Shrine of Divine Mercy)

·**Tacos for Respect Life & Student Art Contest awards ceremony**
2:00–3:00 p.m., St. Edward Church Hall

·**Holy Hour for Life** at the Shrine of Divine Mercy, 3:00–4:00 p.m.
Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions



Women 's Fall Magnificat Brunch

The Women 's Fall Magnificat Brunch will be held Saturday, September 13 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Spiritan Center at St. Joseph Parish in Conway. The guest speaker will be Tachia Awbrey on **"Embracing Joy in Christ."** Tickets are \$20 a person, which includes brunch. Register online at tinyurl.com/4ssdha9f. Tickets must be purchased in advance. The registration deadline is September 6. For questions, contact Jalisa, jvalde1@aol.com, 501-514-0965.

Path of the Apostles: Pilgrimage to Greece and Ephesus

While travel to the Holy Land may not be possible right now, our faith journey stretches far beyond — to sacred sites that helped shape the New Testament and the early Church.

Join Arkansas Catholic April 19-30, 2027, on a pilgrimage to Greece and Ephesus, where we will walk in the footsteps of St. Paul, St. John the Evangelist, and, according to tradition, even the Blessed Virgin Mary. Father Mauricio Carrasco, director of spiritual formation for the House of Formation, will be our spiritual director.

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, September 7 at 5 p.m. at St. John Center in Little Rock. RSVP at bit.ly/greecepilgrimag.

A \$100 discount is available for those who book by October 30. 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.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: I think, if we're being really honest, we all expect "payment" for being a good person. We want God to give us what we ask. We want people to treat us a certain way. But what if we expected absolutely nothing?

What Did You Expect?

Moms have a lot of jobs, and it's usually the case that none of them pay very well.

My work as a chef? Zero compensation, and my clientele are very rarely pleased with my efforts. My role as a teacher, a maid, a chauffeur, a therapist — same deal. Ironically, these jobs consume so much of my time that I am constricted in my work as a writer — the only sphere where I do actually garner any earnings.

It is so easy to grumble about all of this, and I do it all the time. Because despite the fact that I know better, I expect repayment for my good deeds. Deep in my soul, I expect it.

That's a huge problem.

In my defense, I don't think this is a very uncommon thing. I think, if we're being really honest, we all expect "payment" for being a good person. We want God to give us what we ask. We want people to treat us a certain way. We want our day to go smoothly. We expect these things as a matter of course; we feel entitled to them, and we become grumpy when we are denied them. *I worked so hard. I gave so much. What was it all even for?*

But what if we expected absolutely nothing?

When you hold a banquet, Jesus said, invite those who cannot return the favor. Give not just without the expectation of repayment, but without the possibility of it.

Think about that for a minute. What does that even look like — no possibility of payment?

I know what that looks like in my own life. It's giving more to the literal poor, yes, but it's also giving more — and more happily, more lovingly — when I cook and clean and drive and write and console. It's not lamenting that no one appreciates me — it's actually hoping no one does.

It's learning to love the lowest place at the table. Because in the lowest place, we are closest to God.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Does chewing gum break the fast before Communion?

Answer:

If you look in Canon Law or in the Catechism, there is no mention of chewing gum. I guess it does not rate the attention of the universal church! The Church requires us to fast for one hour before we receive the Eucharist. Basically, we are to refrain from food and drink, not including water or medicine. There are also exceptions for people who are ill. Overall, the fast is intended for us to prepare ourselves to receive the Eucharist and in some small way to literally as well as spiritually hunger for what we are about to receive. Chewing gum, while not really food, does at least break the spirit of the fast. Besides that, it is a distraction and rude. What do you do with the gum when it is time to receive Communion? People have actually come to the altar chewing away, oblivious to what they were doing or who they were receiving. At best, it is distracting and irreverent. At worst, it adds a barrier to giving our best to receiving God's best.

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Sirach speaks of the virtue of humility and the wisdom of knowing one's limits. Can you think of a time when you needed to depend on others?

Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews speaks of our direct access to God through the new covenant established by Jesus. How might we take advantage of such a gift?

Gospel:

With the parable of the wedding banquet, Jesus teaches the Pharisees to be open and even inviting to the poor and marginalized. How might you exercise this virtue in the coming week?



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Hedgehoppers with Still on the Hill

Thursday Sep 4, 2025

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM CDT

The Auditorium

36 South Main Street

Historic Downtown Eureka Springs



Get ready for a heartwarming tradition that's been going strong for over 70 years – the Hedgehoppers! This class of third graders from Eureka Springs performs a traditional Ozark dance and song, preserving a form of Ozark square dancing that's been around since 1947.

Along with Eureka's longest tradition, Still on the Hill will be performing at The Auditorium. Still on the Hill is a national and international touring group from Arkansas that has been described as "Ambassadors of the Ozarks" for the work they do to preserve a rich culture that is quickly disappearing.

Kelly & Donna of Still on the Hill are award-winning 'storytelling-song writers'. Different than most singer-songwriters, this dynamic duo embellishes their songs with a host of unique instruments from the hills they call home. Many of these were hand-made by old-timers and have amazing stories that go with them. Their 'low tech' Power Point has become a trademark of shows. Every song has a photo quilt to go with it. A picture is worth a 1,000 words.

For more information on Folk Fest go to <https://www.ozarkfolk.com/>

78th Annual Original Ozark Folk Festival

Thursday Sep 4, 2025 Saturday Sep 6, 2025

Historic Downtown Eureka Springs!

Website

<http://www.OzarkFolk.com>



Description

The Original Ozark Festival is ready for its 78th year with music, workshops, and a craft fair!



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