

August 3, 2025

18th 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

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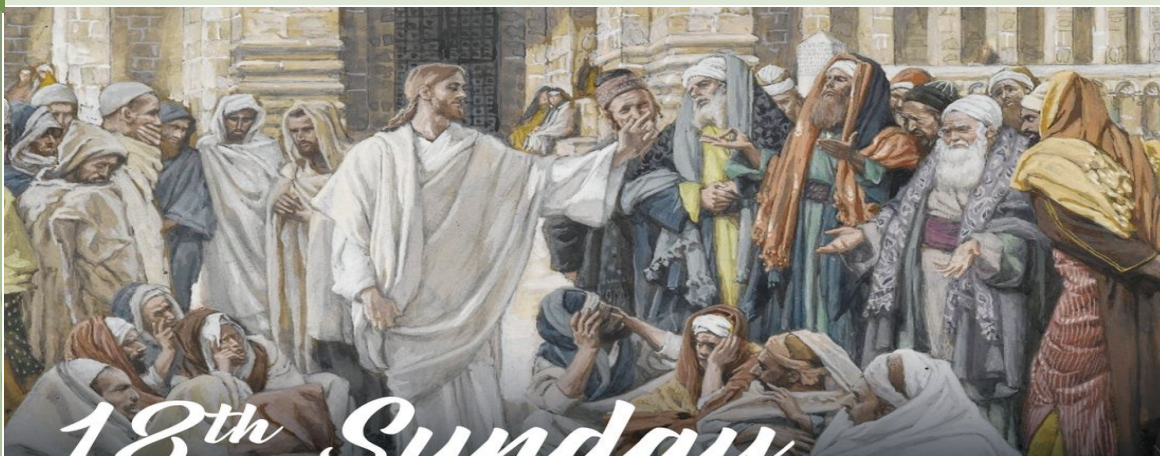
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## 18th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

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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 5

Adoration 8:00am

Daily Mass 8:30am

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

Daily Mass 8:30am

Confessions 9:15am

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

Daily Mass 8:30am

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC

Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC

Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;  
Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7,  
12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;2  
Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;  
Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 & 21;  
Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 & 51;  
Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b);  
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12;  
Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

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

Missy Leggett – 8/3

*May you have many more!*

### SING YOUR SONG

Alas for those who never sing, but die with their music within them. -*Oliver Wendell Holmes*



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Mass Ministers



### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

**Lector:** Robert Bartos

**EMCs:** see sign-up sheet

**Ushers:** Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth

**Altar Server:**

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

8:30am Mass at the Church

**Lector:** Phyllis McGuire

**EMCs:** Rod McGuire, Mindy Godfrey, Karen Finkeldei

**Ushers:** Mark Leggett, Mike Godfrey

**Altar Server:** Missy Leggett



### Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 5

For the Intentions of Susan Redfield Family

Thursday, August 7

For the Intentions of Abby Lind "Granna"

Friday, August 8

For the Intentions of Michael Orallo

Saturday, August 9

For the Repose of the Soul of Lin Crider

Sunday, August 10

For the Repose of the Soul of Michael Gilbert



### OUR PARISHIONERS -

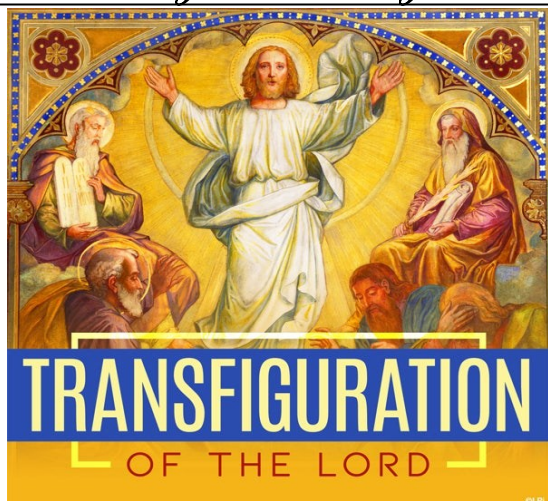
Connie Blazek, Rob Breaux, Florence Giels, Larry Handley, Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi, Mary Szafranski, Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

### 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



## Virtual Healing Resource (VHR) Gathering for September 2025

Anyone suffering from the trauma of a past abortion is invited to join a virtual small prayer group and discussion meeting on Monday, September 8, 2025, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. You may join anonymously from the comfort of your own space. This gathering is hosted by Project Rachel, a ministry of the Diocese of Little Rock. We invite women and men from all areas of our state who have been impacted by abortion in any way. This non-judgmental group desires to assist anyone who is searching for healing, peace, and forgiveness. Please call or text our CONFIDENTIAL helpline at 501-663-0996 for the confidential meeting link or email [projectrachel@dolr.org](mailto:projectrachel@dolr.org). We genuinely want to offer our help, and we love you.



## 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 July 19 & 20 was **\$5,889.00** For the Fiscal year (7/25-6/26) is **\$13,840.56**.

Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of 7/22/25:

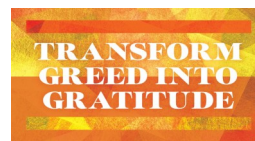
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Non-Parishioners	\$113,380	\$ 48,883
Donations	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 33,632</u>
	\$935,683	\$502,685



## GIFT SHOP

### July Gift Shop Schedule

Sun., 8/3	9:30-4:00	Stamps
Mon., 8/4	10:00-1:00	D. Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 8/5	10:00-4:00	Buttecali
Thurs., 8/7	10:00-1:00	J. Elworth
	1:00-4:00	Ricciardi
Friday, 8/8	10:00-4:00	Reed
Sat., 8/9	10:00-4:00	M. Leggett
Sun., 8/10	9:39-4:00	Selleck



## RETREAT

A co-ed diocesan retreat, titled “**Pilgrims of Hope Encountering Jesus,**” will be held Sept. 5-7 at **Subiaco Abbey**...The retreat directors/speakers are Debbie Eckert, spiritual director and retired business owner in Conway, and Father John Marconi, spiritual director and senior priest in Little Rock. A limited number of spots are available, so early registration is encouraged. The cost is \$215 per person (double room), \$255 (single room) or \$125 (commuters) and involves six meals for overnight and four meals for commuters. Contact Cathy to register or for more information at 832-721-5326 or [cathy.raney@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.raney@gmail.com).

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

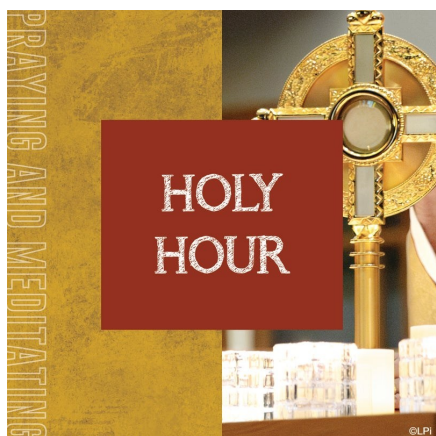
Recent studies show that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, **"Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15).** Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

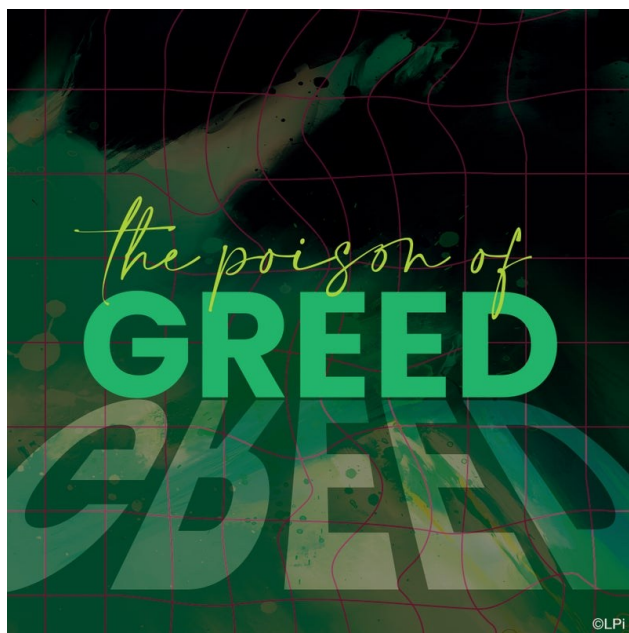
In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more; a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be too.

*-Father John Muir*



## DEVOTIONS, *Explained!*

A holy hour is the practice of spending one hour's time in the presence of the Blessed Sacraments, praying and meditating on the agony of Jesus Christ.



## Support Catholic Education in Northwest

**Arkansas!** Ozark Catholic Academy, offers a 9th - 12th grade Catholic education for families across NWA, allowing students to complete a Catholic K - 12 education.

We invite you to be part of our **largest annual fundraiser - the OCA BBQ & Auction, on October 17, 2025!**

OCA is currently seeking **donations for our live and silent auctions**, and we'd love your support. From gift cards and unique experiences to religious items and electronics, your contributions directly supports our mission of providing exceptional Catholic education in Northwest Arkansas.

Your donation not only benefits our students, it also offers a meaningful way to connect your business or service with our growing, faith-filled community.

**To donate or learn more, please contact Rachel Johnson at [oca.auction@ozarkcatholic.org](mailto:oca.auction@ozarkcatholic.org).**

*And don't forget to get your BBQ tickets at [one.bidpal.net/ocabbq25](http://one.bidpal.net/ocabbq25)*

## PRAYER FOR OPEN HANDS

Lord, I do not know what any day holds.

I cannot take for granted any of the gifts You have given.

Help me to use them, then, as You would have me.

Help me to live according to Your invitations.

Amen.

# A LETTER FROM THE BISHOP



## DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK

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July 31, 2025  
Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock:

The cross and resurrection are the central mysteries of our faith. Good Friday was a day of apparent defeat and loss, but on Easter we discovered the power of the resurrection and a whole new beginning for Jesus' followers.


We here in Arkansas have experienced this in the loss we incurred on March 19, 2025, when the former St. Joseph orphanage in North Little Rock went up in flames. At first all we could see was loss. We felt defeated even though the building had long since ceased to function as an orphanage—or any Church use—and yet our loss actually set the stage for new beginnings on that site, a resurrection which will also address a current need in our seminarian program, as follows:

When our current House of Formation for college-level seminarians was founded 13 years ago, it was in effect a College Seminary built for a capacity of 10 seminarians. But we have consistently had a full house—and more—from the very beginning, sometimes reaching up to 14 seminarians in a house built for 10. Moreover, the Vatican has now added an additional “propaedeutic year,” an initial year-long period of prayer and discernment. So now we have a 5-year program in a building built for 4 years. The result is more seminarians—a wonderful problem, but a problem nonetheless. Everything is sized too small: the kitchen, dining room, chapel, laundry room, den, etc. So, our plan—approved unanimously by the Presbyteral Council and the Diocesan Pastoral Council—is to build a new, much larger College Seminary on the site previously occupied by the orphanage. This will be named the “St. Joseph College Seminary”—in memory and honor of the former St. Joseph orphanage, continuing the legacy of ministry there over the decades. The 63-acre site would then be fully dedicated to its operation and other diocesan needs moving forward. We will use insurance money available from the claim on the March 19 fire to build this College Seminary on the land of the former St. Joseph orphanage—so no capital campaign.

Once the new building is completed, the present House of Formation on 12<sup>th</sup> Street in Little Rock will be repurposed for other uses, including as a retreat center for smaller groups of retreatants. The current Annex will also continue to serve as my residence. Our hope is for the present House of Formation to one day serve as a Theologate for seminarians in their last 3 ½ years of formation.

I know this news will excite many throughout the state and cause sadness for others. But after much prayer and consultation, I am convinced that this is the best use of this property and of our available funds in a way that ultimately benefits everyone throughout the Diocese. It meets an immediate need, while also providing a vision and potential real cost savings into the future. My prayer is that this new vision—resurrected from the ashes of tragedy—will be a blessing to our Diocese for decades to come.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
+Anthony B. Taylor  
Bishop of Little Rock

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

### The Barn

It's 9:08 on a Saturday morning, and I am too darn busy for confession.

I've probably written before about how hard I find it to get to confession — I say 'probably' because I really can't remember. I whine about it so frequently that it's hard to tell if I've made it the subject of a written piece or if it is simply an oft-recited refrain from the Litany of Colleen's Perpetual Complaints.

During the week, it's tough to get to confession because I have little kids who are attached to me like Velcro, and I don't need them listening in on (and eventually repeating to everyone) my sins. On the weekend it's a little easier, but our parish doesn't offer it before or after Sunday Mass, just on Saturdays. Saturday is when I get most of my work done, so getting absolution usually comes at the expense of productivity.

And that, friends, right here, is my barn. Productivity. That's the proverbial storehouse of my earthly harvest. For the rich man in the parable, it's a literal barn, filled to bursting with sellable crops. For you it might be money or your job title or what your life looks like to other people on social media. For me, it's Getting Things Done. That's my barn, the repository that holds the whole of my worldly preoccupations.

And it's so full I want to tear it down and build a new one. A bigger one. One that can hold more worry, more time for work, more focus on output and crossing things off a to-do list. Vanity of vanities, indeed.

If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

I have to burn the barn, friends. I don't want to, but I have to. I'm closing my laptop and going to church.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

Does watching Mass on TV fulfill my Sunday obligation?

#### Answer:

In the age of instant communication, email, voice mail and teleconferencing, many people wonder if these media of communication can be used for sacraments. Many priests, I am sure, have had people ask about going to confession on the phone. While it may seem like a convenient way to do things, there are many reasons why we don't.

Watching the Mass on television can be a good thing, especially for those who are shut-in. But it really doesn't fulfill our obligation. The obligation to attend Mass is more than just simply listening to the Mass or following the prayers and the readings. Gathering together as a community of faith is important. Sacraments are community events where we encounter God and one another. When we gather together, we are most visibly the Church, the Body of Christ. Besides, television is a one-way medium. It allows us to watch without really being able to give a response. In faith, our response is as important as anything that we hear. We need to take an active part in the religious expression of our community.

"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:20-21

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

The author of Ecclesiastes speaks of the futility of an anxious heart and restless mind. What helps to ground you in your day-to-day living?

### Second Reading:

Paul encourages the Colossians to put to death the "old self" (bad behavior) and to live into the "new self" (life in Christ). What could you do this week to practice this "new self"?

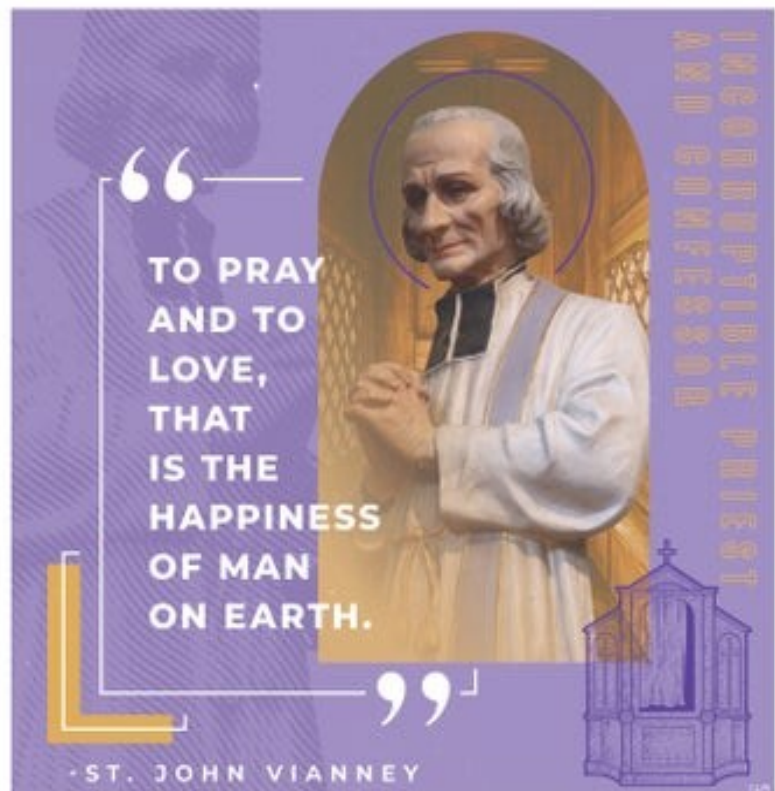
### Gospel:

Jesus tells the crowds the parable of the rich fool, warning against excessive material wealth. How do you balance your material needs with "what matters to God"?



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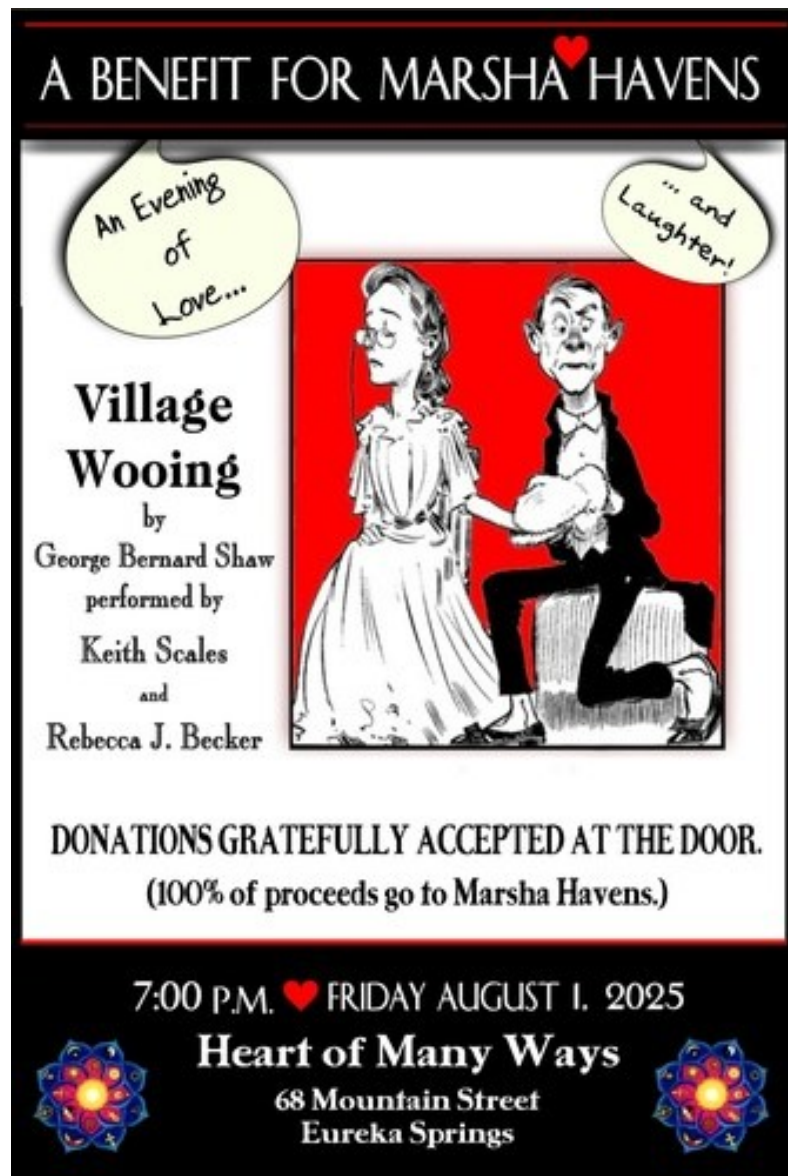
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A benefit performance for Marsha Havens, of George Bernard Shaw's short play, "Village Wooing," performed by Keith Scales and Rebecca J. Becker. Donations gratefully accepted at the door: 100% of proceeds go to Marsha Havens.

# The 1973 Longhair Invasion – ESHM Time Travel Event!

Friday Aug 8, 2025

5:00 PM - 10:00 PM CDT

Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center

207 W. Van Buren

Eureka Springs, AR 72632



The Eureka Springs Historical Museum is excited to announce our new TIME TRAVEL event for this year: The 1973 Longhair Invasion!

LAST YEAR, we traveled back to 1898 for the infamous Eureka Springs Jailbreak and the ensuing “Jailbird Ball”. Our guests were treated to an unforgettable evening of period music and entertainment, mugshots, a silent auction of items from the “evidence room”, an immersive jailbreak experience, social dancing, and some of the best “prison food” ever served on this side of the Mississippi.

THIS YEAR, we’re getting into a different groove! On the evening of August 8, 2025, we’re breaking out the bell-bottoms, tie-dye, and longhair fashions as we pay tribute to the Eureka Springs of 1973 and the “Longhair Invasion” of back-to-the-land artists, musicians, and free-thinkers that turned our town into an original Ozark hippie haven.

Details coming soon – Please share and save the date!

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