

March 30, 2025

4th Sunday
of Lent

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive
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232 Passion Play Road
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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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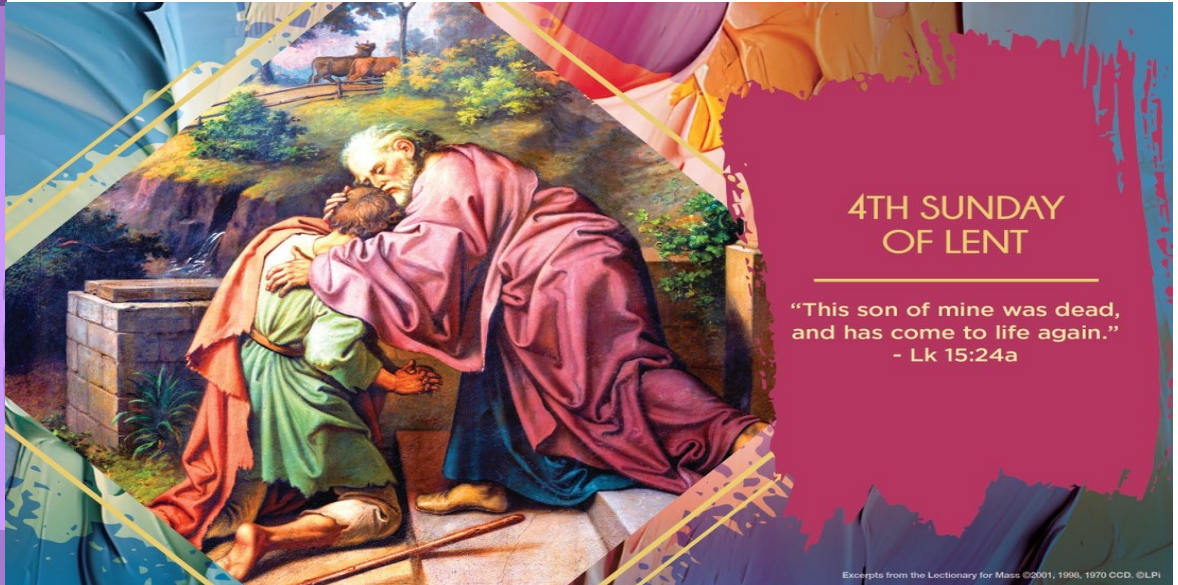
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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"This son of mine was dead,
and has come to life again."
- Lk 15:24a

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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, APRIL 1

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Daily Mass 12:00noon at the PC
Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Fifth Sunday of Lent 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 65:17-21;Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b;Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12;Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15;Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14;Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22;Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23;Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20;Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Is 43:16-21;Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3); Phil 3:8-14;Jn 8:1-11 *Scrutiny*: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7);Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Elizabeth Antonio – 3/30, Bev Schumacher - 4/1

May you have many more!



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, APRIL 5

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center
Lector: Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi
EMCs: see sign-up sheet
Ushers: Robert Bartos, Sophie Bartos
Altar Server:

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

8:30am Mass at the Church
Lector: Mike Godfrey
EMCs: Rod McGuire, Phyllis McGuire, Mindy Godfrey
Ushers: Bev Wright, Mike Godfrey
Altar Server: Leva Murphy



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 1 For the Intentions of David & Anna
Thursday, April 3 For the Intentions of David & Anna
Friday, April 4 For the Repose of the Soul of Don Mischo
Saturday, April 5 For the Intentions of the Parishioners
Sunday, April 6 For the Intentions of Muliawati Gunawan

Pray for



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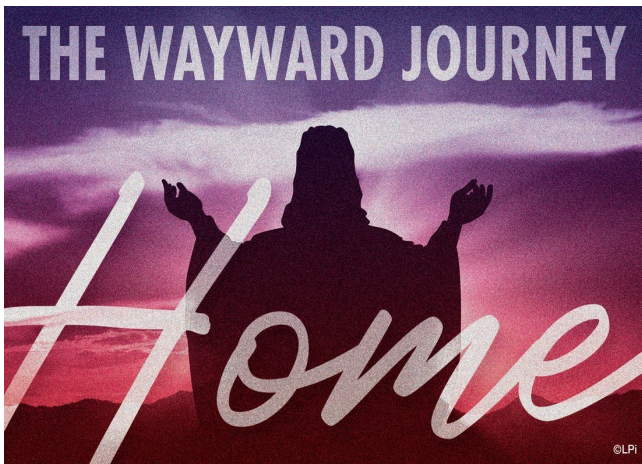
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OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Mary Ann Dobrobnly, Linda Gilmore, Pam Heinzl, Marci Krieger, Betty McClard, Joe McDaniel, Billy Metzger, Carol Morgan-Eagle, Gene Ochrymowich, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, Michael Ricciardi, Leslie Scroggins, Shari Soukup, Ed Terrill, Libbie Vesekla and Connie Woolheiser

OUR MILITARY - Tyler Horning and Nic Smith.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Letha Thiel



COMING ATTRACTIONS

**Knights of Columbus
Fried Catfish Dinners**

April 4

5:00pm-7:00pm

Parish Hall

\$15/\$18



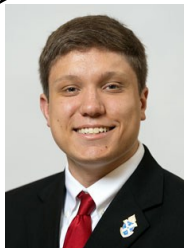
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Starting March 19 & 26, April 2 & 9

6:30pm in the Parish Hall

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Parker Vail

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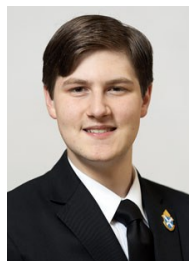
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on our seminararians, go to

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**Matthew
Lamb**



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 Weekly Collection for March 15 & 16 was **\$2,366.**



GIFT SHOP



March / April Gift Shop Schedule

Sun., 3/30	9:30-4:00	Elworth
Mon., 3/31	10:00-1:00	D. Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 4/1	10:00-4:00	Buttecali
Thurs., 4/3	10:00-1:00	Elworth
	1:00-4:00	Ricciardi
Friday, 4/4	10:00-1:00	Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Elfter
Sat., 4/5	10:00-1:00	Szafranski
	1:00-4:00	Elfter
Sun., 4/6	9:39-4:00	Stamps

The Catholic Relief Services Collection

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

St. Elizabeth's Seasonal Choir

An open call for parishioners who love to sing or love to make music instrumentally to consider joining the St. Elizabeth Seasonal Choir for Palm Sunday (Saturday Mass, Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday Mass at the Church. Singers may choose to sing at either one or all of these masses. Rehearsals begin on Thursday, March 13th at 4:30pm in the Parish Hall. There are 3 ways to contact me for more information: after mass, by email: Songbird1960@outlook.com, or by calling 479-981-0870.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 2025

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!" A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. *Something* had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.

When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities? We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man - so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day.

Like we often do, the religious leaders, confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, "**You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?**" (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives. In us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

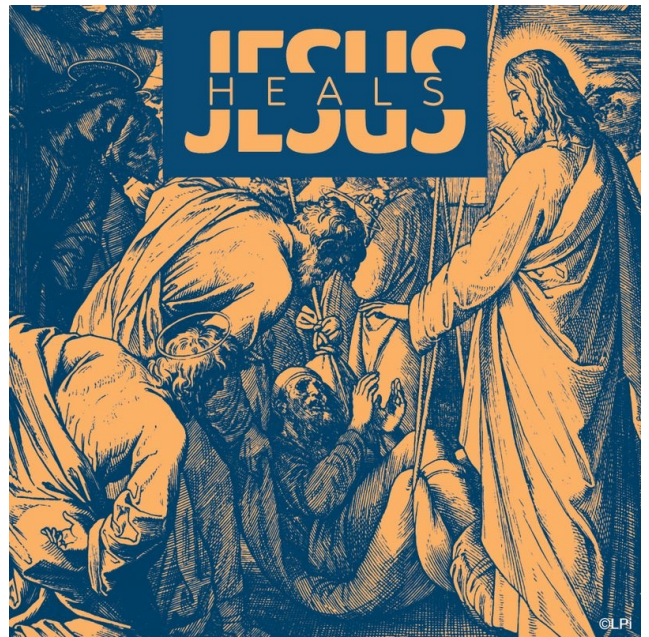
Lenten challenge: Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it.

-Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the Week

The Prodigal Son doesn't dare ask for the honor of being called his Father's son again. All he wants is to be close to his Father, to be cared for. But his Father surprises him with his mercy, as God surprises us. He offers more than just forgiveness. He offers redemption.



DEVOTIONS, *Explained*

A novena is a nine-day period of prayer focused on a specific topic, saint or devotion. There are four basic categories of novenas - novenas of preparation, of mourning, of prayer and of indulgence. This 9-day period of prayer can be traced back to the Acts of the Apostles.

PRAYER OF A FATHER'S BLESSING

God who wills good things for your children, help me to trust that You will be faithful.
God who will not leave me.
Help me to seek You, too.
God who is ever-waiting for me, help me to run straight towards You.
Amen.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Catholics Returning Home is a six-week series that starts **April 24, 2025** at **St. Raphael Catholic Church** in Springdale. These sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. All classes begin at 6:30pm

Week 1: 4/24 Welcome, Overview of Series, Faith Sharing

Week 2: 5/1 Sharing Stories of the Faith

Week 3: 5/8 The Church today: Changes since Vatican II

Week 4: 5/15 Explanation of the Mass

Week 5: 5/22 Explanation of the Sacraments

Week 6: 5/29 Explanation of the Nicene Creed

Nearly all of those in the past who have attended this program have rejoined the Catholic Church. If you know of a Catholic who no longer attends Church, please talk to them about this program.

No reservation required

Contact St. Raphael Catholic Church parish office at 479-756-6711 or WWW.CRH-NWA.ORG



Folks eating and enjoying themselves as they eat the delicious food at St. Elizabeth's Fish Fry.

One more left - April 4th. Come and see for yourself!



Save the dates!!
Lenten Mission
with Meg Hunter-Kilmer
A Biblical Walk through Holy Week
Friday April 4
6pm: Dinner and Talk 1
Saturday April 5
10am: Story time & activities for kids
6pm: Talk 2 with light refreshments
Sunday April 6
1pm: Talk 3
All events at St. Stephen
in the Parish Life Center

PART OF GOD'S ADOPTED FAMILY

Catherine Phillips, director of the Respect Life Office offered 5 pieces of advice for caring for refugees and immigrants as brothers and sisters in Christ.

- 1. PRAY:** "Pray that our government leaders will find better solutions to help people in need ...and charity to migrants fleeing violence, persecution and seeking a better life."
- 2. BE IN SOLIDARITY:** "...caring about the difficult situations that others face...even if we can't change or fix the situation."
- 3. KEEP IN MIND THE IMPACT OF TRAUMA ON PEOPLE'S DAILY LIVES:** "...Reactions to fear, anxiety and grief can differ from person to person; our response can consistently be love."
- 4. SPEAK RESPECTFULLY, LISTEN AND LEARN FROM PEOPLE WHO THINK DIFFERENTLY.** "Immigration in the U.S. is a complex issue; we can be faithful Catholics and have widely differing opinions about immigration and citizenship processes. But we aren't acting as faithful Catholics if we don't love one another and help the most vulnerable among us."
- 5. UPHOLD THE DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON:** "Let's be careful how we talk about people. Let's see human faces, not just statistics, Let's look for the face of Christ in every person we encounter."

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: God doesn't need our repentance. We need our repentance.

The Apology

I like to imagine the Prodigal Son practicing his apology in the mirror.

He wouldn't have, of course. Mirrors weren't exactly a dime a dozen back then. But I imagine him anyway, rehearsing the words as he contemplates his own gaunt reflection: "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. Treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."

In other words, I have done wrong. I deserve nothing from you. But please, don't let me starve. Save me.

The apology wasn't necessary to move the heart of the father. We know that because before they meet, before anything is said, the father is overcome with compassion — not because he got his satisfaction, that long-awaited "I'm sorry, I was wrong." No, he's simply overjoyed to see his son alive. Even without apology, we know the father will beg his son to stay.

So why does the son apologize?

The father doesn't need the "I'm sorry." He isn't starving and lost. He knew all along it was a bad idea. He doesn't need to learn any lessons.

But what a tragedy it would have been, if the son had never said he was sorry. Undoubtedly, his father would have let him stay as a hired worker, and he would have had food to eat. He would have survived. But he wouldn't have been what he was born to be.

I often think of the son's apology as I am kneeling in the confessional, awkwardly reciting sins God already knows and is eager to forgive. *Why are you doing this?* some people would ask. *God doesn't need this.*

It's the apology, you see. The apology means everything. The Prodigal Son was dead. The apology brought him back to life.

God doesn't need our repentance. *We need our repentance.*

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

Answer:

The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed.

All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape!

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" - Lk 15:31-32

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

As Israel settled into the land of Canaan (the Promised Land), they learned God removed the "reproach" of Egypt from them and they could freely eat from the land. What have you discovered about yourself or others during this season of Lent?

Second Reading:

Paul taught that reconciliation with God and with each other was key to being a "new creation." How often do you experience reconciliation with God or with others?

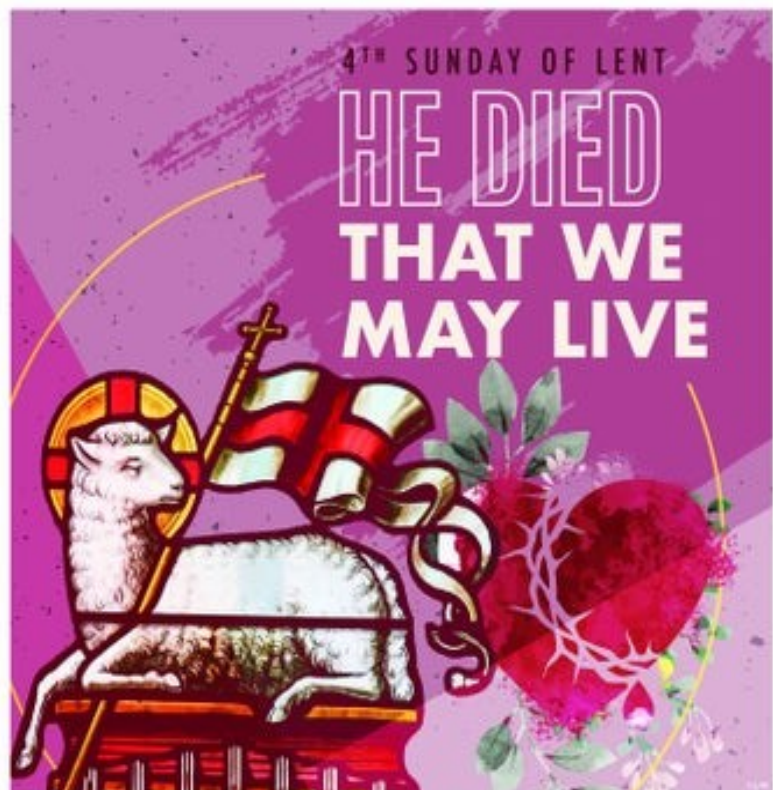
Gospel:

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, in a real sense, both sons are lost. How might you help a lost family member or friend this week?



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Opening Day at the Eureka Springs Farmers Market

Thursday Apr 17, 2025

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM CDT

44 Kingshighway

Eureka Springs Community Center Lawn

Fees/Admission

All are welcome to this free family-friendly event!



Description

The Eureka Springs Farmers' Market is gearing up for Opening Day! Thursday, April 17th we will begin regular season hours, 8:00am - 1:00pm.

We are excited to be welcoming back our seasoned vendors and rolling out the red carpet for our new ones! Please join us in making this a special welcoming for all as we meet on the Eureka Springs Community Center Lawn!

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The Saved Rave

Saturday Apr 12, 2025
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM CDT

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Fees/Admission

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9th Annual Arkansas State Chili Championship

Saturday Apr 12, 2025

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM CDT

The Barn

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Description

Chili Cook Off: Tasting 12:30pm to 4:00pm / Adults - \$8 (Kids 12 & Under Free) Benefitting: Grandma's House - Children's Advocacy Center

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