

May 17, 2026

*The
Ascension
of The Lord*

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:30am

Tuesday 8:30am

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Friday 8:30am

(except 1st Fri. of
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PC)

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Ascension OF THE LORD

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.

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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.

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St. Elizabeth Gift Shop is located behind the Church. It is generally open six 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. Stop in and see us!

NEW TO OUR PARISH

Welcome to our Parish! If you wish to join our Parish family, please call the Parish Office, Tues. & Thurs., at 479-253-2222.

Registration forms are available in the narthex at both locations or you can register online at <https://stelizabethureka.com/new->

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, at 479-253-2222.

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am
Mass Intention is for Bella Wick

THURSDAY, MAY 21

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am
Mass Intention is for Mark Elworth

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Daily Mass 8:30am
Mass Intention is for the Repose of the Soul of Lindsay Elizabeth Hunter

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC
Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC
Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC
Mass Intention is for the Repose of the Soul of Gerrie Soper

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Holy Rosary 8:00am
Pentecost Sunday 8:30am
Mass Intention is for Leva Murphy

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, MAY 23

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Barb McClung

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Mark Elworth

Altar Server:

SUNDAY, MAY 24

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Rod McGuire

EMCs: Rod McGuire, Phyllis McGuire, Sandy McClung

Ushers: Ted Meyer, Bev Wright

Altar Server: Mike Lubbers



A Reminder: Extended Adoration is the last Tuesday of every month from 9:00 - 11:00am at the Church.



Pray for



OUR PARISHIONERS -

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OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith, Robby Bartos

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Carol Greer, Alice Midden & Nancy Elfter



God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to: -

Sophie Bartos - 5/16, Robin Simmons - 5/16,
Scott Reddoch - 5/21

May you have many more!



JOIN US!

St. Elizabeth will host a social hour on the first Saturday of each month at the Parish Center after mass. Join us at 5pm on June 6 for wine, cheese, and other refreshments!!

Catholic Communications Campaign Collection

Today's second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Half of your donation will remain in the diocese, enabling the diocese to send 16,000 free *Arkansas Catholic* digital subscriptions for readers. Your donation also supports the diocesan website, www.dolr.org. Thank you for your support.



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*Our Seminarians
 for the month of
 May, 2026*



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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 May 9 & 10 is **\$2,447.00**.

Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of 5/5/26:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Parishioners	\$831,323	\$620,398
Non-Parishioners	\$113,380	\$ 64,363
Donations	<u>\$ _____</u>	<u>\$ 98,200</u>
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Sun., 5/17	9:30-1:00	Godfreys
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	1:00-4:00	D. Buttecali
Wed., 5/20	10:00-4:00	CLOSED
Thurs., 5/21	10:00-1:00	J Boardman
	1:00-4:00	J Boardman
Friday, 5/22	10:00-1:00	Meyers
	1:00-4:00	Meyers
Sat., 5/23	10:00-1:00	Sandy McClung
	1:00-4:00	Meyers
Sun., 5/24	9:30-1:00	Missy Leggett
	1:00-4:00	Missy Leggett

JOB OPPORTUNITY

At St. Raphael Catholic Church in Springdale

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SEARCH #158 RETREAT

Registrations are now being accepted for Search #158, a retreat to help juniors and seniors in high school get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. The summer Search is open to in-coming juniors, seniors and recently graduated seniors. Search #158 will be held at St. John Center, Little Rock, over the dates of June 26-28, 2026. The fee is \$150.00. For more information and registration forms visit our website at:

PAPER REGISTRATION: <https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-158-form.pdf>

ONLINE REGISTRATION: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/search-158-june-26-28--2026>

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUMMER INSTITUTE – C2SI

Registrations are now being accepted for C2SI, a summer program put together by the Youth Ministry Office and Catholic Charities of Little Rock. This week is open to youth in the 10th - 12th grades interested in learning about the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church. During this 5-day session participants will have the opportunity to learn how to put the social justice lessons learned each morning into action with worthwhile “hands on” experience by working in the community. Join us in Jesus’s invitation to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and welcome the stranger among us. Participants receive 40 hours of community service for the week. C2SI is held at St. John Center, Little Rock, July 13-17, 2026. The fee is \$250.00. For more information and the registration visit our website at:

ONLINE REGISTRATION: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/c2si-catholic-charities-summer-institute-july-13-17--2026>

PAPER REGISTRATION: <https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/c2si-registration-form-26.pdf>

If you have questions you may contact Trish Gentry tgentry@dolr.org at the Diocese of Little Rock Youth Ministry office: 501-664-0340, ext 418.

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Path of the Apostles: Pilgrimage to Greece and Ephesus

Due to an overwhelming response, *Arkansas Catholic* is hosting a second pilgrimage to Greece and ancient Ephesus to walk in the footsteps of St. Paul, St. John the Evangelist and, according to tradition, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join Father William Burmester, pastor of St. Edward Church in Texarkana, September 27–October 8, 2027.

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, May 31 at 3 p.m. in the parish hall at St. Edward Church in Texarkana. RSVP at <https://bit.ly/>

A\$50 discount is available for those who book by October 28, 2026. Register online or 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.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

When they entered the city
they went to the upper room where they were staying.
(Acts 1:13)

Psalm:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the
land of the living. (Ps 27)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you,
for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Pt 4:14)

Gospel:

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,
"Father, the hour has come.
Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you,
just as you gave him authority over all people,
so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave
him." (Jn 17:1-2)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Eternal life, Jesus tells us, is about knowing God.
It's not about power or accomplishment. It's not
earned or won. It's not a prize, and it's certainly
not a finish line. It's a relationship — one that is
ours to begin. How will we know God this week?

Observances for the week of May 17, 2026

- Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter;
World Communications Day
- Monday:** St. John I, Pope and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
- Thursday:** St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and
Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Next Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday



Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of loyalty is closely linked to the virtue of obedience, wherein we freely submit ourselves to rightful authority. We are called to be loyal to our bishops, to Scripture and Tradition, to the teaching authority of the Church, and to the Christian way of life.

Blessing for Communications

Dear Jesus,
On this World Communications Day,
bless each of us as we communicate,
whether by conversation, email,
text, post, letter, or phone. May our
words bring peace, comfort, healing,
promise, joy, and love. May we bring
your blessing wherever we go.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 17, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Monday:

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday:

Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday:

Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday:

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday:

Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday:

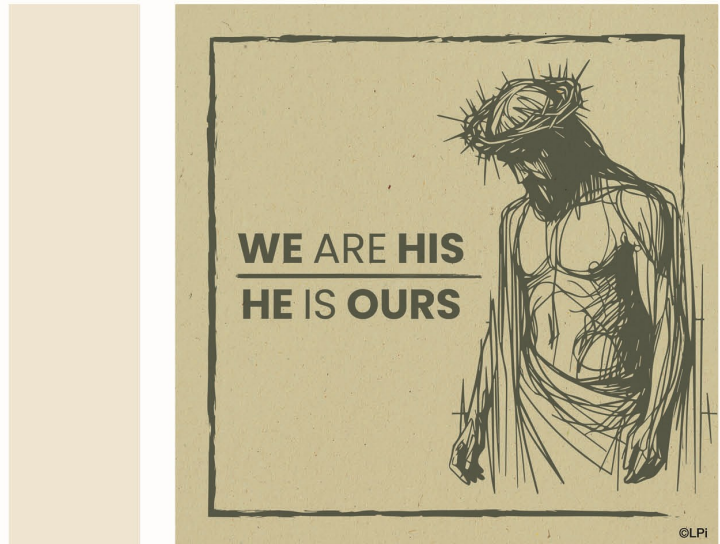
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for the **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/ Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62) **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Not long after my brother's first child was born, a beautiful little girl named Mary Elise, I asked him what it was like. Was he nervous? Overwhelmed? He said, "When I first held her, I was in such shock. I think I just said, 'I am your dad. I am your dad.'" That moment marked a deep transformation for him. He was not just holding a baby; he was stepping into a new identity. Over the years, I have seen him live his fatherhood with quiet sacrifice, joy, and faithfulness. It started with that moment of truth.

This, I propose, is a glimpse of what Jesus means when he prays, **"Consecrate them in the truth."** (John 17:17) To be consecrated is to be set apart in love, not taken out of the world. Consecration sends us into it with a new identity, always one that binds us to him and to others in love. Our bond to Jesus and others is the deep truth that he continually renews.

Whenever we speak deep truths about ourselves, we experience this renewal: "I have sinned;" "I need help;" "I forgive you;" "I take you as my husband;" "I believe in one God..." Whether in confession, in the liturgy, or in a recovery group, truth heals and transforms.

And the deepest truth of all? That we belong to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Our lives are no longer just ours. We are his and he is ours.

Name one truth you need to step into more deeply, about yourself, someone else, or God. Maybe put it on a note on your mirror. Let that truth consecrate you this week.

— *Father John Muir*

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: We do the best we have, with the words that we have, to express who God is. But saying the words isn't enough. We have to take them into the silence of our hearts and hold them there, inviting the Spirit to move among them. Liberate them. Unleash them.

When Words Fail

I love words (obviously; I'm a writer).

But sometimes, words are like teeny, tiny cages. They enclose and confine and restrict our understanding of supernatural realities that are, by their nature, bigger than language.

We do the best we have, with the words that we have, to express who God is. We use terms like "Father" and "Son" because they are the most accurate. But often, without really noticing, we give the words too much weight, and we find ourselves thinking of Jesus as a human son and the Creator as a human father, with all the implications those particular words carry for different people.

That's why I love hearing Christ speak to God the Father in the Gospels. These one-sided conversations (at least from our viewpoint) pull back the curtain just a little on the breathtaking intimacy that exists between the two. Our misunderstandings of their relationship — framed by our own human experience of fathers and sons, of time and place, of creation and death — are shattered.

"Now glorify me, Father, with you," Jesus says, "with the glory that I had with you before the world began."

Before the world began.

In our collective imagination, too often we imagine Jesus as being connected — tethered, really — to a certain time and place: the Incarnation, and all that came after. But let's not get confused: the Incarnation means that the Son became flesh, and dwelt among us. The Incarnation does not mean that the Son *became*.

The Son was. From the very beginning, He was. Begotten, not made. Consubstantial.

We say these words every week in the Creed. But saying them isn't enough. We have to take them into the silence of our hearts and hold them there. We have to invite the Spirit to move among them. Rearrange them. Liberate them. Unleash them.

Only then will we understand what words fail to explain.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Couldn't Jesus have done more good if he stayed on earth, rather than ascended into heaven?

Answer:

This is an interesting question! During his earthly life, Jesus gave sight to the blind, healed paralytics, drove out demons, and fed thousands with only a few loaves of bread. Imagine what he could have done if he'd never ascended into heaven! Imagine what our world could be! It's an interesting thought to consider, especially as the world faces challenges that only seem to deepen and expand. Yet at the Last Supper, Jesus says, "It is better for you if I go." Why? His response must have seemed strange to the Apostles at the time. In his place, Jesus says, he will send the Paraclete, the Comforter, the Advocate. He promises to send the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' departure allows the Apostles to become the leaders he has formed them to be. Jesus is no longer situated in only one geographical location, and his Church will never be a political kingdom. Soon after the Ascension, we celebrate Pentecost — the descent of the Holy Spirit and the radical empowerment of the followers of Jesus. We share in that empowerment and in that mission. Jesus is present in the sacraments, and he is present in us. Through our faith, hope, and love, we are called to be the good he does here on earth!

“Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.” - Jn 17:5-6

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

We hear how the Apostles gathered in prayer with others (including Mary) in Jerusalem shortly after Jesus' ascension into heaven. When do you find yourself being called to prayer?

Second Reading:

Peter teaches that we may suffer insults and ridicule for our belief in Jesus. Have you ever been insulted by others for your faith?

Gospel:

We hear Jesus praying for us to his heavenly Father. Have you ever prayed for Jesus in prayer?



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Psalm 47

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Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." - Jn 17:1-3

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