

May 3, 2026

The  
Fifth Sunday  
of Easter

# SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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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-12 noon at  
PC)

Saturday 4pm at PC

### Office Hours

Tues. & Thurs.

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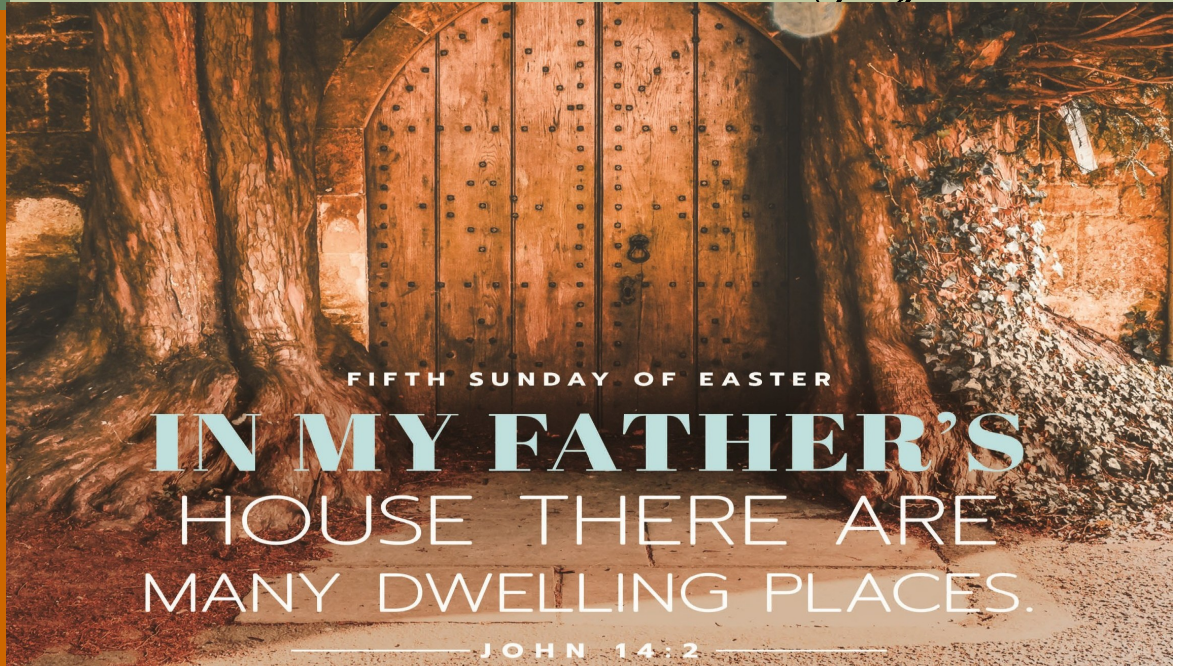
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All visitors to our beautiful town of Eureka Springs are welcome to visit our historic Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church, and to pray and worship with us. If you are Catholic, and have recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you are also 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.

## 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.

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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!

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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?

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## Parish Staff & Ministry Leaders

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# THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

## SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, MAY 5

Adoration 8:00am  
Daily Mass 8:30am  
*Mass Intention is for Paul Acuna & Ivona Mullins*

### THURSDAY, MAY 7

Daily Mass 8:30am  
Confessions 9:15am  
*Mass Intention is for the Repose of the Soul of Francis & Armella Roach, Wanda Johnson and Gilbert O.*

### FRIDAY, MAY 8

Daily Mass 8:30am  
*Mass Intention is for the Family & Friends of Anonymous*

### SATURDAY, MAY 9

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC  
Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC  
Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC  
*Mass Intention is for Paul & Maggie Kim, their children and Chris Raeder*

### SUNDAY, MAY 10

Holy Rosary 8:00am  
Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:30am  
*Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of Chuck Baker*



*God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to: -*

Bill Farrar 5/4

*May you have many more!*



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Mass Ministers

#### SATURDAY, MAY 9

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center  
**Lector:** Robert Bartos  
**EMCs:** see sign-up sheet  
**Ushers:** Mark & Jo Elworth  
**Altar Server:**

#### SUNDAY, MAY 10

8:30am Mass at the Church  
**Lector:** Lisa Ward  
**EMCs:** Rod McGuire, Karen Finkeldei, Sandy McClung  
**Ushers:** Gary Finkeldei, Ted Meyer  
**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 -

Connie Blazek, Rob Breaux, Florence Giels, Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi and Barbara Witkowski.

#### OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Regina Booth, Cate Bradshaw, Carol Dvorah, Marsha Havens, Pam Heinzl, Kathleen Horosinski, Marci Krieger, Betty McClard, Joe McDaniel, Billy Metzger, Carol Morgan-Eagle, Gene Ochrymowich, Eric Pederson, David Reuter, Connie Stielow, Ed Terrill, Libbie Vesekla and Betty Wallace.

#### OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith, Robby Bartos

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

Mary Mischo would like to extend a special thank you to Father Joseph and the parish for her surprise birthday cake to celebrate her 99th birthday. Congratulations Mary on your long and beautiful life!



## STEWARDSHIP

As a parish, we are financially dependent on your generous weekly contributions to pay our bills, 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 April 25 & 26 was **\$3,336.00**.

Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of 4/21/26:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Parishioners	\$831,323	\$618,138
Non-Parishioners	\$113,380	\$ 64,293
Donations	\$ <u>    0</u>	\$ <u>96,083</u>
	\$944,703	\$778,514



## GIFT SHOP

Sun., 5/3	9:30-1:00	Stamps
	1:00-4:00	Stamps
Mon., 5/4	10:00-1:00	D. Pickens
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Tues., 5/5	10:00-1:00	D. Buttecali
	1:00-4:00	D. Buttecali
Wed., 5/6	10:00-4:00	CLOSED
Thurs., 5/7	10:00-1:00	Jo Elworth
	1:00-4:00	Ricciardis
Friday, 5/8	10:00-1:00	Mike Reed
	1:00-4:00	Mike Reed
Sat., 5/9	10:00-1:00	Missy Leggett
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Sun., 5/10	9:30-1:00	Sellecks
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*Our Seminarrians  
for the month of  
May, 2026*

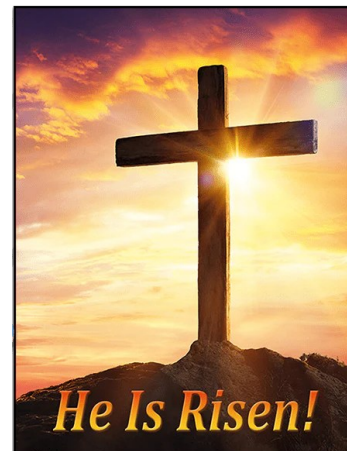
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Burney**



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

The word of God continued to spread,  
and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased  
greatly. (Acts 6:7)

### Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)  
Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

*The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.* (1 Pt 2:7)

### Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6)

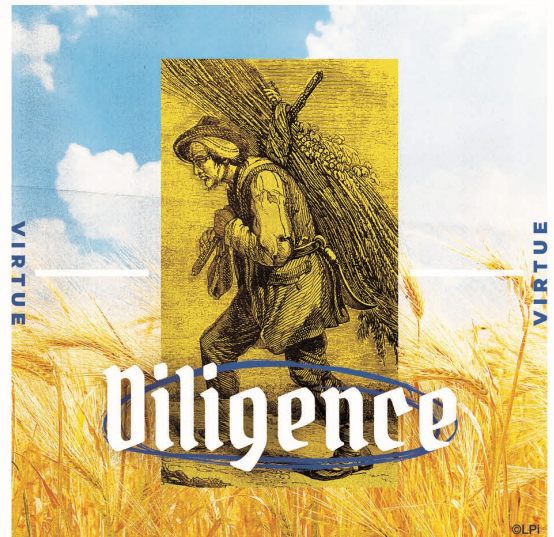
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

How often do we contemplate the  
mercy of God, but fear it will run out?  
How often do we consider following the  
path of Christ and worry that it is too  
steep? But God has not overpromised.  
Dare to believe Him. Dare to follow Him.

## Observances for the week of May 3, 2026

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter  
**Tuesday:** *Cinco de Mayo*  
**Thursday:** National Day of Prayer  
**Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter;  
*Mother's Day*



## Virtues, Explained!

Diligence is the opposite of negligence; the diligent man pursues his goal with the same faithfulness with which God has pursued us, wayward as we are, through the long course of salvation history. It is the virtue by which man can secure for himself true happiness.

## Blessing of Peace

Dear Lord,  
You have said, "Do not let your hearts  
be troubled."  
Bless me with Your peace.  
Fill my heart with trust in You,  
and hope in Your promises.  
Be my rock in times of distress,  
my light in times of darkness,  
and my rest in the storm.  
Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of May 3, 2026

### Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/  
Jn 14:1-12

### Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/  
Jn 14:21-26

### Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/  
Jn 14:27-31a

### Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/  
Jn 15:1-8

### Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/  
Jn 15:9-11

### Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/  
Jn 15:12-17

### Saturday:

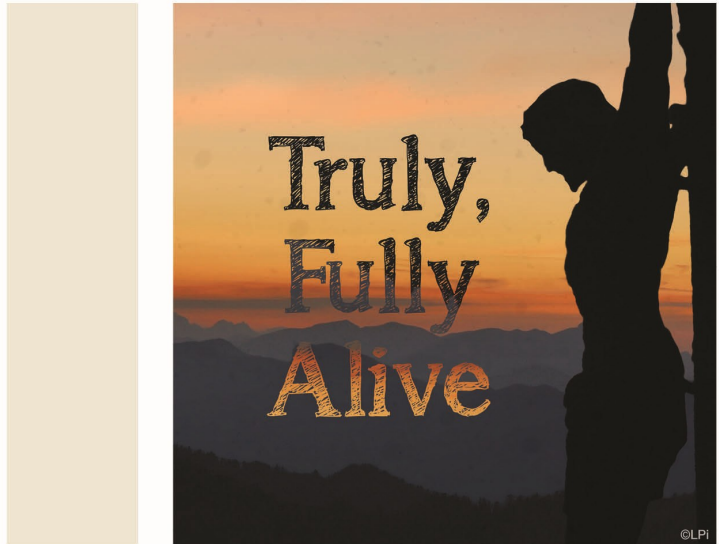
Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

### Next Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16  
and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We generally approach life with the question, “What can this do for me?” We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I’ll eventually reap some benefit, or I won’t do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today’s Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn’t present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, **“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”** (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God’s own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— *Father John Muir*

# Liturgical Life

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## ( PRACTICING ) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** There are lots of different routes to Heaven. But there's only one Way.

### The Way

A friend of mine who had family members belonging to several different religions once told me that there were as many different routes to Heaven as there were to the grocery store.

This was an analogy her family had used to remember that they all sought the same thing — God — even though they were going about the search in different ways.

I've thought a lot about her words in the years since she shared them with me. It's not an untrue analogy — there are a lot of different routes to the grocery store. An infinite number, in fact. There is actually no "right" way to get to the grocery store, because it all depends on where you're starting from and what other errands you have along the way.

And there are a lot of different routes to Heaven — likewise, an infinite number. It all depends on where you're starting from. It all depends on what you have to do along the way.

There it is: the part that matters. *The way.*

Whether we're talking about Heaven or the grocery store as our destination, all routes are not created equal. Some take too long. Some are impassable. Some are hard to navigate. Some are just plain made-up — the glitch of a GPS, the promise of a false prophet. And inevitably, if you take a less-than-ideal route, you will find yourself flagging down a pedestrian, asking, "I'm lost. Which way do I go?"

See, you can meander all you want. But in the end, you have to find The Way. And there's only one. Don't worry, though.

You'll know him when you see him.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

### Answer:

The mission of the Church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The Church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who, by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.

Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”  
- Jn 14:6-7

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

We hear how the Apostles selected men filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom to help serve the widows in the growing Jerusalem Church. Is there a family member or friend you could help this week?

### Second Reading:

Peter speaks of the resurrected Jesus as a “living stone.” How do you sense that Jesus is alive in your life?

### Gospel:

Jesus is patient with Thomas and Philip when they are slow to understand him. Who or what challenges your patience?



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## National Day of Prayer





“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.” - Jn 14:2-3

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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.

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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](https://arkansas-catholic/pilgrimage). For more information, contact Kathy Primm of Sue Smith Vacations at (501) 771-0987 or [kathy@suesmithvacations.com](mailto:kathy@suesmithvacations.com).

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