

November 23, 2025

*Christ  
the King*

# SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Eureka Springs, Arkansas*

## Contact Us...

### CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive  
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72632

### PARISH CENTER

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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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.

### PARISH STAFF & MINISTRY LEADERS

#### *Pastor*

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# THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

## SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Adoration 8:00am  
Daily Mass 8:30am

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Daily Mass 8:30am  
Confessions 9:15am

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Daily Mass 8:30am

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

First Sunday of Advent 8:30am

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;  
Lk 21:1-4  
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61;  
Lk 21:5-11  
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63,  
64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19  
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73,  
74; Lk 21:20-28  
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81;  
Lk 21:29-33  
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87;  
Lk 21:34-36  
Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

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

Dani Bishop - 11/24, Doug Purifoy - 11/25,  
Cheryl Muth - 11/27, Jean Horning - 11/28

May you have many more!



Thanks be to God!

# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

## Mass Ministers



### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Paula Perry

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: The Simmons Family

Altar Server:

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Phyllis McGuire

EMCs: Rod McGuire, Sandy McClung, Mindy Godfrey

Ushers: Mike Murphy, Mark Leggett

Altar Server: Leva Murphy



## Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 25

For the Repose of the Souls of Jack & Linda Groves

Thursday, November 27

For the Repose of the Soul of Art Wallin

Friday, November 28

For the Repose of the Souls of Charlie & Dixie Glenn

Saturday, November 29

For the Repose of the Soul of Joe McCary

Sunday, November 30

For the Repose of the Souls of Charles & Dixie Leggett

## Pray for



### OUR PARISHIONERS -

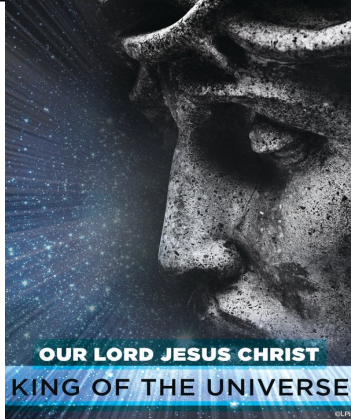
Connie Blazek, Rob Breaux, Florence Giels, Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi and Barbara Witkowski.

### OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

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

OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -



**Church Decorating** for the Christmas season will be on Thursday, Dec. 4th, after Mass, about 9:30am. Any and all help is needed and appreciated. We usually finish about noon. Come on out and help us dress St. Elizabeth in her Christmas finery!!

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

**The Parish Life Committee** is announcing upcoming events. Save the dates on your calendar!

**Gift of Giving Name Drawings**

Weekend of November 15-16, 22-23 and 29-30 or until all names are drawn

**Friday, December 12...St. Elizabeth Church Christmas Party (\*Gift of Giving Gifts are due).**

**Feast of Christmas Dinner...**turkey and ham entre, with pot luck sides, dessert provided.

**Bingo** with Hobby Lobby Christmas Décor as prizes

**Reservation Sign-Up** will begin on weekend of Nov. 22



**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 November 8th & 9th was **\$2,418.00**. For the Fiscal year (7/25-6/26) is **\$63,098.35**.

Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of 11/12/25:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Parishioners	\$828,253	\$522,124
Non-Parishioners	\$113,380	\$ 57,543
Donations	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 75,315</u>
	\$941,633	\$654,982



**GIFT SHOP**

*November Gift Shop Schedule*

Sun., 11/23	9:30-4:00	N. Barnett
Mon., 11/24	10:00-1:00	D. Pickens
	1:00-4:00	R. McGuire
Tues., 11/25	10:00-4:00	Buttecali
Thurs., 11/27	10:00-4:00	CLOSED
Friday, 11/28	10:00-4:00	Meyer
Sat., 11/29	10:00-1:00	P. McGuire
	1:00-4:00	R. McGuire
Sun., 11/30	9:39-4:00	Horning



**MISSAL SWITCHOUT & "HANGING OF THE GREENS"**



Our 2026 Missals are here! Each year following Christ the King weekend, the following Monday has been reserved for two projects: Missal Switchout and "Hanging of the Greens" (Parish Center Xmas Décor). **Volunteers are needed for Monday, November 24th, at 9:00am with Missal Switchout** (Church and Parish Center) **and then at 10:00am with "Hanging of the Greens" at the Parish Center.** Please see Sharon Parker after mass if you can help out with either of these projects and remember: many hands make light the work!

Thank you,  
Sharon Parker, Coordinator



*Our Seminararians  
for the month of  
November, 2025*

**Pedro Cervantes**

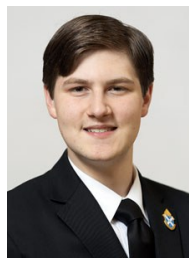
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For more information

on our seminararians, go to

[www.dolr.org/seminarians](http://www.dolr.org/seminarians)



**Matthew  
Lamb**

*Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus  
Christ, King of the Universe*

*November 23, 2025*

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80's. She was dying and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering - it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely - a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

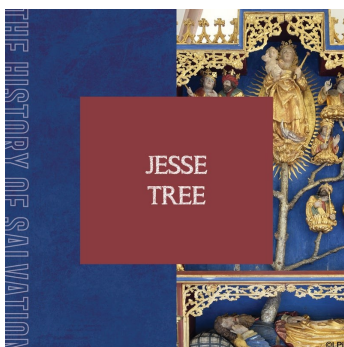
I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel, Jesus hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom**" (Luke 25:42). That word - *remember* - literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become a part of his Body. And Jesus says, "**Today you will be with me in paradise.**"

He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, "**You will be with me.**"

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffering with him - paradise begins even today.

-Father John Muir



**DEVOTIONS, Explained!**

The Jesse Tree is an Advent practice which recounts the history of salvation by tracing the lineage of Christ - the foretold "shoot from the stump of Jesse" who will bring peace and unity to the people of God (Isaiah 11:1).



**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Please be generous in this week's special collection. In the U.S., over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

**St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Program** is in need of non-perishable food and stocking stuffers for children ages 1-16. Donations can be made at the Thrift Store in Berryville or placed in plastic bins at the Parish Center and the Church during the first 2 weeks in December.



**JESUS IS KING**

Dear Jesus,  
I see the kingdom you love, the one full of the broken and forgotten,  
I see the crown you wear - thorns out of love for me. I pick you as my King.  
Mold my heart to be a worthy member of your kingdom.  
Amen.



## ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION



Coury House at Subiaco Abbey will host an Advent Day of Recollection Wednesday, Dec. 10. Fr. Richard Walz, OSB, will lead the day which begins at 9 am. There will be a conference, the opportunity for confession, prayer with the monks, lunch and end with Mass at 2 pm. To register, call 479-934-1290 or e-mail [couryhouse@subi.org](mailto:couryhouse@subi.org) for more information and to receive the registration link. Cost will be \$30 per person.

## THE ARKANSAS CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference will be held Super Bowl Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Little Rock, featuring guest speakers Dr. Karlo Broussard and Mary Bielski.

A Cajun from Southern Louisiana, Broussard gave up a career as a Cajun accordionist to pursue Catholic apologetics. With a doctorate in philosophy, Broussard is a speaker and apologist for Catholic Answers and a member of the Diocese of Tulsa. Broussard has been married for 22 years to his wife, Jacqueline, with five kids ranging from 8 to 21 years old.

A national speaker and evangelist, Bielski has delivered talks to over 100,000 Catholics and has headlined at some of the most renowned conferences and retreats across the U.S. She earned her master's in theological studies at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans.

Visit [arcatholicmen.com](http://arcatholicmen.com) to register and for more information.



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** It's taken me a few hundred read-throughs of this Gospel passage to finally understand a painful truth: I am Gestas, "the bad thief." I am as close to Jesus as he was, and I ask for all the wrong things.

### **The King Who Hangs Beside Us**

We love to hate the bad thief.

Ancient Christian tradition has called him by the name "Gestas." In contrast to Dismas, "the good thief" who recognized and repented of his own sins, Gestas goes down bitter and swinging. With his last breaths he taunts Jesus, poking fun at the absurdity of a deity who allows himself to be crucified by mortals. "Are you not the Christ?" he sneers.

But his final words betray an undercurrent of desperation. Of terror. In the end, Gestas just wants Jesus to save him.

It's taken me a few hundred read-throughs of this Gospel passage to finally understand a painful truth: I am Gestas. I hang from my own cross — we all do, in this life. But I'm lucky enough that my cross is right beside Jesus, because the sacraments bring him as close to me as he was to Gestas — closer, even. How unfathomable is the mercy of God.

And yet, I am not grateful. I don't rejoice at my proximity to my Lord, to the flesh and blood that have bought my salvation. I don't do what I should do, and what Dismas does. I don't say, "Wherever you are King, please, let me be your subject. Wherever you are going, please, take me with you."

"Are you not the Christ?" I say instead. And what I mean is exactly what Gestas meant: "Get me down. Take this cross away. I don't want it. I can't take it."

What a tragedy it would be, if all Christ had to offer us was an easier life.

None of this looks like anyone thought it would. The long-foretold Messiah, whose majesty and might would eradicate violence and establish peace. The guy who was going to make everything okay again. The King of the Jews. And here he hangs: bleeding and dying and doing what looks like nothing. Staring at Gestas. Staring at me. Staring at you.

What will you say to him?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

### Answer:

The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is a centuries old ritual and falls within a broader category of devotions and rituals that are associated with the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In a particular way, Eucharistic Adoration is an extension of the worship and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that occurs in every Mass.

In a long-standing practice, a period of Eucharistic Adoration often ends with "benediction," the blessing of the faith with the Blessed Sacrament.

Several parishes throughout the United States have introduced the practice of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, while other communities have the custom of shorter periods of Eucharistic Adoration. Care should always be taken that these periods of adoration respect the instructions outlined in *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass*, the liturgical book that gives the instructions for the proper celebration of Eucharistic Adoration.

Although adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can never take the place of Eucharistic Communion, many Catholics find great comfort and consolation in their prayers before the Eucharist enshrined in the tabernacle or when it is exposed in the monstrance (both are equally valid, as the Christ is not more present in one than in the other). But when we consider our eucharistic devotions, it is always important to remember the fundamental connection these acts of devotion have to the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass and reception of Christ in Communion.

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." - Lk 23:35-37

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

The people of Israel recognized that David was a natural leader, and with the Lord's blessing anointed him king of Israel. What do you think makes someone a good leader?

### Second Reading:

Paul offers to the Colossians a beautiful piece of poetry reflecting on how Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth. Can you share a time when you were reconciled with a family member or friend?

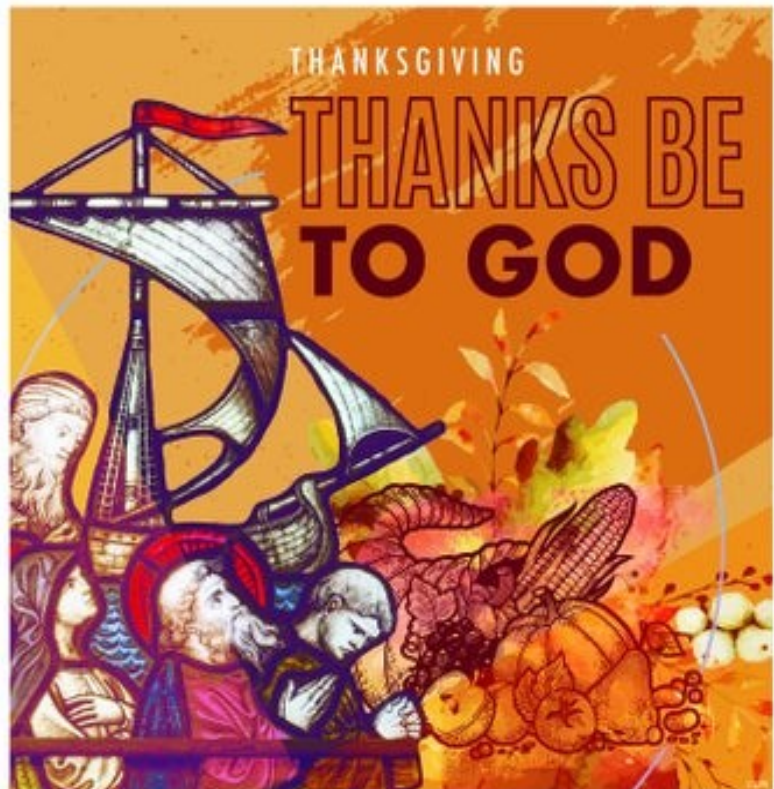
### Gospel:

Jesus assured the repentant criminal crucified next to him that he would be with him in paradise. Who might you offer words of comfort to this week?



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# Wizards of Winter– A Fun Filled Event for the Whole Family

Friday Nov 28, 2025

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM CST

The Auditorium

36 South Main Street

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The Holidays come alive when The Wizards of Winter light up the stage at The Auditorium on Friday, Nov 28 at . Featuring members that have performed with Classic Rock legends Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Def Leppard, Alice Cooper and others, along with Broadway veterans, perform their holiday rock opera The Christmas Dream. Join them on a musical journey in search of the meaning of Christmas. Experience the wonder; from rock and pop to ballads, snowball fights, beach balls and even a visit from Mrs. Claus, this show offers something for everyone. Join the journey – let memories be made where the magic is real and make your Holiday season unforgettable.

Grab tickets today at <https://theaud.thundertix.com/events/253129>

# A Fine Finale: ESSA's End-of-Year Studio Stroll

Saturday Nov 22, 2025

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM CST

Eureka Springs School of the Arts (ESSA)

15751 HWY 62 W.

Eureka Springs, AR

Fees/Admission: All are welcome to this Free event!

Website: <http://essa-art.org>

Contact Information

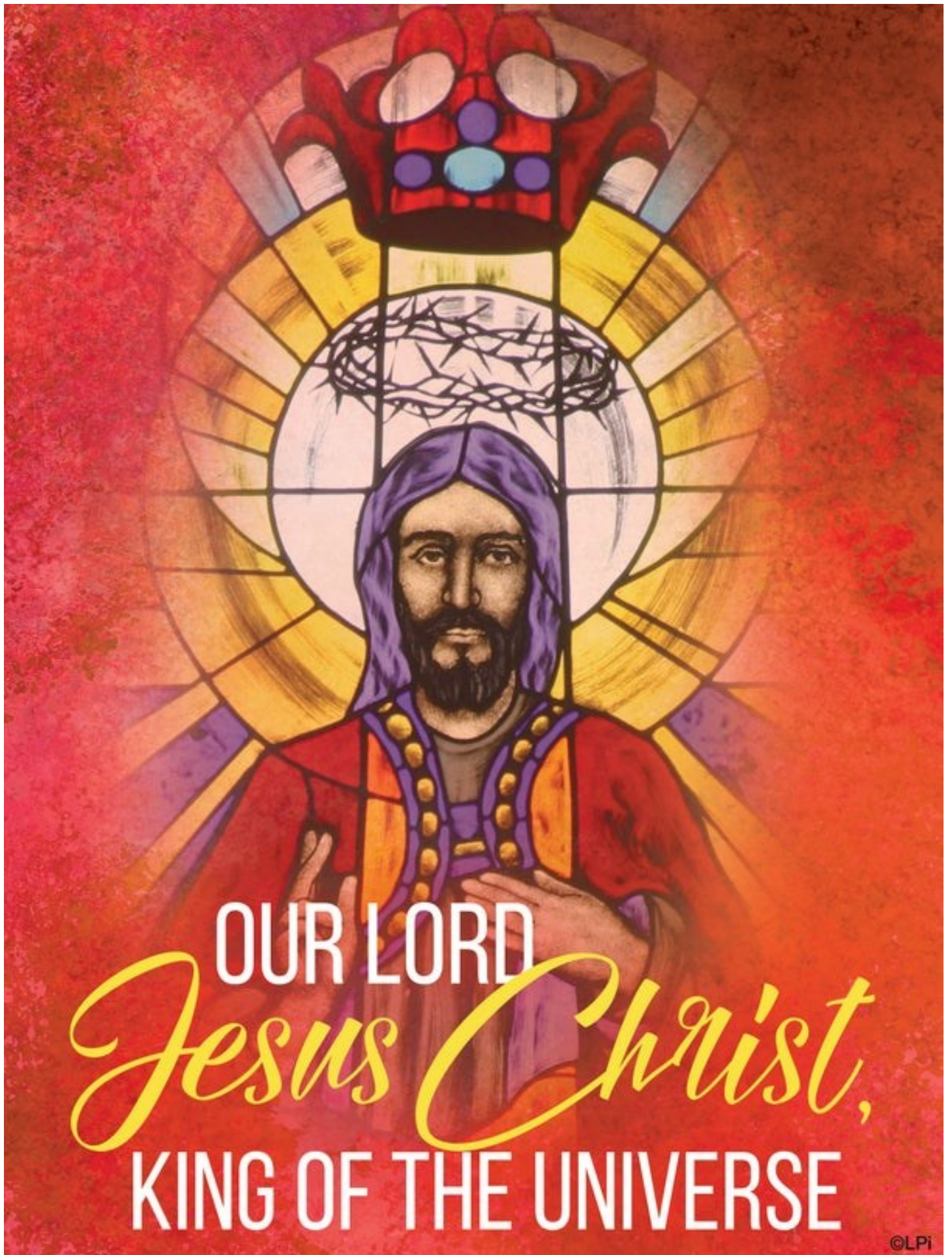
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## Description

Celebrate the close of the year with A Fine Finale: ESSA's End-of-Year Studio Stroll. Visitors are invited to explore the Eureka Springs School of the Arts campus, meet instructors and students, and experience art and fine craft in progress across multiple studios. This month's stroll highlights workshops in silversmithing with Mary Lou Christie, welded sculpture with Joe Malesky, and ceramics with Jessica Ames-Russell. Enjoy an inspiring afternoon surrounded by creativity, community, and the joy of making. RSVP on our Facebook Event page here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1BYJ2LPSaw/> Learn more here: <https://essa-art.org/events/studio-strolls/>



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- + Prayerfully. Please support us in your prayers!

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