

October 5, 2025

27th 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

Tues. & Thurs.
10:00am-4:00pm

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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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Nancy Elfter

Director of Music

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Adoration 8:00am

Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Daily Mass 8:30am

Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Daily Mass 8:30am

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC

Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC

Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8;
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 & 16, 8-9;
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b);
2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

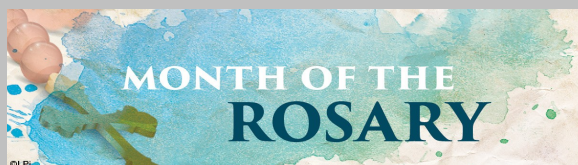
God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

David Ward – 10/8

May you have many more!

PEACEFUL HEART

While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Robert Bartos

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth

Altar Server:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Karl Diederich

EMCs: Mindy Godfrey, Karen Finkeldei, Sandy McClung,

Ushers: Gary Finkeldei, Mike Godfrey

Altar Server: Leva Murphy



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 7

For the Intentions of Santiago Alberto Riano

Thursday, October 9

For the Repose of the Soul of Bobby Elworth

Friday, October 10

For the Intentions of Santiago Alberto Riano

Saturday, October 11

For the Intentions of Santiago Alberto Riano

Sunday, October 12

For the Intentions of Santiago Alberto Riano



OUR PARISHIONERS -

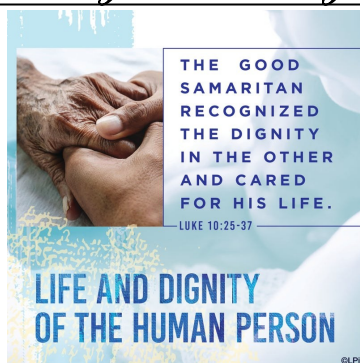
Connie Blazek, Florence Giels, Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi and Barbara Witkowski.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

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

OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Ricardo Fernandez, Sally Fernandez



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

November 17...St. Elizabeth Feast Day

Mass at the Church...8:30am

Country Breakfast (*by reservation*) at the Parish Center...9:30am

Reservation sign-up will start on weekend of October 27

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 November 22

Note: Sally and Ricardo Fernandez have both passed away...Sally on June 12th and Ricardo on Aug. 25th. As the family would like a Memorial Mass, there will be one on Thursday, Oct. 16th at 11:00am at the Parish Center.

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 September 20 & 21 was **\$3,533.00**. For the Fiscal year (7/25-6/26) is **\$41,512.91**.

Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of 9/16/25:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Parishioners	\$825,303	\$453,890
Non-Parishioners	\$113,380	\$ 55,673
Donations	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 69,397</u>
	\$938,683	\$578,960



GIFT SHOP

October Gift Shop Schedule

Sun., 10/5	9:30-4:00	Stamps
Mon., 10/6	10:00-1:00	D. Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 10/7	10:00-4:00	Buttcali
Thurs., 10/9	10:00-4:00	Lubbers
Friday, 10/10	10:00-4:00	Reed
Sat., 10/11	10:00-4:00	M. Leggett
Sun., 10/12	9:39-4:00	Selleck

A Reminder: Extended Adoration is the last Tuesday of every month from 9:00am-11:00am after morning Mass.



“Just a friendly reminder that our **Pictorial Directory** photo dates are fast approaching! We will be having family photography on Nov. 4-5 from 2:00-8:30pm. Appointment times are filling up so hurry and schedule your time if you haven’t already. Just for participating you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a church directory. You will view your images right away and have the opportunity to purchase family portraits - our directory wouldn’t be complete without you! You can schedule an appointment after church or by clicking the link 222.ucdir.com, church code - **ar164**, password - **photos** Monday through Friday.

Our Seminararians for the month of October, 2025



Christopher Elser

Contact address:

St. Meinrad Seminary,

200 Hill Drive,

St. Meinrad, IN 47577

For more information

on our seminararians, go to

www.dolr.org/seminarians



**Benjamin
Keating**

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: "Increase my faith." I've said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated. Easy faith — that's what I'm asking for, and lots of it, please. But easy faith isn't faith at all.

The Father Who Knows What You Want

It's easy to give your kid what he's asking for. It's hard to give him what he wants.

If a kid asks to eat an ice cream cone, there's nothing wrong with giving him one. But if he's grumpily demanding an ice cream cone at 7:45 in the morning, what he wants — whether he realizes it or not — is some protein and whole grains and a little encouragement to get him going on his day.

So you give him eggs and toast, and you watch him struggle to accept it. Sometimes he does and sometimes he doesn't, but either way, you'll be here. You'll forgive him for whatever names he calls you and you'll put the healthy breakfast in the fridge, waiting for him when he's ready to eat it.

"Increase my faith." I've said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated, an acceptance of truth that is unshakeable. Easy faith — that's what I'm asking for, and lots of it, please.

But easy faith isn't faith at all, and faith that you aren't strong enough to hold will break your arms. And what God will never do is say, "Sure, kiddo, here you go," and pass off a false gift as the real thing, just to make us both feel good. He won't hand me something I'm not strong enough to hold.

That would be a classic lazy-father move. That would be an ice-cream-cone-at-7:45 a.m. move.

Instead, He watches carefully while I navigate the bumpy terrain of the spiritual life, ready to whisper directions in my ear. He holds his breath while the challenges of this world create deep grooves in my soul — and then He irrigates those grooves with the life-giving waters of grace, transforming them into valleys of consolation and respite.

Sometimes I call Him names. Sometimes I refuse what He's offering. It's not what I asked for, after all.

But it's what I want. Luckily, He knows that better than me.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? **Catholic Life Explained**

Question:

Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

Answer:

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow—literally—in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A priest friend of mine received a call from a family whose elderly mother was dying. Within thirty minutes, he was at her bedside, offering the consolation of the sacraments, anointing her with the oil of the sick, and commending her soul to God. She passed not long after, and for months, her family spoke of their deep gratitude for his presence. When I phoned him to commend his faithful ministry, he simply said, "I was just doing my job."

His words brought to mind Jesus' teaching this week in Luke 17:10: **"So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty,'"** in a world that often seeks recognition and applause, the Lord invites us into a different mindset - one of humble serve. The priest did not see his response as extraordinary: he saw it as a grace to fulfill his vocation.

How tempting it is to seek affirmation for doing what I ought to do! Yet Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is not about grandstanding but about quiet faithfulness. It is enough to have served. It is enough to have loved. It is enough to be grateful that we were given the chance to do our duty in the first place. Whether in priesthood, parenthood, or any vocation, what peace-soaked freedom there is in simply doing what is asked of us. No more, no less. Jesus, that is how you quietly love us.

-Father John Muir



DEVOTIONS, *Explained!*

This popular phrase is an affirmation of God's faithfulness amidst the trials of life, a theme that is presented again and again in Scripture: come what may, God will be with us.



LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the Week

The Apostles beg Jesus for increased faith, but they don't really want faith. They want a magical feeling of certainty that requires no effort. Real faith must grow and sprout roots in fertile soil. Real faith requires attention and work. Are we willing to work?



PRAYER TO RESPECT LIFE

Dear God,
Help us to hear Your voice, especially when You speak on behalf of the voiceless, the overlooked, and the forgotten. Keep our ears attuned, and work through us in a way that loves, blesses, assures, supports, and strengthens LIFE.
Amen.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

- Lk 17:5-6

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The prophet Habakkuk is encouraged to be patient and trust in the Lord's timing. Is patience one of your virtues?

Second Reading:

Paul urges Timothy to live his life of faith with courage and self-control, especially in difficult situations. How might you support a family member or friend struggling this week?

Gospel:

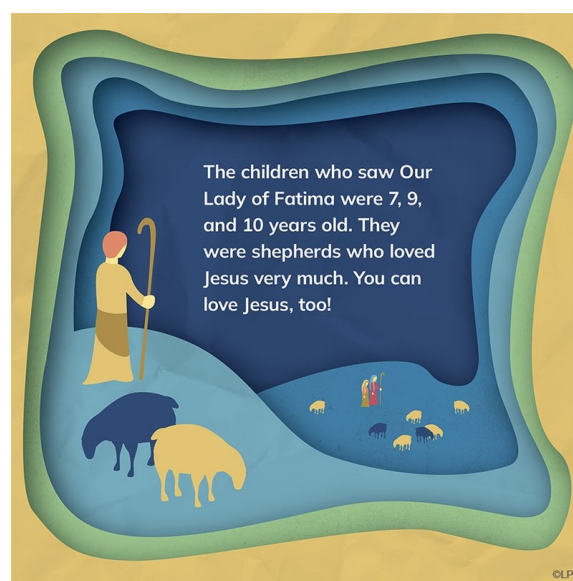
Jesus taught the Apostles that one way to increase your faith is to have the attitude of a servant. How would you describe your attitude most days?



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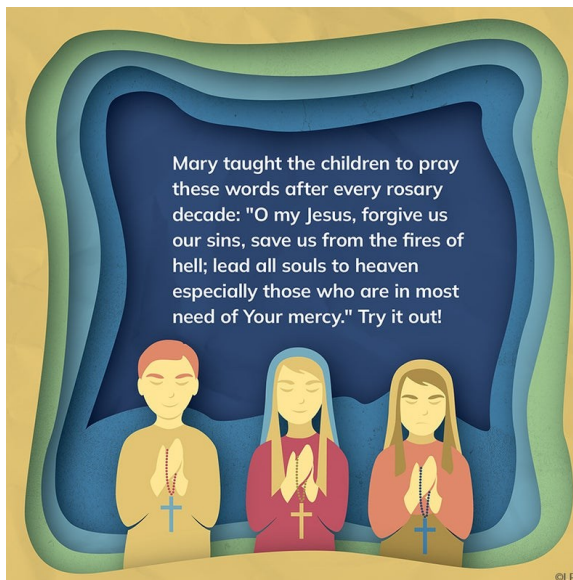
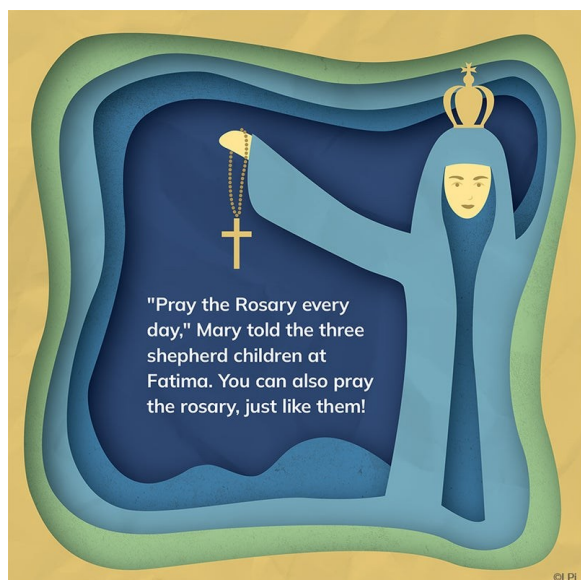




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Hillberry Music Festival

Wednesday Oct 8, 2025 Sunday Oct 12, 2025

The Farm Campground and Events

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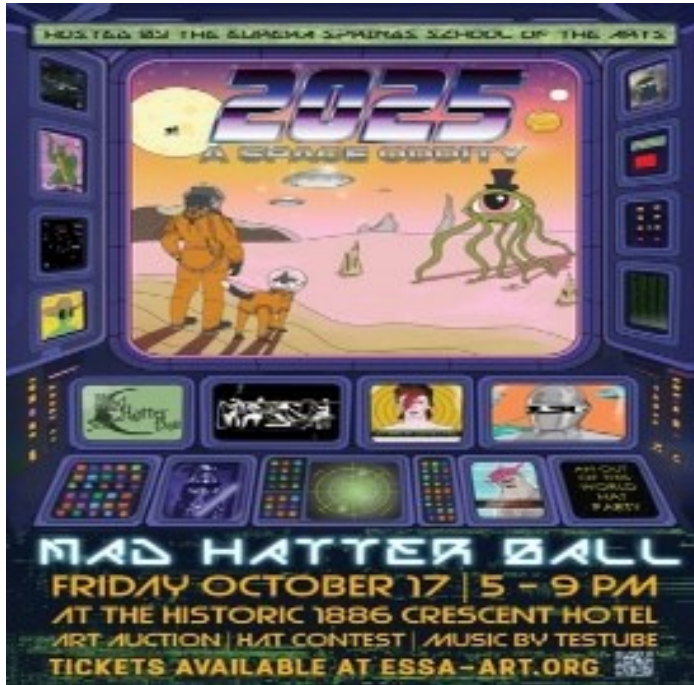
Hey now. Railroad Earth & Deadhead Productions are excited to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of Hillberry, the Harvest Moon Festival 2025!

Taking place 10/8 - 10/12/25 at The Farm Campground & Events in Eureka Springs Arkansas featuring two nights of Railroad Earth!

Get ready for 5 nights of live music and camping!

Expect multiple stages, workshops, activities, and food and craft vendors

The 23rd Annual Mad Hatter Ball, “2025: A Space Oddity”



Friday Oct 17, 2025, 5:00pm - 9:00pm CDT

The Historic 1886 **Crescent Hotel**

75 Prospect

Eureka Springs, AR 72632

Fees/Admission: \$65.00

Website: <https://essa-art.org/events/mad-hatter-ball/>

Contact Information: Eureka Springs School of the Arts Chrissie Heavenridge

Top of FormBottom of FormThe Party of the Year Has Landed in Eureka Springs! On Friday, October 17th, the historic 1886 Crescent Hotel transforms into mission control for the 23rd Annual Mad Hatter Ball, “2025: A Space Oddity,” the wildest costume party in the galaxy!

This isn’t just any party. It’s the costume party of the year where your hat is your passport to enter (and the more outrageous, the better!). Glittering helmets, cosmic crowns, orbit-ready fascinators... dress to impress and win prizes for the best of the best!

What’s Waiting for You Among the Stars: DJ Testube spinning beats to keep the dance floor packed. A galaxy-sized pasta buffet to fuel your orbit. Surprises all night long (because space is full of mysteries). An art & fine craft auction featuring works from brilliant regional artists. The chance to mix, mingle, and party with the most creative, fun-loving crowd in Northwest Arkansas All of this in one of the most magical destinations in the country: Eureka Springs, AR.

Whether you’re a local or looking for the perfect excuse to escape for a fall weekend, this is your chance to experience the Crescent Hotel like never before. Don’t wait for liftoff, tickets are selling fast, and once we’re at capacity, mission control closes the hatch!

Blast Off at the 23rd Annual Mad Hatter Ball! Friday, Oct. 17 • 5 – 9 PM 1886 Crescent Hotel • Eureka Springs, AR For tickets and more information, click here: <https://essa-art.org/events/mad-hatter-ball/> RSVP on our Facebook Event Page here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/175QP5XKs8/>



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