

*September 14, 2025*

*Feast of the  
Exaltation of the  
Holy Cross*

# SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Eureka Springs, Arkansas*

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### CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive  
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### PARISH CENTER

232 Passion Play Road  
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Sunday 8:30am  
Tuesday 8:30am  
Thursday 8:30am  
Friday 8:30am

(except 1st Fri. of  
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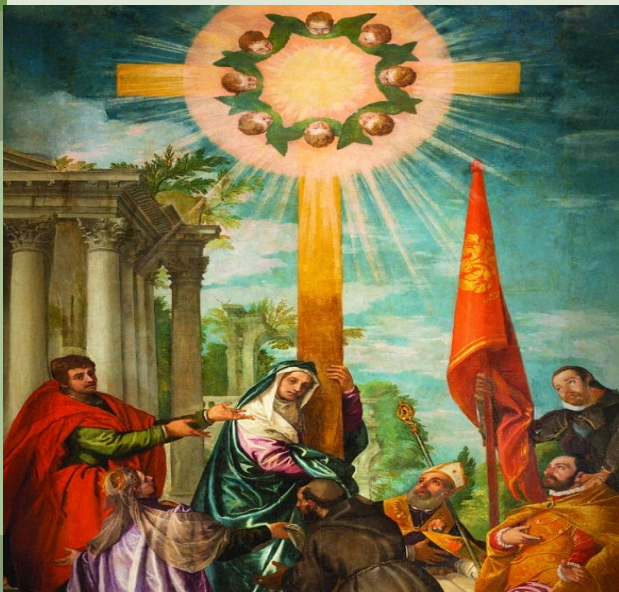
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## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus:  
"No one has gone up to  
heaven except the one who  
has come down from heaven,  
the Son of Man." For God  
did not send his Son into the  
world to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be  
saved through him.  
- Jn 3:13, 17

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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.

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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?*

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## PARISH STAFF & MINISTRY LEADERS

### *Pastor*

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*Parish Secretary & Bookkeeper*

Nancy Elfter

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# THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

## SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Adoration 8:00am

Daily Mass 8:30am

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Daily Mass 8:30am

Confessions 9:15am

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Daily Mass 8:30am

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC

Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC

Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

### Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Jn 19:25-27 or  
Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6;  
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;  
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20;  
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b);  
1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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

Cynthia Fiveash - 9/13, Janelle Stahr - 9/13,  
Mark Elworth - 9/14, Barb McClung - 9/16,  
James George - 9/17

*May you have many more!*

### AUTUMN

Besides the autumn poets sing, a few prosaic days  
A little this side of the snow and that side of the haze.

*-Emily Dickinson*

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Mass Ministers



### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

**Lector:** Jerry Horning

**EMCs:** see sign-up sheet

**Ushers:** Richard Boyes, Janice Boyes

**Altar Server:**

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:30am Mass at the Church

**Lector:** Rod McGuire

**EMCs:** Mindy Godfrey, Phyllis McGuire, Sandy McClung

**Ushers:** Mike Godfrey, Mike Murphy

**Altar Server:** Leva Murphy



### Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 16

For the Repose of the Soul of Lin Crider

Thursday, September 18

For the Repose of the Soul of Lin Crider

Friday, September 19

For the Repose of the Soul of Lin Crider

Saturday, September 20

For the Repose of the Soul of Austin Lobato

Sunday, September 21

For the Repose of the Soul of Lin Crider



### 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



**Saturday/sábado**  
**10-11-2025, 2-8pm**  
**St Anne's Catholic Church**  
**614 S. Main St, Berryville**



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**Nachos Snow Cones & More!**

**Note:** Sally and Ricardo Ferandez 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 August 30 & 31 was **\$2,888.00**. For the Fiscal year (7/25-6/26) is **\$31,775.91**.

Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of 9/2/25:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Parishioners	\$825,303	\$452,265
Non-Parishioners	\$113,380	\$ 50,303
Donations	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 53,719</u>
	\$938,683	\$556,287



## GIFT SHOP

### *September Gift Shop Schedule*

Sun., 9/14	9:30-4:00	Selleck
Mon., 9/15	10:00-1:00	D. Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 9/16	10:00-4:00	Buttecali
Thurs., 9/18	10:00-4:00	J. Boardman
Friday, 9/19	10:00-1:00	L. Murphy
	1:00-4:00	Finkeldei
Sat., 9/20	10:00-1:00	N. Barnett
	1:00-4:00	S. McClung
Sun., 9/21	9:39-4:00	Godfrey

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

### *Path of the Apostles: Pilgrimage to Greece & Ephesus, April 19, 2027*

Walk in the footsteps of St. Paul, St. John and the Blessed Virgin Mary on a powerful 12-day pilgrimage with **Arkansas Catholic**. Visit Philippi, Athens, Corinth and Ephesus, with daily Mass and Scripture reflections led by Father Mauricio Carrasco. A \$100 discount is available for those who book by Oct. 30, 2025. A brochure is available at [Arkansas-catholic.org/pilgrimage](http://Arkansas-catholic.org/pilgrimage). Contact Kathy Primm at (501) 7741-0987 or [Kathy@suesmithvacations.com](mailto:Kathy@suesmithvacations.com) for more details.

## *Our Seminararians for the month of September, 2025*



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 on our seminararians, go to  
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**Ryan  
Carlson**

# *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

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## **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

### **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 *What About Bill?* Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr. Marvin for break-through "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness - rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

*-Father John Muir*



### **DEVOTIONS, *Explained!***

A litany is an ancient form of prayer incorporating repetitive refrains (often "hear our prayer" or "pray for us"). Litanies are used in a variety of liturgical settings and in both private and public acts of devotion.



## **LIVE THE LITURGY**

### **Inspiration of the Week**

God did not send his son into the world to condemn it. The cross is not a symbol of judgment - the cross is what mercy looks like when it is lived out. How will we bring the cross into our lives this week? How will we live the mercy which has saved us?

# *The* Exaltation *of the* Holy Cross

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## **PRAYER OF LOVE**

Dear God,  
Expand my heart in new ways  
today,  
to understand the love You have  
for me,  
to take that love deeply into  
myself,  
and to act from that love.  
Amen.



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** When the unfaithful of the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. To heal us, God invites us to look upon the cross.

### **The Cross is Not Negotiable**

"Holiness isn't for wimps," Mother Angelica famously said. "And the cross isn't negotiable, sweetheart — it's a requirement."

I love Mother Angelica, and I love this quote. Following God is *tough*, and to do it you have to make a decision to be *tough*, to endure tough things — and ultimately, to love the toughness of it all, because within that struggle God meets us with mercy and salvation.

But in light of today's readings, I think Mother Angelica would forgive me for tweaking her words a tiny bit.

Holiness *is* for wimps, because the cross isn't negotiable.

When the unfaithful among the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. With a literary flourish that puts Homer and Shakespeare to shame, God inverts that primitive symbol. To heal us, he invites us to look upon the cross — the sacrifice which achieved our redemption.

Jesus came here to die on that cross for us. For the wimps. Because we couldn't do it ourselves, even if we tried. We couldn't right all of our wrongs, not if we had a million years to do it. We would keep screwing it up. We would keep failing. We're wimps; that's what we do.

But the cross — the cross is a magnificent invitation to something more. Divinity Himself, assuming the cloak of flesh and the weight of sin, so that when we look at the cross, we might recognize ourselves. So that we might see what we have been, what we are, what we could be.

And none of it is negotiable.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

I have a friend who says she doesn't need to attend Mass because she prays to God every day. What are your thoughts on this justification?

#### Answer:

If the only reason for going to church were to talk to God, your friend might be right. Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the Church were prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed. The Church is a community of believers, formed by "one Lord, one faith, one Baptism." It is an outward sign of our faith in God instituted by Christ, and the purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God's life.

Coming to Mass is not really for God's sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in his presence. We will want to be fed by him. Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we celebrate the source and summit of our faith. If this is true, why would we ever stay away?

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

In their desert wanderings, the Israelites learned that repentance leads to healing. What needs healing in your life?

### Second Reading:

Paul taught the Philippians that the humility and obedience of Jesus — even to the point of death by crucifixion — led to Jesus' exaltation. When have you been challenged to be humble and obedient?

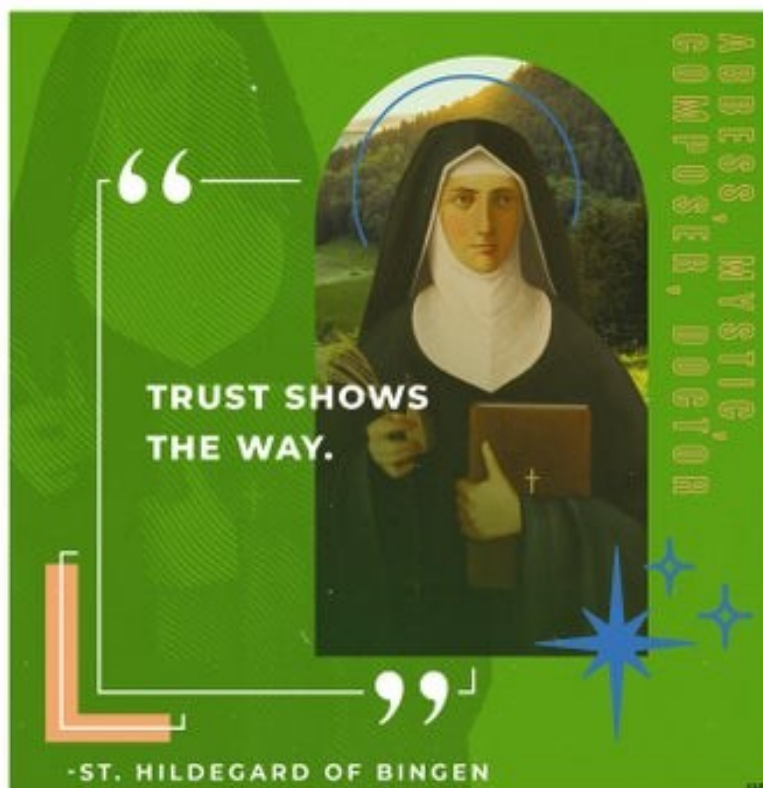
### Gospel:

Jesus reveals to Nicodemus that his death on the cross would lead believers to eternal life and save the world. What have you been taught about the meaning of the cross?

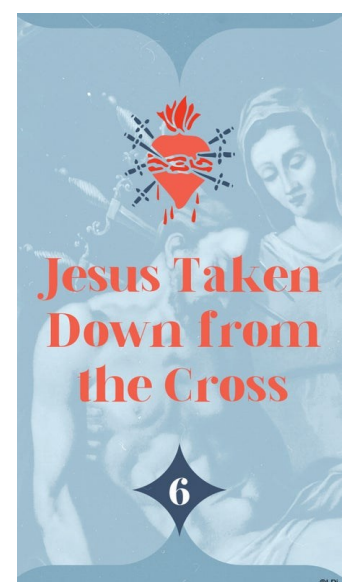
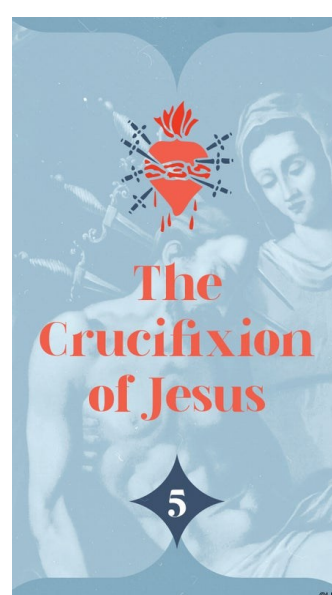
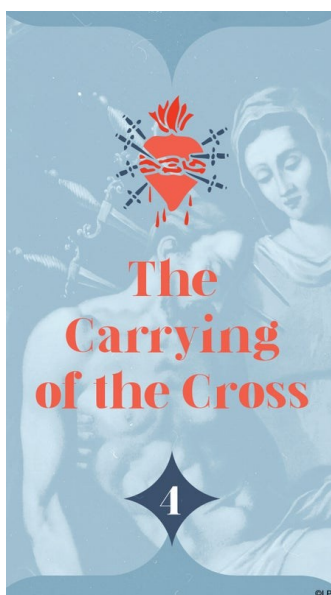
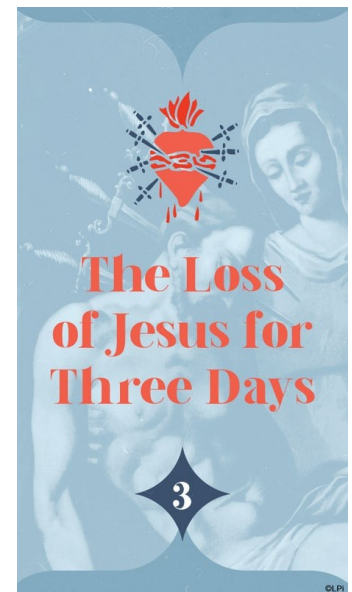
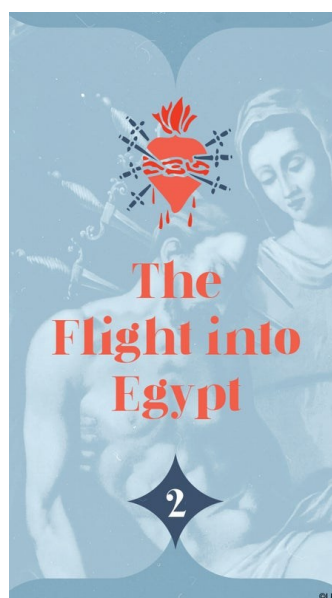
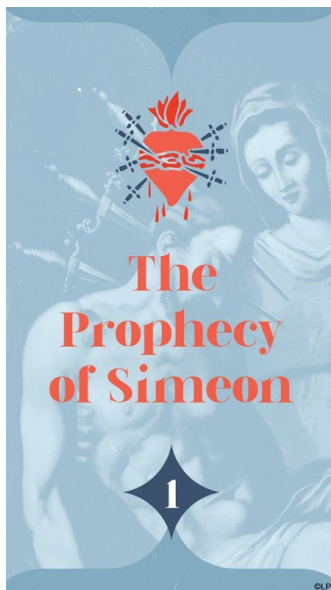
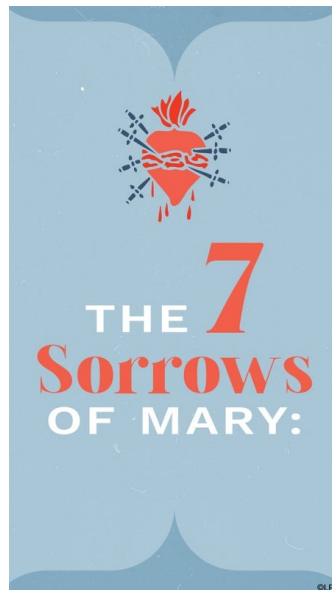


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# Hillberry Music Festival

Wednesday Oct 8, 2025 Sunday Oct 12, 2025

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A photograph of several ripe apples, mostly red with some yellow-orange blush, resting on a rustic wooden plank surface. Several green leaves are scattered among the apples. In the bottom right foreground, one apple is cut in half, revealing its white flesh and brown seeds. The word "SEPTEMBER" is overlaid in the center in a white, distressed, serif font.

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