

September 21, 2025

25th Sunday  
in  
Ordinary Time

# SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

## Contact Us...

### CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive  
Eureka Springs, AR  
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### 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.  
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LUKE 16:10

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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Nancy Elfter

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# THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

## SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Adoration 8:00am  
Daily Mass 8:30am

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Daily Mass 8:30am  
Confessions 9:15am

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Daily Mass 8:30am

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;  
Lk 8:16-18  
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab,  
4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday: Ez 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8;  
Lk 9:1-6  
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b;  
Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22  
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13;  
Lk 9:43b-45  
Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b);  
1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

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

Ann Dinello - 9/22, Kate Hunter - 9/22,  
Bev Wright - 9/24, Ed Stahr - 9/24

*May you have many more!*

 **CATECHETICAL** Sunday

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Mass Ministers



### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

**Lector:** Paula Perry

**EMCs:** see sign-up sheet

**Ushers:** The Simmons Family

**Altar Server:**

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:30am Mass at the Church

**Lector:** Mike Godfrey

**EMCs:** Rod McGuire, Mindy Godfrey, Karen Finkeldei

**Ushers:** Mike Murphy, Leva Murphy

**Altar Server:** Dan Kees



### Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 23

For the Repose of the Soul of Lokesh Palacharla

Thursday, September 25

For the Repose of the Soul of Juana Irwin

Friday, September 26

For the Intentions of Santiago Alberto Riano

Saturday, September 27

For the Intentions of Santiago Alberto Riano

Sunday, September 28

For the Repose of the Soul of Lin Cridler



### 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**



**International Food Festival of Saint Anne**

**Tamales Tacos Pupusas**  
**Carne Asada Rice Beans Chips**  
**& Salsa Hotdogs Burgers**  
**Ribs Spring Rolls Egg Rolls**  
**Noodles Games Candy Popcorn**  
**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.

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



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 For more information  
 on our seminararians, go to  
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**Ryan Carlson**

## 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 6 & 7 was **\$3,604.00**. For the Fiscal year (7/25-6/26) is **\$35,379.91**.

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	\$ 0	\$ 53,719
	\$938,683	\$556,287



## GIFT SHOP

### September Gift Shop Schedule

Sun., 9/21	9:30-4:00	Godfrey
Mon., 9/22	10:00-1:00	D. Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 9/23	10:00-4:00	Buttecali
Thurs., 9/25	10:00-1:00	T. Kees
	1:00-4:00	N. Barnett
Friday, 9/26	10:00-4:00	Meyer
Sat., 9/27	10:00-1:00	S. McClung
	1:00-4:00	Meyer
Sun., 9/21	9:39-4:00	Ricciardi

**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.



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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

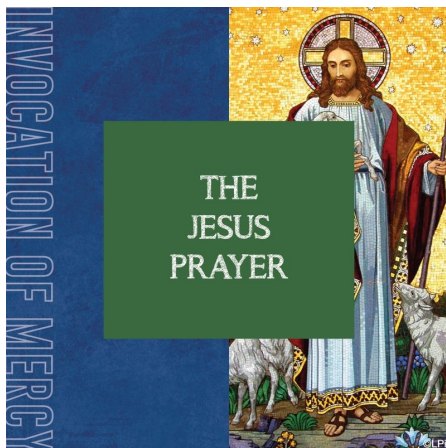
### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. “Really great work, John,” he said. “I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay.” I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus’ brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the **“master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently” (Luke 16:8)**. What is the Lord saying to us?

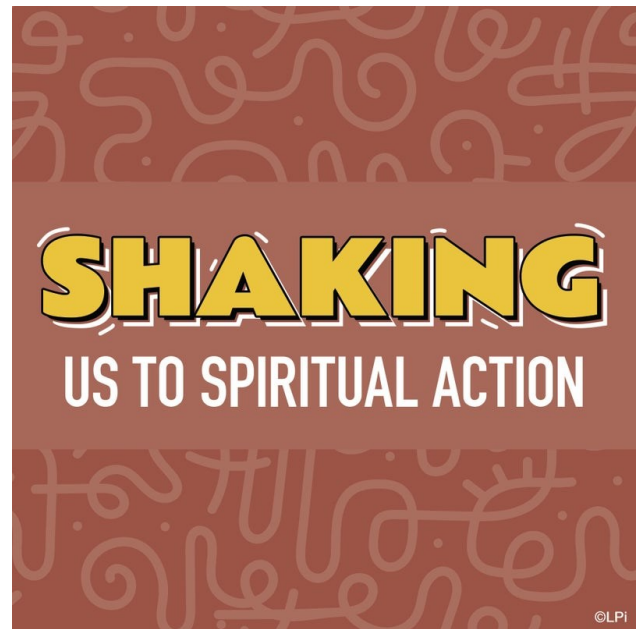
Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don’t care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he *wants* us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

-Father John Muir



## DEVOTIONS, *Explained!*

**The Jesus Prayer** is a short invocation of mercy in the name of Jesus: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” Often attributed to the tradition of Eastern Christianity, its short form makes it ideal for meditative prayer.



**The Respect Life Office** is pleased to offer a Project Rachel DOPH **“Day of Prayer and Healing”** retreat for any woman suffering from the trauma of an abortion on October 25, 2025, in Hot Springs, AR. As a reminder, there is an upcoming DOPH in Spanish in the NWA area on Saturday, September 27, 2025. There will be a MEN’s DOPH retreat on November 8, 2025, in the NWA offered in English/Spanish as needed. Below are bulletin announcements and flyers for each of these retreats. Please share these announcements in your parish bulletins/social media. We know there are people who can benefit from this ministry that offers hope and healing for anyone affected by the trauma of abortion.

If you have questions or need materials in another format, please contact the Respect Life Office 501-664-0340 ext. 393 or [respectlife@dolr.org](mailto:respectlife@dolr.org). Thank you. We appreciate your help!



## PRAYER FOR TRUST

Jesus,  
With your gentle mercy, build my trust. Help me to believe you when you say you want good for me. In every season, give me grace. In every need, be my answer.  
Amen



## DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK

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September 16, 2025

### **ON HUMAN DIGNITY, POLITICAL VIOLENCE, AND REDISCOVERING OUR COMMON HUMAN BONDS**

Given the events of the last several days in our country, it would be difficult for those following the news not to know of the recent horrific assassination and murder of Charlie Kirk—a Christian, a conservative political activist, and a young husband and father to two young children. Even if, like me, you weren't familiar with him before the events of this past week, most have witnessed the resultant anguish and division caused by his killing.

This devastation is not limited just to his wife and children, family and friends, political supporters and proponents of free speech. Perhaps the most troubling devastation has been those elements of our society that would rejoice in another man's public and gruesome execution. An execution that occurred for all to see, and whose underlying motive appears to have been having a difference in ideas. The enjoyment that some seem to derive from the suffering, downfall, or even death of an opponent is not limited to one side or the other of the ideological spectrum, even if it's been brought into particular focus here of late.

Some have demanded some kind of immediate response from me. But, as with most issues, it's important first to listen, to reflect, and to understand. To be sure, some of Mr. Kirk's beliefs were perfectly consistent with Catholic Christian teaching, whereas others would not be consistent with our Catholic worldview. Part of the beauty of our Catholic faith is that ours is a universal, worldwide Church—uniting us well beyond the borders of any given country or nationality. Hence, a worldview that sometimes differs fundamentally.

You, the members of my flock in this Diocese, know that I speak out often on issues like immigration, race, poverty, and peace. But you also know that I have preached boldly on issues like abortion, or same-sex unions, or the deceptions of gender ideology. At their core, none of these are conservative issues or liberal issues. They are Catholic Christian issues. And they are human dignity issues.

I worry that we have gone down paths, on the extremes of both sides, where we no longer make an effort to see our common human dignity—even if we might disagree. This isn't just about the latest act of political violence. It's a culmination of acts of violence against members of both parties; against churches and schools; against groups of students on campuses based on their religion and ethnicity; against groups in neighborhoods based on their foreign ancestry.

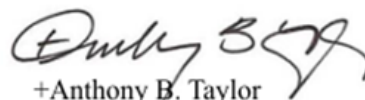
It may be that much of this violence is simply part of our fallen human condition—as old as Cain and Abel. But it cannot be that we, as fellow humans, grow weary of feeling empathy for one another in each other's daily plights. When we only see our opponent as an opponent—or the other as the other—we lose sight of those common human bonds that connect us more integrally

than might be readily apparent. It's our common human bonds that should give us empathy for the unborn child at risk of abortion; for the homeless and mentally unwell; for the immigrant fleeing oppression and hardship; for the victims of war, no matter which side.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, no matter which side of the political aisle or theological spectrum you might be on, I beg you to find ways to recognize, honor, and cherish the common humanity amongst those around you. Including in—*especially* in—those who don't think just like you, act just like you, look just like you, or live just where you live.

Genesis tells us that God created all human beings in his image and likeness. Each of us bears the imprint of God. That imprint grants us a fundamental dignity that can never be taken away. But if we ignore it, we do so at the risk of our country, our society, our humanity, and ultimately our own souls. In such times of distress, division, and discord, I exhort each of us to redouble our efforts to look for the imprint of God in each and everyone. To give the benefit of the doubt to others, rather than suspicion. To presume charity from others, rather than malice. And to see others through the eyes of God, who looked upon his creation and called it "very good."

Yours sincerely in Christ,



+Anthony B. Taylor  
Bishop of Little Rock



THE SPIRIT  
OF GOD  
IS SPIRIT  
OF PEACE.

—ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** Jesus' parable of the untrustworthy steward sums up all our anxieties surrounding material wealth and the delicate balance we have to strike of caring for our physical needs while prioritizing our spiritual ones.

### God and Mammon

Dealing with money is unpleasant.

You might be good at dealing with money (I am not). You might even do it for a living (I do not). You might be careful to use as much of your money as you can for good purposes (I try to, but man, these skyrocketing grocery prices are killing me).

But ultimately, money does not bring out the best in us. We waste it. We manipulate it. We hoard it. We become obsessed by it. We let pursuit of it define our decisions. Money is something akin to — it corrupts by touch, it seems. But unlike witchcraft, you can't avoid money altogether. It's necessary. These dollars and cents keep us alive in this world, for a time. We need them for food, for warmth, for health.

Jesus' parable of the untrustworthy steward sums up all our anxieties surrounding material wealth and the delicate balance we have to strike of caring for our physical needs while prioritizing our spiritual ones. But the parable reminds us that we can't escape money, just like we can't escape the world and all the barriers forged by this world between man and the happiness his Creator intends for him. We could retreat to the highest, remotest mountaintop, but the human condition would follow us there.

We would still feel doubt. We would still feel pain. We would still feel fear. We would still sin.

And we would still be hungry and cold. We would still need money.

Money will never be something that is easy to handle virtuously. But guess what? Nothing in this world is. And it's probably best that we remember that.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

Why do Catholics eat fish on Friday?

#### Answer:

For centuries, meatless Fridays were the norm for Catholics throughout the world. Friday was chosen because that was the day on which Jesus died, and Christians wanted to find a way to honor that day with special prayers and acts of penance and self-denial. The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays — under pain of sin — grew out of that desire, and it became an official part of Church teaching until the time of the Second Vatican Council.

In the 1960s, there was a shift in the Church's thinking, in large part because there was a recognition that differences in cultures and economic realities meant that eating or not eating meat had different meanings for different peoples. For example, in cultures that were largely dependent on seafood or a vegetarian diet, abstaining from meat was no sacrifice at all. While in other places, eating fish and other kinds of seafood was actually something rare and special and not a sacrifice. This was all part of a basic reflection on "why we do what we do" among the Church's pastors.

Today, Catholics throughout the world are still instructed to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. The bishops of some countries, such as in England and Wales, ask Catholics to abstain from meat every Friday, continuing the older tradition. The Bishops of the United States have taken a slightly different approach, encouraging Catholics to honor Friday as a special day by abstaining from meat every Friday or by taking on some other work of penance or charity for the sake of others.

Regardless of what we choose to do, the real value in all of this is to see a reflection of Good Friday in each Friday, to remember the self-giving love of Jesus, and to honor that love through some sort of sacrifice or act of mercy.

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:10-11

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

Amos forewarns those who exploit the poor and disadvantaged that God will remember their greed and corruption. How might you lend a helping hand this week to others in need?

### Second Reading:

Paul instructs Timothy on the necessity of openness and generosity in prayer. What do you think makes for a strong prayer life?

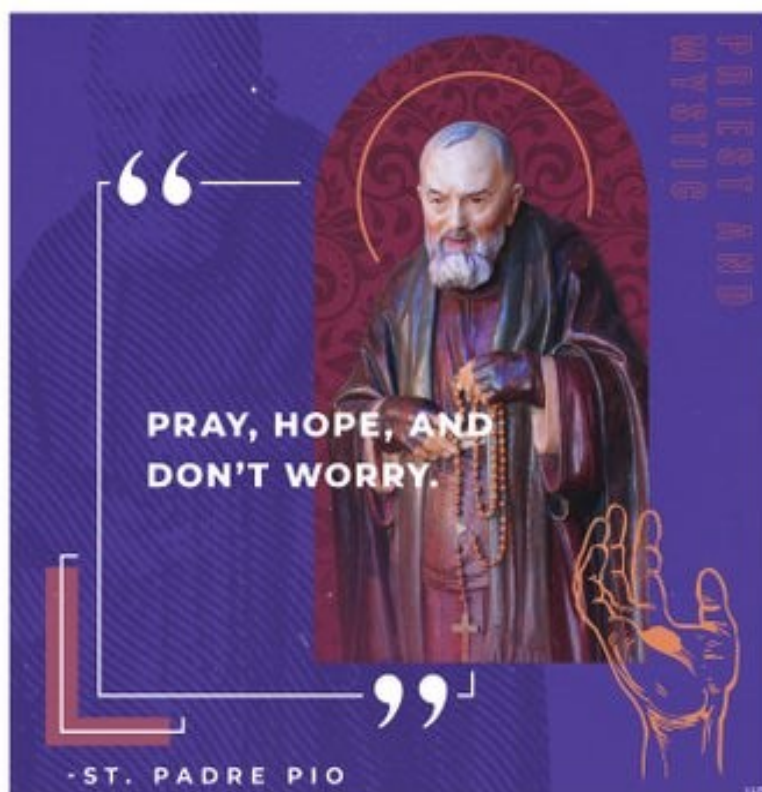
### Gospel:

In the parable of the dishonest steward, the disciples learn the importance of honesty and prudence in daily living. What other virtues would you add for the life of a Christian today?



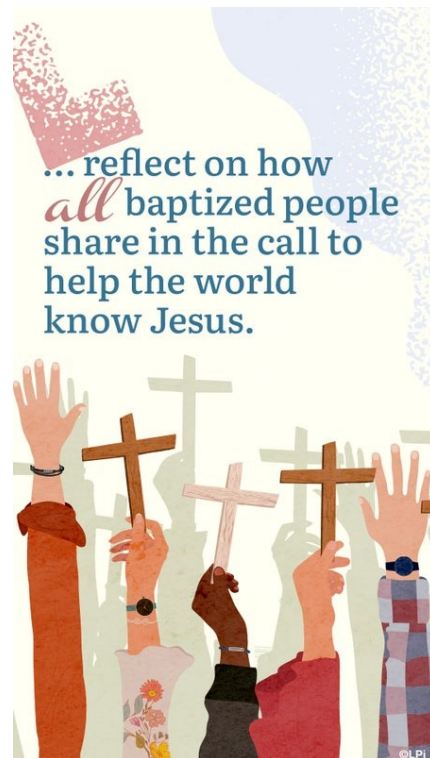
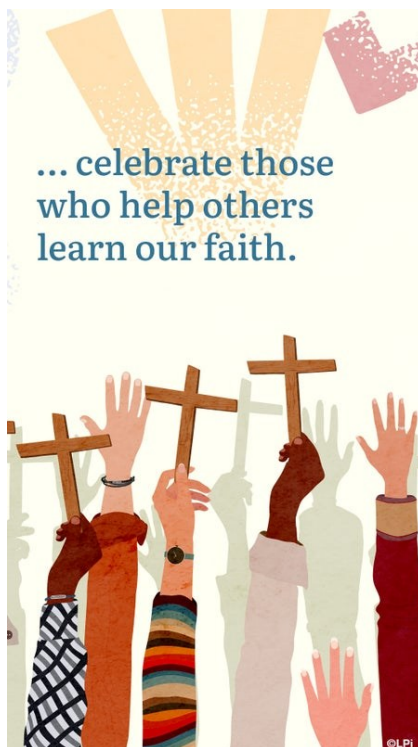
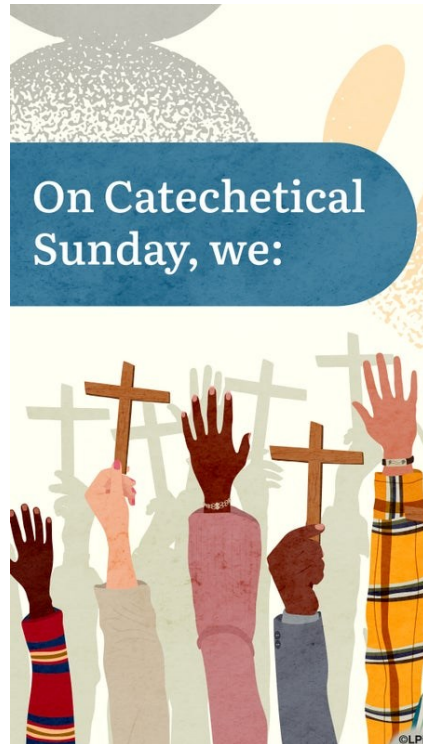
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# CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



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Location: The Auditorium

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Fees/Admission

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We are so excited to announce that Dracula will be coming back to Eureka Springs!

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# Oktoberfest

Saturday Oct 18, 2025

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM CDT

Location: Historic Downtown Eureka Springs!

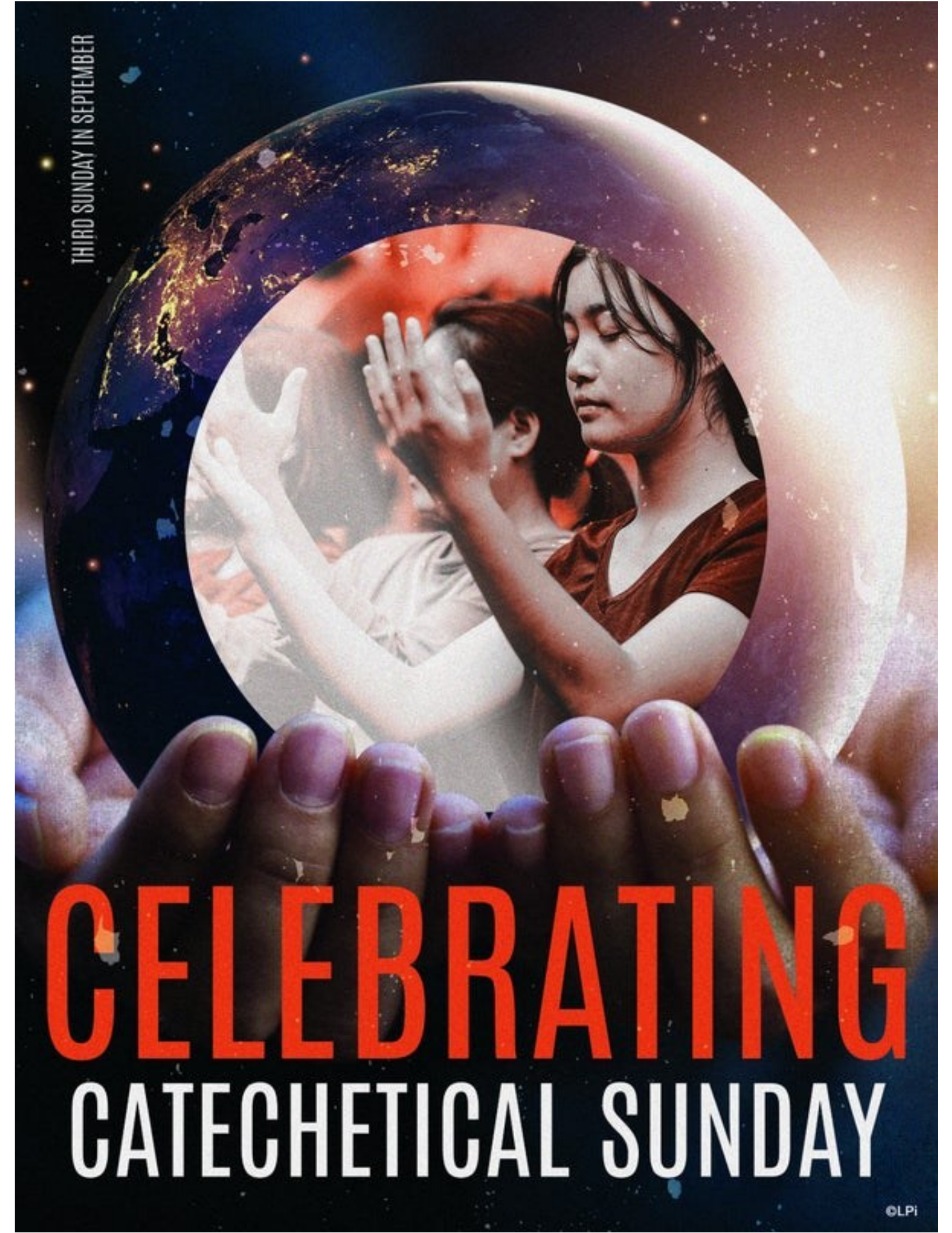


Join the Eureka Springs Rotary Club and taste craft & seasonal beers from our region, fill up on bratwurst and listen to live music.

Admission includes wristband for the Oktoberfest Entertainment District in Downtown Eureka Springs.



THIRD SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER



# CELEBRATING CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

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