September 28, 2025 SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY 26th Sunday CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, *Fi*rkansas

Contact Us.

Ordinary Time

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.

Setting 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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SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, OCTOER 2

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

Daily Mass 12:00noon at the PC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab;

Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5;Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23;Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7;Lk 9:51-56 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8;Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6:Lk 9:57-62 Thursday Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458);Ps 19:8, 9, 10,

11;Mt 18:1-5,10

Friday: Bar 1:15-22;Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9;

Lk 10:13-16

Saturday Bar 4:5-12, 27-29;Ps 69:33-35, 36-37;

Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3;2:2-4;Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8);

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14;Lk 17:5-10

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Preston Mitchell – 9/27, Roger Schultz - 9/28, Tommy Reinhart - 10/1, Mary Mills - 10/2, Jessica Mumaugh - 10/2

May you have many more!





SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Robert Bartos, Sophie Bartos

Altar Server:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:30am Mass at the Church Lector: Cassian Heath

EMCs: Karen Finkeldei, Sandy McClung, ____

Ushers: Bev Wright, Ted Meyers
Altar Server: Mike Lubbers

Mass Intentions



Tuesday, September 30

For the Intentions of Santiago Alberto Riano

Thursday, October 2

For the Intentions of Santiago Alberto Riano

Friday. October 3

For the Intentions of Santiago Alberto Riano

Saturday, October 4

For the Intentions of Santiago Alberto Riano

Sunday, October 5

For the Repose of the Soul of <u>Tom Taber</u>





OUR PARISHIONERS -

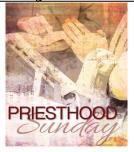
Connie Blazek, Florence Giels, Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi and Barbara Witkowski.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Regina Booth, Bradshaw Cate, Sam Donelson, Carol Dvorah, Marsha Havens, Pam Heinzel, Kathleen Horosinski, Marci Krieger, Betty McClard, Joe McDaniel, Billy Metzer, 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.



Our Seminarians for the month of September, 2025

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Contact address:

St. Meinrad Seminary, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad, IN 47577 For more information on our seminarians, go to

www.dolr.org/seminarians



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 13 & 14 was \$2,600.00. For the Fiscal year (7/25-6/26) is \$37,979.91.

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>\$</u>	\$ 69,397
	\$938.683	\$578.960

GIFT SHOP

Sept. – Oct. Sift Shop Schedule

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Sun., 9/28	9:30-4:00	Ricciardi
Mon., 9/29	10:00-1:00	D. Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 9/30	10:00-1:00	P. McGuire
	1:00-4:00	R. McGuire
Thurs., 10/2	10:00-1:00	Elworth
	1:00-4:00	Ricciardi
Friday, 10/3	10:00-1:00	D. Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Elfter
Sat., 10/4	10:00-1:00	Elfter
	1:00-4:00	Meyer
Sun., 10/5	9:39-4:00	Stamps

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

It's time for a new **Pictorial Directory!** Our dates of photography are Nov. 4-5 from 2:00 –8:30pm. Just for participating you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a church directory. You will view your images right away and have the chance to purchase family portraits for your own memories and to give as gifts. You can make an appointment after church services or by clicking on the link **www.ucdir.com**, Church code **ar164**, Password - **photos**, Monday through Friday.

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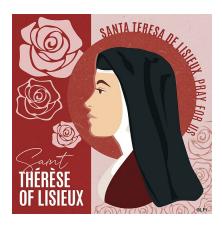
GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I am embarrassed to admit that I frequently find myself dining and socializing with people who have millions and sometimes billions of dollars. I've eaten more caviar, lobster and wagyu steak than most people on the planet. I justify it by saying it's part of my job. But I have seven pairs of nice jeans and expensive shoes.

So it is rather uncomfortable to hear Our Lord say: "My child, remember that you received what was good in your lifetime, while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented" (Luke 16:25). Fellow rich people (and if you're American, you're rich), do we not vehemently though quietly object to this parable's karma-esque reward system? Why bless the rich man just to curse him later? And curse Lazarus just to bless him later? So Americans go to hell, while Burundians and Afghans go to heaven? What is going on?

One clue is that the condemned rich man doesn't complain of injustice. Rather, he simply begs to help his brothers to repent. Of what? We don't know exactly. Perhaps another clue is that the rich man now seems more like the downtrodden Lazarus. He knows what it is to be hungry and thirsty, to be wounded in the gutter; that he deserved that, not fancy meals and clothes. Maybe the rich man finally understands how to receive true blessings, but it is too late for him. But not for me. Not for us.

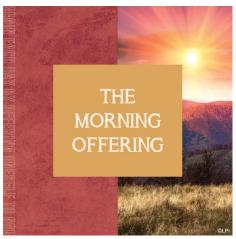
-Father John Muir





St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897) was a French Carmelite sister whose autobiography has inspired Catholics across the world to deepen their relationship with God. She died at 24 from tuberculosis and is currently the youngest person to be named a Doctor of the Church.





DEVOTIONS, Explained!

There are many variations of the Morning Offering, but all share the same purpose: to begin each day by offering oneself to God, along with all the experiences, struggles and blessings that the day will bring.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

For those I pain and in sorrow, God be their comfort.

For caretakers and medical staff, God give them grace.

Surround those afflicted with Your love, care and mercy. You who are healing and hope.

Amen.



RED MASS

The **Saint Thomas More Society of Arkansas** invites you to attend the 31st Annual **Red Mass** on Friday, October 17, 2025, 12:05 Noon at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, 617 Louisiana Street in Little Rock, with the Most Reverend Francis I. Malone, Bishop of Shreveport, celebrant and homilist, assisted by the JCL priests of the Diocese of Little Rock. Everyone is invited to join judges, lawyers, public officials, law professors and students to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in the administration of government and justice and for the intercession of St. Thomas More. Lunch for \$25 will follow in McDonald Hall. Make reservations at https://tinyurl.com/Arkansas-Red-Mass or Post Office Box 1426, North Little Rock AR 72215. For additional information contact Connie Brown Phillips, at cbphillisplaw@gmail.com or 501-680-6919.

DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING

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. Thank you. We appreciate your help!

Liturgical Life

CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: The parable of the rich man and Lazarus highlights a reality that we often wish to ignore: at some point, we will run out of chances, and it's not because God tires of giving them to us.

Snow Days and Second Chances

Yesterday morning, my kids were playing outside in the snow, and I decided to take advantage of the quiet house to make a few important phone calls.

Fool. I forgot Murphy's Law of Parenting, which dictates that as soon as you dial a phone number, a bomb of irritation and neediness explodes within the heart of your loudest child. Sure enough, as soon as the person on the other end of the line picked up, my son was at the back door, whimpering loudly. Horror of horrors, he had snow in his boot.

I gestured to the phone. He whimpered more loudly, I mouthed and mimed threats. He threw his boot at me. I gave him The Look. He started to scream.

Well, needless to say, the phone call didn't go well, and my son's snow day was cut short. He begged for a second chance, but I explained to him that life doesn't always give you second chances. The phone call was over. Ruined. I couldn't get it back.

But that's when I remembered that moms have a superpower: creating second chances where none had existed before. So I told him that if he could be quiet while I made the rest of my calls, he could go back outside.

My son is young right now. I give him lots of second chances because second chances help him learn. Second chances are the training wheels of life.

I dread the day when the training wheels come off, and I can't save him from his bad decisions. I think every parent does.

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus highlights a reality that we often wish to ignore: at some point, we will run out of chances, and it's not because God tires of giving them to us. It's because a truly endless supply of chances would strip us of our free will. It would deny us the right of being taken at our word — and God respects us too much to do that.

My son saved his snow day. It's a good reminder: take the second (and third and fourth) chance. Don't wait for the next one.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Can a divorced Catholic receive holy Communion?

Answer:

Unfortunately, too many people today — Catholics and non-Catholics alike — mistakenly believe that divorce separates one from the Communion of the Church and that divorced persons may not receive Communion. However, as the Church has communicated in a number of places, the issue at hand is not the reality of divorce, but is more often the reality of re-marriage outside of the Church (such as in the case of a Catholic who was previously married within the Church, divorced, and remarried without receiving an annulment).

Divorced persons are called to live chastely as single people and to observe the same call to avoid sin as anyone else who desires to receive the Eucharist. Beyond this, however, Pope Francis has reminded us that the healing power of the Eucharist can be especially significant for those who have "endured separation, divorce, or abandonment ... divorced people who have not remarried, and often bear witness to marital fidelity, ought to be encouraged to find in the Eucharist the nourishment they need to sustain them in their present state of life." (Amoris Laetitia, no. 242) Moreover, he continues, "The local community and pastors should accompany these people with solicitude, particularly when children are involved or when they are in serious financial difficulty." (AL. no 242)

As Pope Francis has also reminded us, the Eucharist is "not a prize for the perfect," but "a powerful medicine and nourishment" (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 47). Because we all stand in need of healing and wholeness, the Church invites all who seek to live their faith in integrity and devotion to come and receive the grace offered in the Eucharist. "Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented."

- Lk 16:25

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 prophet Amos is critical of the Israelites living in luxury while ignoring the social decay surrounding them. How can we avoid such insensitivity to the pain and suffering of others?

Second Reading:

Paul encourages Timothy to be a strong and faithful leader, focusing on the return of Jesus and the goal of eternal life. Who encourages you in your faith life?

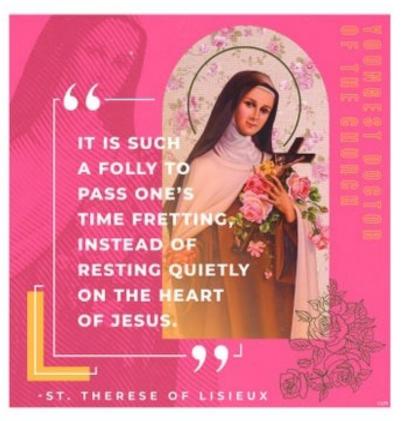
Gospel:

Jesus forewarns the Pharisees about the great reversal in the afterlife awaiting the self-centered rich and the desperately poor. With whom could you be generous this week?



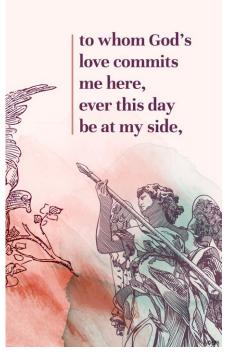
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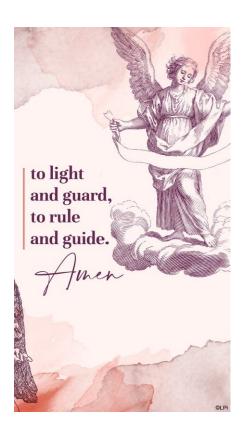




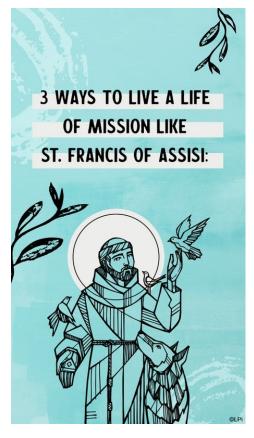
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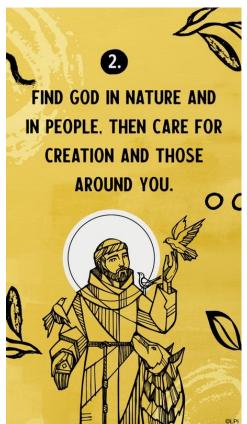


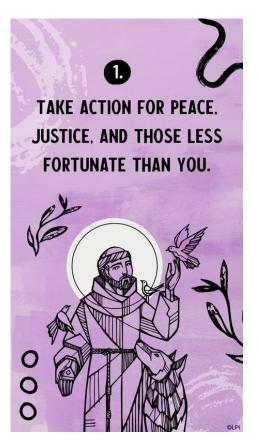
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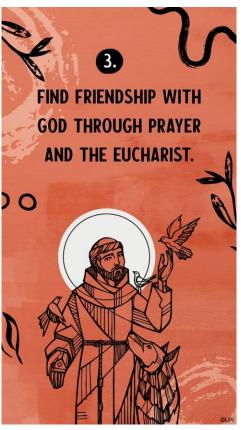


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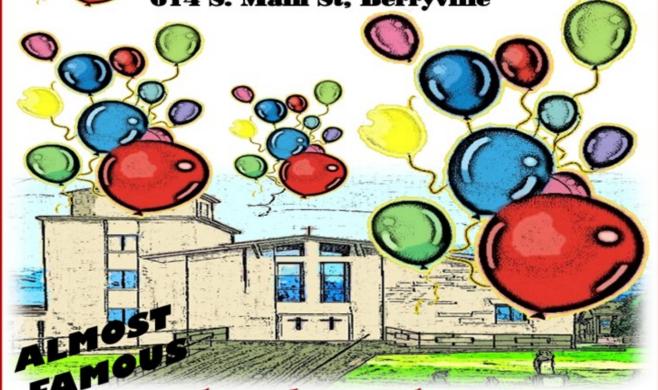








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& Salsa Hotdogs Burgers

Ribs Spring Rolls Egg Rolls

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Nachos Snow Cones & More!

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

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

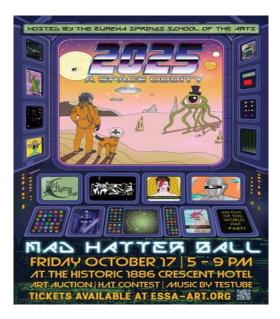
The Historic 1886 Crescent Hotel

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



The 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/

War Eagle Craft Fair

Thursday Oct 16, 2025 Sunday Oct 19, 2025

11037 High Sky Inn Rd. Hindsville, Arkansas 72738

Website: http://wareaglefair.com

Contact Information: 479.789.539



The War Eagle Fair began in 1954. It was started as a way for crafters from across the Ozarks region to display their works. It continues today over 60 years later with the same idea.

With more than 250 booths of all handcrafted products displayed by their creators, the War Eagle Fair takes place along the banks of the War Eagle River. A beautiful Fall setting of changing leaves makes the perfect weekend get away experience for you and your family.

Eureka Springs is only a 30 minute drive from War Eagle and it's the perfect place to stay and visit our shops & galleries in the Historic downtown. Make this weekend even more fun!

For more information on the Fair, visit http://wareaglefair.com.



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How You Can Help

- Financially. Your support will fund roof replacement and restoration, gutters and downspouts, structural reinforcement, interior preservation, lighting and ground improvements for the historic church.
- + Prayerfully. Please support us in your prayers!

THANK YOU!

Visit www.StElizabethEureka.com or scan QR code

