

February 15, 2026

The 6th  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

### Contact Us

#### Church

30 Crescent Dr.  
Eureka Springs, AR  
72632

#### Parish Center

232 Passion Play Rd.  
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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# Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BUT I SAY TO  
YOU.

MATTHEW 5:34

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 a 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.

### 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 call the Parish Office.

### Gift Shop

St. Elizabeth Gift Shop is located behind the Church. It is generally open five days a week (Mar - 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 the Parish! If you wish to join our Parish family, please call the Parish Office TU & THUR at 479-253-2222. Registration forms are also available in the narthex at both locations or you can register online at <https://stelizabethereka.com/new-parish/join-parish>

### 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 at 479-253-2222.

### Parish Staff & Ministry Leaders

Pastor

Rev. Joseph Archibong

Secretary & Bookkeeper  
Regina Morris

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Sharon Parker

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## This week At Saint Elizabeth

### Special Events, Liturgical Schedule

**Tuesday, Feb 17** - Mass 8:30am Church

**Wednesday, Feb 18** - Ash Wednesday

St. Anne - 7am

St. Elizabeth Parish Center - 12:00pm

St. Anne - 6pm

**Thursday, Feb 19** - Mass 8:30am Church

**Friday, Feb 20** - Mass 8:30am Church

**Saturday, Feb 21** - Parish Center

Confessions - 2:30 - 3:30pm

Holy Rosary - 3:30pm

Vigil Mass - 4:00pm

**Sunday, Feb 22** - 8:30am Church

First Sunday of Lent

### *Readings for the Week*

**Mon** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

**Tues** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

**Wed** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2  
Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thurs** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

**Fri** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

**Sat** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

**Sun** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

*God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to*

Sharon Parker: Feb 16

*May you have many more!*



## Liturgical Ministries

### *Mass Ministers*

Saturday, February 21, 2026

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

*Lector: Jerry Horning*

*EMCs: Sign up at arrival*

*Ushers: Richard & Janice Boyes*

*Altar Server:*

Sunday, February 22, 2026

8:30am Mass at the Church

*Lector: Mike Godfrey*

*EMCs: Rod McGuire, Mindy Godfrey, Phyllis McGuire*

*Ushers: Ted Meyer, Gary Finkeldei*

*Altar Server: Dan Kees*



### *Mass Intentions*

Tues, Feb 17

Tammy Portie

Thurs, Feb 19

Vernita Tillery

Fri, Feb 20

Joe & Wilda Portie

Sat, Feb 21

Elizabeth Ballard

Sun, Feb 22

Harry & Mary LaFleur

### *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, Carol Dvorah, Marsha Havens, Pam Heinzl, Kathleen Horosinski, Marci Krieger, Betty McClard, Joe McDaniel, Billy Metzger, Carol Morgan-Eagle, Gene Ochrymowich, Eric Pederson, David Reuter, Connie Stielow, Ed Terrill, Libbie Vesekla and Betty Wallace.

Those who have died - Joe Shaughnessy, Sam Donelson, Carol Greer

Our Military-Nic Smith

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## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus does not want us to live within  
the law — he wants the law to live  
within us. God's law, fulfilled by His  
Son, is rich soil. We must let it nourish  
the words and the decisions of our  
Christian life — only then will it flow  
forth into the world.

## A Reminder: Extended Adoration

Is the last Tuesday of every  
month from 9am - 11am at the  
Church.



*Our Seminarrians  
for the month of  
February, 2026*

**Ryan Carlson**

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## stewardship

As a parish, we are financially dependent on your generous weekly contributions to pay our bills, 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 Jan 31-Feb 1 was **\$3,906.**

Our Project Revive Campaign Update as of  
2/11/26:

	Pledges	Payments
Parishioners	\$828,053	\$582,923
Non-Parishioners	\$113,380	\$ 59,753
Donations	\$0	\$76,247
Totals	\$941,433	\$718,923

## Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is closed until March 13.



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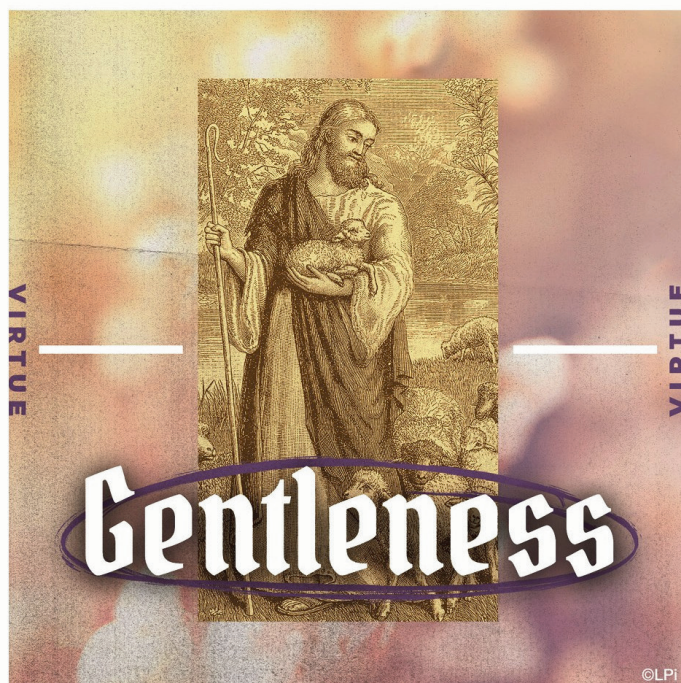
Save the dates!

Friday February 27

Friday, March 13

Friday, March 27





## Virtues, *Explained!*

Gentleness disposes us to receive the inspirations of the Spirit, who “reveals to men who Jesus is” (CCC 152). In cultivating a spirit of gentleness, we more closely resemble Christ, who was unfailingly gentle, even in the face of violence and death

## Blessing of Love

Heavenly Father,  
Ignite us with Your love.  
Reveal to us Your will,  
guide us in Your path.  
Pour Your blessings upon us,  
You who are the giver of every good thing.  
Help us to live, work, act, and speak  
in ways that bring honor and glory to You.  
Amen.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn’t keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: “NO.” It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn’t say no, my yes was in danger.

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus says, “Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’ Anything more is from the Evil One” (Matthew 5:37). He’s not just giving advice about polite speech. He’s showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

— Father John Muir



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say “*Raqa*,” your heart filled with anger, and the law didn’t break. But that anger treads heavily. Over time, it becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it’ll break. Just you wait

### The Carpenter and the Law

My husband and I couldn’t believe our luck: our new house had a deck. It was more than a couple of broke millennials had ever dared to dream. Lounging in our patio furniture drinking coffee and watching the cars drive past, we felt like Kennedys at Hyannis Port. We had arrived.

Well, until it started falling apart.

To be fair, my husband knew this was going to happen all along, because he’s a person who uses words like “joist” and “weight-bearing” correctly. He took one look at the deck at the open house and knew it wasn’t up to code. “We’re going to have to reinforce this at some point,” he told me. “Whatever!” I replied, daydreaming about twinkle lights and porch parties.

Sure enough, our second summer in the house, he had to rip the rotting surface boards off. The biggest issue was that the joists were too far apart; when we stepped on the boards, they bowed and almost cracked, lacking adequate support beneath. But we weren’t going to redo the whole deck — we’re not *actually* Kennedys. We (okay, *he*) simply ripped the surface boards off, added the necessary joists, and replaced the decking with newer, better, stronger wood.

Simply put, my husband did not come to abolish the deck, but to fulfill it.

The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say “*Raqa*,” your heart filled with anger, and the law didn’t break. But that anger treads heavily on boards not adequately supported. Over time, the anger becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it’ll break. Just you wait.

And when it does, you’ll see why: there wasn’t anything beneath, holding it up.

So God sent a Carpenter to reinforce the law. The Carpenter crafted joists from prudence, fortitude, justice and temperance — strong virtues that can withstand a lifetime of battery, if properly maintained.

And the law still holds.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Why is the Church against stem cell research, especially if it offers the possibility of cures for diseases like Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s?

### Answer:

Like so many issues, the truth about stem cell research is more complicated than a few sound bites and vague promises of cures. For the Church, the problem is with *embryonic* stem cell research, not the research itself. The destruction of human life, even for a seemingly noble cause, is never acceptable. The ends cannot justify the means. Stem cells can be obtained in other ways, including from the placenta as well as from adults. So research is possible without the destruction of other life.

On the other hand, stem cell research shows much promise, but no concrete results. Some scientists also dispute what diseases might be cured by new discoveries. The research is still in its early stages. The question for our country is whether we should invest a lot of money in research now, looking for cures that will probably remain out of reach for most people, or should we invest that money in other programs with more immediate benefits, especially those that stress prevention and education. It is indeed a complex issue that requires close scrutiny and investigation before we jump to inaccurate conclusions or make decisions based on good, but misinformed, intentions.



“You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.* But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.”

- Mt 5:21-22a

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

Sirach speaks of the human freedom to choose between good and evil and of God's desire for us to act justly. What good could you do this week for a friend or family member?

### Second Reading:

Paul teaches that God reveals His wisdom to us through the Holy Spirit. How might you be more open to listening to the Holy Spirit in your daily life?

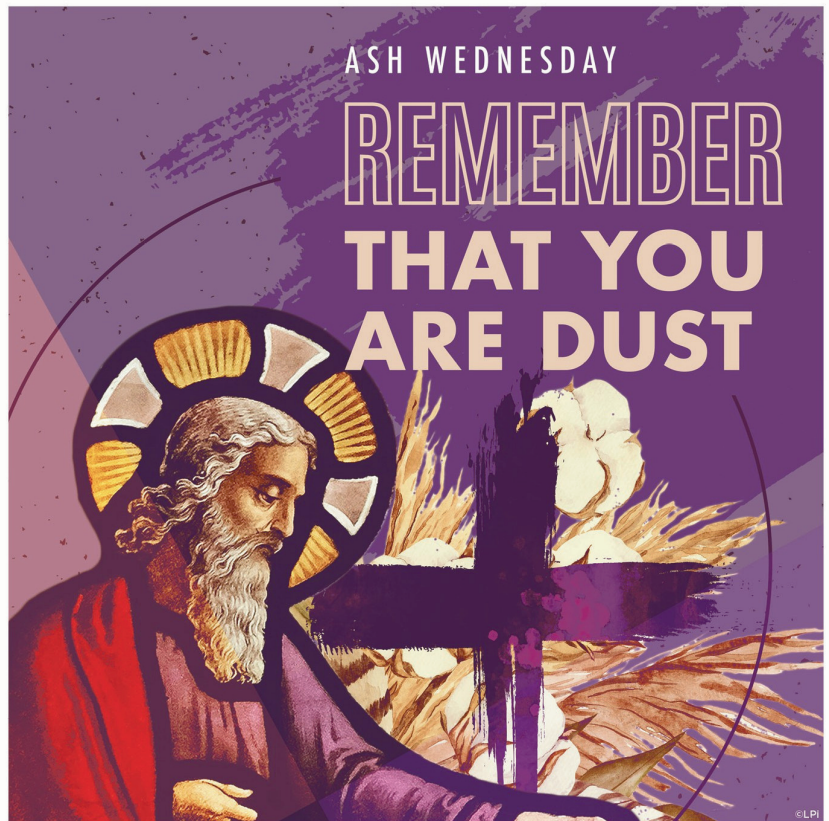
### Gospel:

Jesus offers stern warnings against breaking the commandments, holding grudges, committing adultery, divorcing your spouse, and falsifying oaths. Why do you think Jesus holds us to such high moral expectations?



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