

February 22, 2026



Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Contact Us

Church

30 Crescent Dr.
Eureka Springs, AR
72632
479.253.2222

Parish Center

232 Passion Play Rd.
Eureka Springs, AR
72632

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:30am
Tuesday 8:30am
Thursday 8:30am
Friday 12:00pm
During Lent the Friday
mass is held at the PC
Saturday 4pm at PC

Office Hours

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

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Vincent de Paul
870-423-3572



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 six 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. Stop in and see us!

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

Director of Music
Sharon Parker

**Parish Council, Parish Life,
Gift Shop Manager**
Rod McGuire

Finance Council Chair
Ted Meyer

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Leva Murphy

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This week *At Saint Elizabeth*

Special Events, Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday, Feb 24 - Church

Adoration 8:00am
Mass 8:30am
Extended Adoration 9:00am - 11:00am

Thursday, Feb 26 - Mass 8:30am Church

Friday, Feb 27 - Parish Center

Mass 12:00pm
Stations of the Cross 12:30pm

Saturday, Feb 28 - Parish Center

Confessions - 2:30 - 3:30pm
Holy Rosary - 3:30pm
Vigil Mass - 4:00pm

Sunday, March 1 - Church

Holy Rosary - 8:00am
Mass - 8:30am



St. Elizabeth Catfish Frys
Hosted by Knights of Columbus

Friday February 27
Friday, March 13 & 27

5pm - 7pm
Parish Hall - \$15/\$18



Liturgical Ministries

Mass Ministers

Saturday, February 28, 2026

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Barb McClung

EMCs: Sign up at arrival

Ushers: Mark & Jo Elworth

Altar Server:

Sunday, March 1, 2026

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Phyllis McGuire

EMCs: Rod McGuire, Mary Szafranski, Sandy McClung

Ushers: Mike Murphy, Gary Finkeldei

Altar Server: Leva Murphy

Mass Intentions

Tues, Feb 24

For the Repose of the Soul of Theresa Lustig

Thurs, Feb 26

For the Intentions of Andrew P

Fri, Feb 27

For the Repose of the Soul of Bobby Elworth

Sat, Feb 28

For the Intentions of Sandy Kirtenber

Sun, Mar 1

For the Repose of the Soul of Mary LoBato

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.

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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 Feb 14-15 was \$3,643.

Our Project Revive Campaign Update as of 2/17/2026.

| | Pledges | Payments |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Parishioners | \$828,053 | \$583,273 |
| Non-Parishioners | \$113,380 | \$ 59,753 |
| Donations | \$0 | \$ 76,737 |
| Totals | \$941,433 | \$719,763 |

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is closed until March 13.

A Reminder: Extended Adoration
Is the last Tuesday of every month
from 9am - 11am at the Church.



*Our Seminarians
for the month of
February, 2026*

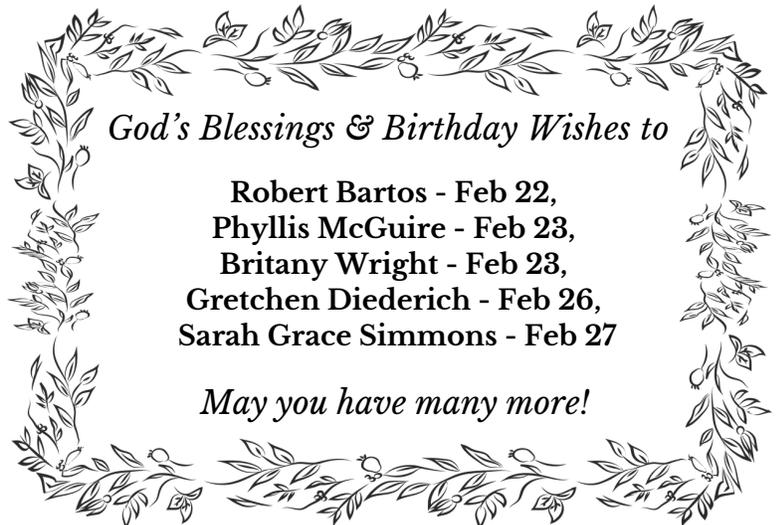
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God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to

**Robert Bartos - Feb 22,
Phyllis McGuire - Feb 23,
Britany Wright - Feb 23,
Gretchen Diederich - Feb 26,
Sarah Grace Simmons - Feb 27**

May you have many more!

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. (Gn 2:7)

Psalm:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

Gospel:

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

He fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Mt 4:1-2)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our Lord is so humble that he allows us to see him experience temptation. The vulnerability of this moment is awesome to behold. Let us learn from Jesus' interaction with the devil, and be transformed by it. Let us say, with him: "Get away, Satan."

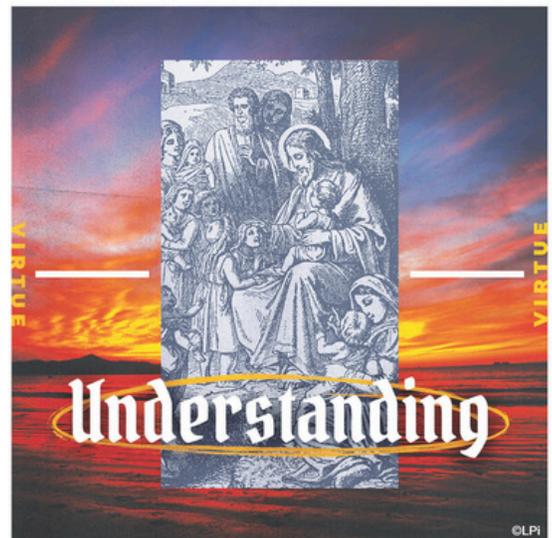
Observances for the week of February 22, 2026

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent



Virtues, Explained!

Understanding is the "food" of faith. "I believe, in order to understand," said St. Augustine. We must constantly ask the Holy Spirit for greater and more profound understanding, for though understanding proceeds from faith, it in turn nourishes that faith.

Lenten Blessing

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord, as we enter these 40 Days of Lent. Use this time to call, anoint, bind, strengthen, and inspire us anew. Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice, and give us the strength to follow. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 22, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday:

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday:

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday:

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday:

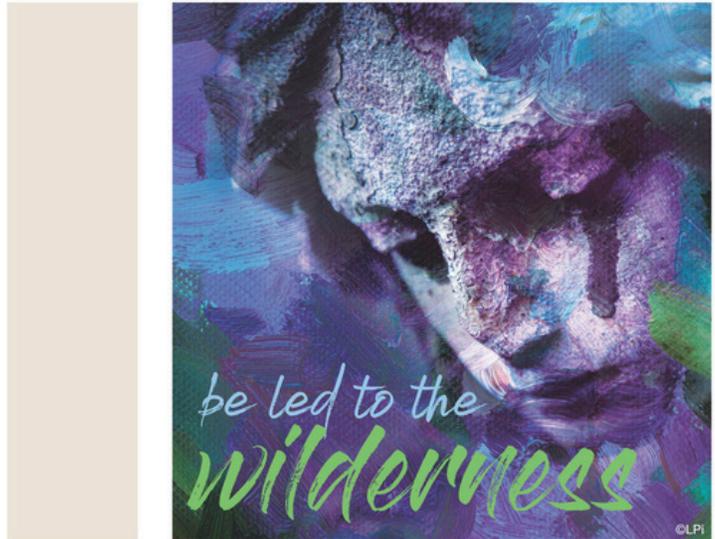
Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/
Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday:

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/
2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn't destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith.

Today's Gospel begins: **"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1).** The word "led" denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation.

Lenten Challenge: This Lent and throughout life's struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one "desert" into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: There are many reasons why the Word became flesh. But I think one of the most important reasons must have been that God wanted to show us that He knows, intimately, how easily the devil exploits our physical experience of this world.

Into the Desert

When we first got married, I wanted to know everything my husband was thinking, exactly when he was thinking it.

Thirteen years later, I still want to know it all. But I want to know it after he's had a snack.

I think he still wants to know what I'm thinking, too. But he wants to know it after I've had 10 minutes without hearing the word, "Mommy!"

Life has taught us, you see, that it's hard to be a good person, a nice person, a gentle person, when your body doesn't feel good or nice or gentle. When you're hungry. When you're exhausted. When you're anxious.

It's not impossible, of course. It's just ... *hard*.

We're entering a penitential season, a time in which we purposefully deprive ourselves in certain ways. During Lent, we intentionally enter into the desert of physical hunger and weakness. Why, in preparation for Easter and in an effort to spiritually purify ourselves, do we go to this place where it's so *hard to be good*? Why do we go to the desert?

Because Christ has shown us that the desert is where decisions are made.

There are many reasons why the Word became flesh to accomplish God's plan for our salvation. But I think one of the most important reasons must have been that God wanted to show us that He knows, intimately, how easily the devil exploits our physical experience of this world. We see it in today's Gospel: Jesus, hungry and weary. Jesus, taunted and tempted.

We see him. We recognize him. We are him.

And we hear his voice, even though it trembles with fatigue: "Get away, Satan!"

Today, we enter the desert. Because the desert is where decisions are made.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What does Jesus mean when he talks about taking up our cross?

Answer:

Our journey of faith begins in baptism. When we are faithful to it, we find God's plan for us, his way of allowing us to participate in his saving work, which in turn becomes for us our own salvation. Stated simply, we share in the mission of Jesus each day. We live our life with all of its ups, downs, joys, and sorrows in union with the mission of Jesus. Our work then is holy. It is joined to the cross, God's will for Jesus — the way in which he destroys sin and death and makes eternal life possible. His sacrifice accomplishes what we ourselves cannot do.

To take up the cross, then, means that we share in the mission of Jesus and so embrace the sufferings of the cross. It is our daily life made holy, given a redemptive mission. It is our purpose and goal to unite our life to that of Christ. St. Paul says it best, "If we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection" (Rom 6:5).

St. Elizabeth's Church
**FRIED CATFISH
DINNER**

*Feb. 27
March 13 and
March 27
5:00 - 7:00pm*



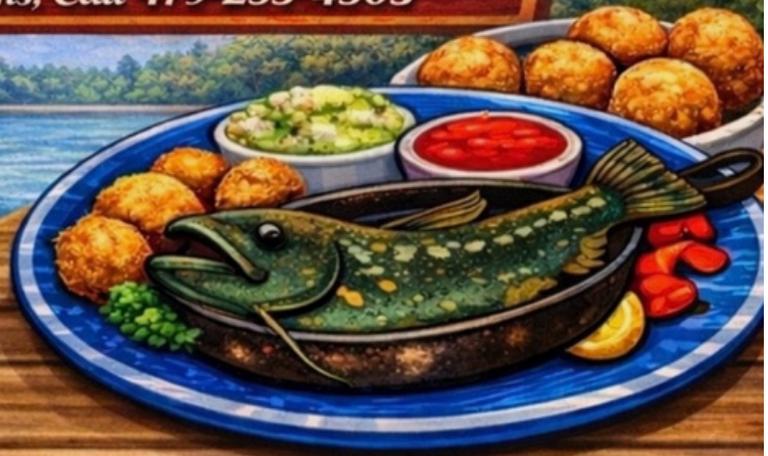
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A Morning of Prayer

for men & women

Saturday March 21, 2026

8:30am-11:30am

BLAZING THE TRAIL

*a Retreat with Four American Women of the Church
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Dorothy Day, and Sister Thea Bowman*

with author Vinita Hampton Wright

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