

February 8, 2020
The 5th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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.
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 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

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Sharon Parker

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This week *At Saint Elizabeth*

Special Events, Observances & Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday, Feb 10 - No Mass
St. Scholastica, Virgin

Thursday, Feb 12 - No Mass

Friday, Feb 13 - No Mass

Saturday, Feb 14, Parish Center

Confessions - 2:30 - 3:30

Holy Rosary - 3:30

Vigil Mass - 4:00

Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop;
Valentine's Day

Sunday, Feb 15, Church

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Mon 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tues 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5, 10-11/Mk 7:1-13

Wed 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thurs 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40/Mk 7:24-30

Fri 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19/Ps 81:10-15/Mk 7:31-37

Sat 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Sun Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes:

Annie Nelson: Feb 8, Ted Meyer: Feb 11

May you have many more!



Liturgical Ministries

Mass Ministers

Saturday, February 14, 2026

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Robert Bartos

EMCs: Sign up at arrival

Ushers: Mark & Jo Elworth

Altar Server:

Sunday, February 15, 2026

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Cassian Heath

EMCs: Rod McGuire, Sandy McClung, Karen

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Ushers: Mark Leggett, Bev Wright

Altar Server: Missy Leggett

Mass Intentions

Tues, Feb 10 Cieslak Kondziela & Parnell Families

Thurs, Feb 12 Family of Escoban Garcia

Fri, Feb 13 Donald & Shane Paddie

Sat, Feb 14 Linda Martin

Sun, Feb 15 Beatrice & Lee Langley



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

Salt without flavor is no longer salt.
Light that illuminates nothing is no
longer light. As Christians, we must be
what we have been made to be. So
think about it, carefully: what stands
between you and being who you were
made to be?

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*

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 **\$4,038.**

Our Project Revive Campaign Update as of
2/04/26:

	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.



St. Elizabeth Fish Frys

Hosted by Knights of Columbus

Save the dates!

Friday February 27

Friday, March 13

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Goodness, Explained!

In the beginning, goodness was all there was. And in the end, only goodness will remain. The word “good” is repeated so often in the first verses of Genesis that it has become almost cliché. God sees what He has made, and He calls all of it “good” (Genesis 1:31). Likewise, on the very first page of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we read that God created man “in a plan of sheer goodness ... to make him share in his own blessed life.” (CCC 1). When we see goodness, we cannot help but think of God (Wisdom 13:1).

In baptism, the Holy Spirit gives us the sanctifying grace of justification, which is, among other things, the ability to grow in goodness through an increase in moral virtue (CCC 1266). Baptism, therefore, disposes us toward goodness, and the more we ask the Holy Spirit for goodness, the more it will be possible for us.



THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another. When a predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack. The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous.

Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus — through our words, values, or public choices — can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgment. That’s why Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel are so challenging: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden” (Matthew 5:14).

A city on a hill draws attention. It also draws fire. But that’s part of the cost of discipleship. Jesus doesn’t call us to be tribal or boastful. He calls us to stand in the open with humble confidence, so that people might see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Today, let’s ask for the courage not just to believe in Christ, but to be seen believing in him.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: The greatest saints in history were not great at holiness. The greatest saints in history were great at being who they were meant to be.

Be Salty

I want you to close your eyes. Are they closed? (I'm serious.) Okay. Now think of the greatest saint in history.

I don't care who you're thinking of. It's going to be different for everyone. Just think of that person. Think of his or her life. And answer the question: Why is he or she a great saint?

You're all thinking of different people, but the answer is the same for everyone. And it's not "Because he did great things for God" or "Because she sacrificed everything she had for the poor." Those answers show *evidence* of the reason. But the reason is something more.

The greatest saints in history were not great at holiness. God brought holiness about within them because (ding ding ding! Here's the answer!) the greatest saints in history were great at being who they were meant to be.

Not who they wanted to be. Not who they thought they should be. Who they were meant to be.

Simply put, they gave themselves to God. All of themselves. Flaws and all. And God took them, in their totality, and said: "Now watch this."

Just imagine if salt was ashamed of being salty. Imagine if it looked at the sodium content on its nutrition label and thought, "That's embarrassing," and decided it was going to stop being salt. Well, great. Now it's just a box of tiny rocks.

Wouldn't it have been better for the salt to trust the baker using it?

There is a plan for each of us. There is a path to holiness for each of us. This path doesn't bypass our flaws or our weaknesses; it incorporates them. It transforms them. It fulfills them.

So be salty. Be who you were meant to be.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Are near-death experiences real?

Answer:

There is a lot of curiosity and fascination with the idea of an afterlife and communicating with those who have died. In movies, television shows, and numerous books, people make claims about their ability to communicate with the dead, or having had a near-death experience. There is no objective way to verify any of this. While details about people and events can be surprisingly accurate, it is just circumstantial evidence that might be explained in other ways.

On the other hand, when people have unusual experiences, sometimes called near-death or out-of-body, it is real to them. They react with the emotions and thoughts that one would expect. At times, they report details they could not have known any other way, such as bits of conversation, or meeting people they had never known in this life. So certainly, to the person, they experience something. We believe in a life after death, we believe in the communion of saints. These things are not a contradiction to faith, but we should not base our faith on them, nor change our beliefs. They are unexplained and will likely remain so.

“Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

- Mt 5:15-16

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

We hear from Isaiah that the Lord expects us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and avoid false accusations and hateful speech. Which of these virtues could you practice this week?

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the Corinthians to ground their faith in the power of God and not in human wisdom. How can you make this a regular habit?

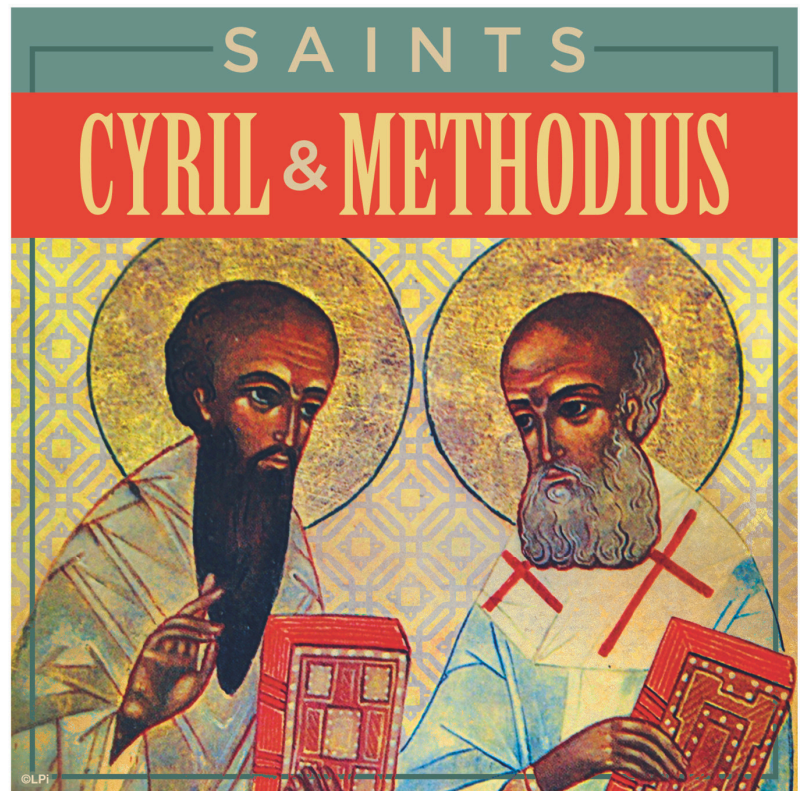
Gospel:

Jesus challenges his disciples to have a positive influence in the world. Who do you know makes the world a better place?



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- + Prayerfully. Please support us in your prayers!

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