

March 1, 2026

The 2nd  
Sunday of Lent

# 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.  
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Fax 479.253.6616

### Gift Shop

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Vincent de Paul  
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

HIS FACE SHONE LIKE  
**THE SUN.**

— MATTHEW 17:2 —

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

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March 1, 2020



# This week *At Saint Elizabeth*

## Special Events, Liturgical Schedule

**March 3 - Church**  
Adoration 8:00am  
Mass 8:30am

**Thursday, March 5 - Mass 8:30am Church**

**Friday, March 6 - Parish Center**  
Mass 12:00pm  
Stations of the Cross 12:30pm

**Saturday, March 7 - Parish Center**  
Confessions - 2:30 - 3:30pm  
Holy Rosary - 3:30pm  
Vigil Mass - 4:00pm

**Sunday, March 8 - Church**  
Holy Rosary - 8:00am  
Mass - 8:30am



**St. Elizabeth Catfish Frys  
Hosted by Knights of Columbus**

**Friday, March 13 & 27**

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



## Liturgical Ministries

### *Mass Ministers*

**Saturday, March 7, 2026**

*4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center*

*Lector: Larry Stamps  
EMCs: Sign up at arrival  
Ushers: Mark Elworth  
Altar Server:*

**Sunday, March 8, 2026**

*8:30am Mass at the Church*

*Lector: Cassian Heath  
EMCs: Rod McGuire, Phyllis McGuire, Karen  
Finkeldei  
Ushers: Mike Godfrey, Ted Meyer  
Altar Server: Dan Kees*

### *Mass Intentions*

**Tues, March 3**

For the Repose of the Soul of Bobby Elworth

**Thurs, March 5**

For the Repose of the Soul of Nancy Elfter

**Fri, March 6**

For the Intentions of Florence Giels

**Sat, March 7**

For the Intentions of Mike & Joyce Higgins

**Sun, Mar 8**

For the Intentions of our Parishioners

### *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, and Nancy Elfter

Our Military-Nic Smith, Robby Bartos



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The Sunday Collection for Feb 21-22 was \$3,359.

Our Project Revive Campaign Update as of 2/23/2026.

|                  | Pledges   | Payments  |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Parishioners     | \$828,303 | \$587,098 |
| Non-Parishioners | \$113,380 | \$ 60,123 |
| Donations        | \$0       | \$ 86,971 |
| Totals           | \$941,683 | \$734,192 |

## 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  
March, 2026*

**Joshua Osborne**

Contact address:  
**House of Formation**  
1201 S. Van Buren,  
Little Rock, AR  
72204



**Luke Parker**

[www.dolr.org/seminarians](http://www.dolr.org/seminarians)

*God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to*

**Elizabeth Bartell - Feb 28**  
**Emily Bartell - Feb 28**  
**Lawrence Handley - March 3**  
**Karl Diederich - March 4**

*May you have many more!*

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

I will make of you a great nation,  
and I will bless you;  
I will make your name great,  
so that you will be a blessing. (Gn 12:2)

### Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

### Second Reading:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel  
with the strength that comes from God.  
He saved us and called us to a holy life. (2 Tm 1:8-9)

### Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother,  
and led them up a high mountain by themselves.  
And he was transfigured before them;  
his face shone like the sun. (Mt 17:1-2)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

“Go forth,” God told Abram. We hear that message again in the Transformation: go forth. We cannot always remain where we are comfortable. We cannot always remain where things are simple. We must go forth.

## Observances for the week of March 1, 2026

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent  
**Tuesday:** St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin  
**Wednesday:** St. Casimir  
**Saturday:** Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs  
**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent;  
Daylight Saving Time begins



## Virtues, Explained!

Self-control flows from the cardinal virtue of temperance, and it's really all about boundaries. Through self-control, a gift of the Holy Spirit, we avoid surrendering too much of ourselves to our passions.

## Blessing of Hope

In Your goodness Lord, bless us.  
Help us to know Your abundance  
and Your gifts.  
Help us to hear Your voice and  
know Your assurance.  
Help us remember what You have  
done,  
and look forward to what You will  
do.  
Amen.

## Readings for the week of March 1, 2026

### Sunday:

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

### Monday:

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/  
Lk 6:36-38

### Tuesday:

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and  
23/Mt 23:1-12

### Wednesday:

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/  
Mt 20:17-28

### Thursday:

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

### Friday:

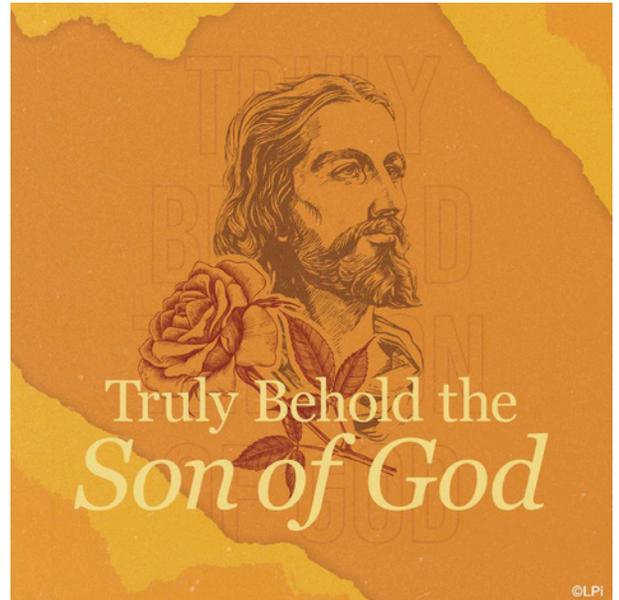
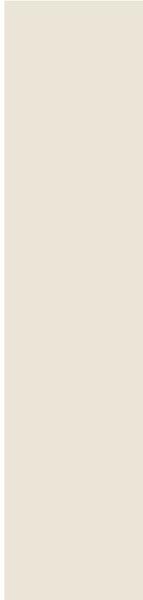
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,  
18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

### Saturday:

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,  
11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### Next Sunday:

Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2,  
5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a,  
40-42



## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, **“his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light” (Matthew 17:2)**. That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

**Lenten Challenge:** Identify the “artifact” you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

— *Father John Muir*



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## ( PRACTICING ) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** It's not our job to bring the world to the Truth. It's our job to bring the Truth into the world. What a tragedy it would be, if Truth only lived on the mountaintop.

### Three Tents

You guys, I was *such* a good Catholic at the National Eucharistic Congress.

Mass every day? Check. Rosary every day? Check (and check — we said a lot of rosaries). Deep thoughts and deep conversations about God with total strangers? Check. Hours in adoration reflecting on the state of my soul? Check.

When I went to Indianapolis in the summer of 2024 to cover the NEC for our archdiocesan newspaper, I knew it would be a fun and spiritually rich experience. But I didn't expect that it would make me think differently about my whole life (and afterlife). And when people ask me why — “What happened in Indianapolis that changed you?” — I can only tell them this: I spent time with God.

Of course, I do all these things in my regular life at home, too. I try to be a good Catholic here. But good grief, it's a lot harder. In Indianapolis, I didn't have a calendar full of appointments and to-do lists that filled me with dread. I didn't have the world crowding around me, grasping at my attention and my will.

Indianapolis was the mountain, and if I could have, I would have built three tents.

So I understand Peter's feelings at the Transfiguration. He's thrilled — he sees it all clearly now. Here is the fullness of Truth, revealed in all its glory, and he's ready to start bringing groups of tourists up to see it. He's ready to bring people to Christ. But in the blood-soaked, fear-filled days to come, Peter will realize that it's not his job to bring the world to the Truth. His job is to bring the Truth into the world.

What a tragedy it would be, if Truth only lived on the mountaintop.

So build three tents, strong and durable shelters for the Truth to dwell. But build them in your heart. And then, the Transfiguration won't be just an event, something that happened at a certain time and a certain place. It'll be a reality that lives within us all. And we will bear it with us wherever we go.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

What is the Christian attitude towards violent conflicts?

### Answer:

In the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches us “Blessed are the peacemakers” and to “love your enemies.” All human beings are made in God's image and likeness. We are one human family — brothers and sisters despite what divides us. Christians have the obligation to prioritize peaceful means to resolve conflicts. War wreaks a toll on a nation. Civilians bear a disproportionate burden of this cost during the war itself and as the nation rebuilds. However, those in authority have the obligation to protect the innocent.

During the gradual fall of the Roman Empire, theologians began to theorize that war could be just if it was a defensive measure of last resort. The “Just War Theory” was later expanded by St. Thomas Aquinas, who also included moral obligations during the war itself, including the protection of civilians. Those in public authority have the obligation to carefully examine their motives, agendas, and rationale for violent force. Should a cause be just, those who fight and defend under such circumstances must be valued and honored. They deserve our support both during and after the war.

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

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



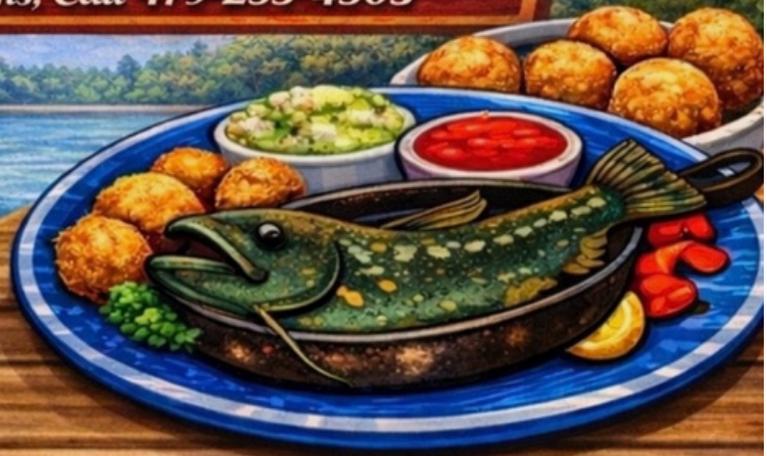
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# *A Morning of Prayer*

for men & women

*Saturday March 21, 2026*

8:30am-11:30am

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## ***BLAZING THE TRAIL***

*a Retreat with Four American Women of the Church  
Elizabeth Ann Seton, Mother Frances Cabrini,  
Dorothy Day, and Sister Thea Bowman*

*with author Vinita Hampton Wright*

*Sponsored by St. Raphael's Women's Council Fellowship*

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