

March 8, 2026

The 3rd
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.
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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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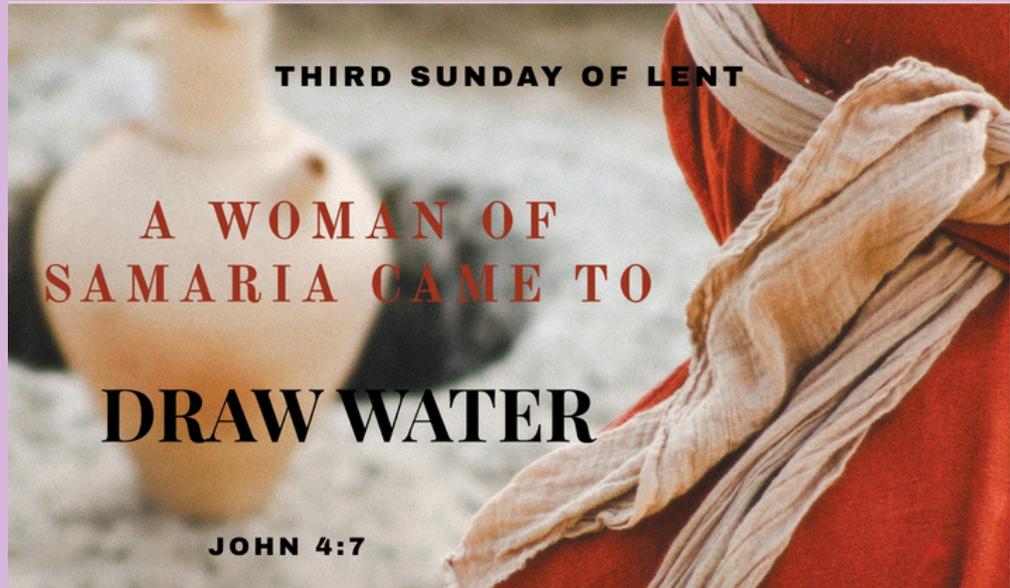
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All visitors to our beautiful town of Eureka Springs are welcome to visit our historic Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church, and to pray and worship with us. If you are a Catholic, and have recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you are also 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.

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://stelizabethureka.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

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Sharon Parker

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Gift Shop Manager**
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This week *At Saint Elizabeth*

Special Events, Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday, March 10 - Church

Adoration 8:00am

Mass 8:30am

Thursday, March 12 - Mass 8:30am Church

Friday, March 13 - Parish Center

Mass 12:00pm

Stations of the Cross 12:30pm

Saturday, March 14 - Parish Center

Confessions - 2:30 - 3:30pm

Holy Rosary - 3:30pm

Vigil Mass - 4:00pm

Sunday, March 15 - Church

Holy Rosary - 8:00am

Mass - 8:30am



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

Friday, March 13 & 27

5pm - 7pm

Parish Hall - \$15/\$18



Liturgical Ministries

Mass Ministers

Saturday, March 14, 2026

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Paula Perry

EMCs: Sign up at arrival

Ushers: Mark and Jo Elworth

Altar Server:

Sunday, March 15, 2026

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Rod McGuire

EMCs: Karen Finkeldei, Mary Szafranski, Phyllis McGuire

Ushers: Mike Godfrey, Bev Wright

Altar Server: Mike Lubbers

Mass Intentions

Tues, March 10

For the Repose of the Soul of Carter & Jerry

Thurs, March 12

For the Intentions of T.J. Gall

Fri, March 13

For the Repose of the Soul of Nancy Elfter

Sat, March 14

For the Intentions of Anonymous

Sun, Mar 15

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

Catholic Relief Services Collection March 14 - 15

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.uscb.org/catholic-relief. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online [https://www.igivecatholic.org/story/USCC B-CRS](https://www.igivecatholic.org/story/USCC-B-CRS).



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 Feb 28-March 1 was \$2,993.

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.



The TV series 'The Chosen', Season 5 will be shown at the Parish Center on March 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 6:00pm. Join us!



*Our Seminarians
for the month of
March, 2026*

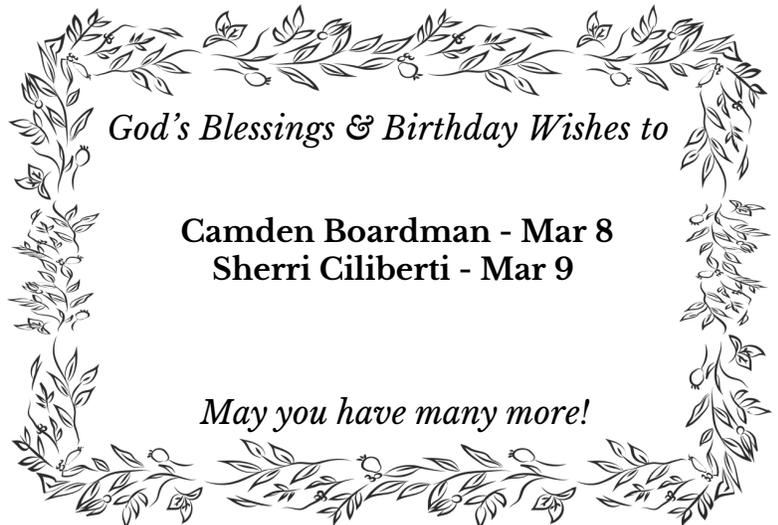
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**Luke
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God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to

Camden Boardman - Mar 8
Sherri Ciliberti - Mar 9

May you have many more!

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." (Ex 17:6)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Rom 5:5)

Gospel:

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn 4:13-14)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

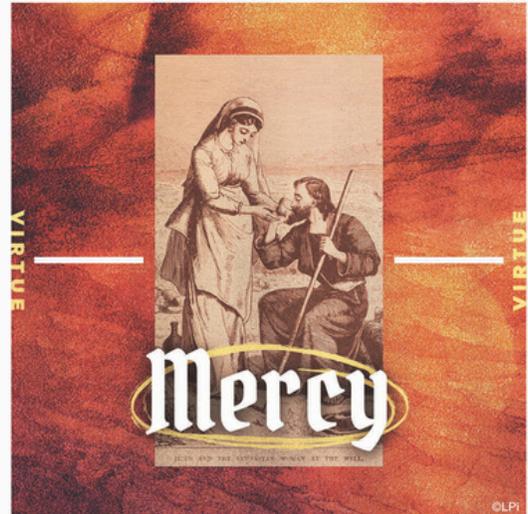
Jesus did not convert the Samaritan woman with miracles. He converted her with presence. He was not afraid of her sins or her failures. He listened to her. He sat with her. Let us learn from this: when we are present to others, we can show them the face of God.

Observances for the week of March 8, 2026

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins

Monday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent



Virtues, Explained!

True virtuous mercy is a choice governed by reason, not merely a feeling. God's mercy to us knows no bounds, but that mercy does not compel Him to grant us everything our appetitive passions desire. Rather, His perfect mercy is directed toward supplying our needs.

Blessing of Living Water

Lord, where there has been dryness in my life, bless me with Your living water!
Where I fear to dream of new hope and growth, bless me with Your living water!
Where I'm thirsty for new and abundant life, bless me with Your living water!
Drench the parched earth with Your promise, bless me with Your living water!
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 8, 2026

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

Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday:

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

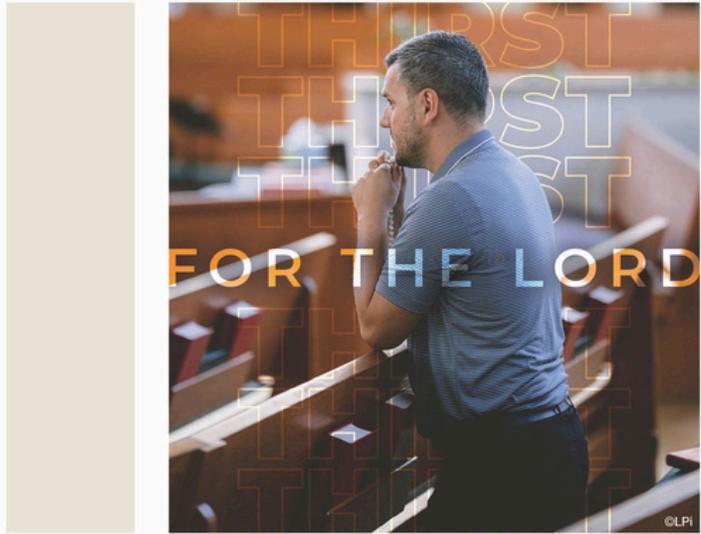
Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday:

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, "Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way." That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: **"One sows and another reaps" (John 4:37)**. He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

— *Father John Muir*

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Before the Incarnation, God looked down from Heaven and said, “You are thirsty. Here is something to drink.” After the Incarnation, God sits down beside us and says, “I’m thirsty. Give me something to drink.”

When God asks for Water

One of my earliest memories is of my mother weeping.

The last few months of her pregnancy with my little brother were tremendously painful for her, and more than once the pain brought her to tears. I have a hazy image of her in my mind, belly swollen with a 12-pound baby lying transverse in the womb, sitting on the edge of her bed, dabbing at her face with toilet paper.

I had brought her the toilet paper. I would do that when I saw her crying, to wipe away her tears. I have a hazy memory of that, too — of the way my heart was wrenched by the sight of her suffering, of my desperation to do something to help, and of my immense satisfaction when she would take the toilet paper, smile and say, “Oh, thank you, sweetheart!” as if I had just airlifted her out of a war zone.

What a powerful gift to give to a child still learning the meaning of compassion and selflessness — the gift of being able to feel that she has, even in some small way, “rescued” a person she worships. Her smile of gratitude lives, immortal, in my mind, along with the swell of satisfaction it produced in the deepest corner of my heart. This was when I learned that it feels good to help people, and this memory is a perpetually replenished well of living water for me. I draw from it daily, three decades later.

This is a gift that Christ gives, over and over again, in the Gospels. He allows us to encounter him tired, afraid, sad and hungry. Omnipotent power subjected to the utter vulnerability of human form.

Before the Incarnation, God looked down from Heaven and said, “You are thirsty. Here is something to drink.”

After the Incarnation, God sits down beside us and says, “I’m thirsty. Give me something to drink.”

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? **Catholic Life Explained**

Question:

If we are all meant to be united in Christ, why is there so much division in the Church?

Answer:

Each Sunday, we profess that we believe in “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.” The Church is indeed one because her source is the Trinity, and she is founded by Christ. The Church also exists in the fallen world and is made up of fallen people. Sometimes, there are tensions over what we believe as Catholics. Who is Jesus really? Are we affected by original sin? How do our traditional sexual ethics play out amidst medical and technological developments? Doctrinal disagreements are rarely just about ideas ... they occur within a context.

Tensions are influenced by various social and political factors of the time period. For example, Martin Luther’s attempts at reform gained followers, in part, as a reaction against poor moral practices within the Catholic Church. When the schism between the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Catholic Church occurred in 1028, tensions between the two culturally different regions had been brewing for centuries.

Division still occurs within the bounds of the Church today. Oftentimes, this is about pastoral or practical matters. These Questions can vary. Should we incorporate Latin back into the liturgy? What is the best way to reach the youth in our parish? These may not be articles of faith, but people have strong opinions about what ought to be done. We can remember the prayer of Christ — “*that all might be one*” — and do what we can to grow in understanding and respectful dialogue.

“God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking with you.”
- Jn 4:24-26

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

God answers Moses' prayer of petition to give the Israelites water to drink before they die of thirst in the desert. What would you like to ask from the Lord in the upcoming week?

Second Reading:

Paul tells the Romans to have hope because the Holy Spirit pours the love of God into our hearts. What are you hoping for this Lent?

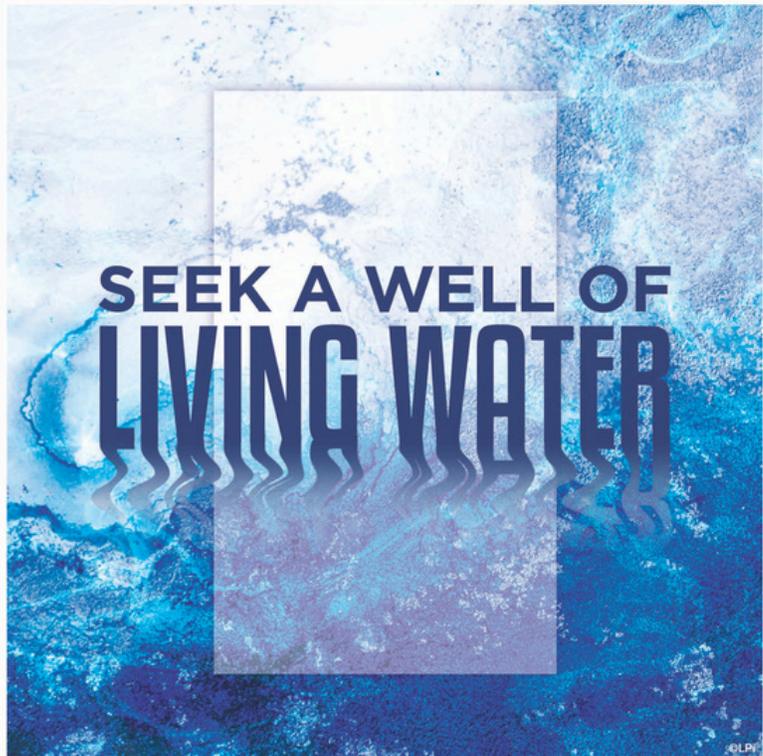
Gospel:

The Samaritan woman eventually comes to believe in Jesus as the Messiah and savior of the world. What convinces you that Jesus is your Lord and Savior?



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IF TODAY
YOU HEAR
his voice.
HARDEN
NOT YOUR
Hearts.

Psalm 95

The Samaritan woman said to him, “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?” Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” - Jn 4:9a, 10

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

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



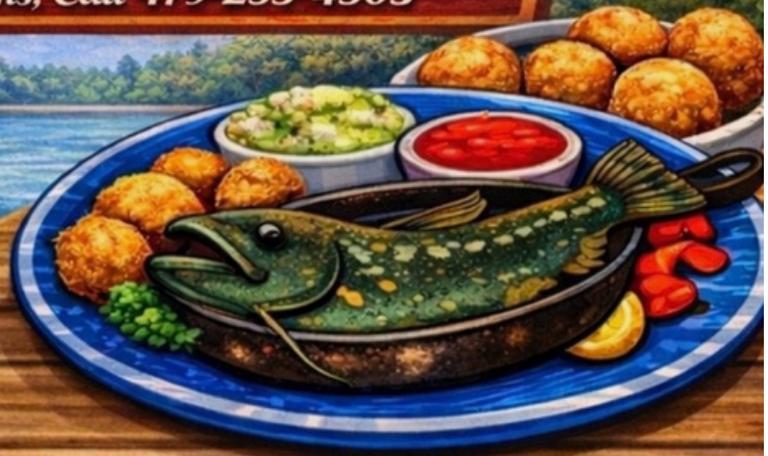
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Register online at arkcc.org



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Patti @ 479-619-5284 [Leave a message]

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
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

English Cursillo

Upcoming 3-Day Weekend Scheduled

Women's September 24 – 27, 2026

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