

*Feb. 11, 2024*

*6th Sunday*

*In*

*Ordinary Time*

# SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Eureka Springs, Arkansas*

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30am  
Tuesday 8:30am  
Thursday 8:30am  
Friday 8:30am

(except 1st Fri. of  
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## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.  
- Mk 1:44-45b

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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 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, and we will point you in the right direction.

### 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 let us know at the Parish Office.

### GIFT SHOP

St. Elizabeth Gift Shop is located behind the Church in a small building. It is generally open five days a week (March - 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 our Parish! If you wish to join our Parish family, please call the Parish Office, T&Th, at 253.2222. Registration forms are available in the narthex at both locations.

## *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, 479.253.2222.

## PARISH STAFF & MINISTRY LEADERS

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Rev. Joseph Archibong

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# THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

## SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Adoration 8:00am

Daily Mass 8:30am

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Ash Wednesday Mass 12:00noon at the PC

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Daily Mass 8:30am

Confessions 9:15am

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Daily Mass 8:30am

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC

Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC

Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

First Sunday of Lent 8:30am

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119-67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76;  
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19;  
Mk 8:14-21

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

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;  
Lk 9:22-25

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

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;  
Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10);  
1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

## God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Ted Meyer - 2/11, Sharon Parker - 2/16

*May you have many more!*



World Marriage Day is Sunday,  
February 11th.

# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

**Lector:** Jerry Horning

**EMCs:** see sign-up sheet

**Ushers:** Richard Boyes, Janice Boyes

**Altar Server:** Jim Witkowski

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:30am Mass at the Church

**Lector:** Mike Godfrey

**EMCs:** Mindy Godfrey, Rod McGuire, Karen Finkeldei

**Ushers:** Gary Finkeldei, Ted Meyer

**Altar Server:** Dan Kees



## Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 13

For the Repose of the Souls of Joe & Martha Wright

Wednesday, February 14

For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Thursday, February 15

For the Repose of the Souls of Joe & Martha Wright

Friday, February 16

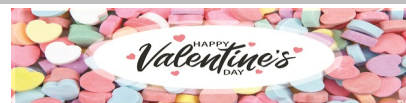
For the Repose of the Soul of Fr. Robert Duck

Saturday, February 17

For the Repose of the Souls of Joe & Martha Wright

Sunday, February 18

For the Repose of the Soul of Fr. Robert Healey



*Pray for us...*



## OUR PARISHIONERS -

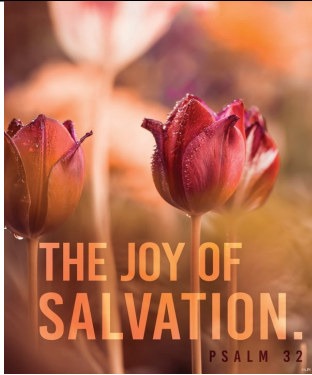
Connie Blazek, Connie Breaux, Richard & Sheila Fowler, Florence Giels, Charlotte Nowlin, Ernie & Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

## OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Patsy Crawford, Marci Krieger, Chuck Maxwell, Joe McDaniel, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, and Libbie Vesekla

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -** Gus Midden

**OUR MILITARY -** Tyler Horning and Nic Smith.



**FYI...**The funeral mass for Augustus “Gus” Midden will be held Monday, Feb. 19, 2024 at 10:00am in the historic church. Following mass, the internment rite and a military honor guard with flag presentation to the family will occur in the Memorial Gardens Columbarium behind the church. The Midden family extends an invitation to all parishioners to attend.

### Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Next week we will take up this collection, which supports the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. You can find more information at [www.usccb.org/cce](http://www.usccb.org/cce).

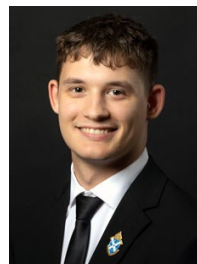


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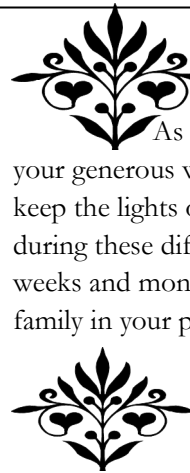
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**Ethan  
Harris**

*Our Seminarians  
for the month of  
February, 2024*



## STEWARDSHIP

As a parish, we are financially dependent on your generous weekly contributions to pay our bills and keep the lights on and our doors open and even more so during these difficult times. So, as you plan for the weeks and months ahead, please remember your parish family in your prayer and in your financial planning.



### GIFT SHOP

#### *Gift Shop Schedule*



The Gift Shop will be closed until the middle of March.

### *St. Elizabeth Church*

#### FRIED CATFISH DINNER

*Catfish, Fries, Slaw, Hush-  
Puppies, Drinks, Dessert*



### *St. Elizabeth Parish Hall*

*Feb. 23, March 8 & 22*

*5:00-7:00pm*

*Dine-in/Carry-out/Walk ins Welcome!*

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Have you noticed the beautiful new Sanctuary Lamp in the Church? Thank your Gift Shop workers for this stunning donation!



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

**Blessed Imelda Lambertini** was only 11 when she passed away. Despite this, her profound devotion to the Lord and the miraculous events surrounding her life have inspired generations to embrace the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist with childlike faith.



### PRAYER FOR HEALING

Dear Jesus,

If you wish it, you can heal these wounds from my past. If you wish it, you can make me well again. I believe that you do will it. Heal me, in your name. Amen.



## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside. This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says **"If you will it, you can make me clean."** At this, just before the healing, Jesus was **"moved with compassion."** The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity and love. "In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it *feels like* to be us. He acquires first-hand experiences of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart. What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit. Broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will *feel what we are feeling*, and thereby heal us.

-Father John Muir



### Saint Cecilia's Corner

FROM SHARON PARKER, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Choir rehearsals for Holy Week and Easter Sunday liturgies will begin on Monday, February 19th at 5:00pm in the Parish Center Hall. Special music will be sung at the 3/23/24 Palm Sunday Mass, the 3/28/24 Holy Thursday Mass and the 3/31/24 Easter Sunday Mass. You may sing for either one, two or all of these liturgies as your schedule permits. If you are looking for a Lenten discipline to practice during this season of Lent, consider singing in the praise of God as fulfilling that requirement. Call Sharon at 479-981-0870 or mail her at .....

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# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### Sin and Loneliness

When I was in high school, we read "The Metamorphosis" by Franz Kafka. It's a depressing little novella about a man who (spoiler alert!) turns into a cockroach and dies of neglect, his family gradually ceasing to recognize the creature he has become.

"Never underestimate how badly human beings need touch," our teacher told us. "Without each other, we curl up and die."

Our need for communion with each other is written into our biology — breathing and heart rate of newborns regulates when they lie against the skin of their mothers, and we instinctively reach out to embrace someone who has been wounded. But it is also written into our souls. Consider the early days of the pandemic, and the emotional starvation we all experienced, prevented from gathering in groups to worship, to celebrate and to mourn. And when we did encounter other people, we kept a mutual distance. "I feel like a leper," we grumbled to our families when we returned home, because we finally understood it: the real tragedy of leprosy is not pain and disfigurement. The real tragedy of leprosy is loneliness.

"If you wish, you can make me clean," begged the leper as he knelt before Christ (Mark 1:40). He wasn't begging for deliverance from pain and disfigurement. He was begging for deliverance from isolation.

"If you wish, you can make me clean," we beg God in confession, not because we are physically withering and dying but because we are so desperate to once again be held in His embrace.

*"Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.'"*  
— Mark 1:41

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

### Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.



A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

We hear how ancient Israel was concerned about purity laws and the spread of disease, such as leprosy. How do you support people in your life who are suffering from disease or isolation?

### Second Reading

Paul encouraged the Corinthians to be selfless and kind to each other as a practical way of living out their faith. Is there a friend or co-worker who could benefit from your generosity toward them?

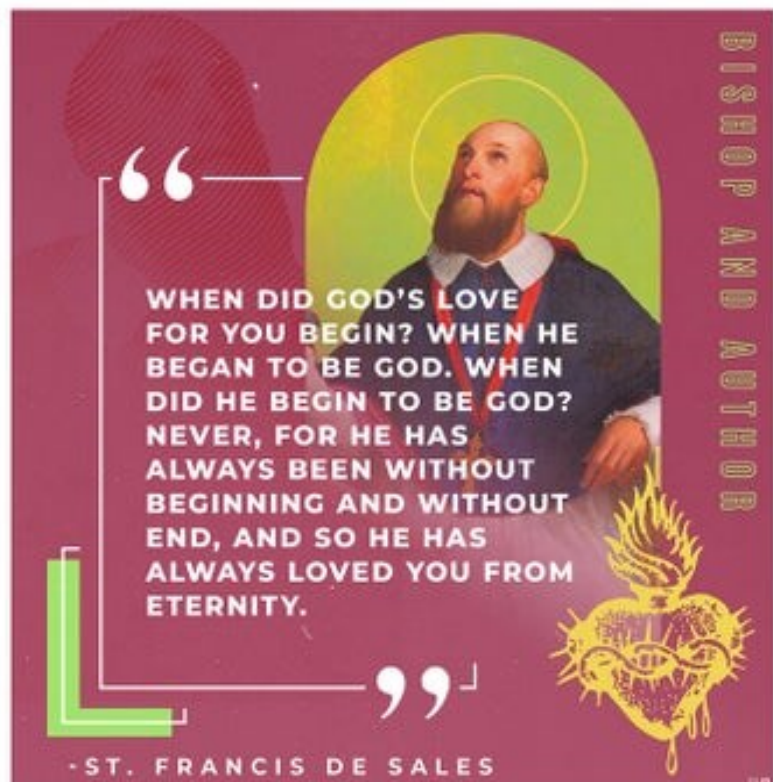
### Gospel Reading

The healed leper disobeyed Jesus' command to remain silent and as a result, Jesus had to stay outside towns and in "deserted places." How do you deal with people in your life who disappoint or frustrate you?



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## **DINNER**

*Feb. 23,  
March 8 & 22  
5:00 - 7:00pm*



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Drinks, Dessert

Where: St. Elizabeth Parish Center

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