

April 21, 2024
4th Sunday of
Easter

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Contact Us...

CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive
Eureka Springs, AR
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PARISH CENTER

232 Passion Play Road
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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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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine
know me, just as the
Father knows me and I
know the Father; and I will
lay down my life for the
sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

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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

Pastor

Rev. Joseph Archibong

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Nancy Elfter

Director of Music

Sharon Parker

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Gift Shop Manager Rod McGuire

Finance Council Chair

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Leva Murphy

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Daily Mass 8:30am

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC
Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC
Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8;
Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab;
Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Jn 14:7-14

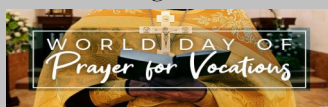
God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Therese Kees - 4/20, Dolores Becker - 4/23,
Mack Crider - 4/25

May you have many more!

HEAVEN

The goal of religion is not to get us into heaven -
but to get heaven into us.



-Anonymous

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Barb McClung

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Steven Simmons, Robin Simmons

Altar Server: Jim Witkowski

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Larry Stamps

EMCs: Mindy Godfrey, Karen Finkeldei, Phyllis McGuire

Ushers: Gary Finkeldei, Mike Godfrey

Altar Server: Dan Kees



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 23

For the Repose of the Souls of Jim LaForde & Peggy

Horckoff

Thursday, April 25

For the Repose of the Souls of Analiz Cortinas & Cody

Crane

Friday, April 26

For the Repose of the Soul of Alex Joseph

Saturday, April 27

For the Repose of the Souls of Jim LaForde & Peggy

Horckoff

Sunday, April 28

For the Repose of the Soul of William Lubbers



Pray for us...



OUR PARISHIONERS -

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

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

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

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Charlotte Nowlin

OUR MILITARY - Tyler Horning and Nic Smith.





**WOMEN'S RELIGIOUS VOCATION
DISCERNMENT RETREAT**

April 26-27, 2024

St. John Center, Little Rock

- * For young women 17-35 years of age who want to learn and discern about religious life
- * Talk about religious life with sisters of congregations serving in Arkansas
- * Time for prayer and reflection
- * The retreat is free.

Sponsored by the Diocese of Little Rock, the Minister for Religious and the Offices of Youth & Campus Ministry.

For info and a downloadable registration form, see <https://bit.ly/discernment2024> or contact Sr. Cecilia Nguyen, OSB, at mcnguyen@dolr.org or 5801-664-0340.



**Our Seminaricians
for the month of
April, 2024**

Robby Bartos

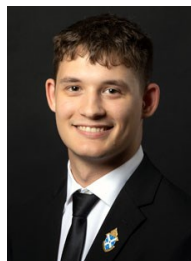
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Ethan Harris



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 difficulties 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

April Gift Shop Schedule

Sun., 4/21	9:30-4:00	Godfrey
Mon., 4/22	10:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 4/23	10:00-4:00	D. Butticali
Thurs., 4/25	10:00-1:00	T. Kees
	1:00-4:00	N. Barnett
Fri., 4/26	10:00-4:00	Meyer
Sat., 4/27	10:00-1:00	S. McClung
	1:00-4:00	Meyer
Sun., 4/28	9:30-4:00	Boardman



Earth Day
EVERY DAY

**CATHOLIC CHRISTMAS CRUISES WITH
A PRIEST**

Prices starting at \$941 per person. Don't wait for prices to rise!

1. Join Fr. Leo Pregelmann (December 20, 2024) for a 7 night coastal Mexico cruise on the *Navigator of the Seas* (RCCL) out of Los Angeles, CA
2. Join Fr. John Jamnicky (December 16, 2024) for a 10 night Western Caribbean cruise on the *Jewel of the Seas* (RCCL) out of Galveston, TX

Call Catholic Cruises and Tours for more information and to make a reservation at 1-860-399-1785.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

GOSPEL MEDITATION

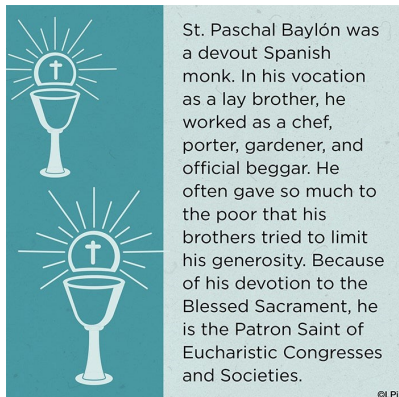
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I was with my little dog, Libby, at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, **"I know my own and my own know me,"** and **"I lay down my life for the sheep."** Here we encounter an insanelly excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code in Jesus. God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me - and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby - blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

-Father John Muir



FORMATION DAY

The Love of Christ Impels Us

Come to annual training for parish leaders and catechists, offered across the state, in English and in Spanish.

Last Chance Formation Day: May 18, 2024

St. Joseph Church, Fayetteville

Registration Deadline: May 1, 2024

Advance registration needed. Cost \$15 per person.

Lunch included. Get details and register:

<https://bit.ly/formation-days>

Can't register online?

Email Jasmine Hogan at jmoore@dolr.org.

Question? Email Jasmine or Jess Hines at jhines@dolr.org.

PRAYER OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Dear Lord,
You are my Shepherd, a Good Shepherd, who leads in ways beyond my understanding. Guide my in the paths You would have me go.
Amen

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Good Shepherd and the Wolf

I remember very clearly the first movie I watched during my pregnancy with my eldest child. In this film, there is a scene where a young boy is kidnapped and shoved into the back of a van guarded by vicious dogs. His mother persists in trying to free him, even as the dogs snap at her. Their bared teeth and full-throated snarls don't slow her efforts in the slightest.

It wasn't a great movie or even a particularly great scene, but I'll never forget this scene. I'll never forget those dogs.

I had just learned that I was a mother a few days ago. The life growing deep within seemed to me as frail as a whispered secret, but I loved it powerfully. I worried constantly if the baby was safe and healthy. I agonized over signs — real or imagined — that could tell me if the poppyseed-sized child was thriving or failing.

I understood, for the first time in my life, why a woman would charge a pack of attack dogs without hesitation — not because she should, but because she has to.

She could choose not to fight, certainly. She could walk away. But why would she? A future without her son is so much more painful than any physical wound. She may fear for her life, but she fears a life without her child so much more.

The Good Shepherd discourse reveals to us the motivation behind God's actions throughout all of salvation history. From Adam to Noah to Abraham, all the way down to the time of the Messiah and beyond, He keeps trying to get us back. He keeps braving the attack dogs, time after time. He never stops. He never grows weary. And it baffles us: *what's in it for Him?* we wonder, because we are quicker to give up on ourselves than He is. *Why does He keep trying?*

He could choose not to fight, sure. But why would He? He doesn't want a future without us.

"I will lay down my life for the sheep." — John 10:11

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

Answer:

Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the *Lectionary*. The *Lectionary* is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday.

Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now.

“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.”

- Jn 10:14-15

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Peter bore witness to the Sanhedrin that it was the crucified and risen Jesus who healed the crippled man and through whom we are saved. Have you ever told someone else about your faith in Jesus?

Second Reading:

John tells us that as believers we are destined one day to be like the resurrected and glorified Jesus. How do you think we can best prepare for such a future?

Gospel Reading:

As the “Good Shepherd,” Jesus speaks of the power given to him by the Father to lay down his life for his sheep. What could you do this week for the benefit of another?



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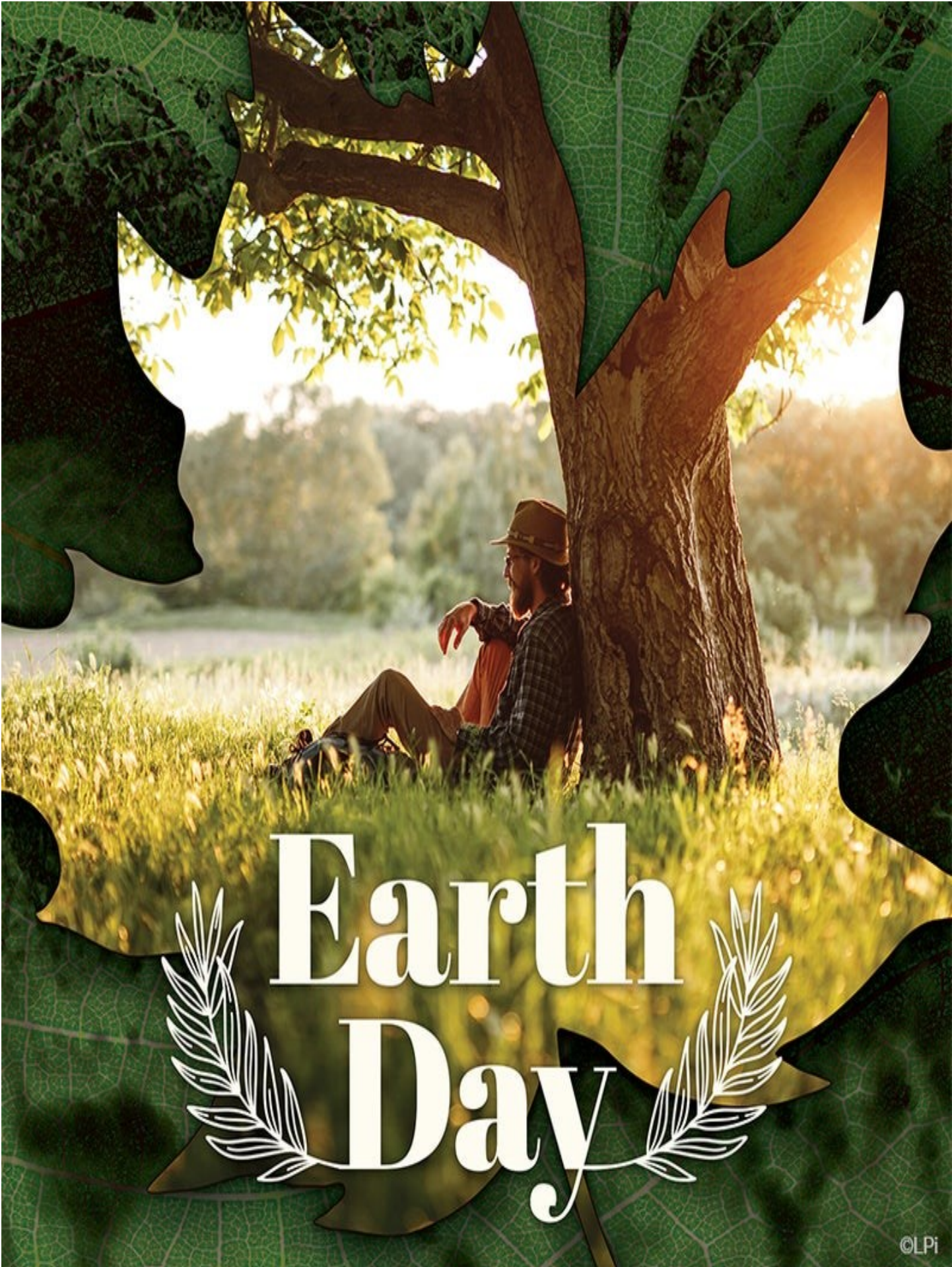
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The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love

- ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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