April 6, 2025

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY 5th Sunday of Lent CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, *H*rkansas

Contact Us...

CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive Eureka Springs, AR 72632

PARISH CENTER

232 Passion Play Road 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.

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5[™] SUNDAY OF LENT Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:11b ary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCE

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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SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, APRIL 8	
Adoration	8:00am
Daily Mass	8:30am
THURSDAY, APRIL 10	
Daily Mass	8:30am
Confessions	9:15am
FRIDAY, APRIL 11	
Daily Mass	12:00noon at the PC
Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, APRIL 12	
Confessions	2:30pm at the PC
Holy Rosary	3:30pm at the PC
Vigil Mass	4:00pm at the PC

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Readings for the Week

8:30am

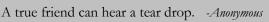
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41	c-
	62;Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;Jn 8:12-20	
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9;Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21;	
	Jn 8:21-30	
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 5	55,
	56;Jn 8:31-42	
Thursday	Gn 17:3-9;Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;Jn 8:51-5	9
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13;Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7;	
	Jn 10:31-42	
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28;Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13;	
	Jn 11:45-56	
Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40;Is 50:4-7;Ps 22:8-9, 17-18,	
	19-20, 23-24 (2a);Phil 2:6-11;	
	Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49	G

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Steve Simmons – 4/7, Susan Schaefer - 4/8, Francie Green - 4/10, Marlisa Gautier - 4/11

May you have many more!

TRUE FRIENDSHIP





SATURDAY, APRIL 12 4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Robert Bartos EMCs: see sign-up sheet Ushers: Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth Altar Server: SUNDAY, APRIL 13 8:30am Mass at the Church Lector: Division Magazine

Lector: Phyllis McGuire EMCs: Rod McGuire, Karen Finkeldei, Mindy Godfrey Ushers: Mike Godfrey, Gary Finkeldei Altar Server: Mike Lubbers Mass Intenti

Mass Intentions



Tuesday, April 8 For the Repose of the Soul of <u>Kathy Tromburg</u> Thursday, April 10 For the Repose of the Soul of <u>Letha Thiel</u> Friday, April 11 For the Repose of the Soul of <u>Don Mischo</u> Saturday, April 12 For the Repose of the Soul of <u>Kathy Tromburg</u> Sunday, April 13 For the Repose of the Soul of <u>Letha Thiel</u>





OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Sally Fernandez, Sheila Fowler, Florence Giels, Larry Handley, Mary Szafranski, Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Mary Ann Dobrobolny, Linda Gilmore, Pam Heinzel, Marci Krieger, Betty McClard, Joe McDaniel, Billy Metzer, Carol Morgan-Eagle, Gene Ochrymowich, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, Michael Ricciardi, Leslie Scroggins, Shari Soukup, Ed Terrill, Libbie Vesekla and Connie Woolheiser **OUR MILITARY** - Tyler Horning and Nic Smith. **THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -** Letha Thiel

Fifth Sunday of Lent



Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, 4/17

4:00pm	St. Elizabeth Parish Center
6:00pm	St. Anne Catholic Church

Good Friday, 4/18

12:15pm	St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
5:00pm	St. Anne Catholic Church
6:00pm	St. Anne Catholic Church, Live
	Stations of the Cross in Spanish

Holy Saturday, 4/19

8:00pm St. Anne Catholic Church, Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, 4/20

8:30am	St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
10:00am	St. Anne Catholic Church
1:00pm	St. Anne Catholic Church (Spanish)

THE CHOSEN, Season 4

Starting March 19 & 26, April 2 & 9 6:30pm in the Parish Hall **Free Popcorn, Candy & Pop** Come enhance your Lenten journey!

Our Seminarians for the month of Apríl, 2025

Phillip Necessary Contact address: St. Meinrad Seminary, 200 Hill Drive St. Meinrad, IN 47577 For more information on our seminarians, go to www.dolr.org/



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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. 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 March 22 & 23 was **\$4,307**.



Sun., 4/6 Mon., 4/7

Tues., 4/8 Thurs., 4/10 Friday, 4/11 Sat., 4/12 Sun., 4/13 9:30-4:00 10:00-1:00 1:00-4:00 10:00-4:00 10:00-4:00 10:00-4:00 9:39-4:00

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St. Elizabeth's Fried Catfish Dinner March & April, 2025

The Catholic Relief Services Collection

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Fifth Sunday of Lent April 6, 2025

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

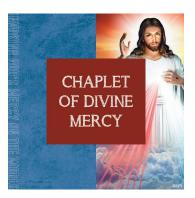
"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle" (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community's identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim - though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you'll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is "left alone before him." A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ's forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.

-Father John Muir



DEVOTIONS, Explained!

Prayed with an ordinary five-decade Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer invoking God's mercy on the world, utilizing words drawn from the text of The Diary of St. Faustina Maria Kowalska.



MASS FOR HOPE AND HEALING

The Mass for Hope and Healing will be held at 5:30pm, Sunday, April 27 at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, 617 S. Louisiana St., Little Rock. Bishop Anthony B. Taylor will be the celebrant. Everyone interested in praying for victims of sexual abuse, their families and friends is invited to attend. The Mass is sponsored by the diocesan Safe Environment Office. For more information, contact Susan David at (501) 663-0340 x 332 or sdavid@dolr.org.

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the Week

"Go and sin no more, "Jesus tells the woman caught in adultery. Her life, like ours, has been saved. She, like us, has a chance for a new beginning. So he begs her, and he begs us: be changed by it. Let the mercy transform you. Go, and sin no



PRAYER OF THE COMMUNITY

O God.

Help us to see each other as You see us, not by our faults or failings, but by our identify as Your own. Give us Your eyes to see, Your heart to love. Amen.

CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Too often, we don't care about righteousness or truth. We just care about being right. We have a terrible tendency to see only decisions, and in doing so we dehumanize the people behind them. But when God looks at us, he sees more than the worst decisions we've ever made.

The Allure of Being Right

It wasn't a real question.

"The law of Moses says we should stone her. What do you say?" the Pharisees asked Jesus as they brought the adulterous woman before him. But they weren't *really* asking. They didn't care what Jesus' answer was. They didn't ask his opinion because they wanted to know. They asked because they wanted to use his words against him.

Righteousness, truth - that wasn't the goal. The goal was being right.

And in the middle of the whole scene, dragged before Jesus, used as a literal prop in this staged drama, is a woman. A real flesh-and-blood woman.

I find myself wanting to know more about her. She had been "caught in the act," they claimed, but I wonder what that even means. With whom was this act committed, and what were the reasons for her participation in it? Was she coerced? Was she scared? Was she confused? Was it really a cut-and-dry, black-and-white situation of adultery, of lust, of making the wrong decision?

We will never know the answers to these questions, and it doesn't matter — it's not our business. God knows the answers. God knows the truth of the matter: what she did, what she chose, what she felt. Because she wasn't a prop to Him. She was a person.

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I worry that we use one another as props even today, when we try like the Pharisees to illustrate "What is Right." We have a terrible tendency to see only decisions, and in doing so we dehumanize the people behind them.

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- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

If someone is interested in becoming a priest, how does he go about it?

Answer:

Discerning a vocation can happen in any number of ways. It might come as a surprise to the person called or to family or friends. Sometimes it is a gradual process. and other times it is as quick and bright as lightning. Regardless of how it starts, a vocation to the priesthood or religious life requires a process of discerning, testing, and preparing. The best place to begin would be with lots of prayer, receiving the sacraments, and attending daily Mass whenever possible. Then talk to your pastor or a priest you know and trust. Your diocese may have a vocation director who can provide you with guidance and information. The Serra Club is also a great resource for information and contacts to help you discern if indeed God is calling you.

Remember that many young Catholic men have considered the priesthood. Some are ordained and others realize this is not their calling. However, we are all called to be of service to others as we practice our faith. These are extraordinary times in which we live, and they require an extraordinary witness to faith and to God's presence in the world. Our work, our ministry as Catholics, is to be the body of Christ with and for others. The Church needs priests. If God calls you to ordained service in the church, He will provide the grace, direction, and support you need. Just listen and respond with all your heart, mind, and soul.

Liturgical Life

Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:10-11

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah teaches us that the Lord forgets our sins and offers us a new beginning so that we might praise him. What could you do today to honor and praise the Lord?

Second Reading:

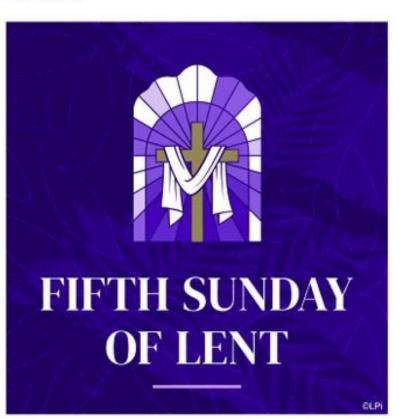
Paul tells the believers in Phillipi of his deep desire and hope to know Jesus and the power of his resurrection. In what ways have you drawn closer to Jesus during this season of Lent?

Gospel:

Jesus showed mercy toward the sinful woman when others were quick to judge her. Is there someone in your life who you could show mercy over judgment this week?



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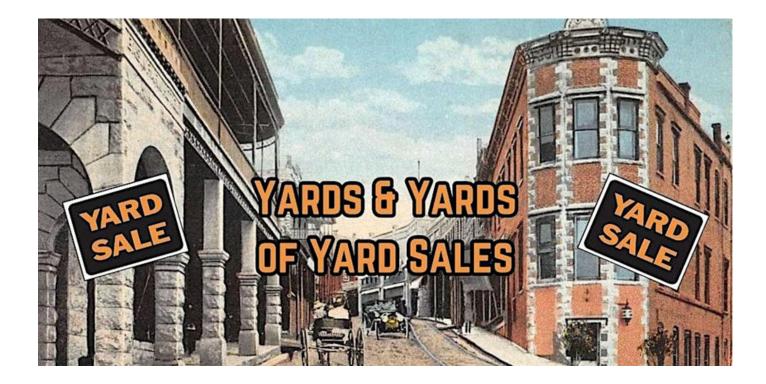
Tour our beautiful monastery gardens and meet our community! View our hand-painted Icons from Ukraine in our monastery chapel! Refreshments provided! Please share with family and friends.





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For just \$28 per location, you'll get:

Your sale listed on the Official Garage Sale Map

Three full days to sell (April 25-27)

The benefit of event-wide advertising bringing shoppers right to you!

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Carving in the Ozarks

Friday Apr 25, 2025 Saturday Apr 26, 2025

The Great Passion Play Grounds 935 Passion Play Road Eureka Springs, AR 72632

All are welcome to this free family-friendly event!

Website

http://Facebook Carving in the Ozarks

Contact Information

David Blankenship 479-244-5010 or Beverly Blankenship 479-253-4205 Send Email



Talented chainsaw carvers from across the nation will be here to compete in the 20th Annual Carving Event! Saturday at 4pm there will be an auction of all the carvings done during the competition. The artists will also have inventory for sale to the public. Lots of vendors and entertainment. Fun for the whole family.

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