

April 7, 2024

Sunday of

Divine Mercy

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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Saturday 4pm at PC

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“BLESSED ARE
THOSE WHO
HAVE NOT SEEN
AND HAVE
BELIEVED.”
—JN 20:29

2ND SUNDAY OF
EASTER

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.

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Daily Mass 8:30am

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Third Sunday of Easter 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:-7-8a, 8b-9, 19-11;
Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5;
Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20;
Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
Jn 6:16-21

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Steven Simmons - 4/7, Susan Schaefer - 4/8,
Kyla Boardman - 4/9, Francie Green - 4/10,
Marlisa Gautier - 4/11, Mary Mischo - 4/12

May you have many more!




LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, APRIL 13

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Robert Bartos

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth

Altar Server: Jim Witkowski

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Phyllis McGuire

EMCs: Mary Szafranski, Karen Finkeldei, Mike Godfrey

Ushers: Mike Murphy, Gary Finkeldei

Altar Server: Leva Murphy



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 9

For the Intentions of Abeet & Yahir Cazares

Thursday, April 11

For the Repose of the Soul of Betty Miles

Friday, April 12

For the Intentions of the Paul & Christine Lemoine Family

Saturday, April 13

For the Repose of the Soul of Ken Shonka

Sunday, April 14

For the Repose of the Souls of Jim LaForde & Peggy

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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, Arlene Ray and Libbie Vesekla

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -

OUR MILITARY - Tyler Horning and Nic Smith.



SUMMER INTERN

College students are invited to apply for *Arkansas Catholic's* summer internship. The intern would get firsthand experience in journalism and communication. This would include writing articles, taking photographs and completing website and video projects. This position is unpaid, but college credit is possible. Qualified applicants must be Catholic, at least 18 years old and working on a degree and seeking a career in communications. Interns must be able to work at least 10-15 hours a week at St. John Center in Little Rock and have a valid driver's license. To apply, call editor Malea Hargett at 501-664-0125, text to 501-554-9595 or email mhargett@dolr.org. The deadline is April 19.



*Our Seminaricians
for the month of
April, 2024*

Robby Bartos

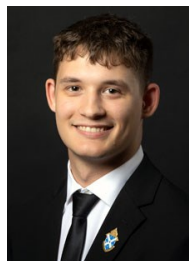
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For more information

on our seminaricians, go to

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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., 4/7	9:30-4:00	Stamps
Mon., 4/8	10:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 4/9	10:00-4:00	Buttecali
Thurs., 4/11	10:00-4:00	Lubbers
Fri., 4/12	10:00-4:00	Reed
Sat., 4/13	10:00-4:00	Leggett
Sun., 4/14	9:30-4:00	Selleck



THE 2025 JUBILEE TOUR

This tour occurs only once every 25 years and the 27th Jubilee Year in 2025 promises to be a time of grace for thousands of pilgrims and the world's faithful. Pope Francis has named this year's celebration "Pilgrims of Hope" as a celebration of peace, hope and love. The Pope inaugurates the Holy Year with the rite of the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica. After that, the Holy Doors of the other Papal Basilicas are opened and remain open until the end of the Jubilee Year. The completion of the Seven Churches Pilgrimage is one of the highlights of this tour. This is one of the oldest Catholic traditions, and foresees the visits of the 4 major Papal basilicas - St. Peter's, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls and St. Mary Major - as well as the Basilica of St. Lawrence Outside the Walls, the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem and the Basilica of St Sebastian Outside the Walls. Learn about the Catacombs, former underground burial grounds, principally used by early Christians and Jews; spent time in prayer in the most significant Catholic places of worship. Call Catholic Cruises for more info at 860-399-1785.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns - and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled - and perhaps a bit terrified - he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.

-Father John Muir



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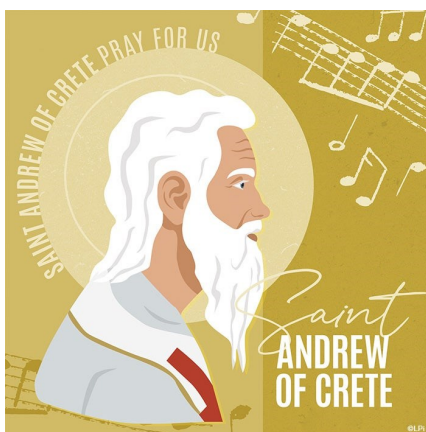
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They are looking for volunteers to work a 2 hr. shift once a week. If you or someone you know is interested, please call 479-253-9491.

Eureka Springs Farmer's Market is open every Thursday from 10:00am to 1:00pm, rain or shine. They are located along Hwy. 62 at the Community Center (44 Kingshighway) and offer a variety of locally grown produce (including organics), plants and flowers, live music, breads and other baked goods, mushrooms, meats, crafts and much more!

PRAYER FOR THE 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Jesus,
As you greeted your disciples after you rose, fill us too, with your peace.
As you breathed your spirit on them, breathe on us too.
As your presence was known to Thomas, make it known to us, too.
Help us to live in your peace, power and presence.
Amen.



St. Andrew of Crete was born in Damascus and was mute until he received his First Communion at age 7. He went on to be an influential archbishop and hymnist in Crete. His most renowned work, the Great Canon, is chanted during Lent in Eastern Orthodox churches.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Written in the Wounds

For all the condemnation Thomas the Doubter has received in 2000 years of homilies, I think there's something to admire in him.

Thomas is not unique. We all waver at some point, overcome by hesitation, distracted by the clamor of the world which seeks at every turn to shout above the whisper of the divine.

Thomas knows what he saw on Good Friday: his friend nailed to a cross, a sword driven through his body. He saw the blood and the water. He saw these things with his own eyes, eyes given to him by God, eyes which have never failed him before. And God doesn't ask us to suspend reality to believe in Him. He only asks us to be discerning about how that reality is interpreted in our hearts.

Thomas knows the man before him is either a fraud, preying on the hopes and anxieties of the traumatized disciples, or he is the Christ, the Savior of the world, accomplisher of impossible things. But where to look, to tell the difference?

Satan once appeared to the great mystic saint, Teresa of Avila, disguised as Jesus. She knew instantly that he was a fraud. Enraged, he demanded to know where his deception had failed. "You have no wounds," she told him simply.

Could we have accepted a savior who did not bleed? I don't think we could, because sooner or later, we would all stand before him and say, "Here is where the world hurt me. Here, and here, and here. What about you?" Christ can point to his hands, his feet, his side. "Here, and here, and here," he can say. "And I overcame them all."

It's the wounds, you see. The truth is in the wounds.

*Thomas answered and said to him,
"My Lord and my God!" — John 20:28*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

After a civil divorce, is a Catholic obligated to pursue an annulment?

Answer:

Many Catholics are not exactly sure what an annulment does. An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate. An annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage. In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church.

Annulments have no legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person's life. Some people have found the process to be healing and others have found it to be difficult. Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you.

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

We hear how the early Christians lived in unity and holiness, bearing witness to Jesus, and living in community as friends. Which of these traits do you see at work in your faith community?

Second Reading:

John teaches his community that our faith in Jesus helps us "conquer the world." What struggles are you facing that you need to confront and defeat?

Gospel Reading:

The risen Jesus meets Thomas in the midst of his doubt and encourages him to believe. Who could you encourage this week to have faith in the resurrection of Jesus?



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Since Christ Himself has said,
'This is My Body,' who shall
dare to doubt that it is His Body?

- ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

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