

*Dec. 3, 2023*

*First Sunday  
of Advent*

# SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Eureka Springs, Arkansas*

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### 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

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when  
the time will come."  
- Mk 13:33

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GLP

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 seven days a week (March - Oct.) 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

### *Parish Secretary & Bookkeeper*

Nancy Elfter

### *Director of Music*

Sharon Parker

### *Parish Council Chair, Parish Life,*

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# THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

## SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Adoration 8:00am  
Daily Mass 8:30am

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Daily Mass 8:30am  
Confessions 9:15am

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception Mass 8:30am

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Second Sunday of Advent 8:30am

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 3-9/ Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/ Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/

## God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Steve Vitt - 12/2, Jennifer Boardman - 12/4,  
Mark Leggett - 12/5, Mary Szafranski - 12/7

*May you have many more!*

### FULFILL TODAY

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today.

-Anonymous



# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

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, DECEMBER 10

8:30am Mass at the Church

**Lector:** Phyllis McGuire

**EMCs:** Mindy Godfrey, Mary Szafranski, Rod McGuire

**Ushers:** Mike Godfrey, Bev Wright

**Altar Server:** Mike Lubbers



## Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 5

For the Repose of the Soul of Paul Hernandez, Jr.

Thursday, December 7

For the Repose of the Soul of Robert Lavenburg

Friday, December 8

For the Intentions of Ralph, Patrick, Leslie & Lori.

Saturday, December 9

For the Repose of the Soul of Bobby Elworth

Sunday, December 10

For the Repose of the Soul of Darline Hober



## 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, David & Becky Sisco, Debra Reid and Libbie Vesekla

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -** Bobby Elworth

**OUR MILITARY -** Tyler Horning, George Schwender, and Nic Smith.

**A Shout Out** goes to Phyllis McGuire, Sandy McClung, Natasha Treuer, Nancy Elfter and Rod McGuire for cooking such wonderful food for our **St. Elizabeth Breakfast**. Also an appreciation for the help cleaning up after the event. And of course a thank-you to Bev Wright for those great Mimosas!

**Decorating the Church for Christmas** is going to be after mass on Tuesday, Dec. 5th. Please mark your calendar.

Please remember to save the date for **St. Elizabeth's Christmas Party** on Friday, Dec. 15th. There will be Bingo with some fantastic Christmas Decorations as prizes. The names for our **Gift of Giving** will be again available this weekend.

*Holy Week Schedule*

**Immaculate Conception**

St. Elizabeth Friday, 12/8, 8:30am at the Church

St. Anne Friday, 12/8, 6:00pm

**Fourth Sunday of Advent** (For Sun. Mass Obligation)

St. Elizabeth Saturday, 12/23, 4:00pm at the P.C.

St. Anne Saturday, 12/23, 8:00pm (English)

St. Anne Sunday, 12/24, 1:00pm (Spanish)

**Christmas Eve Vigil Masses**

St. Elizabeth Sunday, 12/24, 5:00pm at the Church

St. Anne Sunday, 12/24, 7:00pm (English)

**Christmas Day**

St. Elizabeth Monday, 12/25, 8:30am at the Church

St. Anne Monday, 12/25, 11:00am (Spanish)



**Chase Feltner**

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**Ryan  
Carlson**

*Our Seminarians  
for the month of  
December, 2023*



**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**



*December Gift Shop Schedule*

Sun. 12/3	9:30-1:00	Stamps
Sat. 12/9	10:00-1:00	Jankowski
	1:00-4:00	Szafranski
Sun. 12/10	9:30-1:00	Selleck

*Retirement Fund for Religious*

Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need - usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.



**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

Servant of God **Walter Ciszek** was a Jesuit priest and theologian who spent 23 years as a prisoner of war during World War II and the Cold War. His endurance of suffering for his beliefs and his writings reminds us of the importance of religious freedom and the power of faith.

**PRAYER**

We adore You, Most Holy Trinity, and we thank You for the exemplary life of Your Servant, Father Walter Ciszek. We pray that his strong faith in Your loving providence, his great love for You, and his kindness to all people be recognized by the Church. If it be Your will, may he be given to us as a saintly model of these virtues so that we too may be better motivated to dedicate our lives to Your greater honor and glory. We commend our petition through the prayers of the holy Mother of God. Got to You, Fatherk, Son and Holy Spirit, is due all glory, honor and worship, now and forever. Amen.



*First Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### Memento Mori

Just this week, my husband and I signed our wills, and the lawyer was careful to couch our transaction in gentle, abstract language: "When we lose you" she kept saying, instead of "When you die."

It's very uncomfortable to dwell on our death. But the Christian life does not just encourage us to do so: it demands that we do.

I once came upon a prayer consecrating the last two hours of life to the Blessed Mother. I have since found variations of the prayer online with different phrasing, but the sentiment of them all is the same: let me not be caught sleeping. Let me be ready.

"You can't do all your homework at the end," a deacon who ministers to the dying once told me. "Good Friday is waiting in the wings for all of us."

I think of that a lot when I don't particularly feel like praying, when I think I'm too busy to go to confession or when feelings of resentment fester inside me on Sunday mornings as I pack my family off to church. All our good deeds are like polluted rags, says the prophet. We have all withered like leaves.

You can't do all your homework at the end. God is faithful. Are we?

*"May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"*  
— Mark 13:36

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Why haven't Catholic Churches gone the way of disposable cups for wine distribution?

### Answer:

If a Catholic has ever attended a Protestant worship service and saw the communion service that was offered for that community, one of the things that might have stood out was the use of small, disposable cups for distributing the wine or grape juice. This is in stark contrast to the precious metal chalices used in Catholic churches during the Mass.

Although practices for Protestant Christians can vary (ranging from large shared chalices, to personal-use cups, to dipping the bread in the wine/grape juice), the norms governing Catholic practices are fairly direct: "Sacred vessels are to be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from a metal less precious than gold, then ordinarily they should be gilded on the inside. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, sacred vessels may also be made from other solid materials that, according to the common estimation in each region, are precious ... they are to have bowls of nonabsorbent material" (nos. 328-330). Rather than being a commentary on the beliefs or practices of those other communities, these rules are intended to highlight the reverence that Catholics have for the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, which become the Body and Blood of the Lord.



Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

- Mk 13:33, 37

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

In prayer, the prophet Isaiah grieves over our sins that separates us from God. What sorrow or distress have you experienced over the past week?

### Second Reading

Paul offers up a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the many gifts the believers have received because of their faith in Jesus. As we begin the season of Advent, for what are you thankful?

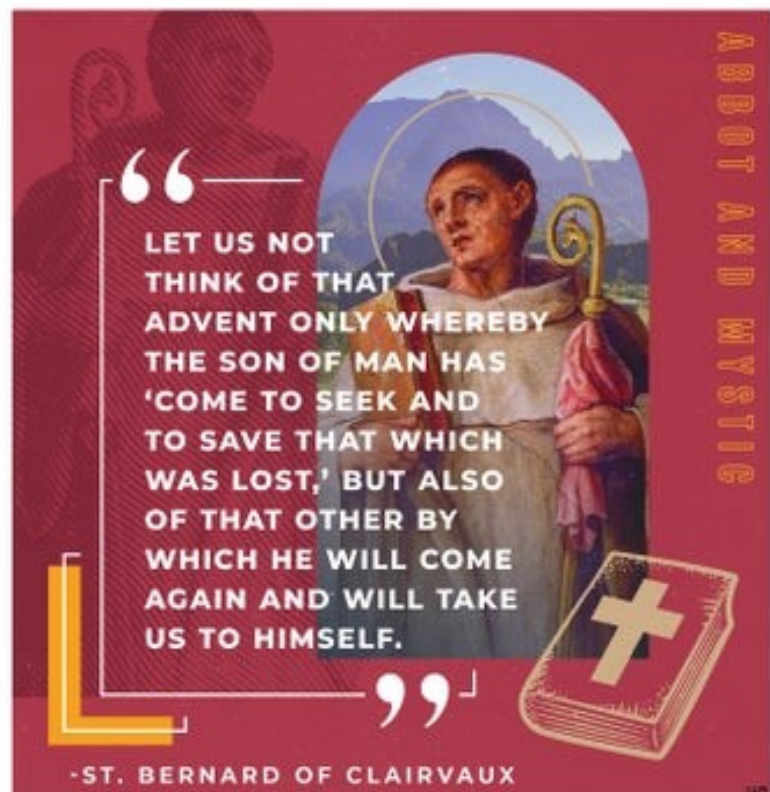
### Gospel Reading

Each Advent, the Gospel reading begins with Jesus instructing his disciples to watch carefully for the end times. How often do you think about the Second Coming of Jesus and judgment day?

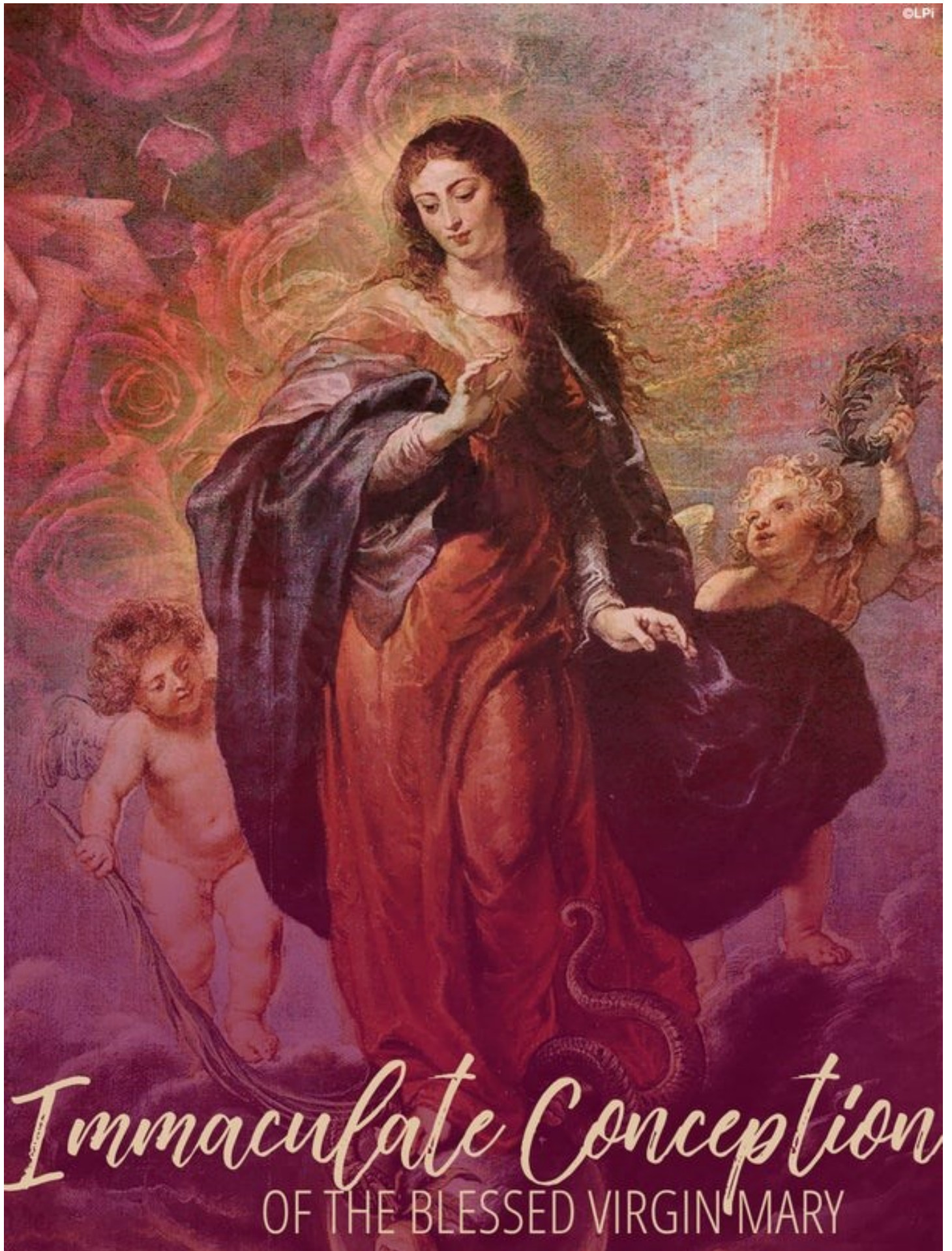


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*Immaculate Conception*  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY





FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BE WATCHFUL!  
**BE ALERT!**

— MARK 13:36 —



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