

December 14, 2025

2nd Sunday
of Advent

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

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3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“This is the one about
whom it is written:
Behold, I am sending
my messenger ahead
of you; he will prepare
your way before you.”
- Mt 11:10

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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.

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Daily Mass 8:30am

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a;Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9;Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13;Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 & 23;Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10;Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8m 17; Mt 1:1-17
Thursday Jer 23:5-8;Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;Lk 1:5-25
Saturday Is 7:10-14;Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: Is 7:10-14;Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b); Rom 1:1-7;Mt 1:18-24

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Kathleen Willoughby - 12/13, Fred Bartell - 12/14,
Jeanette Selleck - 12/14, Doug Gautier - 12/16,
Thomas Reinsvold - 12/16

May you have many more!



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Jerry Horning

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Richard Boyes, Janice Boyes

Altar Server:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Cassian Heath

EMCs: Rod McGuire, Mindy Godfrey, Phyllis McGuire

Ushers: Ted Meyer, Mark Leggett

Altar Server: Missy Leggett



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 16

For the Intentions of Christopher Roccaforte

Thursday, December 18

For the Repose of the Soul of Theresa Lustig

Friday, December 19

For the Repose of the Soul of Theresa Lustig

Saturday, December 20

For the Repose of the Soul of Theresa Lustig

Sunday, December 21

or the Intentions of Consuelo Corpuz



Pray for us...



OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Rob Breaux, Florence Giels, Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi and Barbara Witkowski.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Regina Booth, Bradshaw Cate, Sam Donelson, Carol Dvorah, Marsha Havens, Pam Heinzl, Kathleen Horosinski, Marci Krieger, Betty McClard, Joe McDaniel, Billy Metzger, Carol Morgan-Eagle, Gene Ochrymowich, Eric Pederson, David Reuter, Connie Stielow, Ed Terrill, Libbie Vesekla and Betty Wallace.

OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Joe Shaughnessy





Gift Shop Volunteers holding up their new blue Gift Shop Logo Shirts at their luncheon at Sparky's on Monday, Dec. 8th. What a fun time!!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, 12/24

St. Elizabeth - 4:00pm at the Parish Center

St. Anne - 7:00pm, English

Christmas Day - Thursday, 12/25

St. Elizabeth - 8:30am at the Church

St. Anne - 11:00am, Spanish

Mary Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, 12/31

St. Anne - 6:00pm

Thursday, 1/1

St. Elizabeth - 8:30am at the Church

A Reminder: **Extended Adoration** is the last Tuesday of every month from 9:00 - 11:00am at the Church.



*Our Seminarians
for the month of
December, 2025*

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Contact address:
St. Meinrad Seminary,
200 Hill Drive,
St. Meinrad, IN 47577

For more information
on our seminarians, go to
www.dolr.org/seminarians



**Christopher
Elser**



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. 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 November 29th & 30th was **\$7,726.00**. For the Fiscal year (7/25-6/26) is **\$77,212.35**.

Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of 12/2/25:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Parishioners	\$829,073	\$524,069
Non-Parishioners	\$113,380	\$ 57,613
Donations	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 87,007</u>
	\$942,453	\$668,689



GIFT SHOP

December Gift Shop Schedule

Sun., 12/14	9:30-4:00	Selleck
Sat., 12/20	10:00-1:00	N. Barnett
	1:00-4:00	S. McClung
Sun., 12/21	9:30-4:00	Godfrey

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Christmas Collection

The collection at all masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be for the Clergy Welfare Fund. This fund provides retirement and health care benefits to retired and infirm priests around our diocese. Our priests spend every day of their adult lives as humble and devoted servants, doing God's work and serving us until age or infirmity calls them to retirement. Your contributions to the Clergy Welfare Fund make our priests' retirement possible. 100% of donations for this special collection will remain within our diocese. Please share with our priests the generosity that they continue to share with us.



Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable-balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort - for this?

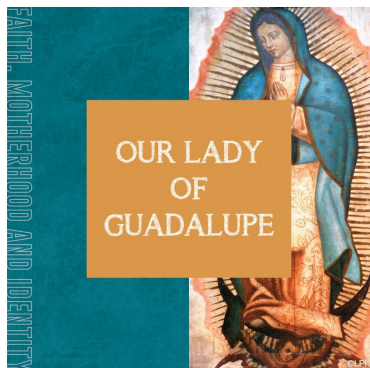
As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: **“What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?” (Matthew 11:7).** He’s not just describing the crowd’s mis-aimed pursuit. He’s naming our tendency to chase after what’s flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports and the good opinion of others, inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can’t satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy needs?

John the Baptist wasn’t a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

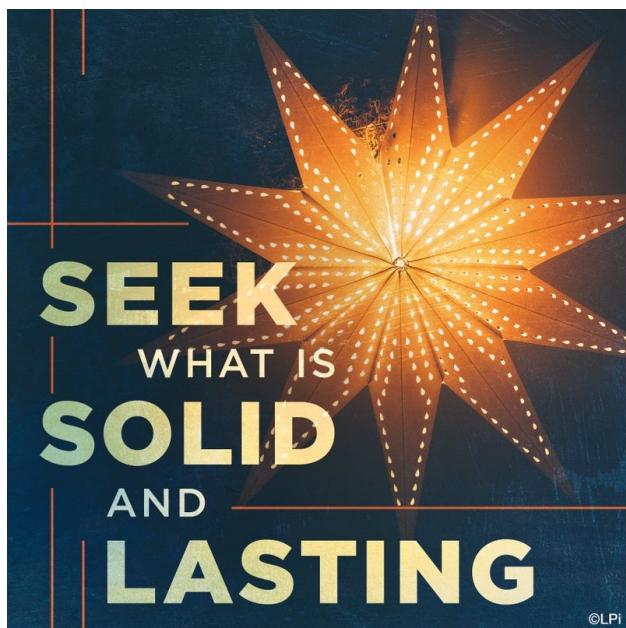
This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting - that which points to Christ?

-Father John Muir



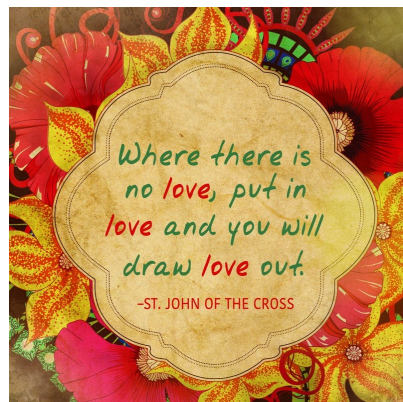
DEVOTIONS, *Explained!*

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico City in 1531. The Patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a beloved symbol of faith, motherhood and identity. Her feast day is Dec. 12.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the Week

“Go and tell what you have seen and heard.” Jesus says. When it comes to proving who he is, he always lets his actions do the talking. We have heart. We have seen. We must go and tell. Let’s let our actions do the talking. Who do we think Jesus is?



PRAYER FOR ADVENT - NEW GROWTH

Dear God,
Bring new life! Your love creates and cultivates.
Bring Your power into the places I think of as “deserts”
and Your grace to the prayers I fear may be “deserted.”
You can redeem and restore, bring a new song to my heart.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: We go to Mass. We go to Confession. We pray. We read Scripture. In doing all these things, again and again, we go out to the desert. Why? What are we expecting to see?

What We See in the Desert

I've always wanted to see a real desert.

I know all about frigid, snowy winters and warm, wet summers. I grew up on rich soil that yields lush vegetation and bountiful harvests. But I've never experienced a desert, not in my own country or abroad, and I'm curious.

I know there must be something magical about the desert for it to feature so heavily in Scripture, for it to provide a backdrop to so many crucial moments of salvation history. The Israelites following the cloud, the temptation of Christ, the voice crying out: "Prepare the way for the Lord."

Why do these moments have to happen in a desert? Why do they make so much less sense in a tropical rainforest or a verdant forest?

I think it's because the desert doesn't have anything to offer us, at first glance. No one longs for the physical sensation of a dry heat and a beating sun. But the vast emptiness and the almost mystical harshness — even if we don't desire and delight in it, this is a setting that we understand, somehow, intrinsically. We know it deep within our soul. God is there.

We go to Mass. We go to Confession. We pray. We read Scripture. In doing all these things, again and again, we go out to the desert.

Why? What are we expecting to see?

If we expect to be entertained, we will be disappointed. If we expect reassurance, we will be disappointed. If we expect to feel pleasant and safe and sheltered, we will be disappointed.

The desert is there to challenge us. The desert is there to show us who we are, and who we can be.

So go.

— *Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Our prayer group has been reading the lives of some saints, and we were struck by how some of them thought they were such sinners. Why would someone so holy think they had such serious sin?

Answer:

As Professional athletes practice the fundamentals of their sport over and over again, reaching for better form, consistency, and performance. They focus on the basics, review past performances, and visualize greater success. Practice makes better, if not perfect!

Spiritual masters such as the saints also looked for perfection. They practiced their faith in the search for holiness, grace, and virtue. Through sacraments, prayer, study, good works, and penance, they raised their level of awareness and their sensitivity to the presence of God, the demands of the Gospel, and the workings of the Holy Spirit. They examined their consciences daily, reviewing the day for moments of failure and times that they could have been more virtuous in one way or another. They resolved to do better, be more attentive, and alert!

Therefore, anything that would distract them or interfere with their relationship with God would be like a small black spot on a bright white wall — you can't miss it! The great saints were aware of sin and the presence of evil because they were so tuned into the struggle between good and evil that was fought in their own lives, hearts, and souls.

"This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.*

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

- Mt 11:10-11

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah taught his community to "be strong, fear not!" because God has planned a remarkable future where both the people and the land will be restored. Is there a friend or co-worker who needs your encouragement this week?

Second Reading:

James encourages his community to be patient and firm of heart in waiting for the coming of the Lord. What are you waiting for during this Advent season?

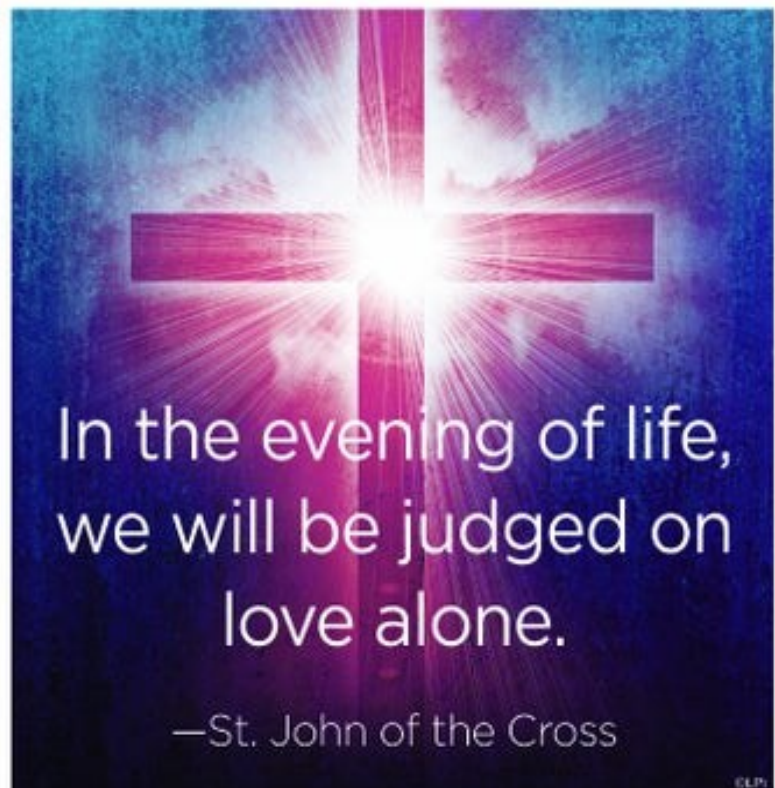
Gospel:

In prison, John the Baptist seemed uncertain about who Jesus is. Who do you talk to when you have questions about Jesus?



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Drive-Through Light Display at The Great Passion Play

Friday Nov 28, 2025 Thursday Jan 1, 2026

The Great Passion Play
935 Passion Play Rd.
Eureka Springs, AR 72632



Description

Experience Christmas from Thanksgiving night through January 1 with a by-donation drive-through light display with lights on from dark through 8:00 PM on Fridays through Sundays on the grounds of The Great Passion Play.

During the day, you can experience the Holy Land, Museums, and Backstage Tour! Advanced reservations are required. [Purchase those tickets here.](#)

Also, don't miss the snow train village display in the Great Hall.

For more info visit www.greatpassionplay.org/christmas.

"A Christmas Carol" Walking Tour

Friday Dec 12, 2025 Saturday Dec 13, 2025

December 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th at 6pm

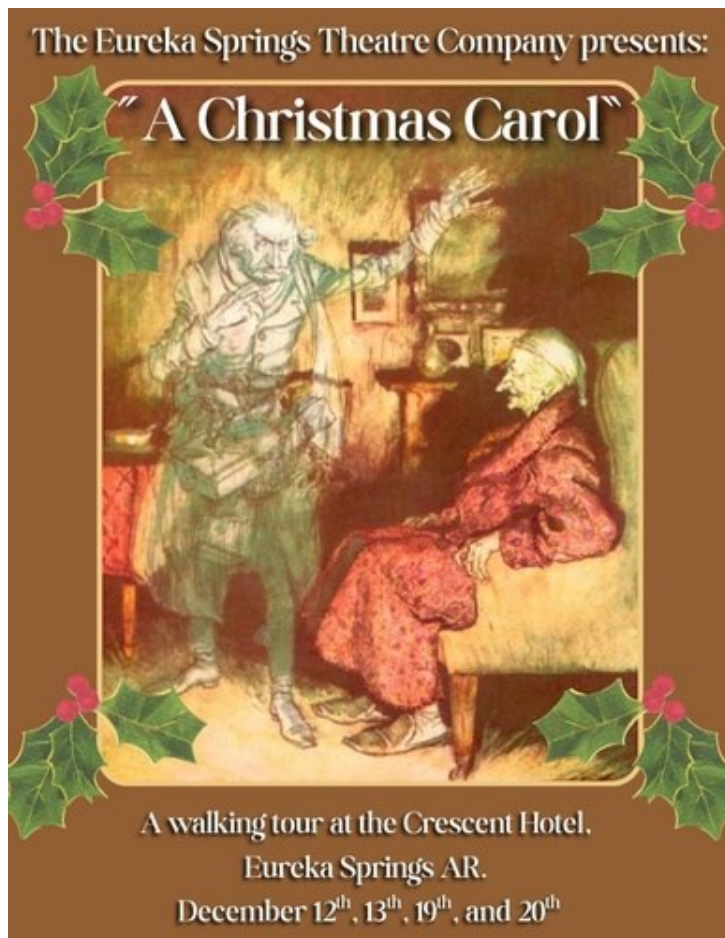
1886 Crescent Hotel & Spa

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Fees/Admission

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Tours begin at 6 p.m., 7 p.m., and 8 p.m.

Grinch Breakfast at the Crescent Hotel

Saturday Dec 13, 2025

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

1886 Crescent Hotel

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The [1886 Crescent Hotel & Spa](#) welcomes a special guest during this holiday breakfast in the Crystal Dining Room. The Grinch will make his appearance at 10 AM-11 AM. Surprise the kids with green eggs and ham while parents can enjoy our scrumptious buffet. Perfect for a family photo.

The Eureka Express- A Magical Christmas Storytime at the Train Station

Saturday Dec 13, 2025

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM CST

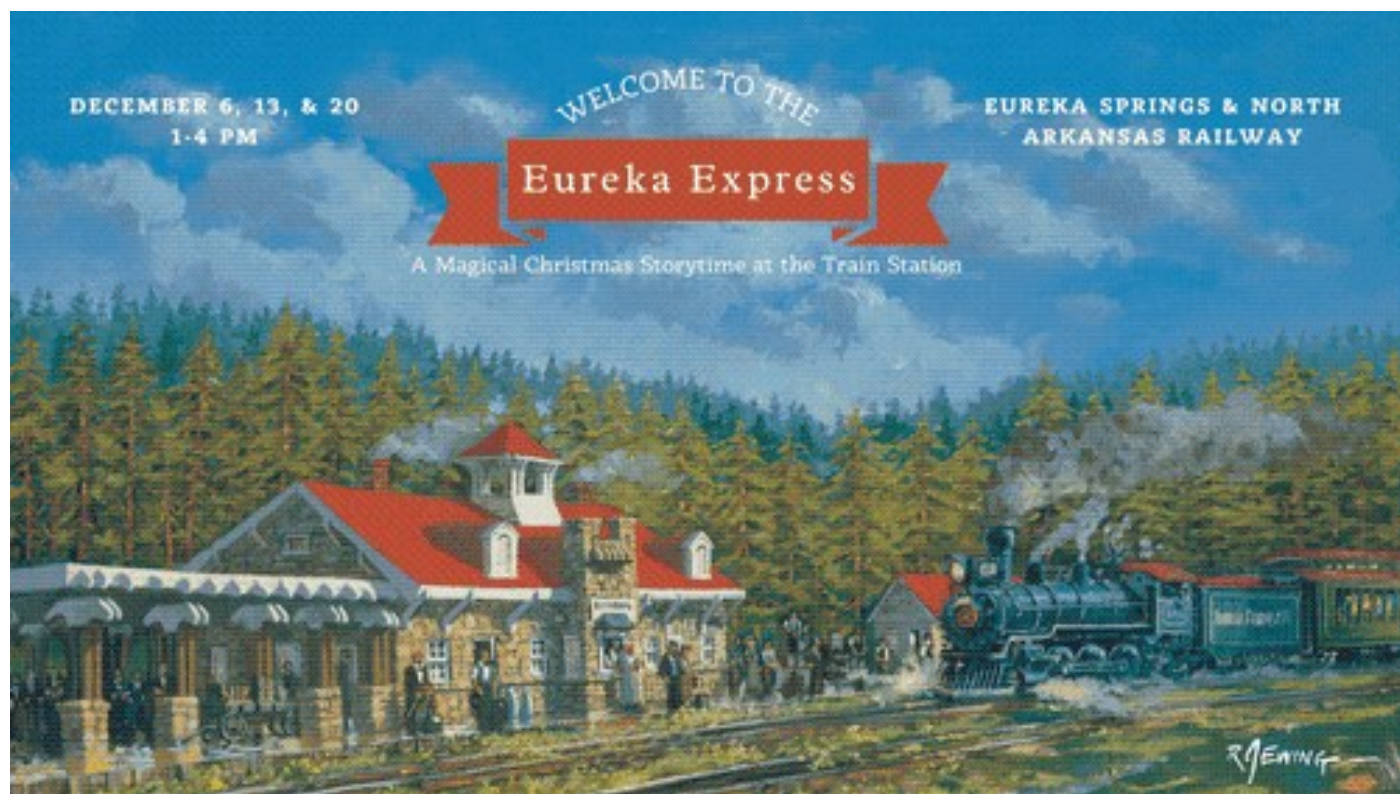
Eureka Springs & North Arkansas Railway

299 Main Street

Historic Downtown Eureka Springs

Fees/Admission

All are welcome to this free family-friendly event!



Step into the warmth and wonder of the holiday season aboard the Eureka Express! Gather inside the beautifully decorated Excursion Car — complete with twinkling lights, a cozy wood stove, and a real Conductor to welcome you aboard. Enjoy heartwarming Christmas stories from Santa, hot cocoa, and a special surprise on three Saturdays — December 6th, 13th, and 20th. Free admission for all. Donations appreciated at the door.

Artist credit: Jay Ewing

Hot Cocoa and Cookie Crawl

Friday Dec 19, 2025

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CST

Historic Downtown Eureka Springs



Enjoy an evening strolling through historic downtown Eureka Springs tasting different hot cocoas and tasty cookies from participating shops!

Mugs go on sale on December 1st at the following locations:

[Eureka Clothing Company](#)

[Silver Maple Market](#)

Soap Stop & Body Shop

And keep your eyes peeled for the B.O.M.B. Squad, which will be roaming around downtown singing Christmas Carols.



Third Sunday of
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