

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday

of

Advent

# SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

## Contact Us...

### CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive  
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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  
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Saturday 4pm at PC

### OFFICE HOURS

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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

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

Parish Secretary & Bookkeeper

Nancy Elfter

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Parish Council Chair, Parish Life,

Gift Shop Manager Rod McGuire

Finance Council Chair

Ted Meyer

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# THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

## SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Adoration 8:00am  
Daily Mass 8:30am

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Daily Mass 8:30am  
Confessions 9:15am

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Daily Mass 8:30am

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

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: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17  
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25  
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38  
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45  
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4); Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

### God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Fred Bartell - 12/14, Jeanette Selleck - 12/14,  
Doug Gautier - 12/16, David Maul - 12/17

**May you have many more!**

### JUSTICE AND OBEDIENCE



Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it. – William Penn



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Mass Ministers



### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

**Lector:** Robert Bartos

**EMCs:** see sign-up sheet

**Ushers:** Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth

**Altar Server:** Robbie Bartos

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:30am Mass at the Church

**Lector:** Phyllis McGuire

**EMCs:** Rod McGuire, Mary Szafranski, Karen Finkeldei

**Ushers:** Ted Meyer, Gary Finkeldei

**Altar Server:** Mike Lubbers



### Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 17

For the Intentions of Andrew Pacardo

Thursday, December 19

For the Repose of the Soul of Dean Thibodeaux

Friday, December 20

For the Intentions of the Ruga & Labre Family

Saturday, December 21

For the Intentions of Ed Beesley & Family

Sunday, December 22

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### OUR PARISHIONERS -

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

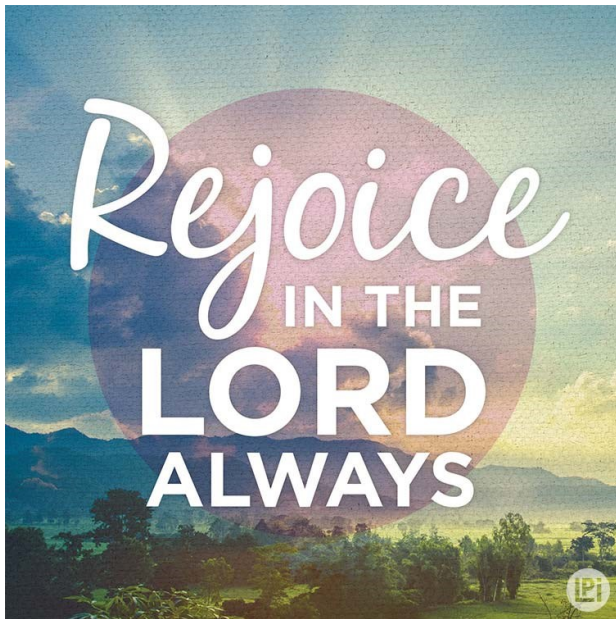
### OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Mary Ann Dobrobnny, Linda Gilmore, Pam Heinzl, Marci Krieger, Joe McDaniel, Gene Ochrymowich, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, Leslie Scroggins, Shari Soukup, Libbie Vesekla and Connie Woolheiser

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -** Kathy Tromburg, Ernie Wright, Richard Fowler

**OUR MILITARY -** Tyler Horning, Mathew McClung and Nic Smith.





**Christmas Eve:** St. Elizabeth Church - 4:00pm  
St. Anne Church - 7:00pm (English)

**Christmas Day:** St. Elizabeth Church - 8:30am  
St. Anne Church - 11:00am (Spanish)

**Mary Mother of God**  
Tuesday, Dec. 31: St. Anne Church - 6:00pm  
Wednesday, Jan. 1: St. Elizabeth Church - 8:30am

# 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

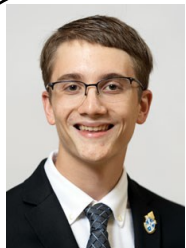
Sun., 12/15	9:30-1:00	Godfrey
Sat., 12/21	10:00-1:00	N. Barnett
	1:00-4:00	S. McClung
Sun., 12/22	9:30-1:00	R. McGuire



A huge “thank you” goes to those parishioners who helped with the recent “Missal Switch-out” at both Church and Parish Center and for the annual “Hanging of the Greens” at the Parish Center. Special thanks goes to Mike Reed, Gary Finkeldei and David Abell for their assistance in providing the beautiful exterior lighting and additional appreciation goes to Janice & Richard Boyes, Karen & Gary Finkeldei, Sandy McClung, Chrys McClung, Doug Purifoy & Tommy Reinhardt, Jean & Jerry Horning, Jo Elworth, Mary Abell, Michelle Frey, Kathleen Willoughby and Mike Lubbers. Their expert efforts enabled both projects to be completed in record time and have added such beauty to our Parish Center during this Holiday season.

Gratefully,

Sharon Parker, Missal Switch-out & PC Décor Chair



## Our Seminararians for the month of December, 2024

**Luke Parker**

Contact address:

**House of Formation,**  
1201 S. Van Buren,  
Little Rock, AR 72204

For more information

on our seminararians, go to

[www.dolr.org/seminarians](http://www.dolr.org/seminarians)



**Andrew  
Schaefer**

# Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end - whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming - invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

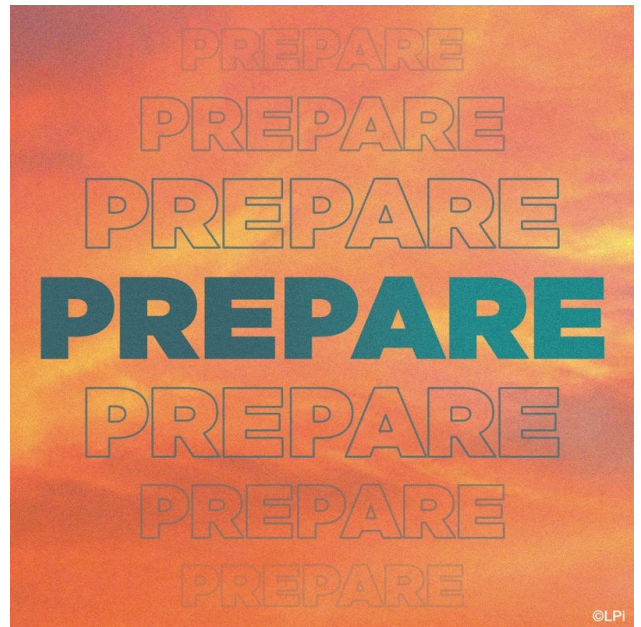
This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize **"with the Holy Spirit and fire"** (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes.

-Father John Muir



Blessed Alexandrina Maria da Costa (1904-1955) became paralyzed after jumping from a window to escape an attack. She suffered the passion of Jesus each Friday for several years and would survive on the Holy Eucharist alone for 13 years until her death.



## Christmas Caroling in Basin Spring Park

Saturday Dec 21, 2024

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM CST

Basin Spring Park

4 Spring Street

Historic Downtown Eureka Springs

All are welcome to this FREE event!

<http://www.ChristmasInEureka.com/>



Bring the whole family to join in this heartwarming tradition to sing carols festive tunes in Basin Spring Park.

Thank you Black Hills Energy for once again sponsoring so many of our Christmas events.

## PRAYER WITH ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, help us to remember the least fortunate, and how caring for them shares in the caring of the beloved Christ-child. Bring your generosity into our community.

Amen.



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### Asking the Question

I have found in my life that if I am certain of the answer to a big and complicated question — right away, no doubts or hesitations — there is a high likelihood that the answer is actually the wrong one.

Because most of the time the truth is buried beneath a thicket of pride, prejudice, and ignorance. To find our answers, we have to be ready to put the gardening gloves on and pick through the thorns. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to question ourselves and others. We have to examine our feelings. And then we have to pray some more.

See, I would be willing to bet that the tax collectors and soldiers knew. Deep in their hearts, they knew.

They knew when they approached John the Baptist and asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" that his reply was not going to be: "Keep doing exactly what you're doing."

They had heard this guy preach. They knew what he was about: repentance. They might not have known exactly what John the Baptist was going to tell them to do, but they knew whatever it was, it was going to be a challenge. It was going to turn their lives upside down.

I give them credit for asking the question. That's a hard thing to do, and I don't do it enough. Too often, I'm afraid to ask the question.

How do I love this person? How do I live out my baptismal call in this particular situation? How do I draw water from the fountain of salvation — and how do I do it with joy, as we are commanded by the Psalms?

Christmas is ten days away. Are we asking the question?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Why do we do that?

#### Catholic Life Explained

##### Question:

With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

##### Answer:

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming."

- Lk 3:15-16a

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

The prophet Zephaniah speaks of a future joyful time of God's forgiveness and return to his people, Israel. What excites you most as you think about the future?

### Second Reading:

Paul encourages the Christians in Philippi to be a community that rejoices and finds peace with God. What could you celebrate this Advent season with family or friends?

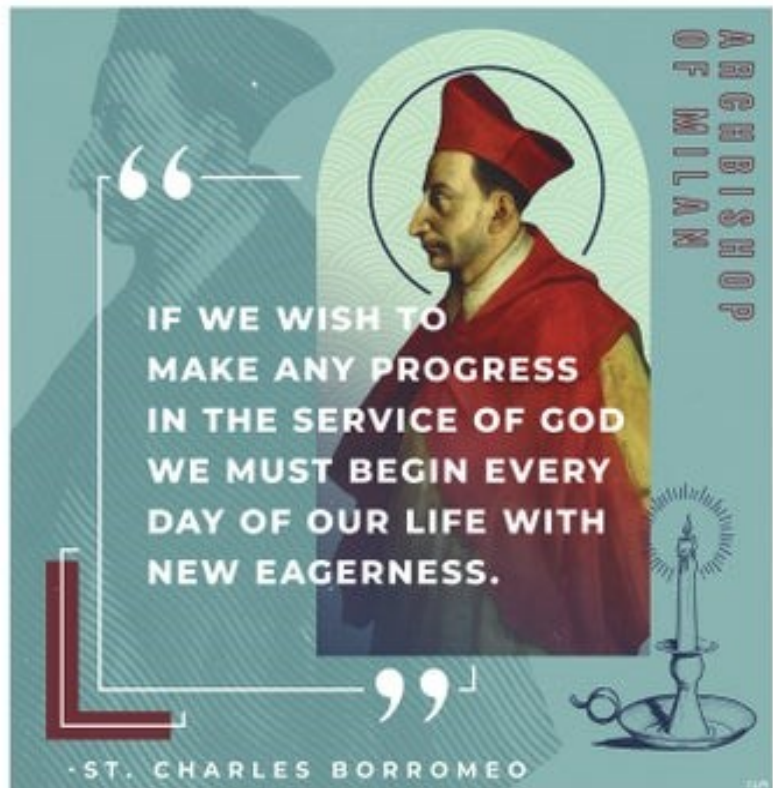
### Gospel:

John the Baptist encouraged the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers to live ethically in very practical ways. How could this apply to your life this week?



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## The Little Rock Task Force Against Human Trafficking and Pornography

Join the Diocese of Little Rock Task Force Against Human Trafficking and Pornography for a free Symposium on the Dangers of Human Trafficking and Pornography in Arkansas (What you need to hear! What you need to know!) Saturday, January 25, 2025 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church in Little Rock Attendees will hear from some experts and local speakers including: • Father Jeffery Bayhi • Father Chuck Swanson • Bishop Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo Emeritus Chancellor of the Pontifical Academies of the Sciences and Social Sciences • Former Scotland Yard Inspector Kevin Hyland • Cyber Specialist Kevin Medcalf • Arkansas victim/survivor Lorrie Stewart • Associate Editor of Arkansas Catholic Katie Zakrzewski Hear presentations on • How to spot victims of human trafficking and what actions to take • How to inform your child about human trafficking and pornography • How to overcome a pornography addiction • Testimonials from individuals who have been affected by pornography addictions and human trafficking survivors • And much more! Free breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. A free lunch, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will also be served. The Symposium will be followed by a 5 p.m. Mass. A brochure with the agenda will be given to attendees at check-in. You must register for this free Symposium, go to <https://dolrtaskforce.org/>

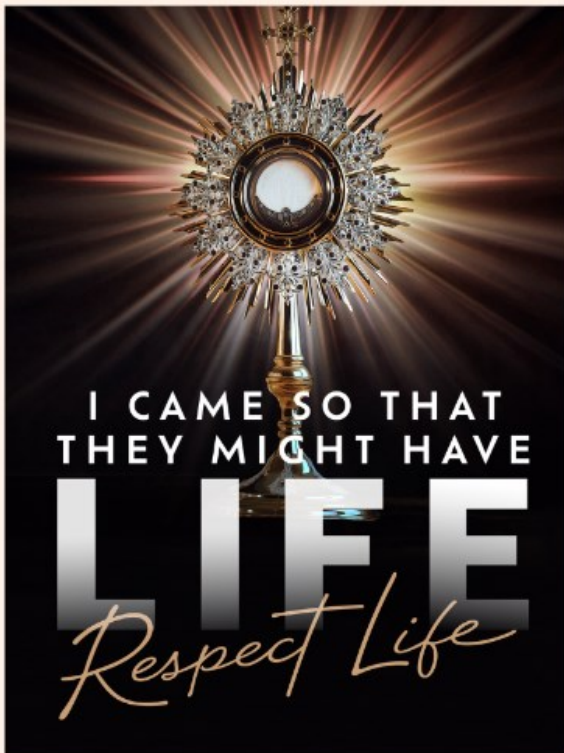


# Mass for Life

JANUARY 19, 2025 NOON  
CATHEDRAL OF ST. ANDREW

617 LOUISIANA ST., LITTLE ROCK  
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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT  
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A DAY OF RETREAT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025 | 8:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

**BONUS: AN EVENING OF PREPARATION**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025 | 5:15 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

Join us for a simple and sacred day of retreat in which women can be filled with Jesus, the Author of Hope. This day will fill your soul and transform your heart.

WomenofHopeAR.org



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CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK, AR

All women are invited to attend Women of Hope, a Day of Retreat to be held on Saturday February 1, 2025, at Christ the King Church in Little Rock. This diocesan event is an opportunity for women to set aside the outside world and enter into a personal experience with Jesus. {insert personal invitation/experience here} For registration and retreat details including the Bonus night of Reflection, visit our website at ***WomenofhopeAR.org***





# Hot Cocoa and Cookie Crawl

Friday Dec 20, 2024

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! Purchase your \$10 mug starting on 12/15 from:

Silver Maple Market- 60 Spring St

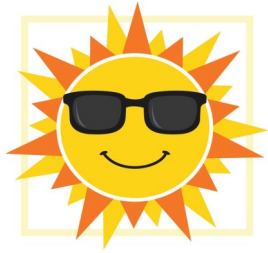
Eureka Clothing Company-31 Spring St

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