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SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY The Nativity of CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, *H*rkansas

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All visitors to our beautiful town of Eureka Springs are welcome to visit our historic Saint Elizabeth 479.253.6616 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

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

8:00am

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 Adoration

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Daily Mass	8:30am
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29	
Daily Mass	8:30am
Confessions	9:15am
Friday, December 30	
Daily Mass	8:30am
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31	
Confessions	2:30pm at the PC
Holy Rosary	3:30pm at the PC
Vigil Mass	4:00pm at the PC
Sunday, January 1	

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6,	
·	8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22	
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;	
	Jn 20:1a,m 2-8	
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8;	
	Mt 2:13-18	
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40	
Friday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 (12-17);	
	Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23	
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13;	
	Jn 1:1-18	
Sunday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;	
	Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:17-21	

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Michelle Frey -12/24, Karla Putts -12/24, Paul Becker-12/26, Fatima Treuer-VanZant-12/27, Robert Bartos-12/28, Al Selleck-12/29, Janice Boyes-12/30

May you have many more!





Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center Lector: Ginnie Jankowski EMCs: see sign-up sheet **Ushers:** Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth Altar Server: Robby Bartos SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 8:30am Mass at the Church **Lector:** *Phyllis McGuire* **EMCs:** Karen Finkeldei Ushers: Ted Meyer, Gary Finkeldei Altar Server: Leva Murphy

Mass . Intentions

Tuesday, December 27 For the Repose of the Souls of Elaine Melchioris, Chuck Esker & Rzej Mixon

Thursday, December 29 For the Repose of the Souls of Lydia & Charles

Friday, December 30

For the Intentions of Emily Laird

Saturday, December 31 For the Repose of the Souls of Janina & Wiaclaw Milton Sunday, January 1 For the Intentions of Megan West & Brittann Henderson



OUR PARISHIONERS - Connie Blazek, Richard & Sheila Fowler, Florence Giels, Charlotte Nowlin, Sandra Stamps and Barbara Witkowski.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Michael Bezjian, Lucy Carreta, Patsy Crawford, Gerry Gloss, Don Gloss, Harold Klamm, Marcy Krieger, Brent Lamar, Amelia Logan, Chuck Maxwell, Dale Putrino, Joe Shaughnessy, Alex Shie, Pat & Tony Siciliano, Missie Sisco, Marty Stamps, Benedict Wardein, and Judy White.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Louis Maiella **OUR MILITARY** - Tyler Horning, Gerald Kean, Zachary Lubbers, George Schwender, and Nic Smith.



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The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Christmas Collection for the Diocesan Clergy Welfare Fund

The Diocese of Little Rock has 17 retired priests who receive monthly benefits from the Clergy Welfare Fund. Many of these priests continue a life of service by hearing confessions, praying for parishes and congregations and substituting in parishes. Most of our priests work well into their 70's and beyond, caring for the spiritual life and welfare of their people. They have given us the gift of their hearts and their lives of service and dedication. The Christmas Collection in the Diocese of Little Rock is the primary source of income for the Clergy Welfare Fund. Your support will help us continue to provide benefits for our retired priests and build the fund to meet our future obligations.

Decorating of the Church

A huge THANK YOU to all the folks who decorated our Church so beautifully for the Christmas season. You know who you are and how hard you worked and you should be so proud!! Thank you again & Merry Christmas!!



DuWan Booker Contact address: Assumption Seminary, 2022 W. Woodlawn Ave., San Antonio, TX 78228 For more information on our seminarians, go to www.dolr.org/seminarians



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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 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.



is closed until March 10th



FYI: Volunteers at the Church are needed to take care of the candles in the Rotunda. If you would be interested in helping out with this, please contact Rod McGuire at 479-253-4503.

Missal Switchout & Hanging of the Greens

A huge "thank you" goes out to all parishioners who helped with the recent "Missal Switchout" and "Hanging of the Greens" at the Parish Center. Both tasks were accomplished speedily within a few hours because of all the helpful hands. Additional thanks goes to Mark Elworth, Gary Finkeldei, Keith Frey and Rod McGuire for their assistance in providing additional exterior lighting for the front of our Parish Center. Please take an opportunity to drive by any evening and see how beautiful our Center is dressed for the Advent/Christmas season!

> Gratefully, Sharon Parker

WINTER WILD

It was winter wild While the Heav'n-born child All meanly wrapt in the rude manger lies

-John Milton, on the Morning of Christ's Nativity

Sunday, December 25, 2022 Christmas





Eucharistic Procession & Mass for Life

On Jan. 22, 2023, Bishop Anthony Taylor will preside at the annual diocesan Mass for Life. The Mass will be celebrated in the Wally Allen Ballroom of the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock at noon. Bishop Taylor will lead the Eucharistic Procession for Life, beginning at 10:00am on the plaza in front of the Double Tree Hotel (Broadway and Markham Sts), through the Riverfront Park in downtown Little Rock, approximately 3/4 mile. There will be Eucharistic Adoration before Mass. Join hundreds of Catholics at this event as we give public witness to our faith and hope in Jesus Christ! Please contact the Respect Life Office 501-664-0340 ext. 326 or email *cphillips@dolr.org* for more information.

Learned at Home

The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family. Strength of character may be acquired at work, but beauty of character is learned at home.

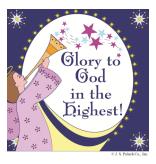
-Henry Drummond





WHAT ALL THE WAITING HAS BEEN FOR

Today's readings are as familiar to most of us as the carols we sing and the commercials that overwhelm this holiday season. Often Christmas finds us tired, struggling with preparations and expectations. What we really want to feel is joy and peace. The stress of preparation, of waiting, is reflected in both Isaiah and Paul's letter to Titus. Luke tells us of the exhaustion that Mary and Joseph felt: a young pregnant wife and her husband, forced to travel just as she is about to give birth, unable even to find a room to stay in. It must have been miserable. They must have been afraid. In the midst of this exhaustion, misery and fear, a child is born, a Son is given. The world is then filled with light and hope, joy and peace. In that moment they, and we, know what all the waiting has been for.



Catholic Prayer Corner

Prayer at the Manger: With the Shepherds Your Good News was sung by angels to these lowly ones in the night. Look on us in our lowliness Let us rejoice in the glad tidings of Christ, now and forever. Amen.



Our Fascinating Faith.....Christmas Time

The feasts that make up Christmas Time all illuminate in their own way the fundamental mystery of the Incarnation that stands at the heart of this sacred season. Each celebration sheds its own distinct light on our conviction that, in the birth of Jesus, earth and heaven have been wedded together for the sake of our salvation. The feasts of the Holy Family, Mary the Mother of God, Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord all have their own particular histories. But they have been joined together in a single seasonal flow that invites us to trace the unfolding meanings of the Incarnation from myriad perspectives. As we follow the successive meanings of Jesus' birth, his participation in family life, the meaning of Mary's motherhood, the significance of the Magi's visit, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, we are invited to explore in deeper and deeper fashion the staggering truth that Jesus has shared completely in our human experience, has truly become one with us, fully human while remaining fully divine.







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