

December 4, 2022

*2nd Sunday
of
Advent*

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Contact Us...

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30 Crescent Drive
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MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday 6:00pm
Saturday 8:30am
Sunday
(English) 11:00am
(Spanish) 1:00pm

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John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Matthew 3:1

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,

Gift Shop Manager Rod McGuire

Finance Council Chair

Ted Meyer

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Liturgical Ministers & Ministry of Care

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Mike Lubbers

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Mark Elworth

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SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

Daily Mass 8:30am

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Third Sunday of Advent 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;
Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10;
Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6,
11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16,
18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;
Mt 11:2-11

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Jennifer Boardman -12/4, Mark Leggett -12/5,
Mary Szafranski-12/7, Barbara Talbot-12/9

May you have many more!

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



Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

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 11

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Rod McGuire

EMCs: Phyllis McGuire

Ushers: Gary Finkeldei, Mike Godfrey

Altar Server: Leva Murphy



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 6

For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Thursday, December 8

For the Repose of the Soul of Joanne Boskus

Friday, December 9

For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Saturday, December 10

For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Sunday, December 11

For the Intentions of the Parishioners



Pray for us...



OUR PARISHIONERS - Connie Blazek, Richard & Sheila Fowler, Florence Giels, Charlotte Nowlin, Susan Schaefer, 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, Dale Putrino, Joe Shaughnessy, Alex Shie, Pat & Tony Siciliano, Marty Stamps, Benedict Wardein, and Judy White.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Louis Maiella

OUR MILITARY - Tyler Horning, Gerald Kean, Zachary Lubbers, George Schwender, Nic Smith and Brian Tromburg

Retirement Fund for Religious

Help aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care and other necessities. Please give generously.



2022 Share Your Light Advent Calendar

This Calendar offers 28 ways, one for every day of Advent, to help you make someone's day brighter this season, and in the process hopefully it will deepen your experience of this holy time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. Visit the calendar at www.dolr.org/share-light-advent-calendar. We have several other Advent resources available, including details about Advent traditions, such as the Advent wreath, how to make your own Advent calendar, the St. Andrew Christmas novena, St. Nicholas Day, recipes for St. Lucy Day, how to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe, Las Posadas, the O Antiphons, Festival of Lessons and Carols and much more. Visit www.dolr.org/advent to learn more.



*Our Seminararians
for the month of
December, 2022*

DuWan Booker

Contact address:

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San Antonio, TX 78228**

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



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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 NEWS

December Gift Shop Schedule

Sun., 12/4	10:00-1:00	Stamps
Mon., 12/5	10:00-4:00	CLOSED
Thurs., 12/8	10:00-4:00	
CLOSED	Fri., 12/9	
10:00-14:00	CLOSED	
Sat., 12/10	10:00-1:00	Jankowski
	1:00-4:00	Szafranski

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.

Little Portion Bakery Christmas Gifts

Make this Christmas special for someone you love with a delicious Gift from Little Portion Bakery.

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The Nine Lessons Performance will be held on Sunday, December 4th, at 5:00pm at the Parish Center Hall.

The Decorating of the Church will be held on Tuesday, December 6th at 9:30am.

St. Elizabeth Christmas Dinner and Party will be held on Wednesday, December 14th, at 5:30pm at the Parish Center Hall. We will be doing the **Gift of Giving** again this year. As soon as the names are ready, we will notify everybody.

Message for December 3-4, 2022

Here in Arkansas we have spent the last year participating on the local level in the Synod on Synodality called for by Pope Francis. We had listening sessions in many of our parishes, one-on-one conversations, online questionnaires and sessions with specific targeted groups, including diocesan organizations, parish ministry leaders, ethnic minorities and even the homeless. We asked people about their experience of the Church, what the Church could do to make them feel more included, and how they experienced the movement of the Holy Spirit in their life and in the life of the Church. In other words, what brings them joy in the Church and in their life. And finally, what was important for Church leaders to hear? Out of this emerged 11 major themes that recurred in many places throughout the diocese.

There have been 14 major world-wide synods of bishops in Rome since Vatican II. These gatherings usually end with the publication of a summary document, which the Pope then receives and to which he responds, usually in the form of an apostolic exhortation that builds on what the bishops have produced and offers insights regarding what to do next. In a similar way, the participants in our synodal process here in Arkansas have provided me with a very well thought out summary document of the themes and concerns that have emerged in our local discussions in Arkansas. I have received your input and now the time has come for me to respond. And while what I have produced in response obviously does not rise to the level of a papal apostolic exhortation, it is an attempt to glean the fruits of all of the work that has gone into this process and to then consider what steps we need to take now.

Eleven major themes emerged in the discussions held here in our diocese, namely: community/fellowship, youth and young adult faith formation, the desire for the faith to be taught from the pulpit, the need for Catholic support groups, the need for priests to be present,

accountable, transparent, inspire trust and be good communicators, also the perception that the Church engages politically, concern about the rigidity of Church law, especially regarding divorce and annulments, judgment vs. love, LGBTQ issues, rural parishes that feel abandoned, and issues regarding the role of women in the Church.

That's a lot for me to respond to! But I have done so in the Post-Synod Response document that is being provided to you this weekend. I have grouped my response to these 11 themes according to the 3 topics about which Pope Francis has requested input for the synod of bishops to take place in Rome in two sessions in 2023 and 2024, namely: communion, participation and mission.

Pope Francis' dream in calling for this Synod on Synodality was to create an atmosphere of dialogue whereby the issues raised in the course of our conversations could surface and then be addressed, which is our task for the coming years. But beyond the specific concerns raised, the ultimate goal was to model and foster a new, more consultative way of doing things. This could help clericalism cease to be an obstacle in the life of the Church. As our Eucharistic Revival unfolds over the course of these next few years, it is my hope that our local Church will become more "synodal" in everything we do. The word synod derives from two Greek words: "syn" meaning "with" or "together" and "hodos" meaning "road" or "way", the idea being that we "go down the road together" or "we journey together" and we try not to leave anyone behind.

I have also included discussion questions after each of the 3 major sections of the document in the hope that these will help people to gather and give further thought to the issues raised in our dialogue so far. I invite you to take your copy of this document home with you and reflect on its content and asking the Holy Spirit to guide all of us regarding next steps to be taken here locally. And I thank all of you who have participated so far. God bless all of you!

Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock



Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022

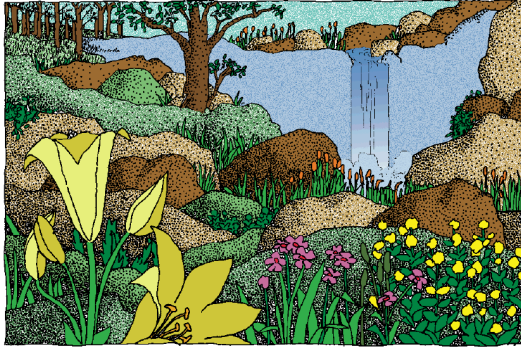
4:00pm—St. Elizabeth Parish Center

7:00pm—St. Anne's (English)

Christmas Day, December 25, 2022

8:30am—St. Elizabeth Church

11:00am—St. Anne's (Spanish)



The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand.

Our Fascinating Faith

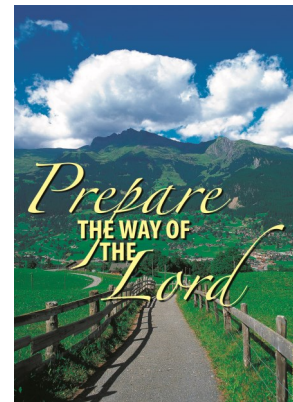
December 8 we celebrate the patronal solemnity of the U.S. and the greatest of Mary's Advent festivals. On that day we remember Mary's conception in the womb of her mother (and nine months later, on September 8, we celebrate Mary's birth). In this liturgy, we affirm our belief that God prepared Mary to be the mother of the son of God by allowing her a share, from the moment of her conception, in the salvation that would be won for all by Christ.

Five mothers make their presence felt on December 8. The first is Eve, the mother of all the living. The second is Mary's mother, who conceived, brought to birth, and nurtured an "immaculate" daughter who would become the mother of the Word made flesh. The third is Elizabeth, who conceived her son John "in her old age." The fourth, of course, is Mary herself. Finally, the letter to the Ephesians and the texts of the Mass for this feast remind us that the Church has been "chosen" to be a spiritual mother. We pray: "The image of the Virgin is found in your Church....Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith."

In this Advent time, we are called, as Mary was, to make room for Christ in our hearts. What will it take, what will be the cost for us to become, as Mary became, real "bearers of the Word?" Let us be open to the intercession of Mary on our behalf, that we may become more and more like her beloved Son.

Harmony

Have you ever known a moment when, just for a brief instant, you felt that all was right with the world? It is just such a moment, stretched into eternity, that the writer of Isaiah describes in today's first reading: the perfection of everything, centered in God's spirit, where knowledge, justice, and awe in God's presence reign. In such a paradise, everyone sees eye to eye and thinks in harmony with each other, as Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Romans. Even animals with a natural animosity toward one another coexist peacefully. John the Baptist understood that such harmonious relationships do not simply happen. They are the fruit of living in right relationship with God and others.



Words of Our Lady Guadalupe to Juan Diego

"Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."



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

*A Speedy
Recovery*
for
**Michael
Boardman**

*Katherine's
Café
Amoré*

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see us soon!

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Gift Shop*

December Schedule

Sat. Dec. 3, 10, 17
10:00am—4:00pm
Sun. Dec. 4, 11, 18
10:00am—1:00pm



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