

December 8, 2024
Second Sunday
of
Advent

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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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
month-12noon at PC)
Saturday 4pm at PC

OFFICE HOURS

Tues. & Thurs.
10:00am-4:00pm

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*"Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall
be made low.
The winding roads shall be
made straight,
and the rough ways made
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and all flesh shall see the
salvation of God."*
- Lk 3:5-6

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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.

PARISH STAFF & MINISTRY LEADERS

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Immaculate Conception Mass 5:00pm at the PC
6:30pm at St. Anne's

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Daily Mass 12:00noon at the PC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Third Sunday of Advent 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13;
Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10;
Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18cde, 19; Lk 1:39-47
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6;
Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16,

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Mary Szafranski- 12/7, Ken Buch - 12/10,
Bruce Wright - 12/10, Karen Core - 12/11,
Katheleen Willoughby - 12/13

May you have many more!



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Robert Bartos, Sophie Bartos

Altar Server: Robbie Bartos

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Mike Godfrey

EMCs: Mary Szafranski, Mindy Godfrey, Rod McGuire

Ushers: Gary Finkeldei, Bev Wright

Altar Server: Leva Murphy

Mass Intentions



Tuesday, December 10

For the Repose of the Soul of Bryan Herbert

Thursday, December 12

For the Repose of the Soul of Jose Luis Perez

Friday, December 13

For the Intentions of the Gary Seyer Family

Saturday, December 14

For the Repose of the Soul of Richard Fowler

Sunday, December 15

For the Intentions of the Gary Seyer Family



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.



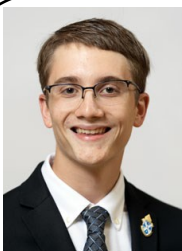
BIG SHOUT OUT to Ted Meyers and Mike Lubbers. Thanks guys for installing a new door on the Bell Tower Shed. Appreciate your good work!

Retirement Fund for the Religious

Women and men religious offer gratitude.

“Sincere thanks to the donors of the Retirement Fund for Religious. I hope we meet, if not in this world, then in the next,” says Sister Teresa Korycka, 81, of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. Your gift impacts over 24,000 senior women and men religious, providing them a dignified retirement. To learn how your donations helps, visit:

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Luke Parker

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on our seminarians, go to

www.dolr.org/seminarians

*Our Seminarians
for the month of
December, 2024*



**Andrew
Schaefer**



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., 12/8	9:30-1:00	Selleck
Sat., 12/14	10:00-4:00	M. Leggett
Sun., 12/15	9:30-1:00	Godfrey

ST. ELIZABETH COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER:

11 - Church Christmas Dinner & Bingo

14 - Deliver Gift of Giving Items.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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Nice attendance for **Coffee and Donuts** in the Garden for **St. Elizabeth's Day**.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

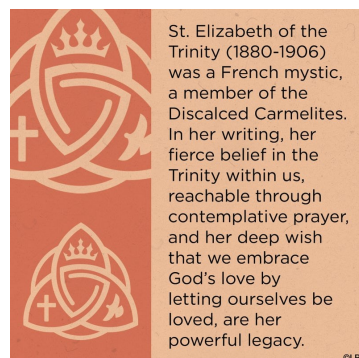
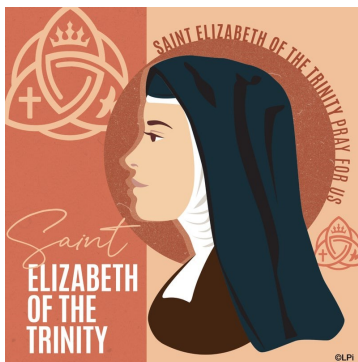
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister, Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when **“the word of God came to John the Baptist:”** Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our history, in real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: “Come, Lord Jesus, Come.”

-Father John Muir



Downtown Snow Globe Christmas

Friday Dec 13, 2024

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CST

Historic Downtown Eureka Springs

All are welcome to this FREE family-friendly event!



Come and experience downtown Eureka Springs as it's transformed into a SNOW GLOBE Christmas! Walk through “snow” blasting through the air, enjoy sweets and treats and shop specials throughout the streets of our beautifully decorated downtown. Catch a glimpse of Santa or maybe even the Grinch! Mark this family friendly event to your calendar and don't miss out on a picture perfect night! Let it SNOW!

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

With abiding hope as we look forward to Jesus' arrival - Make straight the paths, Lord! Fill us with holy excitement, in Your name.

Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Straight Path

Ten to fifteen years ago the Department of Transportation decided that it would be fun to give everyone in my zip code something to complain about and replaced most of our major intersections with roundabouts.

This wouldn't be so irksome, I suppose, if I understood how to navigate a roundabout. In theory I do, I've read all the rules and I've watched those cute little YouTube videos where they show you which car is supposed to go at what time. But theory and practice are rather different. And the bottom line is, I never approach a roundabout without taking a deep, anxious breath and tightening my grip on the steering wheel, not entirely sure what my next move should be.

I think of roundabouts every time I hear today's Gospel reading, where John the Baptist echoes Isaiah in beseeching us to make straight the paths of the Lord. See, I always think I've made a straight path between me and God. I go to Mass. I go to Confession. I say my prayers.

He can get to me if He wants, I tell myself.

But without realizing it, I put up roundabouts. I make rules. *You go here, God, and then I go here. I'll do this, God, but first You do this. You stay in your lane, and I stay in mine.* Eventually I find myself taking a different route altogether; the road that stretches between me and Him is too daunting. I start avoiding it.

Sometimes I think God wants the path to be straight not for Himself but for us. He can handle a roundabout. But He knows that when we must run to Him, we have to do it without thinking. In the dark. In fear, in anxiety.

So, this Advent, beware the roundabouts. Make straight the path.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the Hispanic Advent custom of "Las Posadas"?

Answer:

"Posada" is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. "Las Posadas" refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem.

Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our "posada." As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell.

"Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."
- Lk 3:5-6

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The prophet Baruch offers the Israelites in Babylonian exile a vision of hope in which their broken relationship with God will be fully restored. Is there a broken relationship you could help heal this Advent season?

Second Reading:

Paul prays with joy over the partnership he experiences with the believers in Phillipi. What relationships in your life bring you joy?

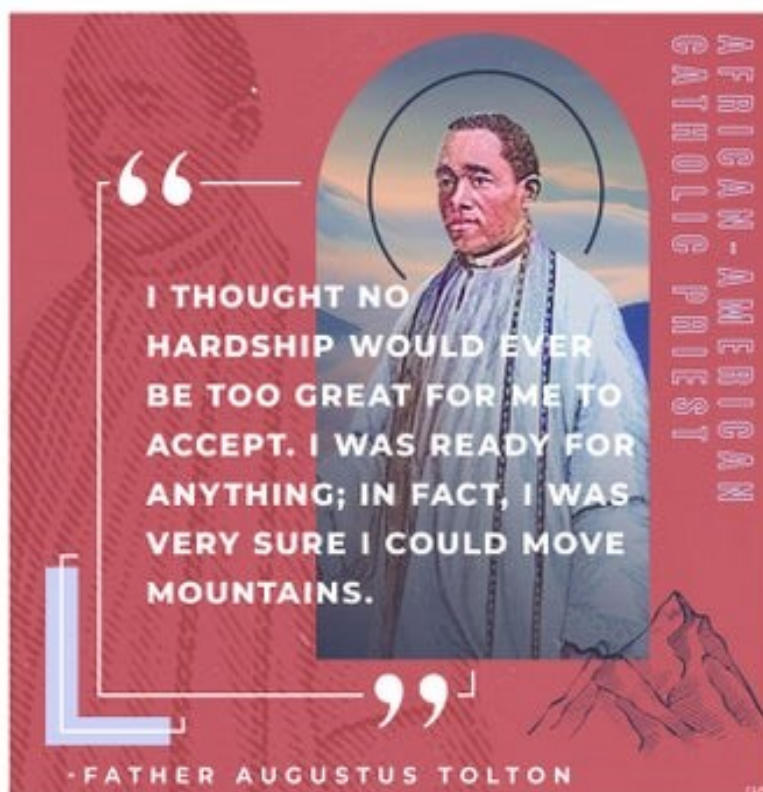
Gospel:

Luke is careful to place the activities of John the Baptist in their proper historical and political context, showing how God acts in human history. Can you think of a time in your personal history when you felt God present?



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November 27, 2024

Dear People of the Diocese of Little Rock,

I am delighted to share that Pope Francis will officially open the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City on December 24, 2024, marking the start of the Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025. This Jubilee, centered on the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*, will be a year dedicated to fostering hope within our hearts and communities, concluding on January 6, 2026.

In a special decree issued on May 14, 2024, the Apostolic Penitentiary authorized diocesan bishops to designate churches within their dioceses as pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year, allowing the faithful—especially those unable to travel to Rome—to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. In keeping with these instructions from the Holy See, I am pleased to announce the Jubilee Churches in our Diocese of Little Rock:

- **The Cathedral of St. Andrew**, Little Rock — the mother church of our diocese
- **St. Edward Church**, Little Rock
- **Immaculate Conception Church**, Fort Smith
- **St. Joseph Church**, Pine Bluff and
- **St. Mary Church**, Helena

I warmly encourage each of you to embark on a pilgrimage to one of these Jubilee Churches. Let this journey be an opportunity to encounter God's abundant mercy and become true agents of hope in our world.

Sincerely in Christ,


+Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock

Drive-Through Light Display and Christmas Tree Forest at The Great Passion Play

Thursday Nov 28, 2024

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM CST

Thanksgiving night through January 1 from dark (5pm) until 8pm

The Great Passion Play

935 Passion Play Rd.

Eureka Springs, AR 72632

Fees/Admission

All are welcome to this donation-only event.



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 now!](#)

Holiday Living Windows

Saturday Dec 14, 2024

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CST

Historic Downtown Eureka Springs!

All are welcome to this free, family-friendly event!

Website

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



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5pm-7pm**

christmasineureka.com

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