

Feb. 18, 2024
1st Sunday
of Lent

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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Sunday 8:30am
Tuesday 8:30am
Thursday 8:30am
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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.

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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, FEBRUARY 20

Adoration	8:00am
Daily Mass	8:30am

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Daily Mass	8:30am
Confessions	9:15am

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Daily Mass	12:00noon at the PC
Stations of the Cross	12:30pm at the PC

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Second Sunday of Lent	8:30am
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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Nancy Elfter - 2/20, Robbie Bartos - 2/22,
Phyllis McGuire - 2/23

May you have many more!



President's Day is Monday,
February 19th.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Barb McClung

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Steven Simmons, Robin Simmons

Altar Server: Jim Witkowski

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Cassian Heath

EMCs: Mary Szafranski, Mindy Godfrey, Phyllis McGuire

Ushers: Michael Murphy, Mike Godfrey

Altar Server: Leva Murphy



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 20

For the Repose of the Soul of Fr. Darrin May

Thursday, February 22

For the Intentions of Ciolo Ylout

Friday, February 23

For the Repose of the Souls of Joe & Martha Wright

Saturday, Saturday, February 24

For the Repose of the Souls of Joe & Martha Wright

Sunday, February 25

For the Repose of the Soul of Fr. Rick Hobbs



Pray for us...



OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Connie Breaux, Richard & Sheila Fowler,
Florence Giels, Charlotte Nowlin, Ernie & Helen Wright
and Barbara Witkowski.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Patsy Crawford, Marci Krieger, Chuck Maxwell, Joe
McDaniel, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, and Libbie Vesekla

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Gus Midden

OUR MILITARY - Tyler Horning and Nic Smith.



FYI...The funeral mass for Augustus “Gus” Midden will be held Monday, Feb. 19, 2024 at 10:00am in the historic church. Following mass, the internment rite and a military honor guard with flag presentation to the family will occur in the Memorial Gardens Columbarium behind the church. The Midden family extends an invitation to all parishioners to attend.

Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

This week our special collection helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity to the collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

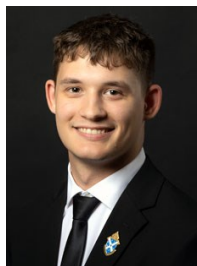


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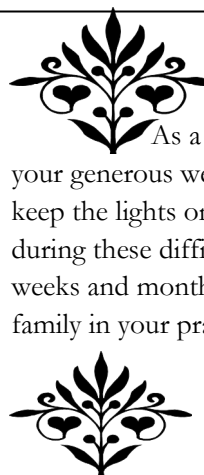
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**Ethan
Harris**

*Our Seminarians
for the month of
February, 2024*



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

Gift Shop Schedule

The Gift Shop will be closed until March 7th.



St. Elizabeth Church

FRIED CATFISH DINNER

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St. Elizabeth Parish Hall

Feb. 23, March 8 & 22

5:00-7:00pm

Dine-in/Carry-out/Walk ins Welcome!

For Reservations, Call 479-253-4503

Have you noticed the beautiful new Sanctuary Lamp in the Church? Thank your Gift Shop workers for this stunning donation!



Saint Cecilia's Corner

FROM SHARON PARKER, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Choir rehearsals for Holy Week and Easter Sunday liturgies will begin on Mon., Feb. 19th at 5:00pm in the Parish Center Hall. Special music will be sung at the 3/23/24 Palm Sunday Mass, the 3/28/24 Holy Thursday Mass and the 3/31/24 Easter Sunday Mass. You may sing for either one, two or all of these liturgies as your schedule permits. If you are looking for a Lenten discipline to practice during this season of Lent, consider singing in the praise of God as fulfilling that requirement. Call Sharon at 479-981-0870 or email her at Song-bird1960@outlook.com for more information.

First Sunday of Lent

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

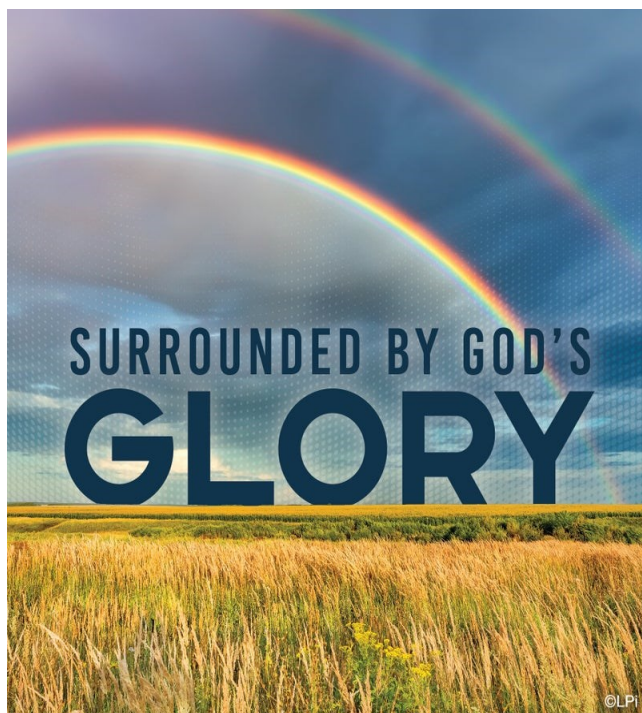
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous “Double Rainbow” video on YouTube to feel better. It’s hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. “Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!” he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, “What does it *mean*?” Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What *does* it mean?

Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante’s medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God’s promise of peace. For Dante, it’s even more: nature’s encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow. (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment - but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

Lenten challenge: This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, “Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory.” This Lent let’s embrace that with confidence, rain or shine.

- Father John Muir



Excerpt from a Letter written by Bishop Taylor

“On behalf of the Diocese of Little Rock, I want to congratulate and thank you and the parishioners of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church for going over your goal for the 2023 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal. You have had 27 parishioners give to the appeal with a total of \$11,750.00 in cash collected. Please know that your parish’s participation is very important to the diocesan ministries and your partnership in this year’s CASA is very much appreciated.”

Our CASA goal for 2024 is \$9,900. From our success last year, we shouldn’t have any trouble surpassing this goal. This money enables the Diocese of Little Rock to provide for the present and future ministries and pastoral needs of the church in the Diocese.



Saint of the Week

St. Pius X’s devotion to the Eucharist was truly inspiring! He lowered the age of First Communion to seven years old, encouraging young hearts to encounter Christ early-on. He also advocated that everyone, regardless to their social class, should have access to the Eucharist.

Prayer for Lent

Dear Jesus,

This is the first Sunday of Lent, and I want to commit myself more deeply to you this season. Inspire me with the Lenten penances you most desire, the ones that help me to grow ever nearer to you.

Amen.



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February 12, 2024

To the People of the Diocese of Little Rock,

A petition is currently being circulated in Arkansas to place an amendment on our November 2024 voting ballots that would change our state constitution to allow abortions until 18 weeks after conception. As Bishop of the Diocese of Little Rock, I urge all Catholics and all people of good will not to sign this petition.

During this campaign to enshrine abortion in our constitution, we expect that our media will be flooded with emotional propaganda. We should all know the truth about abortion and women's healthcare.¹ Abortion, the direct and intentional killing of a child in the womb, is never morally permissible. Abortion is never medically necessary. It does not treat or solve any pregnancy-related complication. It is not the same as treatment for miscarriage, because in miscarriage the baby has already died. Banning abortion does not prevent women from receiving true healthcare that they need. In rare cases, and in the absence of better alternatives, life-threatening maternal health conditions may require interventions that indirectly and unintentionally lead to the death of an unborn child—but this is not abortion.

This radical amendment would also strip our government from protecting women and their unborn children by gutting the state's regulatory laws like requiring parental consent before a minor has an abortion, informed consent and ultrasound requirements, or abortion facility inspection. Arkansas would be unable to protect unborn children who can already feel pain from dismemberment abortion.

The citizens of Arkansas share in the responsibility to legally protect every human life from conception to natural death. It is critical that all registered voters decline to sign the petition to allow the Arkansas Abortion Amendment on the November 2024 ballot. Rather than abortion, women should be provided love, compassion, and support through pregnancy and into each child's early years. Together we can protect the lives of thousands of innocent babies.

Sincerely in Christ,


Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock

¹ USCCB infographic, 2022, *The Truth about Abortion and Women's Health*

<https://www.usccb.org/fp/en/women/2022/08/20/infographic-the-truth-about-abortion-and-women-s-health>

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Lent and the Flood

I would bet money that somewhere in your church this Lent, there's a bare tree branch draped in purple fabric and an empty bowl filled with rocks.

I'm not poking fun, the desert imagery that surrounds the season of Lent isn't a cliché — or if it is, it's only because clichés are essentially true. Lent is the desert. Lent is the wilderness. Lent is the time of less.

But what if Lent was also the flood?

It seems counterintuitive, floods are excessive, and we don't think of Lent as a time for superabundance. Lent is when we limit experiences outside of ourselves in order to limit proclivities within ourselves. Lent is not a time for anything to be washing over us, consuming us, carrying us away on a tide.

Unless...it is.

Consider the flood of the Old Testament. An act of destruction, yes, but also an act of purification. An endurance test for the soul, an epic trust fall exercise between God and Noah in which Noah had to ride the literal waves, clinging to life as God wiped away everything familiar. Everything sinful.

In Lent, we relinquish our weaknesses and our infirmities to the flood. It's frightening, certainly. But it's also exciting. Because just as the flood destroys everything, it also makes everything possible. It is a baptism.

Lent, like the flood, makes the world new.

"Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit." — 1 Peter 3:18

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What do the colors of the priest's and deacon's vestments mean?

Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the colors of the vestments evolved over the course of several centuries and there was wide variation both in the colors used, and in the feasts and seasons associated with particular colors. It was Pope Innocent III (d. 1216) who gave us the basic outline that was later prescribed by Pope Saint Pius V in 1570. The various colors remind us of the dominant themes of a particular season or celebration.

- **White:** Used for the seasons of Christmas and Easter and in celebrations of the Lord, of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs. This color is also used in Masses for the dead, at baptisms, weddings and other festive celebrations.
- **Red:** As the color of both blood and fire, red is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, as well as Pentecost and special celebrations of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, red is used on the feasts and memorials of the Apostles and those saints who died as martyrs.
- **Violet:** The color for Advent and Lent. Violet may also be used in Masses for the dead and on All Souls Day (November 2).
- **Green:** A color of life and hope, green is used throughout Ordinary Time.

Other colors: Rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, black may be used in Masses of the dead and on All Souls Day, gold or silver may be used on solemn occasions in place of white, red, or green.

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

God used a rainbow as a sign of his covenant with Noah and all living creatures to never again flood the earth. Are there some additional signs in your life of God's love for us?

Second Reading

Peter taught that baptism serves as an appeal or pledge to God for a clear conscience. What leads you to an examination of conscience?

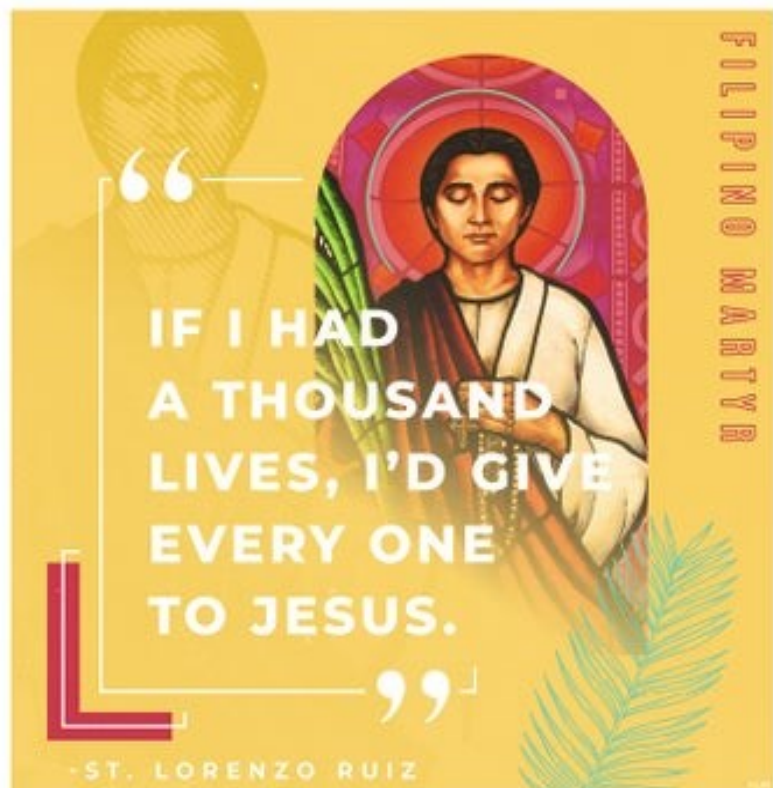
Gospel Reading

After a brief report of Jesus' temptation by Satan in the desert, we hear the first words of Jesus at the launch of his public ministry in Galilee: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As we begin the Lenten journey, what are some temptations you plan to face this Lent?



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A religious painting of St. Peter Damian, a bearded man with a halo, holding a wooden cross. The background is a vibrant, abstract mix of red, purple, and yellow.

"Do not let

*your weakness make
you impatient...let
words of thanks break
from your lips."*

— St. Peter Damian

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A graphic for Lent featuring a purple background with a white cross and two hands raised in prayer. The word 'LENT' is written in large, bold, white capital letters.

LENT

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