

Feb. 25, 2024
2nd Sunday
of Lent

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Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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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

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Tues. & Thurs.
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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. - Mk 9:7-8

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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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Third Sunday of Lent 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 & 13;
Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 &
23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16;
Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6;
Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Grace Diggs - 2/24, Gretchen Diederich - 2/26,
Sarah Simmons - 2/27

May you have many more!



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

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: Jim Witkowski

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Phyllis McGuire

EMCs: Karen Finkeldei, Rod McGuire, Mary Szafranski

Ushers: Bev Wright, Gary Finkeldei

Altar Server: Dan Kees



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 27

For the Intentions of Ciolo Ylout

Thursday, February 29

For the Intentions of Michael Kuebler

Friday, March 1

For the

Repose of the Soul of Mons. Scott Marczuk

Saturday, March 2

For the Repose of the Soul of Mary Lobato

Sunday, March 3

For the Repose of the Soul of George Jankowski



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 -

OUR MILITARY - Tyler Horning and Nic Smith.



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

CASA

Congratulations, Parishioners. We went over our goal in 2023, raising a total of **\$11,750!** Our goal for 2024 is **\$9,900.** Let's have another successful year and go over our goal again this year.

Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Thank you for your generous contributions to this Collection last week. We collected money to restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/ccee.



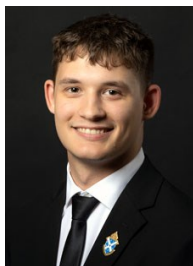
Our Seminarians for the month of February, 2024

Phillip Zawislak

Contact address:

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

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



**Ethan
Harris**



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 difficult 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

*Catfish, Fries, Slaw, Hush Puppies, Drinks,
Dessert*

St. Elizabeth Parish Hall

Feb. 23, March 8 & 22

5:00-7:00pm

2 piece/\$15, 3 piece/\$18

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



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 Songbird1960@outlook.com for more information.

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy; glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit Priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did, in my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: **"Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love - Isaac - and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."** Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that God *sets the terms* of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names. Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus - but that doesn't make it easy.

-Father John Muir



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SAINT OF THE WEEK

Blessed Carlo Acutis was born in 1991 and is the first millennial to be beatified. Despite dying of leukemia at age 15, he developed a website that showcases Eucharistic Miracles around the world, demonstrating that holiness knows no age.

PRAYER OF TRUST

Dear Lord,
Your ways confuse me sometimes. Often I don't fully understand what You are doing. But I believe that You are working in a way that will one day make sense. Until then, keep me close to You, trusting blindly in the ways You lead me. Amen

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

On the Mountain

Why climb a mountain? "Because it's there," George Mallory famously said, before perishing in an attempt to scale Mount Everest.

God is an event planner; every detail matters, and the location is most crucial of all. On the mountain, God demanded the sacrifice of Isaac. On the mountain, he restored Isaac to his father. On the mountain, Jesus was transfigured, revealed in all his mystifying glory as the beloved Son of God, the sacrifice which would finally balance the scale.

These things happened on a mountain because they could only happen on a mountain. The mountain is where the reckoning happens. It is where God takes, where He gives back, where He hands down.

In Lent, we encounter the mountain. We are removed from the distractions of ordinary life and placed outside the confines of our everyday habits. We find silence and mystery, pain and truth. We struggle and we become tired, and there is always a moment when we wonder if, perhaps, it would have been easier not to climb. There is always a moment when others look at us and think: "Why climb a mountain?"

I confess, I am not much of an outdoorswoman. Hiking, in my family, is any walking you do on a trail that is not paved, so I am far from qualified to comment on whether or not the view from the summit was worth George Mallory's life. But I do know a thing or two about struggling through a difficult experience. I know the strange peace that exists in the moment after it's all over and you catch your breath and realize you are a better, stronger, wiser person for the pain.

The mountain is there. Let's climb it.

"God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, 'Abraham!' 'Here I am!' he replied." — Genesis 22:1

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we hold hands during the Our Father?

Answer:

The practice of members of the assembly holding hands while praying the Lord's Prayer during the Mass is a custom that developed organically in the 1970s and 1980s. While some commentators acknowledge that the practice varies from place to place, it is a fairly universal reality in parishes across the United States. For some, this action symbolizes the communion of Christians praying together as one family of believers honoring the Father of All. Critics of the practice sometimes express concern that holding hands can be a distraction from the more significant unity that is experienced when we process to the altar to receive sacramental communion.

And so, we're left to ask, what is the answer?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the document that offers specific instructions for the celebration of the Mass) is silent on the practice, saying only that "all the faithful say the prayer" with the priest. The website of the US Bishops simply observes that "No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord's Prayer." And so, we're left to discern within ourselves and within our parish and religious communities what is an authentic gesture of praise during this important point of the Mass. For some, this means continuing to hold hands, while for others, this may mean adopting another posture of prayer.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Abraham passed God's test to offer his beloved son, Isaac, as a sacrifice. Have you ever felt tested by God?

Second Reading

Paul speaks of God's generous love and affection for us, ever willing to defend and protect us. As we continue the Lenten journey, to whom might you offer some comfort and care this week?

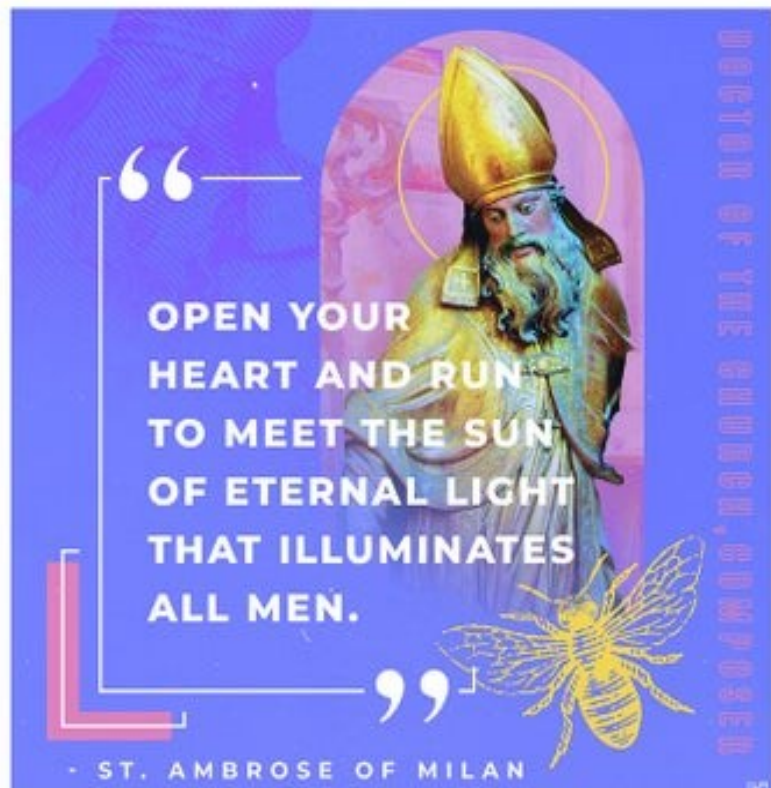
Gospel Reading

After witnessing Jesus' transfiguration, hearing God's voice, and commanded to silence, Peter, James, and John must have been spiritually and emotionally drained. What helps energize you spiritually?



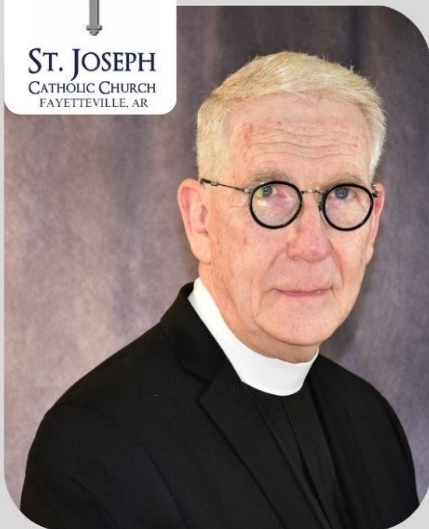
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Rev. Dennis McManus

Fr. Dennis McManus is a priest of the Archdiocese of Mobile in Alabama. From 1997-2006, he worked as Associate Director of the Secretariat for the Liturgy at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, DC. Pope John Paul II named him as consultor and theologian to the newly established Vox Clara commission of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on which he has served since 2001; Pope Benedict XVI then appointed Fr. McManus as consultor to the Congregation itself in 2010 and then as peritus to the Vox Clara commission. He has taught as professor of liturgy at several seminaries, just completing his last assignment at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg. Fr. McManus has written widely on liturgical topics. He served as pastoral coordinator for the Archdiocese of New York in deliverance and exorcism ministry from 2009-2011. He is also the USCCB consultant for Jewish Affairs and membered on both the Vatican-Baptist dialogue (2007-20012) and the USCCB-Reform Churches dialogue which issued its historic joint agreement on the form and recognition of baptism (2012). He was general editor of Paulist Press' Ancient Christian Writers Series from 1994-2007 and translation editor of Varsity Press' Ancient Christian Commentary from 1995-1998. Fr. McManus has taught courses in theology, medieval literature, classical languages and Jewish studies for over 40 years. He holds a bachelor's degree in classical languages and philosophy from St. Mary's College of California; a master's degree in historical ethics from Georgetown University and a doctorate in patristics from Drew University. He just completed 25 years as Professor in the department of Jewish civilization at Georgetown University. He is presently assigned as parochial vicar at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland, California and professor of theology at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park.

JOIN US THIS LENT FOR A SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON MARCH 9TH & 10TH

**Fr. McManus will celebrate
mass on March 9th at 5pm**

**Talk #1 will be on St. Joseph,
in advance of his feast day
on March 19th. Light snacks
will be provided**

**Saturday March 9th
6:15pm-7:30pm
Corry Hall**

**Talk #2 will be on Spiritual
Warfare and the Family**

**Sunday March 10th
10:15am-11:30am
DeBriyn Center Gym
Donuts and coffee provided**



I will walk
before the Lord.

PSALM 116

Thanks for all of
your good wishes
and prayers.

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Drinks, Dessert

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