

Feb. 4, 2024

5th Sunday

In

Ordinary Time

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Contact Us...

CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive
Eureka Springs, AR
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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

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

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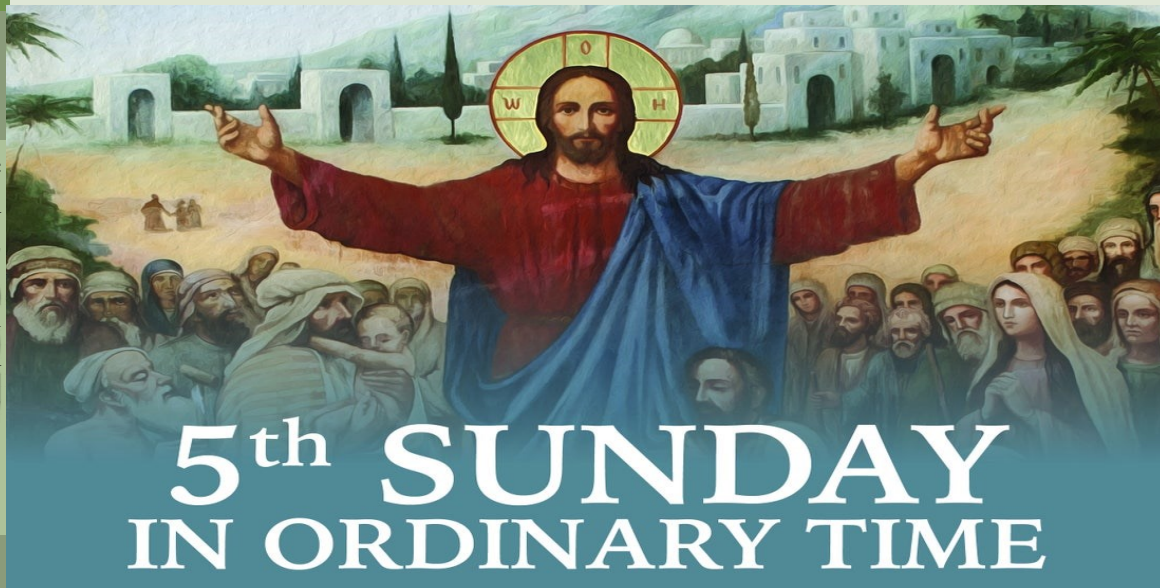
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All visitors to our beautiful town of Eureka Springs are welcome to visit our historic Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church, and to pray and worship with us. If you are Catholic, and have recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you are also 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.

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

No Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

No Mass

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

No Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;
Mk 6:53-36

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and
10, 11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and
40; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab,
12-13, 14-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab,
19-20, 21-22; Mk 8:1-10

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Jo Elworth - 2/3, Jennifer George - 2/4,
Annie Nelson - 2/8

May you have many more!

WEIGHTY

An ounce of practice is worth a pound
of preaching.

-John Ray



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 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, FEBRUARY 11

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Phyllis McGuire

EMCs: Rod McGuire, Phyllis McGuire, Karen Finkeldei

Ushers: Ted Meyer, Mike Godfrey

Altar Server: Dan Kees



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 6 - No Mass

Thursday, February 8 - No Mass

Friday, February 9 - No Mass

Saturday, February 10

For the Repose of the Souls of Bill & Connie Archer

Sunday, February 11

For the Repose of the Soul of June Hackenmueller



Pray for us...



OUR PARISHIONERS -

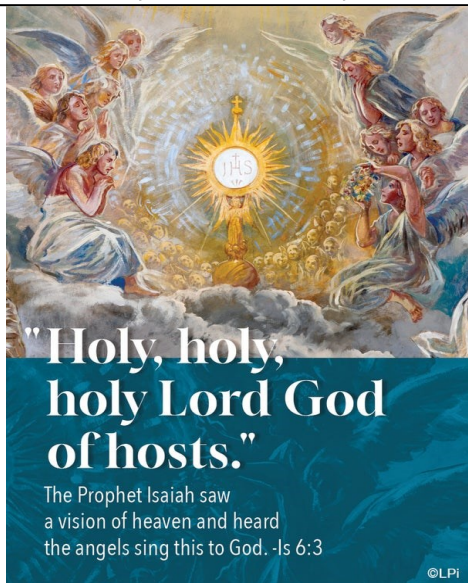
Connie Blazek, Connie Breaux, Richard & Sheila Fowler,
Florence Giels, Charlotte Nowlin, Ernie & Helen Wright
and Barbara Witkowski.

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, George Schwender,
and Nic Smith.



CASA

This weekend the 2024 Catholic Arkansas sharing Appeal begins. We ask that you prayerfully welcome this opportunity to give in support of overall needs of the Church in our Diocese. Our Parish Goal is \$9,900. Giving is a lifestyle. Generosity, whether it be a self-less giving of your time, your talents or your treasure, is a true mark of a follower of Christ. In the Diocese of Little Rock we are blessed with many individuals and families that have joined together to make a difference in our world by being long-time, monthly supporters of the Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal. Please return your CASA Gift/Pledge in the envelopes provided.



Phillip Zawislak

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For more information
on our seminarians, go to
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**Ethan
Harris**

*Our Seminarians
for the month of
February, 2024*



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 the middle of March.

St. Elizabeth Church

FRIED CATFISH DINNER

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



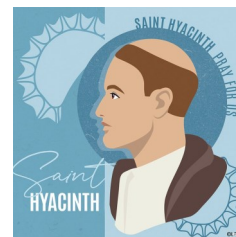
St. Elizabeth Parish Hall

Feb. 23, March 8 & 22

5:00-7:00pm

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

For Reservations, Call 479-253-4503



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Hyacinth of Poland's devotion to the Christ in the Eucharist ignited a missionary fire that spread the Gospel across Central and Eastern Europe. He established Dominican communities all over Poland and is the patron saint of the pierogi!

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

Dear Jesus,
Reveal yourself to me! When I am alone and in darkness, fill me with your light. I want to know you, I want to experience your healing. Be with me, Lord.
Amen

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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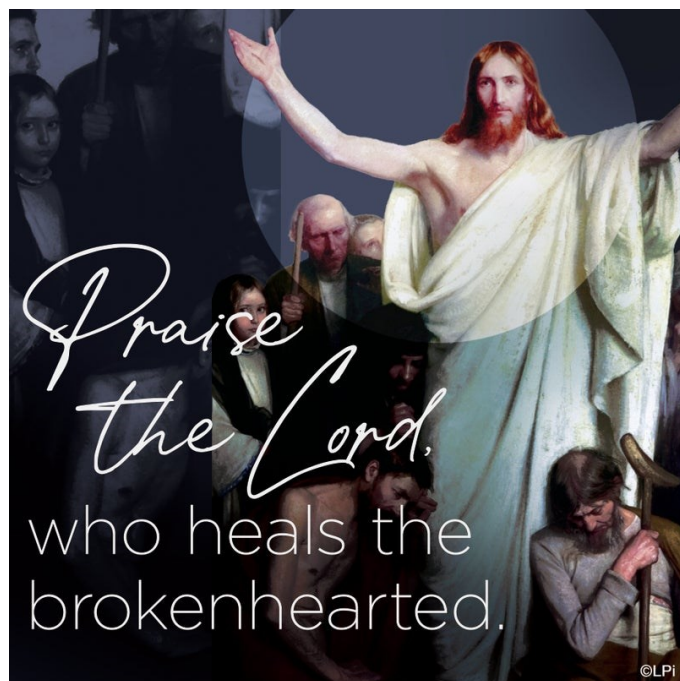
GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues. Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark, **"...they brought him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door."** The entire human community is afflicted in various ways and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ - and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place.

- Father John Muir



2024 MASS FOR HOPE AND HEALING

- What:** To pray for healing for survivors of child sexual abuse, and to commemorate April as the National Child Abuse Prevention Month
- When:** Sunday, April 14 at 5:30pm
- Where:** Cathedral of St. Andrew, 617 S. Louisiana St., Little Rock
- Who:** Anyone who is interested in praying for victims, their families and friends

Bishop Anthony B. Taylor, Celebrant

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer in Time of Illness

Lord Jesus,
I believe that having passed through the gate of life in baptism, I will always have your protection and comfort. Yet today the pains of my illness threaten to overcome me and cause me to forget all the good things you have given me in this life. I pray in confidence that you would send forth your Spirit to refresh me as you have always done in the past. May I continue to witness to your goodness in this life so that I may be with you at the heavenly banquet table in eternity.
Amen. Alleluia

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Purpose and Pride

Father, forgive me. Today's Gospel made me want to fight somebody.

If you want to make me really, really angry, you are sure of doing so if you tell me about an old woman who was sick, but felt a little better, and then her son-in-law and all his buddies showed up, so she cooked them a bunch of food and cleaned up after them.

We all project our own feelings, fears, insecurities, and desires onto the word of God. I certainly do. And most of my feelings, fears, insecurities, and desires spring from my current role as a tired mom of little kids.

I think there is a fear inside many of us of God's purpose for our lives. What if it's not aligned perfectly with what we think we need, or what we imagine we want? Most of the time, I think I need a nap, and I imagine that I want absolutely no one asking me for any kind of help. And here I am, perpetually napless and always being called on to render assistance.

The actions of Peter's mother-in-law were the only actions we would expect of a woman who had just received a miracle. She jumped up, and with bravery and boldness she served the Lord.

But couldn't she rest? Couldn't she serve him later? Couldn't she thank him with a smile and take a nap? Well, I suppose. But is that how you react to a miracle?

I have received my miracle — my family. My purpose. So why am I still lying down?

"He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them."
— Mark 1:31

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Is gossip a mortal sin?

Answer:

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. - Mk 1:38-39

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Job was overwhelmed with feelings of sadness and despair. How does your faith help you get through difficult times?

Second Reading

Paul sees his "gospel" (the good news of Jesus Christ) as the center of his life. What do you think is the focus of your life?

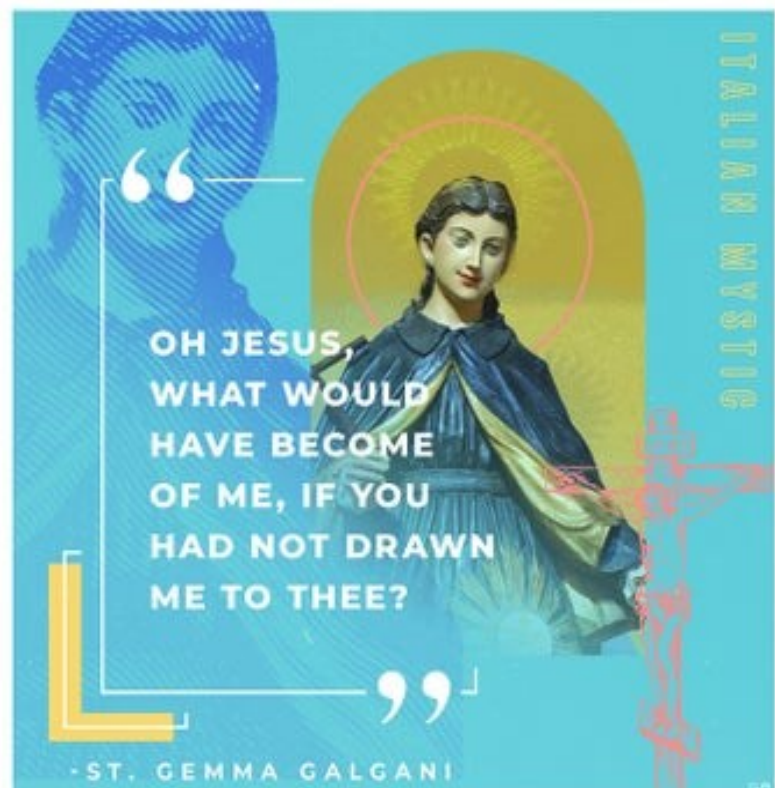
Gospel Reading

At the start of Jesus's public ministry in Galilee, we hear he was purpose-driven in performing many healings and exorcisms, as well as preaching the good news of the kingdom of God. What could you do this week as an intentional act of charity or kindness?



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