

February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Contact Us...

CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive
Eureka Springs, AR
72632

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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"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man." - Lk 6:22

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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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Parish Secretary & Bookkeeper

Nancy Elfter

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Sharon Parker

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

No Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

No Mass

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

No Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1 & 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8: 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a & 2, 3ac-4, 3b & 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13,20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday	Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 8:34-9:1
Saturday	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6;Mk 16:13-19
Sunday:	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Sharon Parker - 2/16, Nancy Elfter - 2/20

May you have many more!

WEIGHTY

An ounce of practice is worth a pound of preaching.

-John Ray



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Barb McClung

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: The Simmons Family

Altar Server:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Mike Godfrey

EMCs: Rod McGuire, Mindy Godfrey, Phyllis McGuire

Ushers: Mike Murphy, Gary Finkeldei

Altar Server: Dan Kees



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 18

No Mass

Thursday, February 20

No Mass

Friday, February 21

No Mass

Saturday, February 22

For the Repose of the Souls of E.B. Lobato &

Steve Lobato

Sunday, February 23

For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Pray for us...



OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Sheila Fowler, Florence Giels, Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Mary Ann Dobrobolny, Linda Gilmore, Pam Heinzl, Marci Krieger, Joe McDaniel, Gene Ochrymowich, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, Leslie Scroggins, Becky Sisco, Shari Soukup, Ed Terrill, Libbie Vesekla and Connie Woolheiser

OUR MILITARY - Tyler Horning and Nic Smith.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -



CASA

FYI: Donations from CASA 2024 are being used this year to support these programs and ministries:

1. Parish and mission support, \$120,000: Helps offset salaries and benefits for one priest, a permanent deacon and 10 religious sisters serving in mission churches.
2. Youth and campus ministry, \$230,000: Helps support diocesan youth ministry activities and Catholic campus ministry at 8 locations around the state.
3. Grants to Catholic schools, \$100,000: Grants are distributed to schools for needs-based scholarships, educational materials and building maintenance. *(to be continued)*

THE CHOSEN, Season 4

Starting March 19 - 6:30pm, continuing March 26, April 2, 9, and 16
Parish Hall

Free Popcorn, Candy & Pop

Come enhance your Lenten journey!



*Our Seminararians
for the month of
February, 2025*

Samuel Stengel

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St. Meinrad, IN 47577

For more information

on our seminararians, go to

www.dolr.org/seminarians



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Thomas**

 **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

December Gift Shop Schedule

The Gift Shop will be closed until March 6, 2025.



PHOTO CONTEST

Any Arkansas photographer, 18 or older, can enter their photo of a local Catholic church or institution for a chance to be featured on the cover of the 2026 Diocese of Little Rock directory. **Arkansas Catholic** sponsors the annual cover photo contest. The contest entry deadline is March 17. Complete rules and how to enter are available at Arkansas-catholic.org/. For more information, contact Debbie Kelley at dkelly@dolr.org or 501-664-0125.

CHURCH IN CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now struggling with 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.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

**Knights of Columbus
Fried Catfish Dinners
March 7, March 21,
April 4
5:00pm-7:00pm
Parish Hall
\$15/\$18**



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GOSPEL MEDITATION

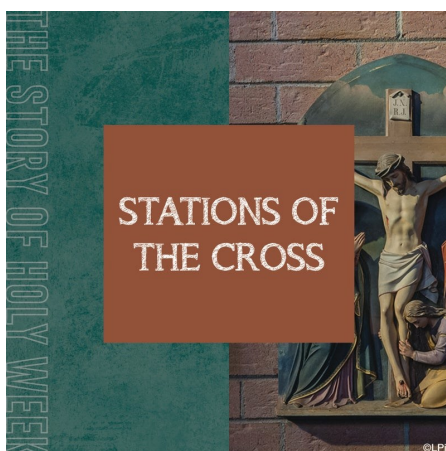
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I'd strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week's Gospel of Saint Luke's "woes": **Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh now...who are well-spoken of** (cf. Luke 6:24-26). How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The "woes" the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the purpose of your life, you'll be miserable. He is saying, "You'll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does."

To some degree, we're all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four "woes." How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us - that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us. But first let's admit what is causing our "woes."

-Father John Muir



DEVOTIONS, *Explained!*

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians have meditated upon Christ's passion and death. Over the centuries, the Stations of the Cross was popularized as a devotional means to experience the places and moments central to the story of Holy Week.



Marriage is a journey! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can help you enrich your marriage and add some adventure to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or for decades, a Marriage Encounter Experience may be just the thing you need to put fresh air into your relationship. The next weekend is March 21-23, at Subiaco Coury House, Subiaco, AR. **SPACE IS LIMITED.** Visit <http://www.arkansaswme.org>.



PRAYER OF GOD'S BLESSING

Bless me Lord, mold my heart in imitation of Yours.
Bless me Lord, help me to see people as You do, and to hear their needs.
Bless me Lord, replace my understanding with Yours.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Jesus was radical in his teaching that the “stuff” in life wasn’t all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. Are we ready to be radical, too?

In the End, Does it Matter?

I love today’s Gospel passage, and not just because I love a When I was a teenager, the priest I would go to for confession used to tell me, over and over: “In the end, we all get the same dirty hole in the ground.”

What he meant was, it doesn’t matter how rich or smart or well-liked we are. We’re all heading to the same place. This life comes to an end for every man. All the money he earns, all the stuff, all the worldly esteem, will at some point be of no further use. We all get the same dirty hole in the ground.

It was an important message for me to hear, because at the time, it all seemed so important: my after-school job and my FAFSA application and my grades. The admiration of my friends and teachers. I was so consumed with what I was going to become that I wasn’t spending a lot of time thinking about who I was going to become. But the who is the only thing that lasts until the next life.

And to be honest, it’s all still too important to me. Avoiding sadness and disappointment. Saving money and being liked. Focusing on “the five-year plan” when it comes to career, house plans, and a whole bunch of other things I can’t take to my dirty hole in the ground.

Jesus was radical in his teaching that the “stuff” in life wasn’t all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success — wealth, popularity, pleasure — did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. It was radical in the ancient world, and it’s radical today.

Are we ready to be radical, too?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Carnivale and Mardi Gras celebrations are linked to Ash Wednesday, Lent, fast and abstinence. Can you tell us more about the connections between these events?

Answer:

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as Lent. Every year, Christians highlight this penitential season as a time of self-examination, reformation of one’s life, and continued development of a deeper spiritual life. The recommended practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity and ritual. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continued concern for the other, especially the poor or alienated.

Forty days is a symbolic biblical period of time, during which personal transformation occurs and out of which people surface as more spiritual, ready to carry out God’s mission. Relying on God’s providence and care, no matter how difficult life becomes, is crucial to Lenten spirituality. Fasting was initially stricter, permitting only one simple meal a day without meat, fish, or other delicacies. Such things were not even allowed in the house.

In order to prepare for this in an age of no refrigeration, people gathered to consume whatever was not allowed during Lent. This led to parties or celebrations originally referred to as Carnivale, literally meaning “goodbye to meat,” or Mardi Gras, literally meaning “Fat Tuesday.” The eating and celebrating ended on the Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday. Today we focus more on moderation in all things, as well as a strong concern for the poor. What are you doing for the poor this Lent?

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Behold, your reward will be great in heaven."
- Lk 6:22, 23b

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Jeremiah believes it is wise to trust in the Lord. When have you had to place your trust in God?

Second Reading:

Paul challenged those in the Corinthian community who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. How do you support family or friends who are non-believers?

Gospel:

We hear today how Jesus brought comfort to those struggling in life and challenged those who lived a life of ease. Is there someone you know who could benefit from your words of comfort this week?



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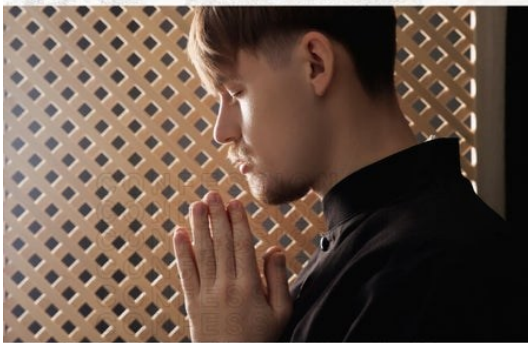
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

3 TIPS FOR HAVING A GOOD CONFESSION EXPERIENCE



CONFESSION TIPS
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CONFESSION TIP 1

Look up confession times before you go and make a plan so you aren't rushed.



TIP NUMBER ONE
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CONFESSION TIP 2

Write down what you want to confess and any prayers you don't have memorized so you don't forget in the moment.



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CONFESSION TIP 3

Be humble, sincere, and entire. These are the chief qualities of a good confession.



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Mardi Gras Night Parade

Saturday Feb 22, 2025

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM CST

Historic Downtown Eureka Springs! Parade route is from the library to the courthouse.

All are welcome to this FREE event!



Prepare for a dazzling spectacle of lights and exhilarating fun at the Eureka Springs Mardi Gras Night Parade! As twilight descends, the streets come alive with a radiant display of colorful floats, vibrant costumes, and illuminated wonders that ignite the night with excitement.

Join us for a magical procession through the heart of Eureka Springs, where the spirit of Mardi Gras is amplified by the enchanting glow of lights. Be part of this lively celebration as the community comes together, creating an unforgettable experience filled with laughter, camaraderie, and the joyous energy of the season. Bring your family and friends to witness the charm of Eureka Springs illuminated in a spectacular blend of festivities. Don't miss out on this extraordinary event that promises a night of pure, illuminated delight!

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday Mar 15, 2025
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CDT

The route goes past the Post Office, down to Basin Park and continues past city hall.

Fees/Admission

All are welcome to this FREE family friendly event!



Description

Parade kicks off from the Library at 2pm on Saturday March 15th. The route goes past the Post Office, down to Basin Park and continues past city hall.

Please visit our website www.Kaptains.org for more information and parade Sign up 30 days before event.



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