

February 23, 2025

7th Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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CHURCH

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.
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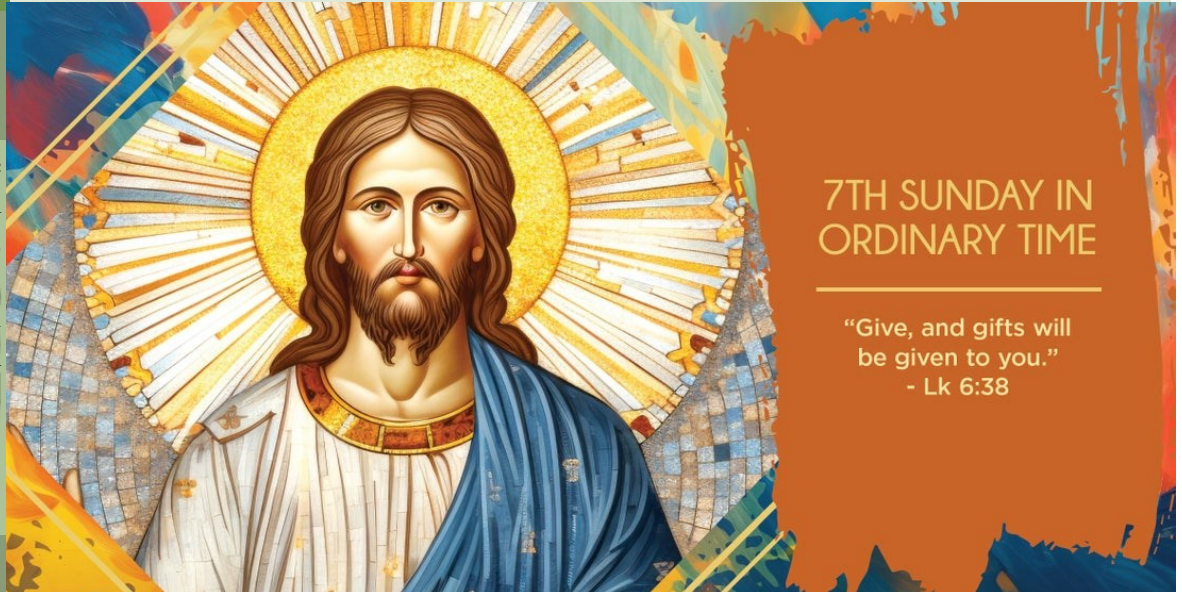
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7TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will
be given to you."
- Lk 6:38

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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Rev. Joseph Archibong

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Nancy Elfter

Director of Music

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

No Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

No Mass

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

No Mass

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday	Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday	Sir 17:1-15;Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday:	Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a); 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Robert Bartos- 2/22, Phyllis McGuire - 2/23,
Grace Diggs - 2/24, Gretchen Diederich - 2/26,
Sarah Simmons - 2/27

May you have many more!

THE HEAVIEST LOAD

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.

Anonymous



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, MARCH 1

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:

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Phyllis McGuire

EMCs: Karen Finkeldei, Mindy Godfrey, Rod McGuire

Ushers: Bev Wright, Gary Finkeldei

Altar Server: Leva Murphy



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 25

No Mass

Thursday, February 27

No Mass

Friday, February 28

No Mass

Saturday, March 1

For the Repose of the Soul of George Jankowski

Sunday, March 2

For the Repose of the Soul of Mary Lobato



Pray for us...



OUR PARISHIONERS -

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

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Mary Ann Dobrobnly, Linda Gilmore, Pam Heinzl, Marci Krieger, Joe McDaniel, Gene Ochrymowich, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, Leslie Scroggins, Becky Sisco, Shari Soukup, Ed Terrill, Libbie Veskla 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:
4. Grants to faith formation and youth programs, \$100,000: The Faith Formation and Catholic Youth Ministry noffices administer grants to parish religious education, faith formation, programs and parish youth ministry.
5. Diocesan ministries, \$600,000: Helps support all the ministries and personnel at the diocesan offices.
6. Seminarian expenses, \$75,000: Helps pay the seminary tuition and living expenses for 22 seminarians. (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

Contact address:

St. Meinrad Seminary, 200 Hill Drive

St. Meinrad, IN 47577

For more information

on our seminararians, go to

www.dolr.org/seminarians



Quinton 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 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

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

MASS FOR HOPE AND HEALING

Sunday, April 27, 5:30pm

Cathedral of St. Andrew

617 S. Louisiana St., Little Rock

Bishop Anthony B. Taylor, Celebrant

For everyone who is interested in praying for victims of sexual abuse, their families and friends.



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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Knights of Columbus

Fried Catfish Dinners

March 7, March 21,

April 4

5:00pm-7:00pm

Parish Hall

\$15/\$18



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "**Be merciful just as your Father is merciful**" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect that perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

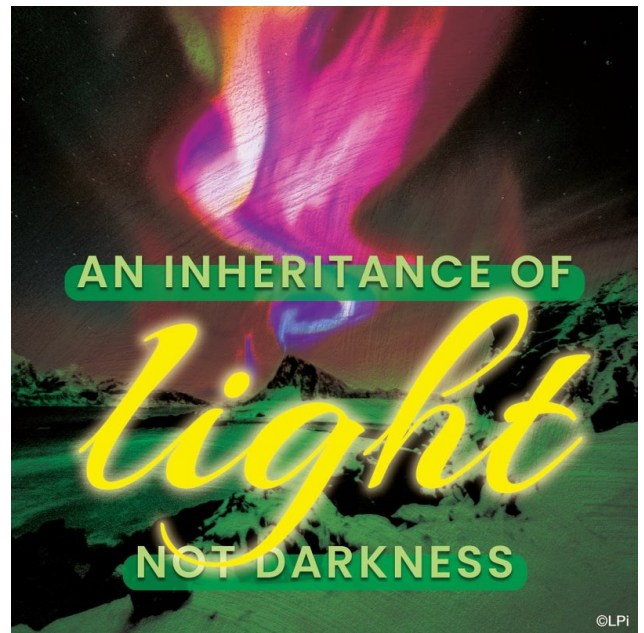
What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of God's life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance.

-Father John Muir



DEVOTIONS, *Explained!*

Fasting was practiced by righteous men and women of the Old Testament and later by Christ himself. It remains an important part of the Christian devotional life today, being most strongly associated with the penitential season of Lent.



LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the Week

Jesus' message today is one of radical generosity and abundant mercy, and it scandalized the people of his time. It shook them to their core. It should do the same for us. Are we ready to live as Jesus lived? Are we ready to offer love in the face of hate?

Junktique 2025 is almost here!

Get ready for Catholic High's Junktique sale, happening on Saturday, March 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Little Rock. We're accepting donations of new and gently used items on March 3-7 and March 10-13, from 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Here's how you can make a difference:

* Donate your items. Books, mattresses and box TVs are not accepted. Large item pick-up in Little Rock can be scheduled by calling (501) 664-3939 or emailing chsjustique@lrchs.org.

* Volunteer and enjoy early shopping privileges. Sign up here: signup.com/go/sFzUUuR
Shop the sale and find great deals while supporting CHS.

PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN LIFE

Dear Jesus,
Help me to pray for and bless everyone I encounter, whether that be easy or hard. Help me to act in the mercy I have known through you. Help me to demonstrate generosity, as you have given so much to me.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: It saddens me that Christians have somehow gained this reputation as a people who judge, who condemn. Today's Gospel is an invitation for us to consider how we engage with people who disagree with us — or maybe even actively dislike us.

Judgment and Love

"Oh, well. I'm going to hell anyway, right?"

I have a few family members and friends who are not practicing Catholics who say this to me from time to time. It's always spoken in a teasing manner, with a wink and a shoulder shrug, usually to explain away some sort of minor misbehavior they feel guilty about.

It saddens me that Christians have somehow gained this reputation as a people who judge, who condemn. I think in part it stems from a misunderstanding on the part of unchurched people (and lots of churching ones, too) regarding what constitutes "judging." It is absolutely not "judging" someone to disagree with a personal decision, whatever that decision may be, or to decline from participating in that decision. We all have functioning consciences; we are all supposed to discern the moral goodness of any action before we take it.

But it is judging someone if we allow their decisions to impact how we treat them.

Today's Gospel is an invitation for us to consider how we engage with people who disagree with us — or maybe even actively dislike us. Much is said these days of the "culture wars." I certainly don't disagree that it can often feel like you're fighting a war when you're trying to live as the Church teaches. The forces against you often seem overwhelming and nefarious. And guess what? They are.

But we need to remember who the enemy really is. The enemy is not other children of God, even if they are children of God who are actively promoting ideas that are wrong. Perhaps these people are misguided and mistaken. Perhaps they are misled by the devil. Have we not all been misled by him at some point?

We must interact lovingly with people who think differently and live differently from us. The Christian life absolutely demands it.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Is Ash Wednesday a holy day of obligation?

Answer:

Despite the often packed churches, you may be surprised to hear that the answer is no! Holy days of obligation commemorate a particular event (such as the birth of Christ at Christmas) or celebrate particular people (such as Mary's Immaculate Conception or the feast of All Saints). Ash Wednesday is a day of penance, fasting, and abstinence to begin the season of Lent. In a sense, it focuses on a concept rather than something particular and concrete.

Of course, repentance ought to be reflected in particular, concrete ways! That's one of the reasons that attending Mass on Ash Wednesday is a very good idea. It marks the beginning of a solemn season of penance. Despite all its comparisons to the desert, Lent can be very fruitful for our spiritual growth! Beginning this season with the celebration of Mass and the reception of ashes is a sign of our commitment to God and to spiritual growth.

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:35-36

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

King David exercised great restraint in sparing the life of Saul. Can you think of a time when you had to take the high road with a friend or co-worker?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of present-day believers as one day bearing the image of Christ (the "heavenly one"). How often do you think about your future life in heaven?

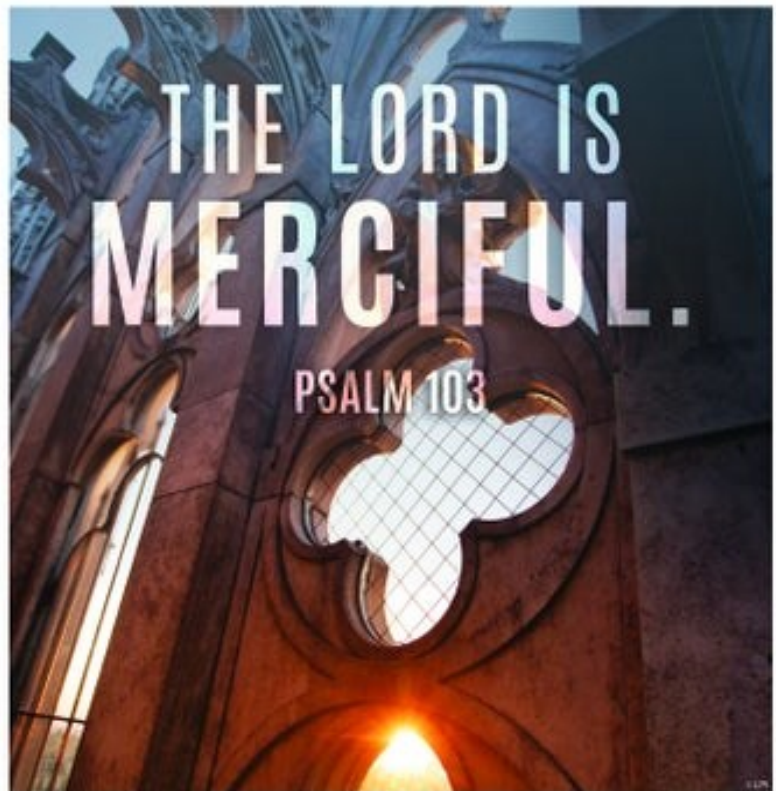
Gospel:

Jesus presents his followers with some very challenging morals: love your enemy, do not retaliate, and always be willing to forgive. Does this high moral standard seem possible for you personally?



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Saturday Mar 1, 2025

Sauced BBQ

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Description

Welcome to Sauced BBQ CRAWFISH BOIL! Featuring Guest Chef - Dogas Bayouco! Come Enjoy an Authentic Crawfish Boil Saturday March 1st! We are taking Pre-Orders 479-239-2044! While Supplies Last!

Keep Arkansas Beautiful!

Tuesday Mar 4, 2025

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM CST

Eureka Springs Community Center

44 Kingshighway

Eureka Springs, AR 72632

All are welcome to this free family-friendly event!

<http://escommunity.org>

Contact Information

Kristi Vidler

[Send Email](#)



Description

Keep Arkansas Beautiful is hosting their Spring 2025 cleanup between March 1 - May 31 and we are joining forces and doing our part to keep our corner of the world looking good. But we need you! We are planning a campus wide clean up, primarily focused on the grounds. We will have gloves, trash bags, tee-shirts, and water bottles for our volunteers. So, let's have some fun and give a little love to the Community Center.

Questions? Just call the Center at 479-239-0029 and ask for Kristi or email: kristi@escommunity.org. Thank you!
If we get rained out - we will reschedule the clean-up for the following Tuesday, March 11, 1:00PM - 3:00PM

33rd Annual Kite Fest

Saturday Mar 22, 2025

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM CDT

Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge

239 Turpentine Creek Lane

Eureka Springs, AR 72632

Free to event Standard admission to Refuge

Website

<http://www.tcwr.org>

Contact Information

Cheryl King

[Send Email](#)



Description

Join us at Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge on March 22, 2025, from 10 AM to 3 PM for a day of family-friendly fun and high-flying kites at our annual Kite Fest. Experience the joy of kite flying against the backdrop of our picturesque Refuge, where rescued animals call us home. The event is free to all, with standard admission to the refuge applying for those who wish to tour. Get ready for an exciting lineup of activities, including raffles, live music, and a variety of vendors offering unique crafts and delicious treats. It's a perfect opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors!

A person in a hoodie is seen from behind, looking out over a city at night. A large, bright full moon is in the sky. The city lights are visible in the distance. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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