

February 2, 2025

Feast of the
Presentation of the
Lord

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive
Eureka Springs, AR
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PARISH CENTER

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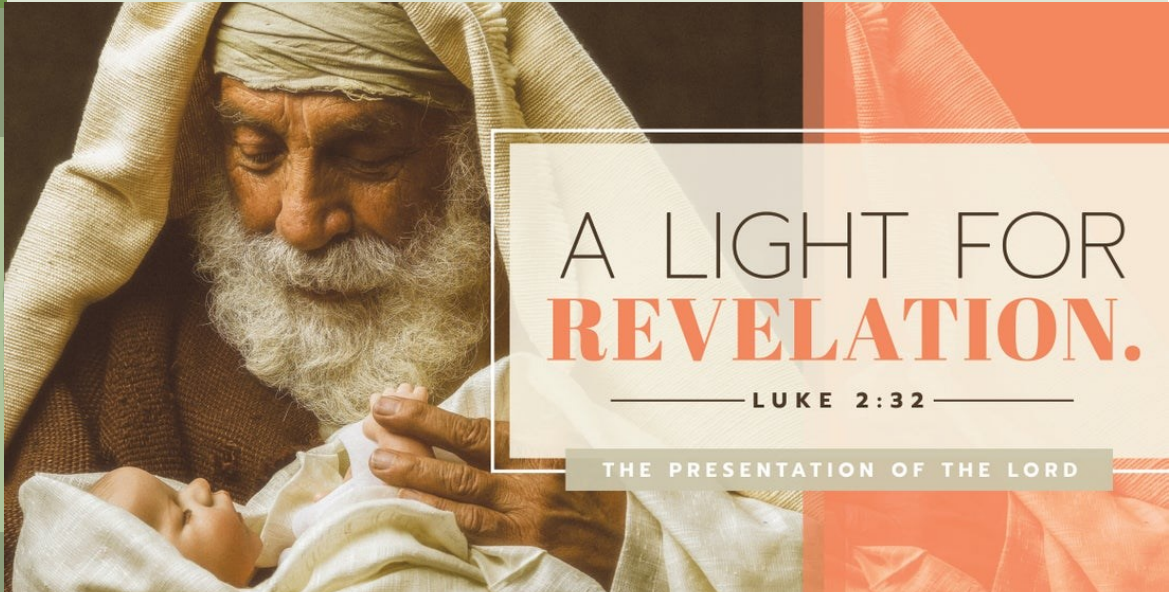
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All visitors to our beautiful town of Eureka Springs are welcome to visit our historic Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church, and to pray and worship with us. If you are Catholic, and have recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you are also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

Pastor

Rev. Joseph Archibong

Parish Secretary & Bookkeeper

Nancy Elfter

Director of Music

Sharon Parker

Parish Council Chair, Parish Life,

Gift Shop Manager Rod McGuire

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

No Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

No Mass

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

No Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-27, 28 & 30, 31-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c); 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11:

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Mike Godfrey - 2/2, Jo Elworth - 2/3,
Jennifer George - 2/4

May you have many more!



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 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, FEBRUARY 9

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Larry Stamps

EMCs: Rod McGuire, Mindy Godfrey, Phyllis McGuire

Ushers: Bev Wright, Bruce Wright

Altar Server: Leva Murphy



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 4

No Mass

Thursday, February 6

No Mass

Friday, February 7

No Mass

Saturday, February 8

For the Intentions of Jim McMillian

Sunday, February 9

For the Repose of the Soul of Sophia Albrecht



Pray for us...



OUR PARISHIONERS -

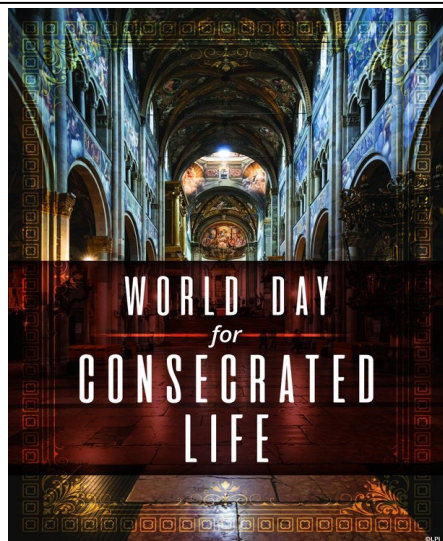
Connie Blazek, Sheila Fowler, Florence Giels, Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

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 Vesekla and Connie Woolheiser

OUR MILITARY - Tyler Horning and Nic Smith.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -



CASA

Next weekend the 2025 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal will begin. We ask that you prayerfully welcome this opportunity to give in support of the overall needs of the Church in our Diocese. Our parish goal is \$9,900,

Please welcome **Fr. Nwainya**, who will speak on behalf of **Cross Catholic Outreach**, which was founded to forge a stronger and more supportive link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns serving the poor in the Caribbean, Africa, Southeast Asia and Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Fr. Nwainya's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.



*Our Seminarians
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 seminarians, 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.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

&

SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER

Feb. 7, 5:00pm

Parish Center

Great Hall



All Parishioners strongly encouraged to attend.

Why?

1. Feasibility/Survey results.
2. Learn about Capital Campaign Team process and purpose.
3. Learn how you can become a part of this process.
4. To attend, sign up on posters in Rotunda or Lobby so that we can prepare enough food for everyone.

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

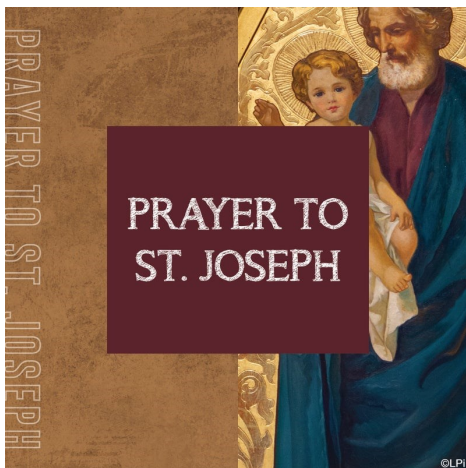
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophesies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear - somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which **"the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed"** (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

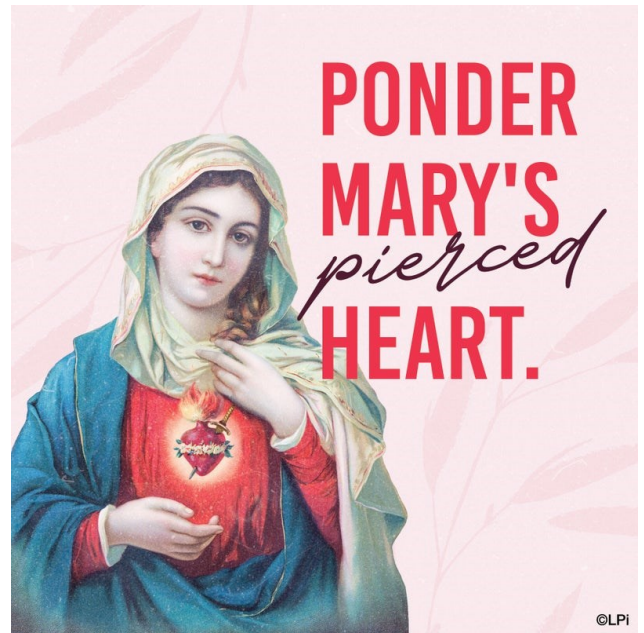
This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.

-Father John Muir



DEVOTIONS, *Explained!*

For centuries, Christians have relied on the intercessory prayers of Joseph, earthly spouse of the Blessed Virgin and foster father of Christ. One particular novena prayer to St. Joseph is often called "the unfailing prayer to St. Joseph."



CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

This weekend we are blessed to be hosting a priest representing Cross Catholic Outreach. This official Catholic ministry was founded to link parishes in the U.S. with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and laypeople working in Church missions overseas. Its programs span the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and Central and South America. Donation envelopes will be provided. Please be generous and be sure to say hi after Mass. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach.



PRAYER OF FAITH

Dear God,
Open my eyes to Your movement in my life.
And, even when I don't see it or don't understand, help me to rely on the promises of Your love and mercy.

Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: The oldest trick of the devil is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It's not hard for him to do — there are so many other things we could be doing. So, do we have the courage to look to our own hearts, to come face to face with our own choices, our own true selves?

The Thoughts of Many Hearts

When Simeon cradles the infant Messiah in his arms, he speaks of salvation and glory and revelation. He speaks of his own death. He speaks of the fulfillment of God's promise to all people.

But most memorable, in my opinion, are his words about the hearts of men. This Child, he says, will be the way "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Perhaps you're like me. Perhaps you don't enjoy scrutinizing yourself, your actions, your intentions. You don't like reflecting on why you feel or react the way you do, and you really don't enjoy measuring those feelings and reactions against what you know they could be.

It's exhausting to sit with God, your heart in your hands, both of us looking at it, talking about it. So far too often, I opt out.

The oldest trick of the devil, you see, is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It's not hard for him to do. There are so many other things I could be doing, after all. Answering emails. Catching up on laundry. Scrolling Facebook. Worrying about inflation and the election. Stressing about my kid's dance recital and next week's busy schedule.

But where is God truly at work? Where is the place God will point to, when my life on Earth has come to its close?

It is the very depths of my heart. The place where I am my most authentic self, for better or worse. The place where all my pretensions crumble away, and I am alone with the truth of who I am and what I choose to do.

Am I brave enough to look into the depths of my own heart?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?

Answer:

February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored.

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles." - Lk 2:29-32a

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Malachi prophesied a coming messenger who will purify those making offerings to the Lord. How do you prepare for Sunday worship?

Second Reading:

Hebrews teaches that Jesus was tested and suffered so that he could be merciful and understanding with our struggles and challenges. What are you facing this week that Jesus could help you with?

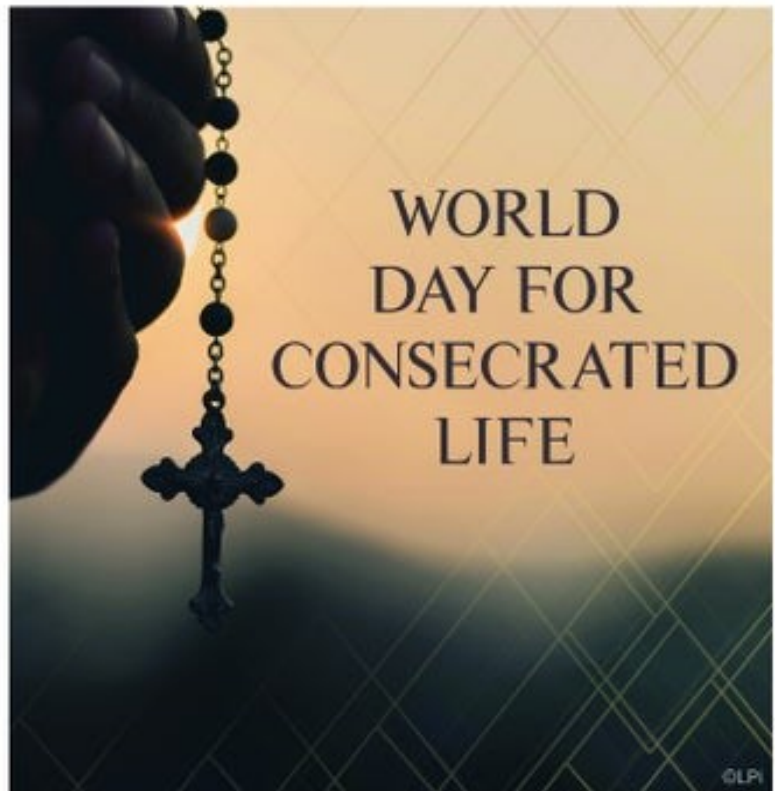
Gospel:

Mary and Joseph received incredible news from Simeon and Anna about the infant Jesus at his presentation in the Temple. Who helps you process startling or unsettling information?



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Blacklight Ball

Saturday Feb 22, 2025

7:00 PM - 11:55 PM CST

Chelsea's Corner Bar & Cafe

10 Mountain Street

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Fees/Admission

BUY TICKETS: EscapeRoom13.com/blacklightball/



Dance the night away at the annual Black Light Ball! This glow spectacular includes DJ Testube pulsing out electronic beats all night long, body artists ready to paint the glow on you and dancers lit up with glow lights. Pizza bites will be served through the night and bar will be open!

What to wear? The theme this year is Voodoo Prom.

No costume? Then be sure to wear white and as many glow necklaces that you can handle!

Who's invited? Anyone 21 and over!

Mardi Gras in Eureka Springs is hopping this night with the annual Night Parade at 6PM downtown and then head to the Black Light Ball from 7-Midnight.

The Black Light Ball is sponsored by Escape Room 13 and Chelsea's Corner Bar and Live Music venue.

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.

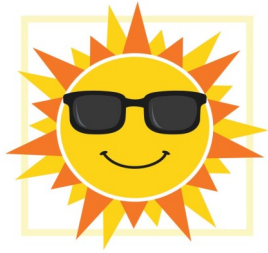
Join us for a magical procession through the heart of Eureka Springs, where the spirit of Mardi Gras is amplified by the enchanting glow of lights. Be part of this lively celebration as the community comes together, creating an unforgettable experience filled with laughter, camaraderie, and the joyous 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!

Candlemas



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