

February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Contact Us...

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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IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5

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GLPI

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.

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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 11

No Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

No Mass

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

No Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 & 12, 24 & 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a); 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17-20-26

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

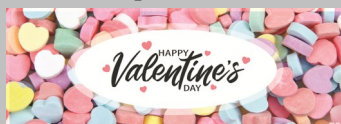
Annie Nelson - 2/8, Ted Meyer - 2/11

May you have many more!

POPULARITY

Avoid popularity if you would have peace.

-Abraham Lincoln



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Jerry Horning

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Richard Boyes, Janice Boyes

Altar Server:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Cassian Heath

EMCs: Mindy Godfrey, Rod McGuire, Karen Finkeldei

Ushers: Mike Murphy, Bev Wright

Altar Server: Leva Murphy



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 11

No Mass

Thursday, February 13

No Mass

Friday, February 14

No Mass

Saturday, February 15

For the Intentions of Mary DeMatteis

Sunday, February 16

For the Intentions of Mary DeMatteis



Pray for us...



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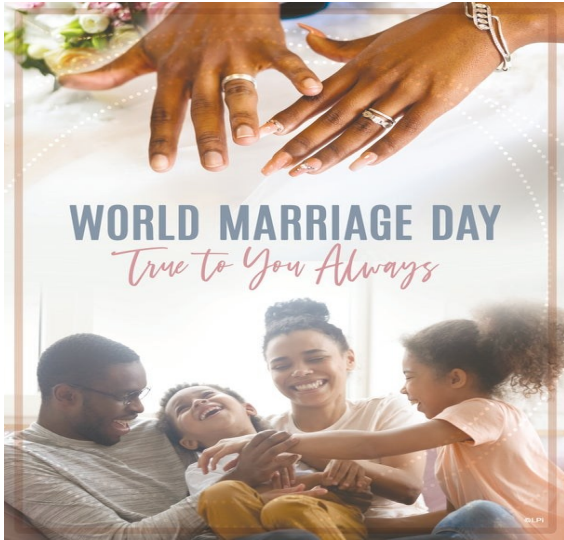
Connie Blazek, Sheila Fowler, Florence Giels, Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

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

If you take your pledge card home, please be sure to bring it back next week or mail in the pre-paid envelope. Your generous response is appreciated and your money will be administered wisely. **“Through CASA we can open our hearts and our wallets to the Lord and welcome him with all that we have and all that we are - as faithful servants.”**

THE CHOSEN, Season 4

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

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Samuel Stengel

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*Our Seminarians
for the month of
February, 2025*



**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.



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.

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Last weekend we were blessed to have a visiting priest from Cross Catholic Outreach. More than ever, poor families in developing countries depend on Catholic missions for assistance with food, water, shelter, medical care and spiritual nourishment. It's not too late to support Cross Catholic Outreach and the Church missions that live our the Corporal Works of Mercy, such as feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty. To participate, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach.

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

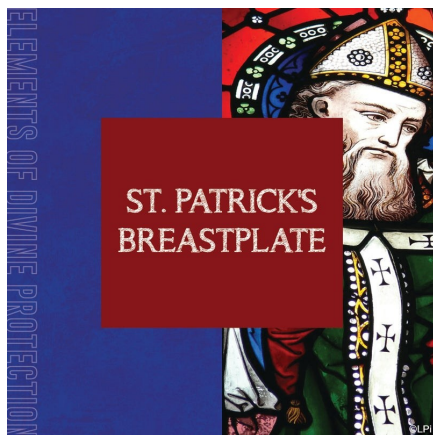
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away - he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked in one day. Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

This kind of thing happens in this Sunday's Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your "Peter" and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch.

-Father John Muir



DEVOTIONS, *Explained!*

St. Patrick's Breastplate is an ancient Irish prayer attributed to St. Patrick. It's eleven sections call upon different elements of divine protection, beseeching Christ to surround the physical and spiritual reality of those who say it.



COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that are still struggling to recover from former Communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the War in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations and seminary formation. Your contribution restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. You can find more information at www.usccb.org/ccee. #iGiveCath

PRAYER WHEN FACING THE UNKNOWN

Dear Jesus,
When you call me to places where I am unfamiliar, be with me. When you invite me to a mission I feel ill-equipped to handle, give me your strength. Help me to leave everything and follow you.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: What does it mean to lower your net? It means to listen to God, even when you don't understand Him. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you.

The Catch

I love today's Gospel passage, and not just because I love a good fish fry.

I love it because I am Peter. Over and over again, I am Peter, standing here exhausted because I relied on my own abilities, and it got me nowhere. I'm ready to call it quits. I'm ready to say it's too hard. And here comes Jesus, asking me to lower my net. To keep trying.

And I try to talk sense into him. "It's not going to work, God," I insist. "I've been trying."

"You've been trying," Jesus agrees. "But you haven't asked for my help yet."

What does it mean to lower your net? It sounds so simple and so easy, but it takes a great deal of humility and trust. I think I'm the expert on my own life, the captain of my own ship. Peter probably thought so, too — he was the fisherman, after all. Why would a fisherman listen to a carpenter on matters of fishing?

Lowering your net means giving God control and letting yourself be changed by what He chooses to show you.

It means to listen to God's instructions, even when you don't understand them, even when you find them frustrating. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing, even when it hasn't born much fruit. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you, even when all you want to do is give into feelings of bitterness and distrust.

If we would only lower our nets, the catch would astound us.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Would optional celibacy help the priest shortage?

Answer:

This is a hotly debated topic. There are good arguments on both sides, and there is no clear answer that emerges. However, the shortage of clergy in denominations that do allow marriage would seem to indicate that optional celibacy is not the quick answer that some might think. No one solution is perfect. Each one has its flaws and problems that are not easily solved. While optional celibacy would open ordination to some great men who are married, it also brings the problems of family, financial support, marital problems, and issues — good and bad — of childrearing. So it would not seem that optional celibacy is a realistic solution to the shortage of clergy.

With all of the varied challenges and problems facing the Church, it is easy to forget that the Holy Spirit leads us. Openness, dialogue, and education are second to our prayers and petitions to the Holy Spirit to make clear the path the Church should follow. A response that is rooted in a culture of political correctness is almost certainly doomed; a response that is rooted in prayer and in God cannot fail.

Simon said in reply,
"Master, we have worked
hard all night and have
caught nothing, but at
your command I will
lower the nets." When
they had done this, they
caught a great number
of fish and their nets
were tearing. - Lk 5:5-6

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Isaiah eagerly accepted God's call to serve once his sin was removed. What helps you be open to serve others?

Second Reading:

Paul reminds the Corinthians of the Gospel message he proclaimed to them about Jesus's death and resurrection appearances. What do you think makes preaching successful?

Gospel:

In Jesus' call of the first disciples, we see Peter's obedience and humility. How might you put these virtues into practice this week?



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Happy Valentine's Day

Did you know that Valentine's Day is not just for couples?

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Here are 3 fresh non-romantic ways to celebrate:



Donate treats to your local animal shelter.



Text a friend that you appreciate them and why.



Make a friend a playlist of songs that reminds you of them.

Valentines Day Serenades

Friday Feb 14, 2025
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM CST

Basin Spring Park
4 Spring Street
Historic Downtown Eureka Springs



Description

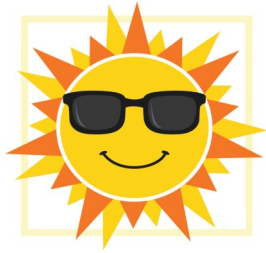
The BOMB Squad will be posted up in Basin Spring Park February 14, 3-5 PM offering serenades, flowers, and romantic vibes to all who seek those things.

IN THE SIGHT
OF ANGELS,

I sing.

PSALM 138





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