

Jan. 28, 2024

4th Sunday

In

Ordinary Time

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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30 Crescent Drive
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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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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, JANUARY 30

No Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

No Mass

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

No Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Pam Grudek - 1/27, Larry Stamps - 1/29,
Mike Godfrey - 2/2

May you have many more!



RIGHT AND WRONG

What is morally wrong can never be politically right.

-Anthony Ashley Cooper

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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: Jim Witkowski

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Cassian Heath

EMCs: Mary Szafranski, Karen Finkeldei, Rod McGuire

Ushers: Gary Finkeldei, Bev Wright

Altar Server: Leva Murphy



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 30 - No Mass

Thursday, February 1 - No Mass

Friday, February 2 - No Mass

Saturday, February 3

For the Repose of the Soul of Bobby Elworth

Sunday, February 4

For the Repose of the Soul of Chana Lobede



Pray for us...



OUR PARISHIONERS -

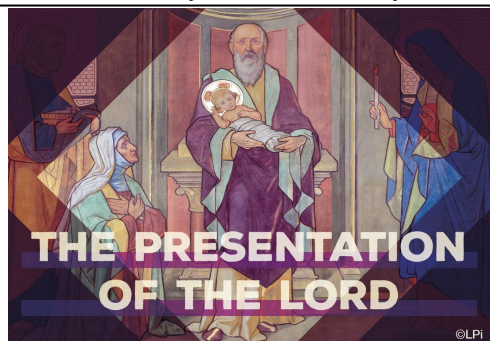
Connie Blazek, Connie Breaux, Richard & Sheila Fowler, Florence Giels, Charlotte Nowlin, Ernie & Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

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.



Black & Indian Mission Collection

This week's Collection was established in 1884, and brings Christ's light to the Black, American Indian, Eskimo and Aleute communities of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the country, supporting and helping to strengthen evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. The Diocese of Little Rock receives some of these grants each year which support certain ministries around the state who specialize in helping the Black and Indian communities.

Mi CASA es tu casa. This Hispanic saying holds a special meaning for us here in Arkansas. CASA, our Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal, is a way for all of us to make a difference right here at home. No matter your resources, your monthly support can fit your budget, it's not the amount of the gift that is the most important. As they say, many hands make the work light. If we all give a little, with God's blessing, it will be enough.



Our Seminararians for the month of January, 2024

Nghiep Gia Hoang

Contact address:

**House of Formation,
1201 S. Van Buren,
Little Rock, AR 72204**

For more information
on our seminararians, go to
www.dolr.org/seminarians



Jesus' Tovar



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 the middle of March.

St. Elizabeth Church

FRIED CATFISH DINNER

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



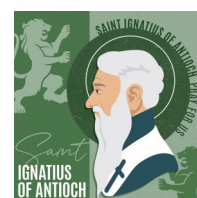
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Feb. 23, March 8 & 22

5:00-7:00pm

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Ignatius of Antioch, a bishop of Antioch in the first century was a direct disciple of the apostle John. Despite being thrown to the lions and martyred in Rome's Colosseum for his faith, his teachings and hope for Christian unity live on as early examples of Christian theology.

PRAYER FOR THE YOUTH

Dear Lord,

Be with our young people this week and always - keep them in Your care. Help them to form godly friendships, speak the truth, and know You in the personal way that will challenge, shape and guide them

Amen

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

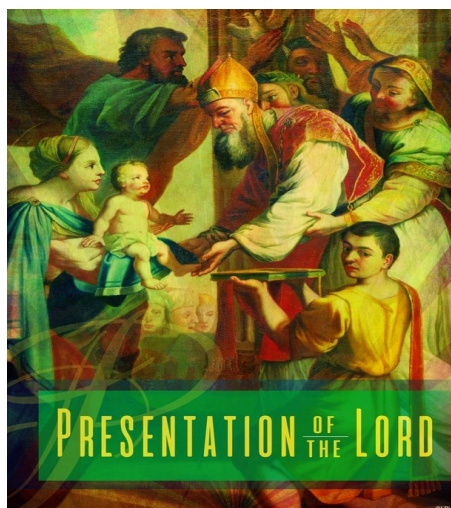
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie “Nefarious” features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like *multiple* persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel *fake* sometimes, not ourselves. The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, “**What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?**” Notice the plural, *us*. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man’s identity is fractured, divided and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, “**Quiet! Come out of him!**” Jesus’ word has the power to restore the man’s singularity - *him* - and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What is we made room for his word where we need it?



Have you noticed the beautiful new Sanctuary Lamp in the Church? Thank your Gift Shop Workers for this stunning donation.

The Youth from St. Anne’s will be having a Bake Sale after Mass this Saturday and Sunday..... Sweet treats - delicious breakfast breads, muffins, cookies & brownies. **Don’t forget to bring your money to Mass!**

The Bereavement Committee is sending out a request for assistance in setting up, planning, washing dishes and cooking for the Funeral Luncheons of Parishioners. If you think you can help, please call Phyllis McGuire at 253-4502 or Catherine Henson at 363-6144

Holy Family Parish Council of Catholic Women Invite the Ladies of St. Elizabeth to Our annual Valentine’s Tea

Monday, Feb. 12, 2024

Holy Family Church, Shell Knob, MO

Registration: 11:00am

Lunch: 11:30am

RSVP by Jan. 26, 2024 to:

Janet, 913-526-0180

jmurph2@aol.com

We ask each guest to bring a monetary donation for the **Alliance of Churches’ Food Pantry**

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

What Have You to Do with Me, Jesus of Nazareth?

Inevitably, when we read the story of the Garden of Eden, my children try to imagine what life would be like if Adam and Eve had not sinned against God.

"Would we have to go to school?" they ask me.

"Would we get sick? Could we eat whatever we want? Would we get older?"

I tell them the only thing I know for sure about a world without sin is that we would be happier. I can see confusion in their faces — *Why? How?* — but I have none of the concrete answers they want. I don't know how to describe a happiness untouched by sin.

The moment sin entered the world, a chasm erupted between God and mankind. There is now a space between humanity and the divine, a cavernous and seemingly impassable void into which God calls for us, unendingly. And because we are lost in the dark, and miserable, instead of following his voice when we hear it, instead we reply: "What do you want?"

"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"

Did the unclean spirit know, when he cried out all those thousands of years ago in Capernaum, that he was giving voice to a question which defined the human condition? They are the words of a demon, yes, but they are also my words. Far, far more often than I care to admit, when God is reaching for me, I look upon His hand with contempt and confusion. When I am grappling with a problem or a sin which overwhelms me, again and again I forget that I already know the solution.

The tragedy of original sin is not that we live in a world where we cannot eat what we want, where we age, and where we become sick and die. The tragedy of sin is that we have forgotten how to be happy. We look at happiness and we think: "What do you want with me?"

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."
— Psalm 95:7

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin. Should I tell our priest? Is it my responsibility to say something?

Answer:

While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment ("You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilty: -of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; -of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another's faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them" (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person's mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God's grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another's persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be.

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. - Mk 1:27-28

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Moses taught the Israelites that God would raise up a prophet like him to teach them the Lord's commands. But he also forewarned about false prophets. How can we avoid listening to false prophetic voices?

Second Reading

Paul expresses his desire for the Corinthian believers to be free of anxiety so they can focus their attention and energies on Jesus. What distracts you from the Lord?

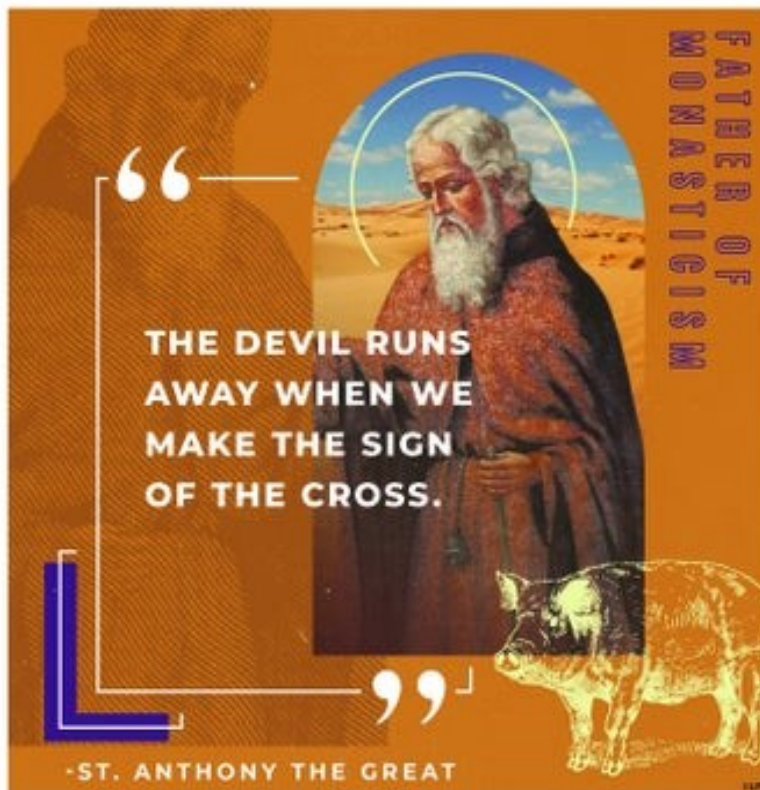
Gospel Reading

Mark informs us that early in Jesus's public ministry his "fame spread" quickly throughout Galilee because of his powerful deeds, such as the healing of the demon-possessed man in today's reading. Is there something or someone in your life that you pray Jesus would heal?



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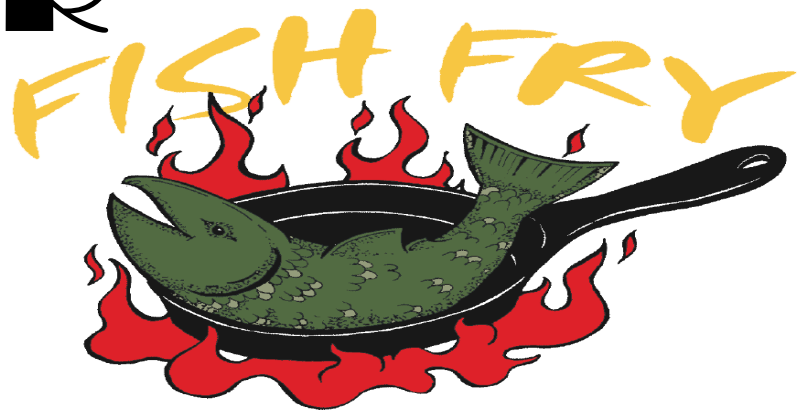


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FRIED CATFISH

DINNER

*Feb. 23,
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5:00 - 7:00pm*

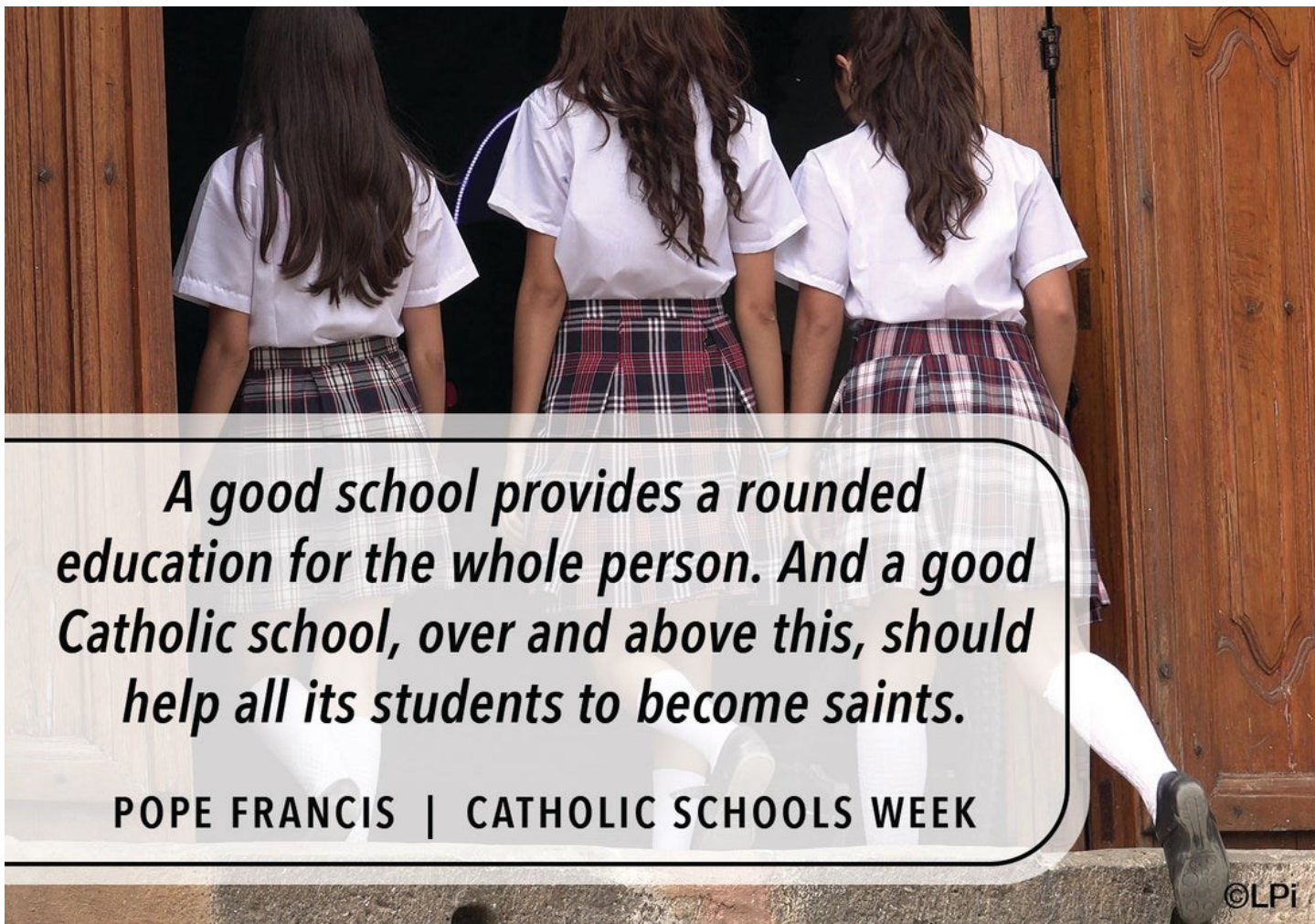


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What: Catfish, Fries, Slaw, Hush Puppies,
Drinks, Dessert

Where: St. Elizabeth Parish Center

When: Feb. 23 & March 8 & 22 ... 5:00-7:00pm

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