

January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

# SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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### CHURCH

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Sunday 8:30am  
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Thursday 8:30am  
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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.  
- Lk 3:21-22a

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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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**THIS WEEK**  
*at Saint Elizabeth*

**SPECIAL EVENTS &  
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

Adoration 8:00am  
Daily Mass 8:30am

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 16**

Daily Mass 8:30am  
Confessions 9:15am

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 17**

Daily Mass 8:30am

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

*Readings for the Week*

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1 & 2b, 6 & 7c, 9;  
Mk 1:14-20  
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9;  
Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9;  
Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11;  
Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8;  
Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15;  
Mk 2:13-17  
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3);  
1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

*God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:*

Robert Wibright - 1/10, Jim Muth - 1/13,  
Jerry Horning - 1/17, Joseph Lehman - 1/17

**May you have many more!**

**GOD KNOWS BEST**

God's creative wisdom was at its best when making humans. There are 4 holes in the head for information to go in and only one for it to go out.



**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

*Mass Ministers*



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

**Lector:** Jerry Horning

**EMCs:** see sign-up sheet

**Ushers:** Richard Boyes, Janice Boyes

**Altar Server:** Robbie Bartos

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

8:30am Mass at the Church

**Lector:** Cassian Heath

**EMCs:** Mary Szafranski, Karen Finkeldei, Rod McGuire

**Ushers:** Gary Finkeldei, Bev Wright

**Altar Server:** Missy Leggett



*Mass Intentions*

Tuesday, January 14

For the Intentions of Lidia Alvarez V.

Thursday, January 16

For the Intentions of Those Struggling with Addiction

Friday, January 17

For the Intentions of Those Struggling with Addiction

Saturday, January 18

For the Repose of the Soul of Daniella Kamirez

Sunday, January 19

For the Repose of the Soul of Arminda Stephens-Cotton

*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, Shari Soukup, Ed Terrill, Libbie Vesekla and Connie Woolheiser

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -** Kathy Tromburg, Ernie Wright, Richard Fowler

**OUR MILITARY -** Tyler Horning, Mathew McClung and Nic Smith.

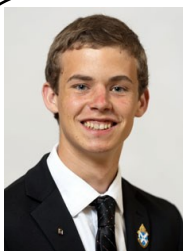


**MESSAGE FROM THE  
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

**We Need Your Input...**

Our Parish has started the process of conducting a feasibility study that will provide us guidance of the readiness and possibility of a capital campaign to address **Project Revive** roof issues of our church. A quick survey form was passed out after Mass last weekend. If you didn't get one, there should be extras at the back of the church. It will only take a few minutes to complete. We ask that you please take a moment to read the case statement before completing the survey. Thank you in advance and please know your input and comments are important.

*Campaign Leadership Team*



*Our Seminarrians  
for the month of  
January, 2025*

**Jack Smith**

Contact address:

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

on our seminarrians, go to

[www.dolr.org/seminarians](http://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 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.

Come to annual training for parish leaders and catechists, offered across the state, in English and Spanish

**FORMATION DAY**

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**

**January 18, 2025**

**Holy Redeemer Church, El Dorado**

Advance Registration needed by January 15

Cost \$15 per person. Lunch included.

Get details and register at:

<https://bit.ly/formation-days24>

or email Jasmine Hogan at [jmoore@dolr.org](mailto:jmoore@dolr.org)

or Jeff Hines at [jhines@dolr.org](mailto:jhines@dolr.org).

**Symposium on the Dangers of  
Human Trafficking and Pornography  
in Arkansas**

**Saturday, January 25, 7:30am - 4:00pm**

**at Christ the King Church, Little Rock**

**Attendees will hear from experts:**

\*Father Jeffery Bayhi \*Father Chuck Swanson

\*Bishop Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo

\*Former Scotland Yard Inspector Kevin Hyland

\*Cyber Specialist Kevin Medcalf

**Free breakfast and lunch, 5:00pm Mass**

**Register for this free symposium at**

[dolrtaskforce.org](http://dolrtaskforce.org)

The Diocese of Little Rock Task Force  
Against Human Trafficking and Pornography



# Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

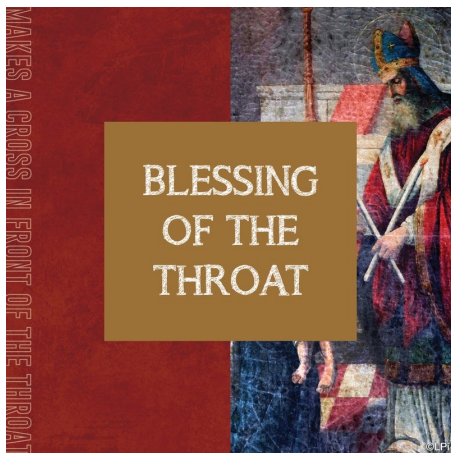
### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words **'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased'**" (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems and so on. Yet God's is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself - or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love - until those words find a home in your heart.

-Father John Muir

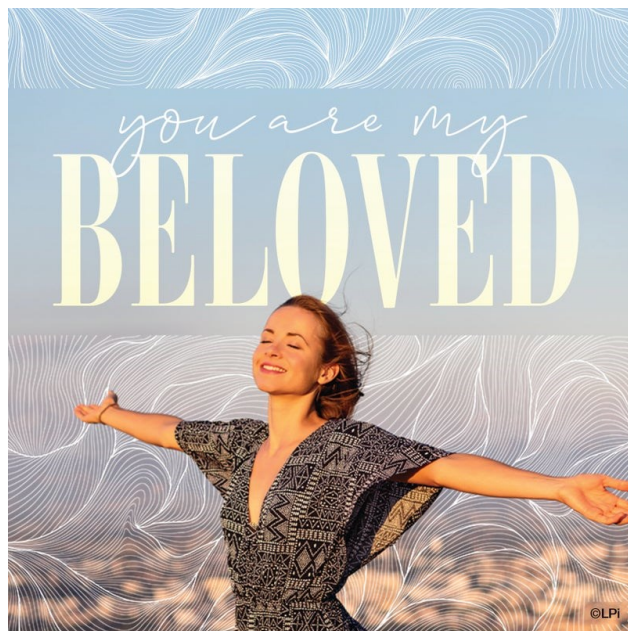


## DEVOTIONS, *Explained!*

Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat on the feast day of St. Blaise (Feb. 3), who was a bishop and martyr of fourth-century Armenia. During the blessing, a cross is formed from two blessed candles that are held over the throat.

## PRAYER FOR BAPTISM

Oh God,  
You desire each of us to be a part of Your sacred family, called and invited into relationship with You. May the grace of our Baptisms surround us anew, who are beloved and chosen by You.  
Amen.



## Ozark Mountain Music Festival

Thursday Jan 16, 2025 Sunday Jan 19, 2025

Basin Park Hotel

12 Spring Street

Historic Downtown Eureka Springs

<https://www.reserveeureka.com/attractions/ozmomu>

Website <http://ozarkmountainmusicfestival.com>

Contact Information

[ozarkmountainmusicfestival.com](http://ozarkmountainmusicfestival.com)

## Ozark Mountain Music Festival

The 11th Annual Ozark Mountain Music Festival, better known as OzMoMu, will return January 16-19, 2025 to Downtown Eureka Springs! Tickets & more info can be found at [ozarkmountainmusicfestival.com](http://ozarkmountainmusicfestival.com)

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** It makes perfect sense that everyone thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was the guy pouring the water. But the Messiah was the man who came to be baptized. He was the one who descended into the waters, submerging himself in our experience of death and pain and sorrow.

### **Beneath the Surface**

When I was seventeen, I wasn't sure that I wanted to be confirmed. It was a rough period in my life, and I was having some intense questions and doubts. It upset my mother, understandably. She knew that, at such a pivotal and difficult moment, I needed the grace of the sacrament more than ever. So, she called our priest and asked him to talk to me.

After that meeting, I made the decision to be confirmed.

To be honest, I can't remember anything he said to me. All I remember is that he sat with me. He listened to me. He let me talk and talk and talk (and cry). And when he said whatever he said, whatever it is that I cannot remember, it was obvious that he had listened to me.

Reading today's Gospel, it makes perfect sense that everyone thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was the guy pouring the water. Of course it seemed natural that he would be "the one." The one they were all waiting for.

But instead, the Messiah was the man who came to be baptized. He was the one who descended into the waters, submerging himself in our experience of death and pain and sorrow — and in doing so, he sanctified it. He made it a means of redemption.

Jesus is our Savior, yes. When we dig ourselves a hole of sin and confusion and we can't climb out, he is the one who brings us back to the surface. But he doesn't pull us out; he lifts us. He jumps down into the pit. He looks around. He offers his hand, gives us a leg up, and by his strength and not our own, we are brought back into the light.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

#### Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.



“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” - Lk 3:16bc

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah brought words of comfort and hope from God to the Israelites exiled in Babylon. Is there someone in your life who needs hope for the future?

### Second Reading:

Paul challenged Titus to reject godless ways and worldly desires. Do you have any family or friends you consider a role model in living an exceptional life?

### Gospel:

The Holy Spirit affirms Jesus as the Christ, the beloved Son of God. When do you sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?



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# Mardi Gras Coronation Ball

Friday Feb 21, 2025

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM CST

1886 Crescent Hotel

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Step into a night of regal revelry at the Eureka Springs Mardi Gras Coronation Ball! Join us for an enchanting evening of glamour and celebration as the Mardi Gras royalty is crowned in style. The ball promises a magical atmosphere adorned with elegant decor, live music, and the vibrant spirit of Mardi Gras.

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# *PRAYERFUL NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IDEAS*



A PRAYERFUL  
NEW YEAR'S  
RESOLUTION  
IDEA:

**KEEP A  
GRATITUDE  
PRAYER JOURNAL  
AND SAY  
A PRAYER OF  
THANKSGIVING  
EVERY EVENING.**

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IDEA:

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RESOLUTION  
IDEA:

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SAYING THE  
ROSARY  
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IDEA:

**SPEND AN  
HOUR AT  
ADORATION  
EVERY WEEK.**

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A PRAYERFUL  
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RESOLUTION  
IDEA:

**PRAY A  
NOVENA ONCE  
A MONTH ALL  
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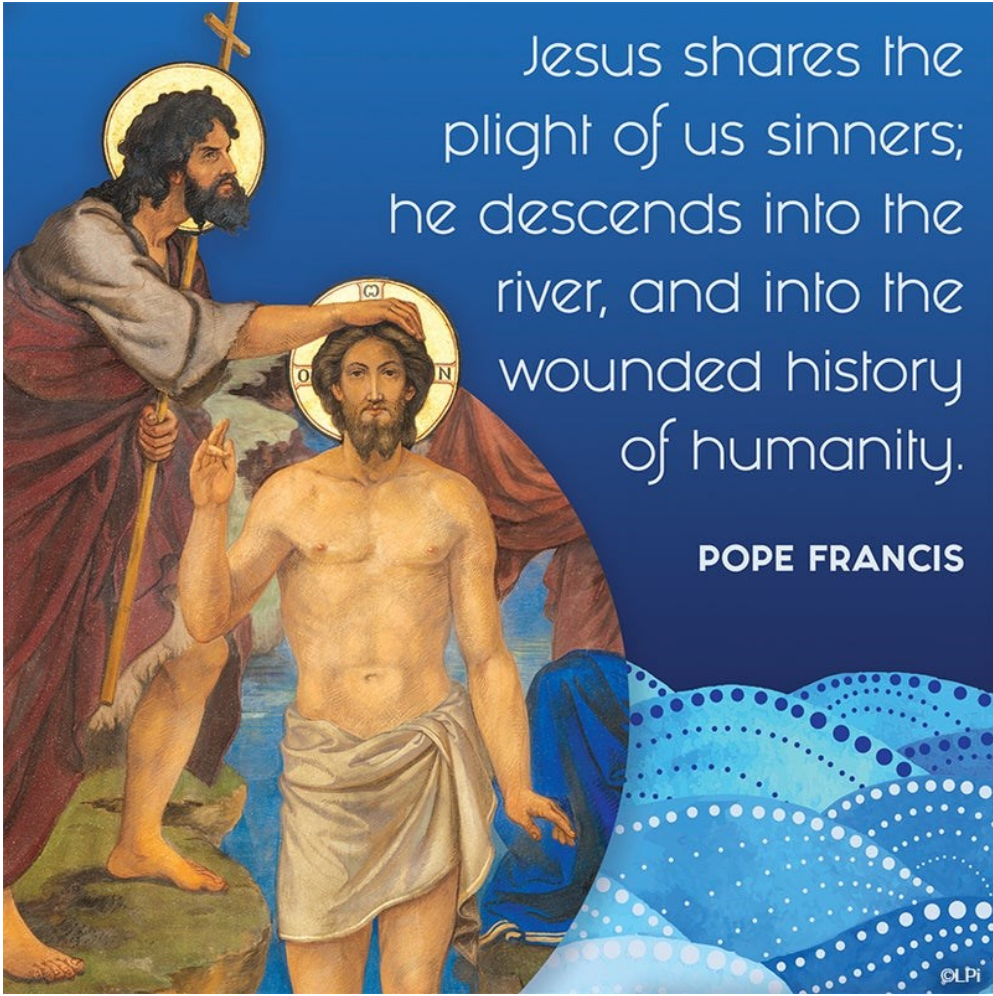


A PRAYERFUL  
NEW YEAR'S  
RESOLUTION  
IDEA:

**JOIN YOUR  
CHURCH'S  
MUSIC  
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Jesus shares the  
plight of us sinners;  
he descends into the  
river, and into the  
wounded history  
of humanity.

**POPE FRANCIS**

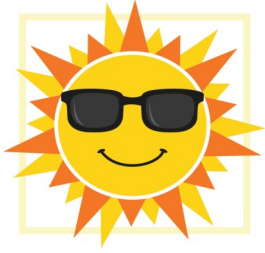
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