

January 26, 2025

3rd 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.

PARISH STAFF & MINISTRY LEADERS

Pastor

Rev. Joseph Archibong

Parish Secretary & Bookkeeper

Nancy Elfter

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Sharon Parker

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

No Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

No Mass

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

No Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord 8:30am

Readings for the Week

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| Monday: | Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:a, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30 |
| Tuesday: | Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2 & 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35 |
| Wednesday: | Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 4:1-20 |
| Thursday | Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Mk 4:21-25 |
| Friday: | Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34 |
| Saturday | Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41 |
| Sunday: | Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 |

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

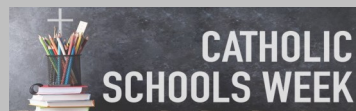
Ricardo Fernandez - 1/26, Pam Grudek - 1/27,
David Abell - 1/29, Deb Elliott - 1/29,
Larry Stamps - 1/29

May you have many more!

EFFORTLESS

The only thing that comes to a person without effort is old age.

-Anonymous



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 2

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Rod McGuire

EMCs: Mindy Godfrey, Karen Finkeldei, Mike Godfrey

Ushers: Mike Godfrey, Gary Finkeldei

Altar Server: Dan Kees



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 28

No Mass

Thursday, January 30

No Mass

Friday, January 31

No Mass

Saturday, February 1

For the Repose of the Soul of George Jankowski

Sunday, February 2

For the Intentions of Jim McMillian

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 Heinzel, Marci Krieger, Joe McDaniel, Gene Ochrymowich, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, Leslie Scroggins, Becky Sisco, Shari Soukup, Ed Terrill, Libbie Vesekla and Connie Woolheiser

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -

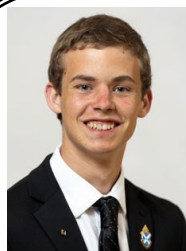
OUR MILITARY - Tyler Horning, Mathew McClung and Nic Smith.



Black and Indian Missions

The Collection this weekend is the Black and Indian Mission Collection. It was established in 1884, bringing 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Jack Smith

Our Seminarians for the month of January, 2025



Jesus Tovar

Contact address:

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

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

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.

A Big Thank You to all the elves who took down Christmas at the Church in record time. You are appreciated!

Rod

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

Thursday, February 13, 2025

Holy Family Church in Shell Knob

Registration: 11:00am, Lunch: 11:30am

RSVP by January 31, 2025 to:

Janet

913-526-0180 or jmurph2@aol.com

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



Women of Hope

All women are invited to attend Women of Hope, a Day of Retreat to be held on Saturday February 1, 2025, at Christ the King Church in Little Rock. This diocesan event is an opportunity for women to set aside the outside world and enter into a personal experience with Jesus. {insert personal invitation/experience here} For registration and retreat details including the Bonus night of Reflection, visit our website at WomenofhopeAR.org

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2025

GOSPEL MEDITATION

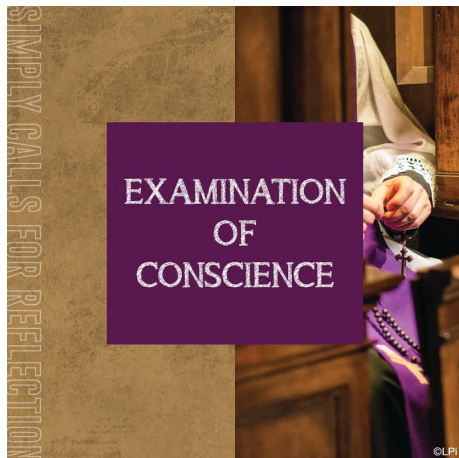
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A young couple in my parish told me they were expecting their second child, a baby boy. I knew that their five-year old only child Emma had been desperately wanting to be a big sister for years, so I said, “Emma must have been so happy when you told her the news.” “Actually,” they said, “she burst into tears. She wanted a baby *sister!*” How often in life God wonderfully fulfills our desires and we are sad because we don’t approve of the way he does it. We want to control the gift and the delivery method.

The same thing occurs in the Gospel this week when Jesus announces in his hometown that the promise of an Anointed One bringing glad tidings to the poor is **“fulfilled in your hearing” (Luke 4:21)**. After a moment of elation, his fellow townsfolk *realize this man* is the way God is fulfilling his promises, and they erupt into a violent outburst. So Jesus departs. How sad for them.

Every single Sunday at Mass, including this one, some version of this happens to many of us. God’s word announces the fulfillment of God’s promises in Christ, and we easily overlook or disdain it. His way is almost never according to our narrow expectations. What’s required of us is to set these aside, and to embrace a new openness to God’s gifts, no matter how he wishes to give them. God is fulfilling his promises the way He likes - why be sad?

-Father John Muir



DEVOTIONS, *Explained!*

The practice of examining one’s conscience dates to the very beginning of the Christian faith. It simply calls for reflection on one’s actions, making note of lapses in judgment that should be confessed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Fr. Nwainya will be visiting our parish next weekend to 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 & South America.

Fr. Hilary Nwainya PhD

Fr. Nwainya, PhD ordained a priest in 2011 for the Diocese of Abakaliki, Nigeria, where he served as a pastor for 4 years. He studied in Ireland, serving as a parish chaplain and as a supply priest in Scotland during the summer. Once in the U.S., Fr. Nwainya spent 5 years in as a resident priest, doctoral student, and teaching fellow in the Archdiocese of Boston. He is a theology professor and Director of Theology Programs at St. Thomas University in Miami, FL. As he joins Cross Catholic Outreach, he is eager to continue his ministry by sharing the Gospel and advocating for those in need, with a firm conviction in the impact of faith on transforming lives & communities.

PRAYER OF MISSION

Spirit of the Living God,
Anoint me to bring Your love,
light, and freedom to the places
You call. From the heights to the
depths: You are there, You are
actively moving, and when You
call, You will also provide.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Jesus didn't come to fix the brokenness of the world. He came to fix our brokenness. He offers us not relief from the trials of life, but an answer to the question of how to live in joy, in love and in purpose in the midst of these evil days.

These Evil Days

"Alas, that these evil days should be mine."

If you've ever seen "The Lord of the Rings," you might recognize this quote from "The Two Towers." The words are spoken by King Theoden at the grave of his only son and heir, as Theoden contemplates the coming war for Middle Earth, a war which has already claimed the life of his son, a war he wants no part of, a war that seems utterly hopeless and unwinnable.

These evil days.

You don't have to be a fantasy enthusiast or even a Tolkien fan to identify with Theoden here. We have all experienced this same feeling of despair, perhaps increasingly in this age of technology and social media, when the ills of the whole world — violence, injustice, moral disorder and chaos — are in our faces, on our phones, looming over our days.

But when we despair like this, we forget an important truth: this is the time of fulfillment, and we are lucky enough to be living through it.

Yes, the world is broken. It was broken two thousand years ago, too, when Jesus stood up in the synagogue on the Sabbath and read the words of the prophet Isaiah: "He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives...and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

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— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I've heard that love is a theological virtue. What does that mean?

Answer:

Charles Shultz, the creator of the Peanuts comics wrote, "*I love mankind ... it's people I can't stand!*" This good humored comment gets at an important truth. St. John wrote a very strong statement in one of his letters: "*If anyone says 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen*" (1 John 4:20). How often do we say "I love the homeless," but ignore the parish food drive? Or insist on the importance of respecting others, but don't bother to say hello to our cashier? If we can't love an individual person, we might not love people like we think, and we certainly need to work on our love for God.

Love is "*the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God*" (CCC 1822). God knows acts of love of Him and others isn't always easy. So He invites us to pray for the grace to do it. The virtue of love gives us the grace and strength we need to offer our lives to God and love people in our lives, especially those who are difficult to respect, tolerate, and care for. Real love, of course, is risky. Real love wills the good of the other when we just want good for ourselves. Real love gets up on the cross when we'd prefer to take a nap in Gethsemane. Real love changes things.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor... and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." - Lk 4:18a, 19

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Ezra and Nehemiah (the religious and political leadership of the day) grounded their work in Scripture. How does Sacred Scripture guide your life?

Second Reading:

Paul uses the human body as an analogy for the many and varied parts of the Christian community. What role would you like to have in your parish?

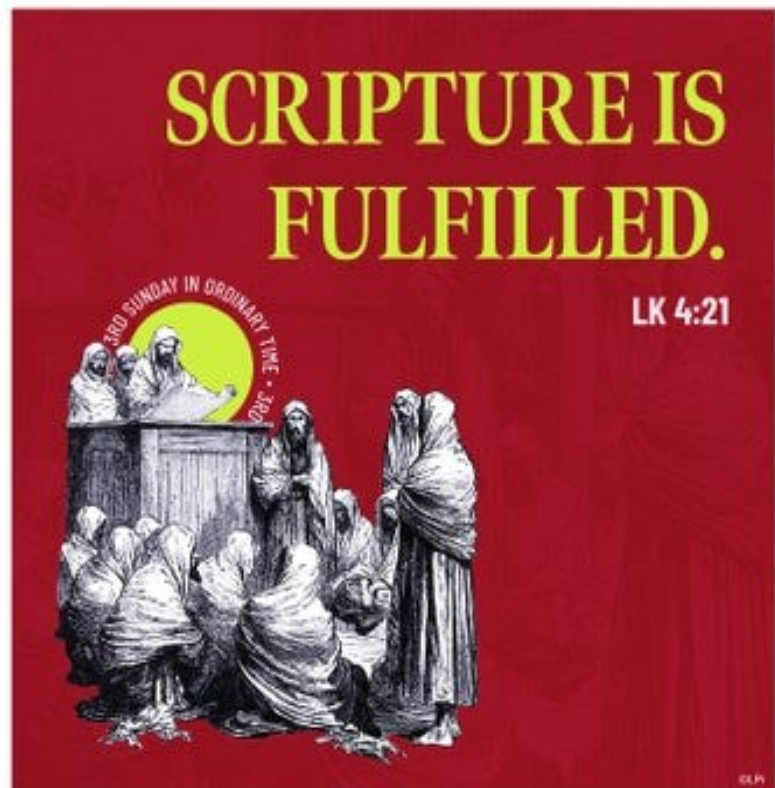
Gospel:

We hear how Jesus began to reveal his true identity as Israel's long-awaited Messiah in his hometown of Nazareth. Have you ever received news that you thought was unbelievable? What was it?




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Holy Communion




May this Holy Communion bring about a perfect union with You, the one true God, and at last enable me to reach eternal bliss when You will call me. Through the same Christ our Lord.


Amen.



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Let this Holy Communion be to me an armor of faith and a shield of good will, a cleansing of all vices, and a rooting out of all evil desires.



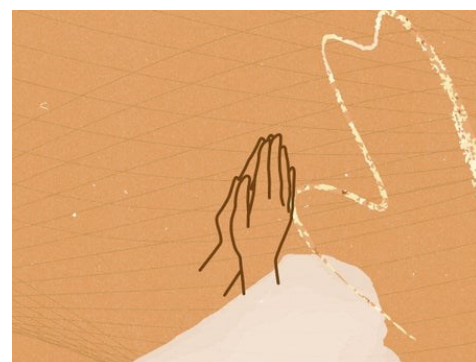
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What should you pray after you receive Communion?


Here's an excerpt from a prayer by St. Thomas Aquinas:



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I pray that this Holy Communion may not be for my judgment and condemnation, but for my pardon and salvation.



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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.

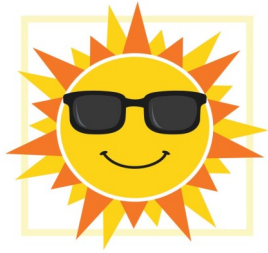
All are welcome to this FREE event!



Description

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!



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