

January 4, 2026

The Epiphany
of the Lord

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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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

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt 2:6

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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 6

No Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

No Mass

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

Daily Mass 12:00noon at the PC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC

Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC

Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 8:30am

Readings for the Week

- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6;Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10;Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8;Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18;Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday 1 Jn 4:19-5:4;Ps 72:1-2, 14 & 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13;Ps 147:12-13, 19-20;Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21;Ps 149:1-2, 3-4,k 5 & 6a & 9b;Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7;Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38;Mt 3:13-17

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Colleen Wibright - 1/4, Cynthia Mitchell - 1/6,
Mike Reed - 1/9

May you have many more!

SELFLESSNESS REWARDED

Help another's boat across, and lo! Thine own has reached the shore.

-Old Hindu Proverb



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Robert Bartos

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth

Altar Server:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Rod McGuire

EMCs: Mindy Godfrey, Phyllis McGuire, Sandy McClung

Ushers: Mike Godfrey, Mark Leggett

Altar Server: Dan Kees



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 6

No Mass

Thursday, January 8

No Mass

Friday, January 9

For the Intentions of Anonymous

Saturday, January 10

For the Intentions of Mark Anderson

Sunday, January 11

For the Intentions of Mark Anderson

Pray for



OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Rob Breaux, Florence Giels, Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi and Barbara Witkowski.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Regina Booth, Bradshaw Cate, Sam Donelson, Carol Dvorah, Marsha Havens, Pam Heinzl, Kathleen Horosinski, Marci Krieger, Betty McClard, Joe McDaniel, Billy Metzger, Carol Morgan-Eagle, Gene Ochrymowich, Eric Pederson, David Reuter, Connie Stielow, Ed Terrill, Libbie Vesekla and Betty Wallace.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Joe Shaughnessy-

OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith





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

FORMATION DAY

Evangelizing Catechesis for Adults

January 17, 2026

St. Stephen Church, Bentonville

Register by January 5

Cost \$20 per person, Lunch included

Get details and register

www.dolr.org/events/parish-catechist-formation-day-bentonville-26

Can't register online? Email Jasmine Hogan at jmoore@dolr.org. Questions: Email Jasmine or Jess Hines at jbhines@dolr.org

A Reminder: Extended Adoration is the last Tuesday of every month from 9:00 - 11:00am at the Church.

Our Seminararians for the month of January, 2026



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



Matthew Lamb



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. So, as you plan for the weeks and months ahead, please remember your parish family in your prayer and in your financial planning. The Sunday Collection for December 20th & 21st was **\$6,472.75**. For the Fiscal year (7/25-6/26) is **\$87,954.10**.

Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of 12/23/25:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Parishioners	\$829,298	\$562,469
Non-Parishioners	\$113,380	\$ 57,983
Donations	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 79,338</u>
	\$942,678	\$699,790



GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop is closed until March 13th.



MASS FOR LIFE

January 18, 2026

The Respect for Life Office of the Diocese of Little Rock invites you to the annual Mass for Life.

Pray for Legal protection for every unborn child

Pray to End Abortion

Cathedral of St. Andrew
617 S. Louisiana St. Little Rock

*11:20 - 11:50am ADORATION & ROSARY FOR LIFE

*12:05pm MASS WITH BISHOP TAYLOR

*AFTER MASS FREE TACOS!

Grab-and-go to make it easy to attend March for Life!

*2:00pm MARCH FOR LIFE sponsored by Arkansas Right to Life (along Capitol Avenue to the steps of the Arkansas State Capitol)

Questions? Contact the Respect Life Office at 501-664-0340, ext. 326

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

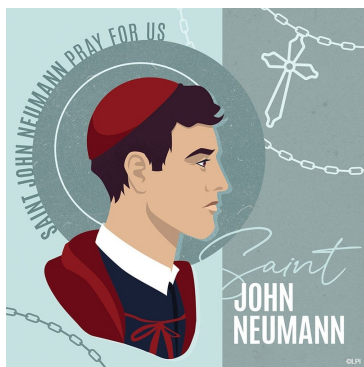
When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

-Father John Muir



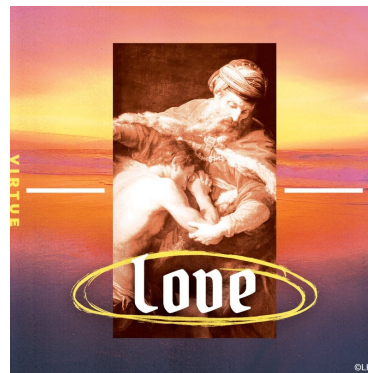
St. John Neumann | January 5

St. John Neumann, patron saint of educators, immigrants, and sick children, was the first male saint to be canonized from the USA. An immigrant himself, he expanded Catholic education in his region from 2 schools to 100 & ministered in 6 different languages!

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the Week

The journey of the Magi reflects how treacherous our Christian life on earth can be. Always, evil works against us - Satan lays traps. He sows confusion. May we, like the Magi, recognize the will of God as our guiding star.



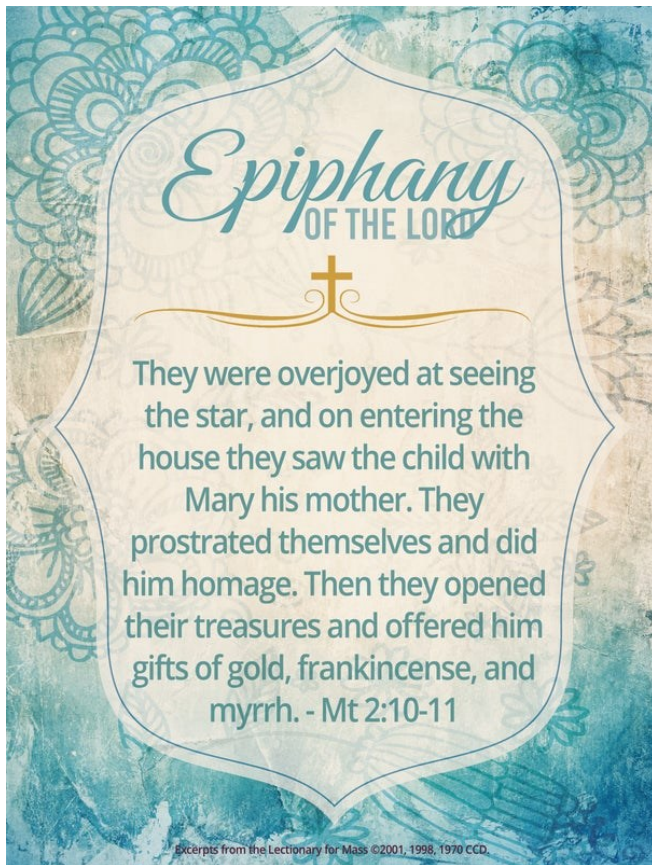
VIRTUES, *Explained!*

The virtue of love seeks the good of the other, a reflection of the love of God who created us for this very purpose. In practicing this virtue, we express the fullness of our identities as sons and daughters of God. In true Christian love, we find freedom.

EPIPHANY BLESSING

Dear God,
It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You. Inspire us to seek You, as well. Bless our homes and families this season, make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community.
Amen.

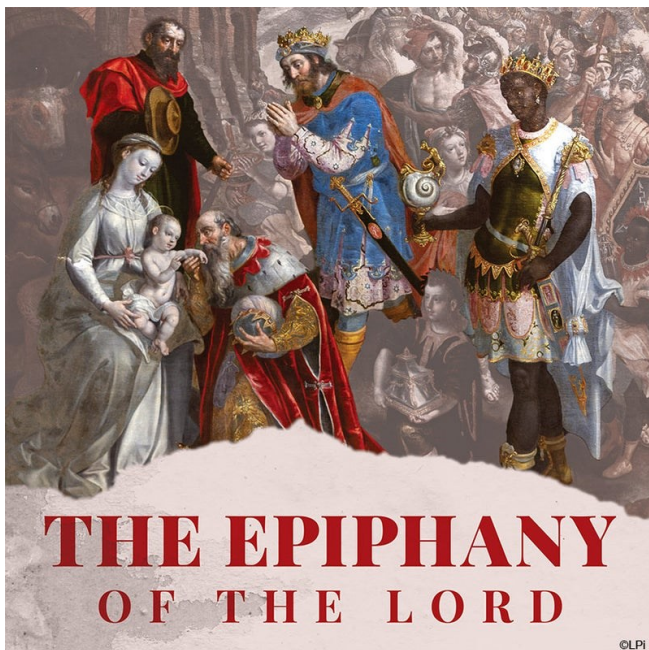
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Devotions, Explained! Epiphany Blessing

Mini Explanation — The Epiphany household blessing is an ancient practice in the Church. This tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God’s blessing on your home and all who enter it. All that is needed is chalk and a prayerful heart!

Epiphany Blessing, Explained The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God’s blessing on all who enter one’s home. All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk, which is usually made available by parishes either on the feast of the Epiphany or in the weeks leading up to it. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God’s blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk. The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.”



Epiphany Blessing

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you — tell you to chase? Point to it. And go forth.

The Stars We Follow
Everyone follows a star.

It is human nature to seek. If we are rich, we want to be richer. If we are smart, we want to be smarter. If we are powerful, we want to be more powerful.

We cannot stay in one place, so to speak — to say, "I am what I am, I have what I have, and it is enough." Even the very act of maintaining a status quo, be it health or wealth or spiritual goodness, requires action. It requires effort. It requires movement. This is human nature. There is nothing wrong with it. When we stop seeking, we die.

But what are we looking for? Where are we going?

I often wonder if the Magi knew what they were seeking — really, truly knew. They were seeking "the newborn king of the Jews," yes, but did they understand who he was? *What* he was? I don't see how they could have. They were wise men, but they were not prophets. They simply knew this was an endeavor they had to undertake. They knew it in their souls.

There really is very little that we know for certain about the Magi. We don't know how many of them there were. We don't know their religion. We don't know where they came from. All we know for certain is that they listened to a voice they heard deep within themselves. And, heeding that voice, they went forth.

And what did they find? They found what we all seek, even if, foolishly, we seek it in riches or power.

They found the face of the Child.

So tell me this. Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you— tell you to chase?

Point to it. And go forth.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men... who were they?

Answer:

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men *magoi*. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."
- Mt 2:1b-2

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Isaiah prophesies a coming of age when the glory of the Lord would shine upon Israel and their hearts would throb with joy. Can you share an experience that brought you deep joy and happiness?

Second Reading:

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Holy Spirit revealed to him that all believers in Jesus (Jew and Gentile alike) were coheirs and members of the same body. Have you ever felt like an outsider who was welcomed by others?

Gospel:

In the story of the birth of Jesus, Matthew contrasts the fear and concern of King Herod with the joy and praise of the Magi. What feelings does the season of Christmas evoke for you?



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Saturday Jan 10, 2026

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM CST

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75 Prospect

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Fees/Admission

<https://kingsday2026.eventbrite.com>



Join us for the King's Day Kickoff event at the Crescent Hotel Conservatory in beautiful Eureka Springs., AR.

Get ready for the announcement of this year's Mardi Gras Royalty. This event will be filled with great conversations, music, second line dancing, and plenty of fun.

Don't miss out on the chance to experience the lively atmosphere and the vibrant colors of Mardi Gras right here in Eureka Springs. Grab your beads, add a touch of masquerade to your attire, and get ready to party!

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Thursday Jan 15, 2026 Sunday Jan 18, 2026

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PSALM 72

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- + Prayerfully. Please support us in your prayers!

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