

March 17 2024
5th Sunday
of Lent

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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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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Rev. Joseph Archibong

Parish Secretary & Bookkeeper

Nancy Elfter

Director of Music

Sharon Parker

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Gift Shop Manager Rod McGuire

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, 22

Daily Mass 12:00noon at the PC
Stations of the Cross 12:30pm at the PC

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Sally Meyer - 3/19, Dennis Barnett - 3/22

May you have many more!



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Barb McClung

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth

Altar Server: Jim Witkowski

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Mike Godfrey

EMCs: Mary Szafranski, Mindy Godfrey, Karen Finkeldei

Ushers: Ted Meyer, Gary Finkeldei

Altar Server: Leva Murphy



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 19

For the Repose of the Souls of Kitty Bedolli & Pasquek Calendrino

Thursday, March 21

For the Intentions of the Voeger, Piro & Opperman

Family

Friday, March 22

For the Repose of the Soul of Richard Krapfl

Saturday, March 23

For the Repose of the Souls of John & Stella Schaefer

Sunday, March 24

For the Intentions of the Hymel & Dufresne Family



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 -

Sherry Clouser, Patsy Crawford, Marci Krieger, Chuck Maxwell, Joe McDaniel, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, and Libbie Vesekla

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -

OUR MILITARY - Tyler Horning and Nic Smith.



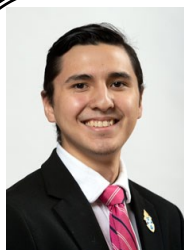
As you can see, many folks came to the Catfish Dinner Friday night and all had a good time and enjoyed their dinner. The next one is March 22.....hope to see you there!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday	March 28	St. Elizabeth Church-4:00pm St. Anne Church - 6:00pm
Good Friday	March 29	St. Elizabeth Church -12:15pm St. Anne Church - 5:00pm
Easter Vigil	March 30	St. Anne Church - 8:00pm
Easter Sunday	March 31	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

The Family of Gus Midden would like to thank Father Joseph, the choir and the parishioners that helped make our Dad's Celebration of Life one to remember. The luncheon was wonderful and we know everyone worked very hard. Thank you all so much!

The Midden Family

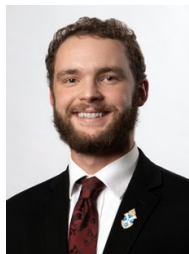


Pedro Alvarez

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www.dolr.org/seminarians



Elijah Bailey

*Our Seminarians
for the month of
March, 2024*

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

March Gift Shop Schedule

Sun., 3/17	9:30-4:00	Godfrey
Mon., 3/18	10:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 3/19	10:00-4:00	Buttecali
Thurs., 3/21	10:00-4:00	Boardman
Fri., 3/22	10:00-4:00	Meyer
Sat., 3/23	10:00-1:00	S. McClung
	1:00-4:00	Meyer
Sun., 3/24	9:30-4:00	Elworth

St. Elizabeth Church

FRIED CATFISH DINNER

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

*St. Elizabeth Parish
Hall*



March 8 & 22

5:00-7:00pm

2 piece/\$15, 3 piece/\$18



The Catholic Relief Services Collection

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

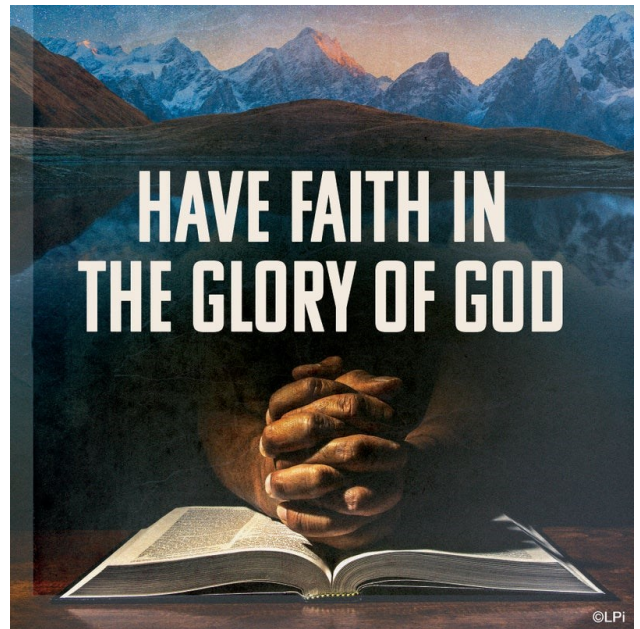
A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships and so on. She smiled as she did so. “Please forgive me,” I asked, “but you seem to be smiling as you share this.” She said, “Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I’m smiling because I just can’t wait to see what good things God does with this mess.” She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it. This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus’ earthly ministry. It’s at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, **“Father, glorify your name!”** John then writes: **Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.”** Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable expectation of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: “Father, glorify Your name in all these things!” Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

-Father John Muir



St. Cyril of Jerusalem was a bishop in the fourth century. His teachings on the Eucharist, among other topics, secured his place as a Doctor of the Church. Though his ministry was marked by estrangement, exile, and ultimately, reconciliation, he never lost his faith!



Decline to Sign the Abortion Petition:

An effort is underway to gather signatures for the Arkansas Abortion Amendment. Don't be misled. Abortion is never medically necessary. Treatment for miscarriage and abortion are not the same thing. Abortion kills a *living* child. In rare cases, in the absence of better alternatives, life-threatening maternal health conditions may require interventions that indirectly and unintentionally lead to death of an unborn child. Abortion restrictions do not prevent a mother from receiving this life-saving medical care. (See USCCB “The Truth About Abortion & Women’s Health”). Please **Decline to Sign**.



PRAYER OF BOLD ASK

God in heaven,
Hear me as I call to you! Pour new life into me! Renew my heart in Your word! Help me to know you! Help me to glorify You, worship You, and trust You. Amen

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Lost in the Crowd

I write my phone number on my kids' arms when we go into large crowds at summer festivals, in case we get separated. If you think this makes me sound like a neurotic person with an overactive imagination who watches too many true crime documentaries, you would be correct. I am all of those things.

However, I am also practical, and I've endured moments of panic after looking up and briefly not being able to locate a child who has wandered off or lagged behind. The phone number, scrawled across their sunscreen-streaked skin, is a safeguard, however insignificant. It's something they can hold up to show an adult, something they can point to and say, "This is where I need to be. Help me get here."

When I reflect on my own life, it occurs to me that I was born lost. We all were. It was only in Eden that a human being ever knew what it was to be at home. In Eden, I would imagine, the feeling of safety was so natural that it was only noticed after it was gone. But original sin came like a noisy crowd to bear us away from the place we needed to be, and since that time, our human lives have played out against a backdrop of insecurity and unfamiliarity. We are cold and alone and confused. And God, our heartbroken parent, never stops seeking us, never stops calling our names.

Baptism, the etching of God's law onto our heart and soul, is not a phone number written on our arms. It's something far better — it's a homing signal, planted deep within. And it will lead us back to where we need to be.

"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people." — Jeremiah 31:33

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do parishes have the Blessed Sacrament in a separate room?

Answer:

While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document *Built of Living Stones* (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is "integrally connected with the church" which can foster "reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer." This can be especially important for communities that have continuous eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the "source and summit" of the life of the Church.

As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Through the prophet Jeremiah, God promised Israel "a new covenant": the Lord's law will be written in our hearts and known by all who believe. Do you know people who seem to have a heart-felt faith?

Second Reading

Hebrews teaches us that Jesus struggled with his own impending suffering and death. During this Lenten season, what has been a struggle for you?

Gospel Question

Jesus taught that through his own suffering and death, he would drive out the "ruler of this world" (Satan) and draw everyone to himself. In what ways are you drawn to Christ?



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2024 SEASON INFORMATION

2024 Schedule

March: Tuesdays thru Saturday's. Tour departs at 1:00 & 3:00pm *March 17 thru 23 - Every Day (Spring Break)

April: Tuesdays thru Saturday's. Tour departs at 1:00 & 3:00pm

May - Oct.: 7 Days a Week. Tour departs at 1:00 & 3:00pm

Nov.: Thurs., Fri., Sat. Tour departs at 1:00 & 3:00pm. First two weeks only.

Prices remain the same as 2023

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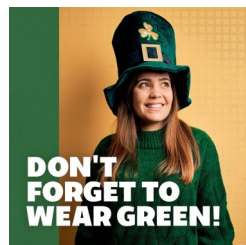
\$8.50 plus tax and fees for kids (4 thru 11 years old). Toddlers are free

Book Online at ***EurekaSpringsTramTours.com***

Tour Route for 2024

Tram departs from Eureka Springs Transit Welcome Center, at 137 West Van Buren Street, travels west to "The Historic Loop" and goes to the 1886 Crescent Hotel, where it will stop for a few minutes while the tram tour guide gives history and information about the hotel, but does not drop off to go inside. After leaving the hotel, the tram will go down to St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, where it makes another stop, and DOES allow guests to unload and go "through the bell tower" to the church and go inside. There is also a small gift shop with a restroom available there. After leaving the church, the tram continues down hill to Spring Street. The tour then follows Spring Street, past Crest Spring, Carnegie Library, Harding Springs, Palace Bath House, through the Shopping and Dining District, to Main Street, then following Main Street up the hill to Highway 65, then back to the Transit Welcome Center. The tours will last approximately 80 minutes.

Advance Reservations are always recommended. Reservations made on the same day of the tour, must be made



2024 EUREKA SPRINGS CHOCOLATE LOVERS FESTIVAL

The 2024 Eureka Springs Chocolate Lovers Festival is happening Saturday, March 23rd from 1:00-5:00pm in the Highlander Room of the Eureka Springs Community Center! We encourage you to come and enjoy the festivities!

Not only does a great turnout at the event help the local business community and economy, it's also one of the Chamber of Commerce's only fundraisers of the year. So tell your friends, share it on social media, hang a poster, purchase a ticket, there are a number of ways you can show support. If you are interest in volunteering, please let us know.

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