

March 2, 2025

8th Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

# SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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### CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive  
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### PARISH CENTER

232 Passion Play Road  
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### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30am  
Tuesday 8:30am  
Thursday 8:30am  
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(except 1st Fri. of  
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TREE DOES NOT  
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LUKE 6:43

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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### TO OUR VISITORS

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## 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, MARCH 4

Adoration 8:00am  
Daily Mass 8:30am

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Ash Wednesday Mass 12:00noon at the PC  
7:00am & 6:00pm at St. Anne's

### THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Daily Mass 8:30am  
Confessions 9:15am

### FRIDAY, MARCH 7

Daily Mass 12:00noon at the PC

### SATURDAY, MARCH 8

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

### SUNDAY, MARCH 9

First Sunday of Lent 8:30am

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Sir 17:20-24;Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7;Mk 10:17-27  
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12;Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 & 23;  
Mk 10:28-31  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18;Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 &  
17;2 Cor 5:20-6:2;Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday Dt 30:15-20;Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6;Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a;Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19;  
Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday Is 58:9b-14;Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;Lk 5:27-32  
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10;Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15  
(see 5b);Rom 10:8-13;Lk 4:1-13

### God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Harper Bishop- 3/2, Karl Diederich - 3/4

*May you have many more!*

### GOOD TIMING

The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow.



# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

## Mass Ministers



### SATURDAY, MARCH 8

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

**Lector:** Robert Bartos

**EMCs:** see sign-up sheet

**Ushers:** Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth

**Altar Server:**

### SUNDAY, MARCH 9

8:30am Mass at the Church

**Lector:** Cassian Heath

**EMCs:** Rod McGuire, Phyllis McGuire, Karen Finkeldei

**Ushers:** Mark Leggett, Ted Meyer

**Altar Server:** Misyy Leggett



## Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 4

For the Intentions of David & Anna

Thursday, March 6

For the Intentions of David & Anna

Friday, March 7

For the Intentions of Megan Gregory Waldemeyota

Saturday, March 8

For the Repose of the Soul of Jason Shaw

Sunday, March 9

For the Repose of the Soul of Phyllis Cooley



Pray for us...



### OUR PARISHIONERS -

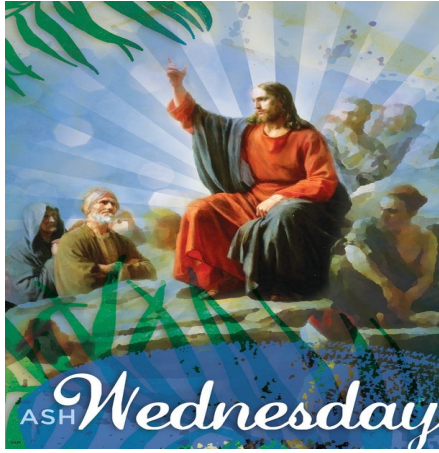
Connie Blazek, Sheila Fowler, Florence Giels, Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

### OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

Mary Ann Dobrobolny, Linda Gilmore, Pam Heinzl, Marci Krieger, Joe McDaniel, Gene Ochrymowich, Eric Pederson, Dale Putrino, Leslie Scroggins, Becky Sisco, Shari Soukup, Ed Terrill, Libbie Vesekla and Connie Woolheiser

**OUR MILITARY** - Tyler Horning and Nic Smith.

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** - Letha Thiel



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**FYI:** Donations from CASA 2024 are being used this year to support these programs and ministries:

7. Catholic Charities of Arkansas, \$100,000: Provides help and hope to people who are poor and vulnerable. Services include immigration legal assistance, refugee resettlement and prison ministry.

8. Respect Life Office, \$50,000: This ministry organizes the annual Mass for Life, provides resources for Respect Life Month and offers pastoral services through Project Rachel, the diocesan post-abortion healing ministry. *(to be continued)*

**THE CHOSEN, Season 4**

Starting March 19 - 6:30pm, continuing March 26, April 2, 9, and 16  
Parish Hall

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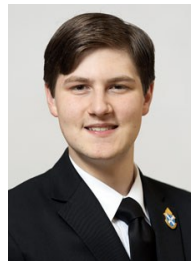
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March, 2025*

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**Matthew  
Lamb**

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 **GIFT SHOP**



*March Gift Shop Schedule*

Fri., 3/7	10:00-1:00	Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Elfter
Sat., 3/8	10:00-4:00	M. Leggett
Sun., 3/9	9:30-4:00	Selleck



**MASS FOR HOPE AND HEALING**

**Sunday, April 27, 5:30pm**

**Cathedral of St. Andrew**

617 S. Louisiana St., Little Rock

**Bishop Anthony B. Taylor, Celebrant**

For everyone who is interested in praying for victims of sexual abuse, their families and friends.



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**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

**Knights of Columbus  
Fried Catfish Dinners**

**March 7, March 21,  
April 4**

**5:00pm-7:00pm**

**Parish Hall**

**\$15/\$18**



# *Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*March 2, 2025*

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

### **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord's words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, **“For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles”** (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the “figs” and “grapes” of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let's recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer and service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray and serve fruitfully...with minimal quarreling.

*-Father John Muir*



### **DEVOTIONS, *Explained!***

Though an icon depicts an image, it's much more than a religious picture. An icon is visual theology. It expresses the same truths written in the Gospel, but through an artistic medium, mirroring how Christ's incarnation made the Word visible to men in the flesh.



### **PRAYER FOR INTERIOR LIFE**

Dear Jesus,  
Fill my heart so full of goodness that it produces Your goodness.  
Let my thoughts, words, and actions reflect You.  
Amen.

# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** If we see a splinter in another person's eye, or a problem in the world that needs to be fixed, what Jesus is saying is not that we should ignore it and move on. He's merely saying that, when we see these things, we must take them first as a challenge to examine ourselves.

### The Log in Your Eye

Today's Gospel is a big favorite of non-Christians — or Christians who don't like being told what to do.

That trusty ol' *remove the wooden beam from your own eye* line is a classic. *Mind your business, Christians! You're not perfect either.*

And that's entirely true. None of us are perfect. We've all got logs in our eyes. We can't approach life acting like we have the answers simply because we follow Jesus.

Jesus has the answers, and we have Jesus.

The real problem with having someone remove a splinter from my eye, if he himself has a log in his eye, is not that he has no business removing the splinter from my eye. It's that he can't see clearly to do it. His own eyesight is occluded.

If we see a splinter in another person's eye, or a problem in the world that needs to be fixed, or a scandal in the community that should be addressed, what Jesus is saying is not that we should ignore it and move on. He's merely saying that, when we see these things, we must take them first as a challenge to examine ourselves. To address the problem as it exists within our own souls, so that we ensure we are seeing clearly. Then, if we reach out to pluck the splinter, we will do so with clear eyesight.

He wants us to worry as much about our own souls as we do about other people's.

We tend to look at the world and feel anxious — so much evil! So much hate! So much sin! We pray, *God, when will you change it?*

And He whispers back: *I will change it here. Now. In your own heart. You just have to ask.*

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained



### Question:

Why do we place ashes on our forehead each Ash Wednesday?

### Answer:

Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of Genesis, when the human person is fashioned "out of the dust of the ground" and receives the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not.

As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either "remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return" or "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We're reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities.

"How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye."

- Lk 6:42

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

Sirach teaches us to pay attention to how people speak; it reveals a lot. How often do you find yourself weighing your words before speaking?

### Second Reading:

Paul speaks of Jesus's resurrection as taking away the "sting" and "victory" of death. What words of comfort do you use to those grieving over the death of a loved one?

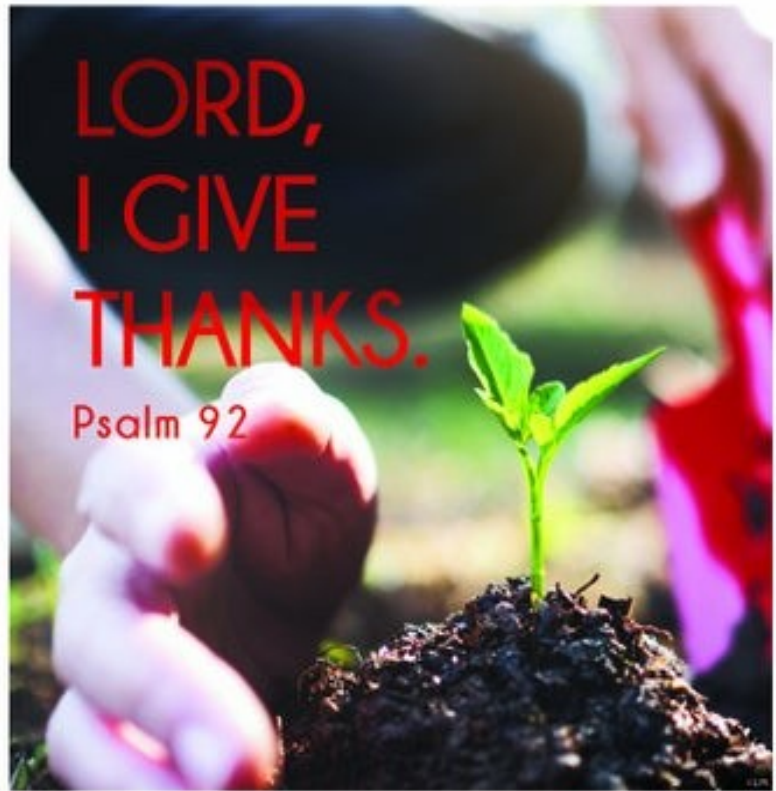
### Gospel:

Jesus encourages his followers to be humble in judgment of others and mindful in speech. Have you had good role models in your life for these virtues?



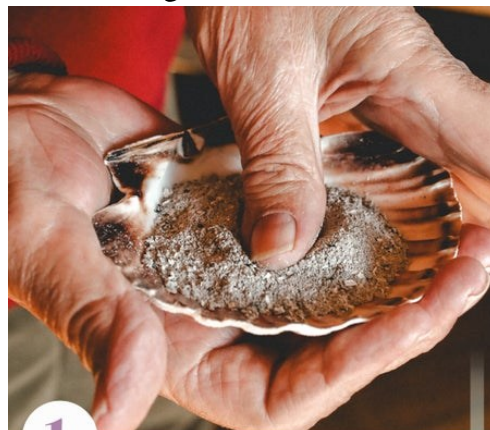
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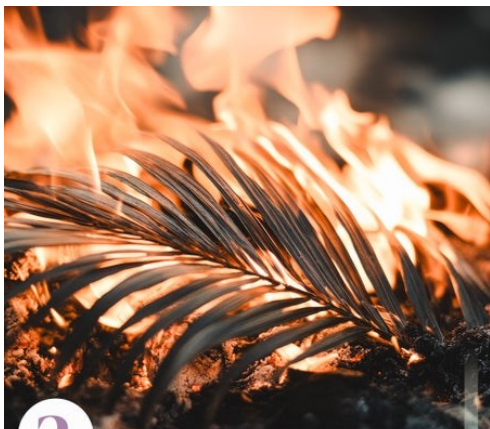
# Ash Wednesday

## Three fun facts about *Ash* Wednesday:



**1.**

Many Christian denominations celebrate Ash Wednesday. It is an ecumenical observance.



**2.**

The ashes used are made from burning the palms blessed in the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration.



**3.**

Ash Wednesday was officially instituted by Pope Urban II in 1091.

# Local Focus - A Eureka Springs Photography Show

Thursday Feb 20, 2025 – Sunday, April 20, 2025

Museum of Eureka Springs Art

44 Kingshighway

Eureka Springs, AR 72632

Fees/Admission

All are welcome to this by-donation show

**February 20, 2025 to April 20, 2025**

Museum of Eureka Springs Art  
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Richard Quick, Susan Storch  
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## Description

Discover the vibrant spirit of Eureka Springs through the lens of local photographers at the Museum of Eureka Springs Art! From February 20th to April 20th, the museum presents **Local Focus**, a captivating photography exhibit showcasing works by Richard Quick, Susan Storch, Jim Nelson, Edward Robinson, Rick Armellini, and John Rankine.

Visit the museum at 44 Kingshighway, located in the Eureka Springs Community Center Complex. The exhibit is open Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. This is a by-donation show, and everyone is welcome to explore and enjoy the talent of local artists. Don't miss this celebration of community and creativity!





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