

March 3, 2024
3rd Sunday
of Lent

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Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30am
Tuesday 8:30am
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Friday 8:30am

(except 1st Fri. of
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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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ELP

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, MARCH 5

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Fourth Sunday of Lent 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,
8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,
14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab;
Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5,
6 (6ab); Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 *Scrutiny:*

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Karl Diederich - 3/4, Helen Wright - 3/5,
Camden Boardman - 3/8

May you have many more!



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers



SATURDAY, MARCH 9

4:00pm Vigil Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Robert Bartos

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth

Altar Server: Jim Witkowski

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Rod McGuire

EMCs: Mindy Godfrey, Phyllis McGuire, Karen Finkeldei

Ushers: Mike Godfrey, Ted Meyer

Altar Server: Mike Lubbers



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 5

For the Repose of the Soul of Mons. David Lesieur

Thursday, March 7

For the Repose of the Soul of David Munich

Friday, March 8

For the

For the Repose of the Soul of David Munich

Saturday, March 9

For the Intentions of Father Joseph Archibong

Sunday, March 10

For the Repose of the Soul of Bobby Elworth



Pray for us...



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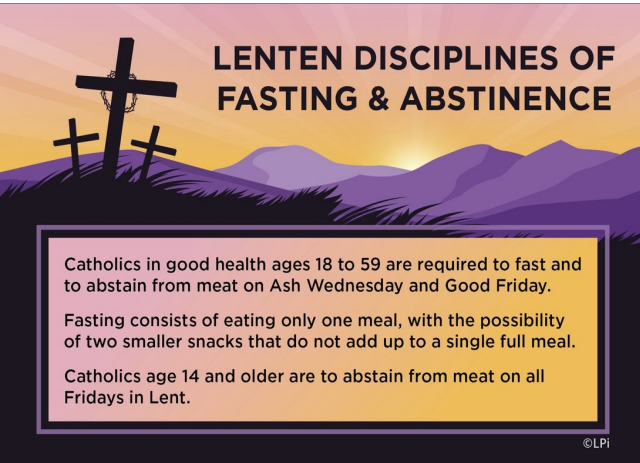
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OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

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.



LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

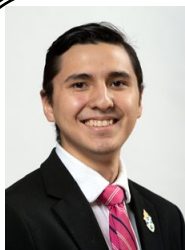
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CASA

Congratulations, Parishioners. We went over our goal in 2023, raising a total of \$11,750! Our goal for 2024 is \$9,900. Let's have another successful year and go over our goal again this year.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



*Our Seminarians
for the month of
March, 2024*

Pedro Alvarez

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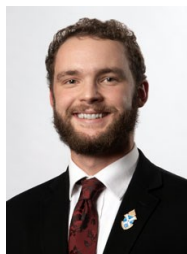
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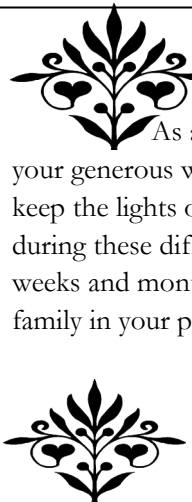
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on our seminarians, go to

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Elijah Bailey



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

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|------------|------------|---------|
| Fri., 3/8 | 10:00-4:00 | Reed |
| Sat., 3/9 | 10:00-4:00 | Leggett |
| Sun., 3/10 | 9:30-4:00 | Selleck |

St. Elizabeth Church

FRIED CATFISH DINNER

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



*St. Elizabeth Parish
Hall*

March 8 & 22

5:00-7:00pm

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Saint Cecilia's Corner

FROM SHARON PARKER, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Choir rehearsals for Holy Week and Easter Sunday liturgies will begin on Wed., Feb. 28th at 5:00pm in the Parish Center Hall. Special music will be sung at the 3/23/24 Palm Sunday Mass, the 3/28/24 Holy Thursday Mass and the 3/31/24 Easter Sunday Mass. You may sing for either one, two or all of these liturgies as your schedule permits. If you are looking for a Lenten discipline to practice during this season of Lent, consider singing in the praise of God as fulfilling that requirement. Call Sharon at 479-981-0870 or email her at Song-bird1960@outlook.com for more information.

Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024

GOSPEL MEDITATION

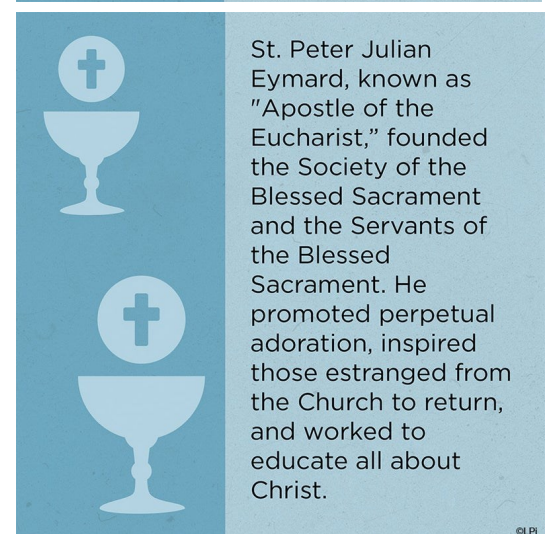
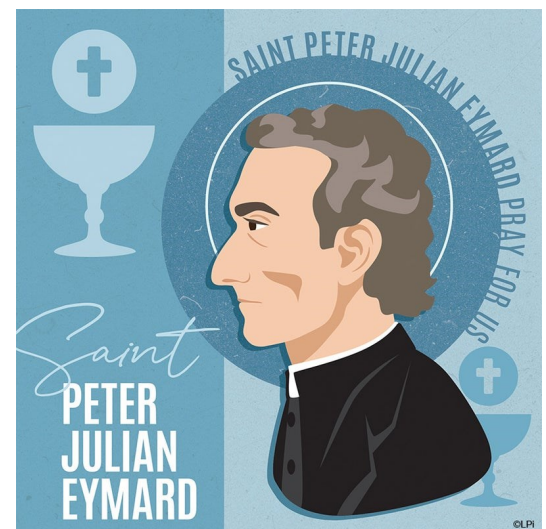
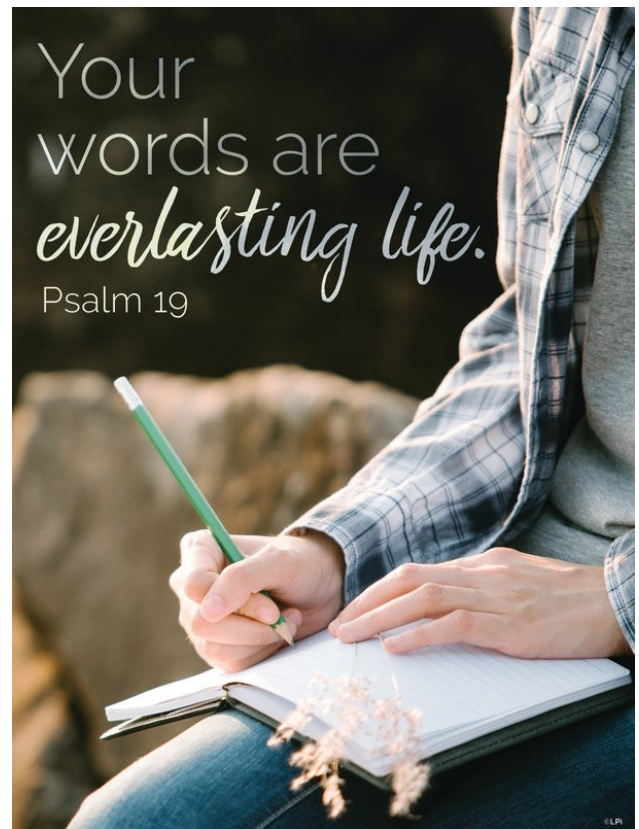
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I am the Lord your God....You shall not have other gods beside me. - Ex. 20:2-3

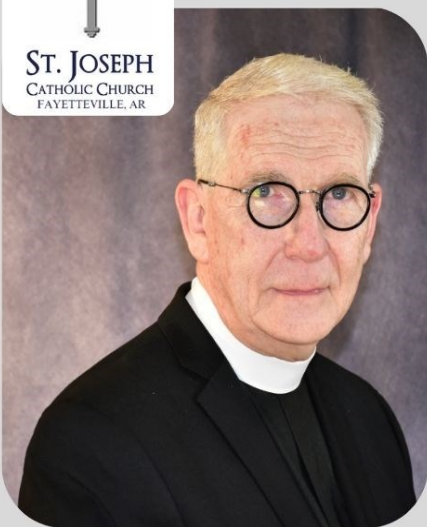
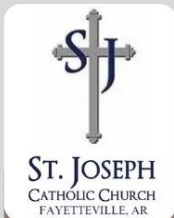
One of the greatest golfers of all time - if not the greatest - was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to "**have no other gods besides me.**" This is our grip. Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say, "yes" to this fundamental question of our spiritual "grip" then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness and love.

Lenten Challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this "idol" to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.



St. Peter Julian Eymard, known as "Apostle of the Eucharist," founded the Society of the Blessed Sacrament and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. He promoted perpetual adoration, inspired those estranged from the Church to return, and worked to educate all about Christ.



Rev. Dennis McManus

Fr. Dennis McManus is a priest of the Archdiocese of Mobile in Alabama. From 1997-2006, he worked as Associate Director of the Secretariat for the Liturgy at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, DC. Pope John Paul II named him as consultor and theologian to the newly established Vox Clara commission of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on which he has served since 2001; Pope Benedict XVI then appointed Fr. McManus as consultor to the Congregation itself in 2010 and then as peritus to the Vox Clara commission. He has taught as professor of liturgy at several seminaries, just completing his last assignment at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg. Fr. McManus has written widely on liturgical topics. He served as pastoral coordinator for the Archdiocese of New York in deliverance and exorcism ministry from 2009-2011. He is also the USCCB consultant for Jewish Affairs and membered on both the Vatican-Baptist dialogue (2007-20012) and the USCCB-Reform Churches dialogue which issued its historic joint agreement on the form and recognition of baptism (2012). He was general editor of Paulist Press' Ancient Christian Writers Series from 1994-2007 and translation editor of Varsity Press' Ancient Christian Commentary from 1995-1998. Fr. McManus has taught courses in theology, medieval literature, classical languages and Jewish studies for over 40 years. He holds a bachelor's degree in classical languages and philosophy from St. Mary's College of California; a master's degree in historical ethics from Georgetown University and a doctorate in patristics from Drew University. He just completed 25 years as Professor in the department of Jewish civilization at Georgetown University. He is presently assigned as parochial vicar at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland, California and professor of theology at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park.

JOIN US THIS LENT FOR A SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON MARCH 9TH & 10TH

**Fr. McManus will celebrate
mass on March 9th at 5pm**

**Talk #1 will be on St. Joseph,
in advance of his feast day
on March 19th. Light snacks
will be provided**

**Saturday March 9th
6:15pm-7:30pm
Corry Hall**

**Talk #2 will be on Spiritual
Warfare and the Family**

**Sunday March 10th
10:15am-11:30am
DeBriyn Center Gym
Donuts and coffee provided**

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Merciful Anger of Jesus

Watch your fellow churchgoers today as the priest or deacon reads the story of Jesus raising hell (or perhaps he's raising heaven?) in the temple square. Dollars to donuts, they'll be squirming.

As Catholics, we have become very uncomfortable with Angry Jesus. He makes us cringe in the same way that the Old Testament God does when He calls Himself "jealous" and talks about punishment. That level of intensity makes us recoil. If it were present in a human relationship, it would be toxic and abusive, because in humanity, fierceness and love rarely coexist in a healthy way.

But what a tragedy it would be for us to mistake our relationship with God for our relationship with our spouse, our best friend, or even our human father. Because we cannot see clearly, we would mistake His zeal for anger and His law for diktat.

The strong and sure movement of a wave against a rocky cliff will, over time, erode its surface, just as an overabundance of raindrops will flood a city. We do not call the water callous and cruel. We still luxuriate in its coolness and refreshment. Its destructive powers don't negate the life-giving properties of water. We do not demand that water apologize to us for being strong.

Fierce, uncompromising — but also, soft and merciful. How can God — and God's law — be both, at the same time? How can Christ cast a whip at someone's foot, overturn a table and scatter coins? How can the law of God be perfect, as the Psalm says, and refresh the soul — while demanding so much of it?

All I can say is, thank God for Angry Jesus. We need his fierceness and thank God it does not wane because it confuses us. Thank God his mercy does not decrease because we doubt it.

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." — 1 Corinthians 1:25

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?

Answer:

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass.

And to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me.

- Jn 2:16-17

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

Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The "10 Commandments" given to Moses at Mount Sinai reveal God's moral and ethical expectations for Israel. Which of these Commandments do you personally find most challenging to follow?

Second Reading

Early in his letter to the Corinthians, Paul speaks of his firm conviction in the power and wisdom of his proclamation, "Christ crucified." What are you confident about in your faith life?

Gospel Reading

Jesus' deep passion ("zeal") for the Jerusalem Temple led to his strong (and violent) reaction to what he witnessed in the Temple. What is something you feel passionate about as it relates to your faith?



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