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SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY 33rd Qunday CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, *G*irkansas

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CHURCH

30 Crescent Drive Eureka Springs, AR

PARISH CENTER

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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)

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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.

Setting 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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SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Daily Mass 8:30am

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Solemnity of our Lord, Jesus Christ 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;

Ps 119:53, 61,134,150,155,158;Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31;Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;Lk 19:1-10 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31;Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b & 15

Lk 19:11-28

Thursday 1 Mc 2:15-29;Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;

Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59;1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc,

11d-12a, 12bcd;Lk 19:45-48

Saturday 1 Mc 6:1-13;Ps 9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16 & 19;

Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3;Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1);

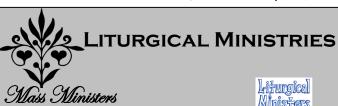
Col 1:12-20;Lk 23:35-43

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Martin Piasecki –11/15, Sandy Stamps- 11/15, Barb Witkowski - 11/15, Paul LeBlanc - 11/16, Keith Frey - 11/17, Callahan Bishop - 11/17, David Buttecali - 11/19, Monroe Bishop - 11/20, Margaret Bartell - 11/21

May you have many more!





SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Barb McClung **EMCs:** see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Mark Elworth, Jo Elworth

Altar Server:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Lisa Ward

EMCs: Mindy Godfrey, Phyllis McGuire, Karen Finkeldei

Ushers: Ted Meyer, Bev Wright

Altar Server: Dan Kees

Mass Intentions Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 18

For the Repose of the Soul of Letha Thiel

Thursday, November 20

For the Repose of the Soul of <u>Drenda Higdon</u>

Friday. November 21

For the Repose of the Soul of <u>Darlene Hober</u>

Saturday, November 22

For the Intentions of <u>Joe Shaughnessy</u>

Sunday, November 23

For the Repose of the Soul of Juan Irwin







OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, 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 Heinzel, Kathleen Horosinski, Marci Krieger, Betty McClard, Joe McDaniel, Billy Metzer, Carol Morgan-Eagle, Gene Ochrymowich, Eric Pederson, David Reuter, Connie Stielow, Ed Terrill, Libbie Vesekla and Betty Wallace.

OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith.
THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -



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

The Parish Life Committee is announcing upcoming events. Save the dates on your calendar!

November 17...St. Elizabeth Feast Day

Mass at the Church...8:30am

Country Breakfast (by reservation) at the Parish Center...9:30am Reservation sign-up will start on weekend of October 27

Gift of Giving Name Drawings

Weekend of November 15-16, 22-23 and 29-30 or until all names are drawn

Friday, December 12...St. Elizabeth Church Christmas Party (*Gift of Giving Gifts are due).

Feast of Christmas Dinner...turkey and ham entre, with pot luck sides, dessert provided.

Bingo with Hobby Lobby Christmas Décor as prizes Reservation Sign-Up will begin on weekend of Nov. 22



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 November 1st & 2nd was **\$3,683.00.** For the Fiscal year (7/25-6/26) is **\$60,590.35.**

Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of 11/4/25:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Parishioners	\$828,253	\$534,124
Non-Parishioners	\$113,380	\$ 56,043
Donations	<u>\$</u>	\$ 61,252
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GIFT SHOP

November Sift Shop Schedule

Sun., 11/16	9:30-4:00	Godfrey
Mon., 11/17	10:00-1:00	D. Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 11/18	10:00-4:00	Buttecali
Thurs., 11/20	10:00-4:00	J. Boardman
Friday, 11/21	10:00-1:00	L. Murphy
	1:00-4:00	Finkeldei
Sat., 11/22	10:00-1:00	S. McClung
	1:00-4:00	Meyer
Sun., 11/23	9:39-4:00	N. Barnett



for the month of November, 2025



Pedro Cervantes Contact address:

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House of Formation, on our seminarians, go to

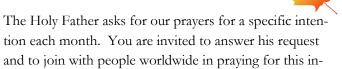


Matthew Lamb

Please remember to bring in pictures of your deceased to put in front of the Altar for the whole month of November. You may drop them off at the Parish Center or the Church.

POPE'S INTENTIONS

tention.



November: For the prevention of suicide: Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight - right into the waves - focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: "Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8). In times of chaos or uncertainly, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

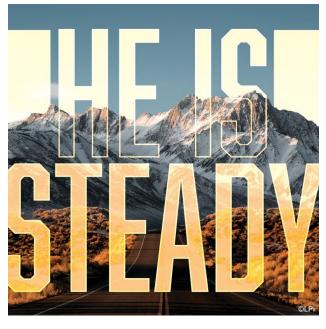
The tribulation of which Jesus speaks - as real, it happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is - and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons to us to stop.

— Father John Muir



DEVOTIONS, Explained!

An Advent Wreath consists of a circle of evergreen and four candles, one for each week of Advent. Three of the candles are purple, one is rose, representing Gaudete Sunday, a time of rejoicing at the closeness of Christmas.



MISSAL SWITCHOUT & "HANGING OF THE GREENS"

Our 2026 Missals are here! Each year following Christ the King weekend, the following Monday has been reserved for two projects: Missal Switchout and "Hanging of the Greens" (Parish Center Xmas Décor). Volunteers are needed for Monday, November 24th, at 9:00am with Missal Switchout (Church ad Parish Center) and then at 10:00am with "Hanging of the Greens" at the Parish Center. Please see Sharon Parker after mass if you can help out with either of these projects and remember: many hands make light the work!

Thank you, Sharon Parker, Coordinator

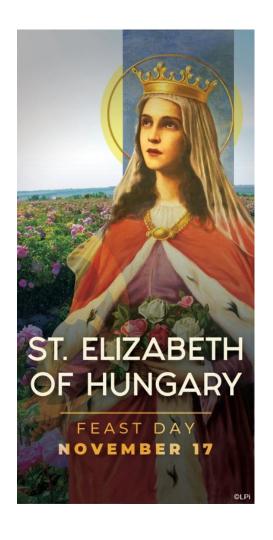


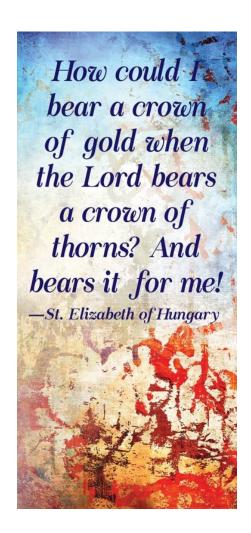
PRAYER IN SEASON OF TRUST

O Lord,

Be with me now. I feel so alone. Bring Your blessings to me, like the light of a candle in darkness. Wrap me in Your mercy, give me strength to face every hardship.

Amen.





St. Elizabeth of Hungary/Feast Day November 17

Although her life was short, St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207 - 1231) is recognized for her love of the poor and suffering, and as patroness of Catholic charities and the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, she chose a life of penance instead of leisure, which made an impact on the "commoners" she served.

St. Elizabeth married Louis of Thuringia when she was 14. Deeply in love, they had three children. Despite their wealth, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and St. Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband's family did not look kindly upon her and mistreated her before finally throwing her out of the palace. However, the return of her husband's allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne.

St. Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1228 where she cared for the poor in a hospital she founded in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. She died in 1231, but her great popularity resulted in her being named a saint only four years later.

Liturgical Life

CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Love and hate. Hope and fear. Death and life. What lasts forever, and what is even now passing away before our eyes. To be human is to know that these feelings, these realities, can and often do occur at the same time. To be Christian is to know that it means something.

Two Things Can Be True At Once

As my husband and I drove our firstborn child home from the hospital, I sat alongside my daughter in the backseat. Terrified, exhausted, exhilarated, confused, hopeful — I was all of these things at the same time. I gazed at her, this magnificent little creature whose face was both familiar and strange to me, thinking: She is exquisite. She is the future. She is life.

And then I burst into uncontrollable sobs.

"What's wrong?" my husband cried, panicked, glancing in the rearview mirror.

"She's — going — to — die — someday," I blubbered, choking on my own tears.

"Ohhh, honey." I'll never forget the tone of his voice as he clearly debated turning this car around and taking me back to the hospital for an emergency psych evaluation. "I think you might be tired."

Ten years later, it's a memory we laugh about. I hadn't slept more than four hours in four days. Postpartum hormones had lain waste to my senses. Here, on the threshold of new life, all I could think of was death. It's funny. It's absurd.

But it also makes a lot of sense.

Love and hate. Hope and fear. Joy and sorrow. Death and life. What lasts forever, and what is even now passing away before our eyes. To be human is to know that these feelings, these realities, can and often do occur at the same time. To be Christian is to know that it means something — even if we cannot understand what. Not yet.

In every moment of his earthly life, Christ shows us that two things can be true at once. A virgin is a mother. An exile is a king. The temple will be destroyed, and it will last forever. The world is ending. The world is beginning. The cross is death. The cross is life.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do Catholics call priests Father?

Answer

One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:19). It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31]) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like "father," "rabbi," or "master." Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest "Father" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "abbot" and "abbess" (from abba) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "Holy Father" or "pope" (from papa) as the head of the family that is the Church. The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.

"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand. for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." - Lk 21:13-15

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 prophet Malachi tells us that those who "fear" the Lord will be spared at God's coming judgment. What does it mean to "fear the Lord"?

Second Reading:

Paul gave the Thessalonians some very practical advice: work quietly and eat your own food! Are you open to taking advice from a loved one?

Gospel:

Jesus forewarned his followers that they will be persecuted for their faith in him, even with relatives and friends. How do you support friends and coworkers who are fellow believers?



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EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Hello,

I work with international teens who will be spending a semester or an academic year as high school exchange students. We have two teens who attend Mass every week and who would like to live with an active Catholic host family while they are here.

Iury is a 15-year-old boy from Paraguay who will be here for the <u>spring</u> semester, January to June. He speaks English, Spanish and Portuguese, plays soccer and the violin. He enjoys spending time outdoors, playing with his dogs and caring for his four younger siblings.

Katharina is a 15-year-old from Germany. She will be here for the <u>entire</u> 2026-27 school year. Kathi is an alter server at her church and teaches younger children alter serving duties. She plans to become a kindergarten teacher. She enjoys reading, writing and scrapbooking.

Host families are volunteers who provide a bed, meals, love and support. Couples with and without children at home are encouraged to host. Both Iury and Kathi would be happy to have younger host siblings.

Please share this opportunity with your parish members and anyone you feel may be interested in building into the life of a teen while making a lifelong friend. Together we can enable these teens to have a wonderful exchange experience.

Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to sharing details with anyone interested.



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Holiday Home Decorating Contest



Saturday Nov 29, 2025 Wednesday Dec 31, 2025

All around Eureka Springs!

Fees/Admission: All are welcome to participate in this free event! Thank Black Hills Energy and City Advertising and Promotion for sponsoring this event!

Get ready to sparkle and shine, Eureka Springs! It's time once again to light up our town with holiday cheer in the **Eureka Springs Holiday Home Decorating Contest**. This is your chance to turn your home into a dazzling winter wonderland or a heartwarming Hallmark-style masterpiece — the choice is yours! Whether you prefer classic charm, bold creativity, or laugh -out-loud fun, there's a category just for you.

★ Choose Your Category:

Winter Wonderland

Create a breathtaking snowy escape filled with twinkling lights, shimmering icicles, and enchanting snowmen. Let your imagination transport visitors to a magical world of winter beauty.

Hallmark

Capture the cozy, nostalgic magic of everyone's favorite holiday movies. Think traditional Christmas colors, warm lights, timeless décor — and maybe even a little romance.

Freakin' Eurekan

Let your creative spirit run wild! This category celebrates the quirky, bold, and uniquely Eureka Springs style. Unconventional? Absolutely. Unforgettable? Definitely.

Griswold

Go big, go bright, go Clark Griswold! Deck your home with over-the-top lights and outrageous decorations that would make even Cousin Eddie proud.

Grinch

Feeling a little mischievous? Embrace your inner Grinch with clever, funny, or delightfully grumpy holiday décor. Because even the Grinch deserves some Christmas fun!

Prizes & Recognition: Winners in each category will receive a **yard sign award** and a **custom Christmas ornament**, along with bragging rights as the **Best Holiday Home Decoration in Eureka Springs**! Winning homes will be celebrated throughout the community — spreading cheer to everyone who visits.

Important Dates

Entry Deadline: November 28 (homes must be fully decorated by this date)

Winners Announced: Friday, December 5th at Basin Spring Park, just before the Eureka Springs Christmas Parade

Don't miss your chance to showcase your creativity and share your holiday spirit with the entire town. So grab your lights, ornaments, and imagination — it's time to deck the halls, Eureka-style!

O Lord, we are the people who long to see your face.

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Nov 21 Pray for the success of our campaign to restore
St. Elizabeth Church.



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- + Prayerfully. Please support us in your prayers!

THANK YOU!

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