

November 30, 2025

1st Sunday
of Advent

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Contact Us...

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30 Crescent Drive
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

(except 1st Fri. of
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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.

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

Daily Mass 12:00noon at the PC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Second Sunday of Advent 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:a, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
(see 7); Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to: -

Jennifer Boardman - 12/4, Mark Leggett - 12/5

May you have many more!

FULFILL TODAY

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today. -Anonymous



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Robt Bartos, Sophie Bartos

Altar Server:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Rod McGuire

EMCs: Mary Szafranski, Mindy Godfrey, Karen Finkeldei

Ushers: Gary Finkeldei, Bev Wright

Altar Server: Mike Lubbers



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 2

For the Intentions of the Towsley Family

Thursday, December 4

For the Intentions of David Sanchez Tung

Friday, December 5

For the Repose of the Souls of Antonio Hakong Sanchez
& Guerrera de Uribe

Saturday, December 6

For the Intentions of Jerry & Shirley Talmadge

Sunday, December 7

For the Intentions of Jerry & Shirley Talmadge



Pray for



OUR PARISHIONERS -

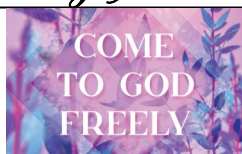
Connie Blazek, Rob Breaux, Florence Giels, Chris McClung, Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi and Barbara Witkowski.

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.

OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -



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

Thank you for your generous support last week for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** collection. As a Parish, we raised money to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the U.S. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources." **#iGiveCatholicTogether** also accepts funds for the collection.

Church Decorating for the Christmas season will be on Thursday, Dec. 4th, after Mass, about 9:30am. Any and all help is needed and appreciated. We usually finish about noon. Come on out and help us dress St. Elizabeth in her Christmas finery!!

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

Gift of Giving Name Drawings

Weekend of November **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



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 November 15th & 16th was **\$3,778.00**. For the Fiscal year (7/25-6/26) is **\$66,876.35**.

Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of 11/12/25:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Parishioners	\$828,253	\$522,124
Non-Parishioners	\$113,380	\$ 57,543
Donations	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 75,315</u>
	\$941,633	\$654,982



GIFT SHOP

Nov. /Dec. Gift Shop Schedule

Sun., 11/30	9:30-4:00	Horning
Sat., 12/6	10:00-1:00	Szafranski
	1:00-4:00	Elfter
Sun., 12/7	9:30-4:00	Stamps

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Program is in need of non-perishable food and stocking stuffers for children ages 1-16. Donations can be made at the Thrift Store in Berryville or placed in plastic bins at the Parish Center and the Church during the first 2 weeks in December.

Support David Reuter's Stoke Recovery Journey

3+ weeks ago David, a long time parishioner at St. Elizabeth, suffered a hemorrhagic stroke. He spent several days in Washington Regional in Fayetteville, then was transferred to Encompass Health Rehab where he worked on strength and mobility on his right side. David is now at home and going to Bentonville for PT twice a week and OT once a week. His recovery is expected to take 18 months to a year. Please pray for him, and if you would like to contribute to his "gofundme" account, the address is <https://www.gofundme.com/f/aqmdx-support-davids-stroke-recovery-journey>



*Our Seminarians
for the month of
November, 2025*

Pedro Cervantes

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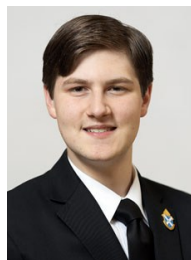
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on our seminarians, go to

www.dolr.org/seminarians



**Matthew
Lamb**



First Sunday of Advent

November 20, 2025

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years ago my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so - easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing - someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared, just attentive.

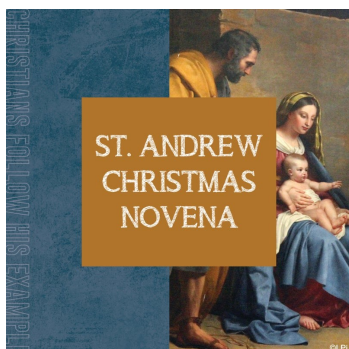
That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos *will* come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief - not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

-Father John Muir



DEVOTIONS, *Explained!*

The St. Andrew Christmas novena is a prayer said from Nov. 30 through Christmas Eve. St. Andrew was the first disciple of Christ, and in saying this prayer Christians follow his example of prescient faithfulness throughout the days of Advent.



NATIONAL RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The weekend of December 6-7 the second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious to provide nursing care, medicine and other necessities to elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests in our country who have devoted their lives to helping others. In our diocese, the Benedictines of Subiaco Abbey and the Discalced Carmelite Nuns of Little Rock receive funds from this collection.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the Week

"You do not know on which day your Lord will come," Jesus says. He is reminding us that we do not know the mind of God. But we do know the heart of God, and we know that it is filled with mercy for those who need the warning. Stay awake!

PRAYER FOR ADVENT, ARISE

Bless God's Holy Name!
Prepare our hearts for Your coming, Lord.
Awaken them from any places that have become sleepy or despondent.
Inspire us with new visions.
Be with us as we climb closer to You.
Amen.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Gracious and faithful God,
we pause in gratitude for this meal and for the love
that gathers us around it. Thank you for the good before us,
for the hands that prepared it, and for the hearts that
make this table a home.

We remember those who are not with us - loved ones who
have died, and all whose absence leaves a quiet space today.

May their memory bring comfort and their lives continue
to bless us in ways unseen.

We hold in prayer those who suffer in our world: the hungry,
the displaced, the weary, and the afraid. Let our gratitude
move us to compassion and our abundance to generosity.

Bless this food, O Lord, and bless the conversations, the
laughter, and the tenderness shared here. May peace find its
way from this table into the world beyond it.

AMEN

(Invite everyone to share what they're grateful for.)



ST. NICHOLAS DAY

December 6th

St. Nicholas | Feast Day December 6

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys.

Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Of course the world is ending. It has been ending forever. And the Son of Man is coming — but don't forget, he was already here, too. And His Spirit, even now, is renewing the face of the earth. "But how?" we ask. "And when? And where?"

Watershed Moments

In every life there are watershed moments.

I think of our time on this earth as resembling, in the beginning, a fine, firm sheet of metal, suspended with perfect balance in time and space. If a drop of water falls upon the sheet, it remains precisely where it lands.

But life goes on. We see things, we feel things, and in the seeing and the feeling, the flat, smooth metal sheet is nicked. The impacts created by those experiences are like BB pellets riddling armor; before long, the surface is pockmarked. A falling drop of water will drain or pool either in one way or the other, its action determined by the closest indentation.

A watershed has been created, a summit or valley that disrupts the smooth flatness of life. In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about the end of the world. I'm no Biblical scholar, but I suspect the topic at hand is the Apocalypse (capital A). The big one. The explosion that upends the sheet itself and sends every drop of water crashing down. But I think, in a smaller way, it's also about all the indentations on the plane: those little apocalypses (lowercase a), the things that felt like the end of the world (or the beginning of a new one).

The loss of a job. The breakup of a relationship. The suffering of a loved one.

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Without the chinks in the armor — without the watershed moments — there is tremendous smoothness, certainly. But there is also no movement.

So look to the watershed moments, these little (and big) apocalypses. In these moments that change us, for better or worse, God is there, working, waiting.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

When we say the Penitential Act at Mass, why do we strike our chest three times?

Answer:

Our rituals and liturgical celebrations are filled with a variety of symbols, some of which also relate to our gestures and physical postures (e.g. kneeling, sitting, processing, making the Sign of the Cross). The custom of striking our breast three times during the "I Confess" of the Penitential Act of the Mass is one of those gestures that is loaded with symbolism.

The tradition of Christian's striking the breast (above the heart) is rooted in the image of Sacred Scripture, especially texts like Psalm 51 which speak of a "humbled contrite heart" or how God heals broken hearts, binding up our wounds (see Psalm 147:3). Early Christian writers like Saint Augustine of Hippo and Saint Jerome also refer to this custom in their writings.

Ultimately, this practice is an expression of our sorrow for those times when we have been guilty of faults and a sign that we are willing to take responsibility for our sins and failings. That we all perform this gesture together is also an act of solidarity, recognizing that none of us, regardless of where we are on our journey of faith, is without fault and the need for grace and forgiveness.

"Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." - Mt 24:40-42

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah envisioned a future with no more wars and nations united in belief and worship of Israel's God. What does a world totally at peace look like?

Second Reading:

Paul encouraged the Romans to live with a sense of urgency in anticipation of their own salvation. What motivates you to live a moral life?

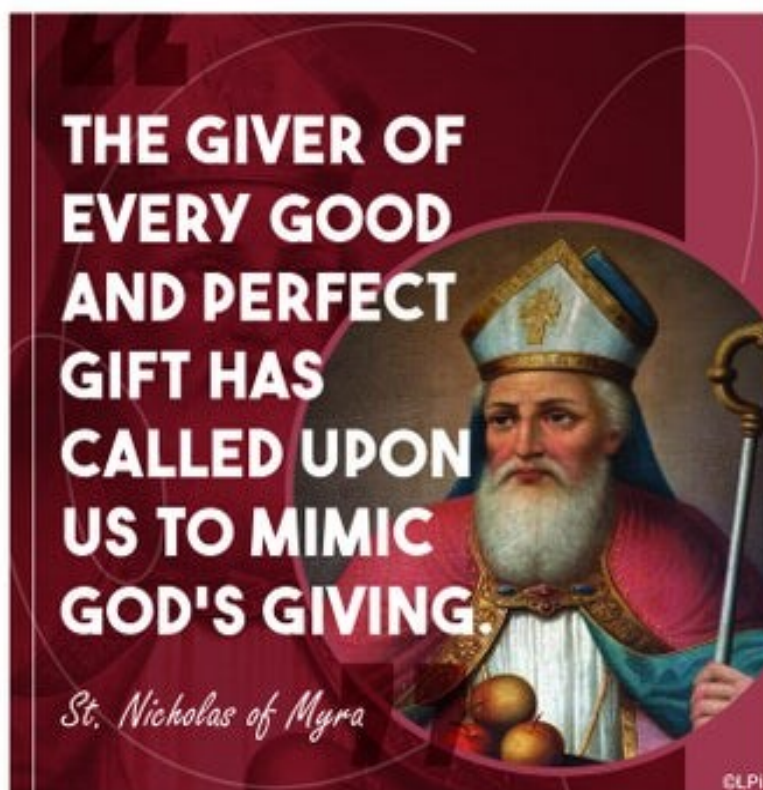
Gospel:

Jesus taught his disciples that no one knows when the Son of Man will return, so you must always be prepared. How do you plan to use the season of Advent this year to welcome Jesus into your life?



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58th Annual Silver Tea

Thursday Dec 4, 2025

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM CST

Crystal Dining Room at the 1886 Crescent Hotel

75 Prospect Avenue

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Description

On December 4th from 1:30 to 3:30, the Crystal Dining Room at the Crescent Hotel in historic Eureka Springs will be turned into a Winter Wonderland by the St. James Episcopal Church members.

This yearly event is a local favorite amongst the Christmas Season Celebrations occurring all over town throughout the month. The tables are covered with silver trays full of tea cookies and sandwiches. 100% of the donations are going to a local good cause: Purple Flower Domestic Violence Center.

Christmas Meet the Makers Arts and Craft Show

Friday Dec 5, 2025

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM CST

Main Stage Creative Community Center

67 North Main Street

Eureka Springs, AR 72632



Description

Meet the Makers at Main Stage Community Center on December 5th and 6th, from 11:00 to 5:00. This is an Arts and Crafts Show Benefiting Main Stage Community Center. This will be a perfect place to start your holiday shopping with a one-of-a-kind gift.

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- + Prayerfully. Please support us in your prayers!

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