

# Pilgrimage of our Faith March 17-26, 2026

Join *Father Stephen Hart*, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Morrilton & Saint Elizabeth Church in Oppelo and *Father Andrew Hart*, Pastor of Holy Redeemer Church in Clarksville and on a 10-day pilgrimage to Germany and France.

Become immersed in the lives of Saints Elizabeth of Hungary, Margaret Mary Alocoque of Parlay-le-Monial and John Vianney of Ars, Patron Saint of Parish Priests— celebrate daily Mass, visit the sites of Marburg, Strasbourg, Cologne, Lyon and more.

\$5209 Per person, double occupancy,

Includes main cabin air from Little Rock.

trip is limited to 40 pilgrims

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Our Day-by-Day Itinerary

#### Day 1: USA / Frankfurt—TUESDAY, March 17, 2026

Departure from the USA on an international overnight pilgrimage journey to Frankfurt. As you embark on this sacred expedition, partake in a humble supper and breakfast served in flight preparing your spirit for the odyssey ahead.

#### DAY 2: WEDNESDAY. March 18, 2026—Frankfurt/Marburg (D)

Arrival - Upon arrival at Frankfurt Airport, receive a reverent welcome by our representative, setting the tone for your pilgrimage. Be guided to Marburg, where the ancient stones whisper tales of faith and devotion. Attend Mass at the venerable St. Elizabeth Church (subject to divine confirmation), where centuries of prayer have sanctified its halls. Retreat to your lodging, where rest and reflection await, accompanied by a nourishing supper.

Overnight in Marburg. (D)



DAY 3: THURSDAY, March 19, 2026—Marburg/Erfurt/ Eisenach/Wartburg/Marburg (B/D)

Awaken to the call of pilgrimage and fortify yourself with

morning sustenance. Embark on a sacred journey to Erfurt, the capital of Thuringia, where the faithful footsteps of St. Elizabeth resonate within the Church of St. Severus. Journey onward to Eisenach, where St. Elizabeth's legacy is enshrined in St. Elizabeth's Church, a place of pilgrimage for the devout. Attend Mass (subject to celestial confirmation) before ascending to the sanctified grounds of Wartburg Castle, where the Saint's altruistic deeds are immortalized. Return to Marburg, enlivened by the day's spiritual encounters, and partake in a communal

dinner. Overnight in Marburg. (B/D)



#### DAY 4: FRIDAY March 20, 2026 — Marburg/Cologne

(B/D)

Savor a tranquil morning in Marburg before setting forth for Cologne, a bastion of Catholic tradition. Delve into personal contemplation or explore Marburg's spiritual landmarks at your leisure. Depart in the late afternoon for Cologne, where the rich tapestry of Catholic heritage awaits. Enjoy a hearty dinner upon arrival. Overnight in Cologne. (B/D)

#### DAY 5: SATURDAY, March 21, 2026—Cologne/Strasbourg (B/D)

After breakfast, delve into Cologne's spiritual heart with a guided tour of its ancient center, culminating in a visit to the awe-inspiring Cologne Cathedral. Depart for Strasbourg, where Catholicism intertwines with Alsatian charm. Arrive at your lodging for check-in before enjoying a communal dinner. Overnight in Strasbourg. (B/D)

"Forget your own interests and leave the care of yourself to your heavenly Father. "

"You must never be discouraged or give way to anxiety . . . but ever have recourse to the adorable Heart of Jesus."

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

#### DAY 6: SUNDAY, March 22, 2026—Strasbourg/Colmar/Paray-le-Monial (B/D)

Partake in morning sustenance before bidding adieu to Strasbourg and commencing your journey to Paray-le-Monial. Upon arrival, settle into your lodging and prepare for an evening Mass (time to be announced), followed by a communal dinner. Overnight in Paray-le-Monial. (B/D)

#### DAY 7: MONDAY, March 23, 2026— Paray-le-Monial

Embrace a day of spiritual contemplation and personal reflection in Paray-le-Monial. Enjoy the tranquil surroundings or engage in private prayer. As night falls, gather for a communal dinner and rest in anticipation of tomorrow's sacred endeavors. Overnight in Paray-le-Monial. (B/D)





DAY 8: TUESDAY, March 24, 2026—Paray-le-Monial/Ars-sur-Formans/Lyon

Following breakfast, embark on a pilgrimage to Ars-sur-Formans, the hallowed abode of Saint John Vianney. Attend Mass and visit the Parish Church of Saint Sixtus, an impressive church in the town. It is a beautiful example of Romanesque architecture and is part of the religious heritage of Ars. Next, explore the Presbytery of Ars, where Saint John Vianney lived. The presbytery is now a museum,

allowing visitors to see the humble living conditions of the Saint. Conclude the day with a communal dinner and overnight stay in Lyon. (B/D)

#### DAY 9: WEDNESDAY, March 25, 2026—Lyon (B/D)

Immerse yourself in Lyon's Christian heritage with a full-day tour encompassing sacred sites and architectural wonders. Explore the Basilica of Our Lady of Fourviere, Saint Irenaeus Church, the Museum dedicated to Lyon's early Christians, Saint Jean's Cathedral, and the Amphitheatre of the Three Gauls. Conclude the day with a final communal dinner and overnight stay in Lyon. (B/D)

#### DAY 10: THURSDAY, March 26, 2026- Lyon—USA

Departure After breakfast, bid farewell to Lyon and commence your journey homeward, carrying the blessings of your pilgrimage in your heart. Transfer to Lyon Airport for your return flight, marking the end of your spiritual odyssey. (B)



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### **Terms & Conditions**

Tour Prices: All prices in this brochure are based on land rates and exchange rates in effect at the time of printing and on group rates of 40 passengers. Tours may depart with less than the required number of passengers, at the discretion of Sue Smith Vacations an additional charge may apply. Passengers will be advised about such surcharges 60 days before departure. All prices are subject to change without notice prior to departure due to major currency fluctuations and/or unforeseen economic circumstances.

Physical Disclaimer for pilgrimage - Pilgrimages, by their nature, are about a journey. You can expect to walk 3-7 miles daily to participate in all Masses and sightseeing. Some days could be fewer than 5 miles if it involves mostly traveling by bus to the next city. In historic towns, many streets are uneven, made of cobblestone or not paved. You can also expect that you will have to go up and down stairs to get on and off the bus and ascend and descend hills to get into churches, hotels and religious sites.

In addition, it is very unlikely we will be at hotels with porters who can help you with your suitcases. You will be responsible for taking them from the bus to your hotel room and back down. While we want everyone interested to join us, we want to be clear about what you could expect. If you have physical limitations, please prayerfully consider if joining us would be the best pilgrimage experience for you or your family member.

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payments: Please complete the Participant Agreement, with full names as they appear on passports, and mail it to us with the required per-person deposit. Deposit of \$800 plus the cost of travel insurance is required to hold your spot on the tour. Early Bird registrations must be received by May 15, 2025. Deposits without prepaid insurance are non-refundable. A second payment of \$800 is due by July 15, 2025, a third payment of \$800 is due by September 15, 2025, a fourth payment of \$800 is due by November 15, 2025. The final balance is due by January 13, 2026. If final payment is received after due date a late fee will be accessed in the amount of \$50 per late payment. All payments made by check should be made payable to Sue Smith Vacations (referred to herein as SSV). You may call the office with credit card payments or keep a card on file for monthly payment plans. Early Bird discount will be applied to final payment.

Late Reservations: If a booking is made within 60 days of departure, full payment is due at the time of booking. There will be a \$50 late processing fee applicable plus cost of any express or overnight mail services.

**Travel Documents:** A valid passport (valid for six months after the return date of the trip) is required to travel. Visa is required for U.S. passport holders traveling to some destinations; please contact our office for details. All non-U.S. citizens must contact the appropriate consular office for entry visa requirements pertaining to their trip. Passport must be valid until **September 27, 2026.** 

In addition non-U.S. citizens are responsible for complying with requirements for re-entry into the U.S. SSV and its partner vendors assume no responsibility for procurement of passport or visas. Obtaining and carrying these documents is the sole responsibility of passengers. SSV and its partner vendors will not be responsible for any delays, damages and/or losses, including missed portions of your trip due to improper travel documentation. Final Documents: All documents and tickets are only issued upon receipt of final payment and are sent within three weeks of departure. Documents are not guaranteed if final payment and booking form are not received on time.

Air from Home City: Air from LIT in Main Cabin Economy (Coach) is included in trip cost.

**Rooms:** Prices are per person, based on two persons sharing a hotel room. Single rooms are available at an additional cost of \$1250.00, in some cases, when requested, we may be able to find an appropriate roommate for passengers. Triple rooms are available in many hotels for family or friends traveling together. There are no discounts for triple rooms.

**Medical Conditions:** While we endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers, we cannot guarantee special facilities or assistance for disabled passengers and it is your responsibility to arrange for such assistance as required. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance. SSV and its partner vendors are not responsible for any medical conditions that may occur prior, during, or after the tour.

Responsibility: The tour member understands that he or she has no claim against Sue Smith Vacations, or its partner vendors, and its affiliates, for any delay or damage to or loss of property or baggage or injury to or death of persons due to any neglect or willful act of a direct air carrier, hotel, bus company, steamship or cruise company, railroad, transportation company or service company of any kind, or any other person or persons rendering any of the services being offered in connections with these tours. Further, SSV and its partner vendors advises that it has no ownership interest whatsoever in any hotel, restaurant, bus company or transportation or service company of any kind outside the USA, nor does it have any employee outside of the USA. You may see the name Sue Smith Vacations affixed to motor vehicles, on signs around the hotel or elsewhere. This use of our name is purely for reasons of identification and does not denote ownership, supervision or control by Sue Smith Vacations or its partner vendors in any way. Sue Smith Vacations and its partner vendors its overseas representatives reserve the right without notice to change, amend or cancel any part or all of the tour and to make such changes as may be necessary. Sue Smith Vacations acts only as an agent in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services from suppliers, and in no event shall Sue Smith Vacations be liable in the event of any failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel services to be provided on the tour. The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of these conditions. If there is a difference between the conditions of Sue Smith Vacations and its vendors and those published by suppliers, the conditions of suppliers shall apply. Sue Smith Vacations and its vendors reserves the right to substitute hotel of similar quality and reserves the right to vary the sequence of sightseeing and/or to re-route the order of cities. In calculating the cost of the trip, Sue Smith Vacations has relied on your consent to these terms and in the absence of this release, the cost of the trip would be higher. A contract is made when your reservation and payment are accepted by SSV. We reserve the right to decline to accept a person or remove a person from a tour, if such person presents a significant risk to the health or safety of himself or the group and the person cannot otherwise be reasonably accommodated.

Travel Insurance: Travel Insurance is highly recommended and available at a cost of \$616 per person—this protects your and provides primary health insurance coverage while traveling in Europe. \*Pricing of insurance is subject to change until policy is purchased and payment received.

Cancellation Policy and Refunds: We hope that nothing will prevent you from taking your pilgrimage. However, should you need to cancel, your cancellation must be received in writing, via e-mail, fax or by letter. It will be effective on the date of receipt. SSV and its partner vendors will apply the following cancellation fees per person:

Days Prior to Departure

 90 to 61
 \$750

 60 to 46
 50% of tour cost

 45 to 31
 75% of tour cost

Once the tours commence, there will be no refunds on missed or unused portions of the tour programs. Purchase of Travel Insurance, at the time of deposit, is strongly recommended.

**Not Included in the Published Price:** Cost of items not listed on each program such as meals, beverages and items of personal nature, excess luggage allowance, laundry, room service, travel insurance, passport and visas costs, expenses for additional sightseeing not specified in the itinerary, any incurred medical costs and replacement of items forgotten or stolen while on the tour, and gratuities (\$200 for tips will be added to your final invoice).

Important: For security reasons Sue Smith Vacations requests a copy of your passport picture page to ensure correct name on reservations. Purchase of travel insurance, at the time of deposit, is strongly recommended. Travel Insurance, per person: \$616.00 \*

"To go on pilgrimage really means to step out of ourselves in order to encounter God where he has revealed himself"



## **Saint Elizabeth ~ Sacred Heart** Mach 17-26, 2026

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List Allergies (medical or food)				