

## Our two-year process of preparing our young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in the fall of ninth grade is an opportunity for the parish community of St. Elizabeth of Hungary to support our parents by helping them in their responsibility of educating their children in the Catholic Faith.

We join the parishes of the Diocese of Rockville Centre in preparing our young people with the three essentials for the sacrament – religious instruction, service to the needy, and weekly mass attendance.

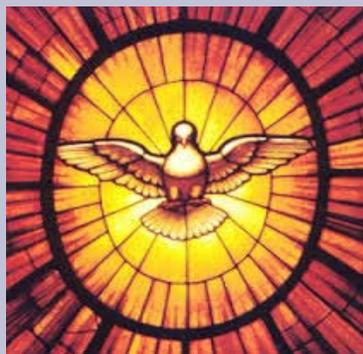
Seventh and Eighth grade students gather on Thursday evenings, October through April for prayer and time with their peers to learn about the Bible, Catholic Church teaching and prayer. Our catechists are fellow parishioners who have volunteered their time and talent to pass on the faith to the next generation of our parish.

At St. Elizabeth Parish, we are committed to preparing our young people to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and strengthen them with the riches of our Catholic faith which will serve them for the rest of their lives.



Your involvement is a priceless gift to your son or daughter!

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Come,  
Holy Spirit!  
Rekindle  
the Face of  
the Earth!

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Process for the Journey of Life  
*Living Our Faith as Disciples of Christ*  
Mass, Class & Service

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PARISH  
**CONFIRMATION  
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***Parents & Parish***

Strengthening  
the Faith of Our  
Young People

# CLASS

Thursdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m.

## Faith and Morals

The Holy Spirit inspires us as Catholics to live a life of virtue. How do we develop virtues and make them part of our lives?

## Sacraments

Filled with the Spirit as baptized Catholics, the Eucharist is at the heart of our lives, and Penance brings us freedom.

## Liturgy and Prayer

The Holy Spirit teaches us how to pray, and we begin to form in our hearts a life of prayer, not just saying words, but real conversation with God.

## Stewardship

The Holy Spirit gives all the baptized gifts for service. All members of the Church share their time, talent and treasure with the parish and universal Church.

## Discipleship

The Holy Spirit fills us with the desire to follow Christ and give ourselves in love to others.

## Vocations

The Holy Spirit helps us discern how we live our lives as faithful disciples.



# MASS

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Catholics make Sunday mass a part of every week. We gather with the other members of our parish community and pray together for the strength to be disciples of the Lord Jesus.

During the two years of Confirmation preparation, all families each week are part of Sunday mass.

For some, it means adjusting the weekend schedule. For others, it means letting go of one or more activities that prevent our young people from participating in weekend mass.

Our parish masses are  
Saturday, 5 p.m.  
Sunday, 8 a.m., 10 a.m.,  
12 noon

Holydays of Obligation masses are  
9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Many people find that reading the Scriptures for Sunday mass before the weekend is a great help to their communal prayer.

The readings are printed in the parish bulletin for the weekend ahead, and a great website is [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

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# SERVICE

The Holy Spirit encourages us to put our faith into action. St. James tells us: "Faith without good works is lifeless,"

There are many opportunities throughout the year for our young people to join with the parish community. These include:

- Helping with the homeless when they come to stay at our parish during the winter
- Assisting with the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Volunteering to be with the children during the July Vacation Bible Camp
- Helping at our Food Pantry
- Offering to help other times during the year by responding to requests in the bulletin

Each Confirmation Candidate does a more formal, organized work of service, usually during the second year of Confirmation Preparation (8th grade).

We pray that the Holy Spirit will always encourage our young people to put their faith into action!