



FOR ALL STUDENTS: CENTER-BASED, HOME STUDY, AND CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

All three elements, Mass, Class and Service, are essential to your child's preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

1. **WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE** Sunday is the day of the Lord's Resurrection. The observance begins with the evening of the preceding day. It is the day when all Catholics are obliged to take part in the Mass. For a Catholic, the Sunday Eucharist is the most important religious exercise of the week where we offer our lives in sacrifice with Jesus to the Father, participating directly in the great mysteries of our faith.

While the students will not have a weekly sign in for Mass, we encourage you to be good examples of faith for your children in the sacramental life of the Church. There will be three Masses especially dedicated to the 7th and 8th grade students preparing for Confirmation. Please see the Religious Education Calendar for dates.

2. **RECONCILIATION** We are obliged to confess our sins once a year. Confession frees us from sin, reconciles us with God and others, and gives us peace. Confessions are offered every Saturday and at other times during the year. Please check the religious education calendar and the bulletin for details.
3. **RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION** Center Classes, Home Study, or at the Catholic School.
4. **SERVICE** As followers of Jesus Christ we have an obligation to help the less fortunate. Grade 7 students will have a service night during class time. Grade 8 service details are provided in the Confirmation packet.

In addition to Mass, Class Attendance and Service, additional components are listed by grade below.

GRADE 7

- **INFORMATION MEETING**
for parent (September)
- **ASSESSMENT**
Students will be assessed as to their readiness to enter grade 8.

GRADE 8

- **PARENT MEETING**
Held in January during class time.
- **ASSESSMENT AND INTERVIEW**
Upon completion of grade 8, students will be assessed as to their readiness to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

GRADE 9

- **RETREAT** (for Confirmandi)
- **RITE OF ENROLLMENT**
(for Confirmandi and parent)
- **PENANCE SERVICE**
(for Confirmandi and parent, sponsors welcome)
- **REHEARSAL**
(for Confirmandi and sponsor)
- **CONFIRMATION MASS**
(Tickets are always limited)



Go to our website, under Religious Education for specific information and additional calendars and forms.
To watch "A Conversation about Confirmation with Bishop Barres" go to the Sacraments tab, scroll to Confirmation.

ST. ELIZABETH PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM
LIVING OUR FAITH AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST: MASS, CLASS & SERVICE

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**CENTER-BASED
RELIGION CLASS
INFORMATION**

Attendance at weekly Thursday evening religion classes in the Center, 7:15-8:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Students are required to attend class regularly. If your child has a legitimate reason for not attending a class, please email the director. Students who are absent are required to make up missed work. Please check with your child's catechist. Follow the calendar for specific dates and closings.

PUNCTUALITY/EARLY WITHDRAWAL: Classes begin promptly at 7:15 pm in the Church with a reading from the Gospel. All efforts must be made to be on time for class sessions. If a student must leave prior to the end of the session, an EARLY WITHDRAWAL FORM must be obtained from the desk monitor, completed by a parent, authorized by the Director and given to the catechist at the start of the session. Early withdrawal should be an exception.

DRESS CODE: Classes begin in church. Clothing should be appropriate.

BATHROOM: Please have your child use the bathroom before arriving at class. If your child has a physical condition that might require multiple trips to the bathroom, please inform the catechist or Director.

SNACKS: No food, candy, or drinks are allowed in class.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES: Electronic devices, with the exception of cell phones, should not be brought to class. Students are not to take their cell phones out in church or in class.

DISMISSAL: For the safety of your child, a parent or authorized adult must come into the building to pick up their child at his or her classroom. If you would like another adult to pick up your child, a PICK-UP PERMISSION FORM is required. This form may contain the names of all adults who you have given permission to pick up your child and the form will be kept in the class folder.

CONDUCT: Students are expected to be prepared and ready to learn by behaving appropriately in the classroom and the church by following the class rules and not causing disruptions, by treating adults, peers and Church property with respect and Christian charity, and by walking slowly and quietly in the building. Students should bring their religion textbook and a pen or pencil to every class. There is a replacement fee for lost books. When entering the Church, we are entering Sacred Space and students are expected to act reverently (boys: no hats or hoods). Inappropriate behavior may result in a student's removal from the classroom setting to home school.

CANCELLATION OF CLASSES: If classes are cancelled due to inclement weather, cancellations will be announced on News 12 and on the Parish Website (www.stelizabeth.org).

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: All who work and volunteer in Parish Faith Formation programs are in full compliance with the Diocesan Child Protection policies and procedures.

**HOME-STUDY
CLASS INFORMATION
& ADDITIONAL
REQUIREMENTS**

INSTRUCTION: Weekly religious instruction will be completed by your child, under your direction, at home.

Please have your child bring his or her completed textbook when they come in for their assessment. All work in the textbook should be neatly completed in ink. Please remember to put your child's full name in the textbook.

Home study students are required to meet with the Director of the Confirmation Program to hand in their completed books and for a written assessment. In addition, Grade 8 students will participate in their Confirmation interview.

Home study final meeting dates are listed on the Religious Education Calendar.

RELIGION FAIR: In addition, all home-study students participate in a Religion Fair. Parents may advise, but do not have hands-on participation. Information will be provided at the book pick-up.

CATECHISTS: Our catechists are volunteers who generously give their time to our program. Please remind your child to be respectful and appreciative by setting an example of graciousness towards our catechists.

