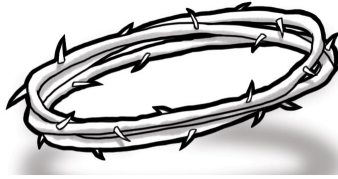


ST. ELIZABETH PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM
LIVING OUR FAITH AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST: MASS, CLASS & SERVICE

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**CENTER-BASED, HOME STUDY, AND
CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

GRADE 7 AND GRADE 8 STUDENTS:

Living the Sacramental life, learning about the faith, and serving others, 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. We encourage you to be good examples of faith for your children in the Sacramental life of the Church. *Please see the letter from the Pastor regarding weekly Mass attendance and sign-in.*
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 9 STUDENTS:

1. **RETREAT** (for Confirmandi)
2. **RITE OF ENROLLMENT** (for Confirmandi and parents)
3. **PENANCE SERVICE** (for Confirmandi and parents, sponsors welcome)
4. **REHEARSAL** (for Confirmandi and sponsors)
5. **CONFIRMATION MASS** (Tickets are always limited)



PARENT MEETINGS

For Grade 7 parents (year one) and Grade 8 parents (year two).

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Two-Year Confirmation Preparation—Process for the Journey of Life

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*“He took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying,
‘This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.’” - Luke 22:19*

June 2019

Dear Parent,

As pastor of St. Elizabeth, I have decided to reinstate the Mass sign-in for the students enrolled in the Confirmation Program (grade seven and grade eight).

As you know, Mass attendance is an integral component of your child’s Confirmation preparation, but it is also the source and summit of Christian life.

The Mass sign in will begin the weekend of October 12th and continue over the summer months. The sign-in sheets will be in Room 109 and the room will be opened after all the weekend Masses.

Students attending Mass at another parish may return a bulletin from that parish to the Parish Center.

Multiple absence's from Mass may require you and your child to meet with me.

Please take the time to introduce yourself, as I look forward to seeing your family at Mass.

Yours in Christ,



Pastor, St. Elizabeth of Hungary



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 the director. 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.

PREPARATION FOR CLASS: Students should bring their religion textbook and a pen or pencil to every class. There is a replacement fee for lost books.

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. 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.

ASSESSMENT: Grade 7 Center-Based and Home-Study students will take a multiple choice exam. Upon completion of grade 8, all students will complete a Confirmation Readiness interview.

SERVICE: Grade 7 students will have a service night during class time. Grade 8 service details are provided in the Confirmation packet given out at the Year II Parent Meeting.

HOME-STUDY RELIGION 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 to take a written assessment. In addition, Grade 8 students will participate in their Confirmation interview.

The Grade 7 Home-Study students meet as a group for the assessment. Grade 8 students need to make an individual appointment. The assessment 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 Home-Study book

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.

WEBSITE: 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, and scroll to *Confirmation*.