



## Church of Saint Elizabeth

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Dear Religious Education Parents,

A little more than a year ago, I read a quote by Andrew Murray in *How to Raise Children for Christ* that has stuck with me and I re-read it often. “To inspire a child with a holy confidence in what he can accomplish by God's grace and the aid of his parents is one of the blessed secrets of success in training.” **We want each of our children to know how loved they are by God as His children and confidence because of that identity. We want our children to become young Catholic disciples with a wonderful relationship with Jesus.** You as parents play the most important role, and we are here to support you. Our selfless catechists, aides, and volunteers pour out their hearts to make our program as impactful as it is, bringing our children closer to Christ. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this important effort in some way next year. The **Volunteer Form** is available in our Parish Center, Church Narthex and on our website.

**Exciting news – 2 Announcements! (1) REGISTRATION is now ONLINE on our parish website under Religious Ed at [www.saintelizabeths.org](http://www.saintelizabeths.org)!** This is for children in grades K-8 for the 2018-2019 school year. You will be able to register and pay directly through the parish website. **(2) We are one of only a few parishes piloting a BRAND NEW online interactive Religious Education Program called God's Park starting this fall as a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Home Study option.** This option will be available only for 1<sup>st</sup> grade families this year as we review this cutting-edge program.

**GRADES 1-6** classes will be on Sundays (9:00-10:15 AM), Mondays and Tuesdays (4:00-5:15 PM); **KINDERGARTEN** Religious Ed may be offered depending on interest. **HOME STUDY** is a wonderful option for a limited number of children from Grades 3-6 only. It allows a family to learn the faith together in their own home, parents working with their own child/children, through weekly online Chapter reviews and a few family gatherings during the year. Home Groups are not allowed.

Classes for **GRADES 7-8** will be on Monday nights ONLY from 7:00-8:30 PM. Grades 7-8 have a Semester schedule of 12 classes (2 sets of 6 classes) between September and April. There are two “Group” options. Group A will meet on 6 Mondays in September & October and 6 Mondays in January & February. Group B will meet on 6 Mondays in November & December and 6 Mondays in March & April.

**Registration is on a “first come, first served” basis. Keep in mind, there is a space limitation on each day** so that we can give the children the best experience, maintain proper class size, and use the facilities that best serve the children. **Register immediately! NOTE: Due to busing, all children coming from the YMCA for Religious Ed classes must register for Tuesdays.** Later registrants might find CLOSED sessions and need to pick an alternate day. After July 10, a \$100 late fee applies.

You will receive information via email regarding the start of classes. We continue to ask for your prayers and ideas. Feel free to email any thoughts, comments or ideas to [jcamilo@saintelizabeths.org](mailto:jcamilo@saintelizabeths.org).

Don't wait to register! Register today at <https://19230.sites.ecatholic.com/registration-info-forms!>

God's Blessings,

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