



## Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish

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PREP (CCD) Parish Religious Education Program

Dear Parents,

Enclosed are the registration and contract forms for the 2023-2024 PREP year. Please read carefully and complete all sections of the registration form. Take time to read, discuss, and sign the contract with your child. Return all forms as soon as possible to the parish office. A copy of your child's baptismal certificate should accompany the registration unless it has already been provided. A copy is not necessary if your child has been baptized at Saint Elizabeth's. **Note: There are now NEW on-line forms that you can complete and use a credit card or bank account. See: <https://www.sercc.org/p-r-e-p/p-r-e-p-online-registration/> and <https://www.sercc.org/st-elizabeth-church/our-parish/>**

If registrations are received by August 31, the registration is still \$80 per child or \$140 for a family (two or more children). All registrations received after that date will be \$90 per child with no family discount. Please contact me in advance if there are any financial difficulties so we can work out a plan together.

Religious Education classes will begin with an opening Mass on Monday, September 11 at 6:00 PM. Students should first arrive to the parish hall to meet their teacher and then we will go over to church together. Parents are asked to go directly to church. After Mass, all students and parents should report to the parish hall for a short orientation meeting, meet the catechist and receive your Religion book. *You will be given pertinent information including our yearly class schedule that evening. Please make every effort to attend.*

On Monday, September 18 we will have our first class. We begin in the parish hall at 6:00 PM. (Doors open at 5:45 PM.) Students should come promptly to the parish hall by 6:00 PM. We will begin with opening prayers and dismissal to the classrooms. All students will be dismissed at 7:30 PM from the school building. Parents of students in grades K – 4 should come into the school building to pick up their children at 7:30 PM – dismissal time. We cannot send the young students out without a parent or guardian present. Older siblings (5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>) may walk their younger siblings out to the car.

If you have any questions, please call or e-mail me. (610-266-0695 ext. 208).

May our dear Lord, Jesus Christ, send warm blessings upon you and your family. Enjoy the remaining weeks of summer!

Sincerely,

**Mrs. Mary Spieker**

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*Director of Religious Education*

Greetings and welcome back to another exciting school year filled with stories and journeys of faith!

## Student-Teacher- Parent Religious Learning Contract

This learning contract is a voluntary agreement between the home and St. Elizabeth Parish PREP Program. This agreement helps to define goals, expectations and shared responsibilities of the parish and parents as equal partners for our children to learn our Catholic Faith.

### Parent/Guardian Agreement:

I want my child to learn about the Catholic Faith and prepare for the Sacraments.

Therefore, I will encourage him/her by doing the following:

- I will make every effort for my child to attend Mass each week.
- See that my child is on time and attends class regularly.
- Support the teacher by always expecting my child to demonstrate proper behavior.
- Set aside study time each week and review it regularly with my child.
- Encourage my child's effort and be available for questions.
- Consider volunteering.
- Attend special meetings required especially for Sacramental years.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Student Agreement:

It is important that I work to the best of my ability. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

- Attend PREP classes regularly.
- Come to class prepared with pens, pencils, books, and any other necessary supplies.
- Complete and return satisfactory homework assignments.
- Demonstrate responsible behavior.
- Use study time each week to review and be prepared for class.
- Ask questions to learn more about my faith!

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### DRE/Teacher Agreement:

Our Catholic faith is very important to all members of our parish. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

- Provide meaningful homework assignments.
- Assist and support parents in the religious instruction of their children.
- Encourage students and parents by providing information about student's progress.
- Provide clear and frequent communication.
- Accept and respond to feedback that will help to enhance our program.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Please return signed contract to the parish with your registration.  
Absentee policy: No more than three absences per school year.***



A copy of the Baptismal record is needed for the files of all new students and anyone who has not already submitted a copy. This is needed before any other Sacrament can be received.

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of Public School District Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School Building Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Present School Grade \_\_\_\_\_

(CCD) PREP Class Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Any student disabilities? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please use extra paper if needed.*

Does your child get learning support in public school? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need to meet with me concerning the student's disability? \_\_\_\_\_

Names of other family members attending PREP: *(Please include grade)*

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*Parents, please consider volunteering during our PREP school year.*



\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, please contact me to discuss where I can help out during the PREP school year.

\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Aide      \_\_\_\_\_ Crafts & Photography      \_\_\_\_\_ Office Help  
*(Volunteers will need to complete clearances as mandated by the Diocese of Allentown.)*

### Multi-Media Permission



As the parent/guardian I accept full responsibility for my child's participation in religious education. I also consent to the use of any audio or visual reproduction of my child/children for free use in slide presentations, photo displays, internet promotions, and electronic multi-media by Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish and the Diocese of Allentown. I release Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish and the Diocese of Allentown, its employees, volunteers, and agents for any liability connected with the use of said photograph or image.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Keep this page for your information.**

## PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR REGISTRATION:

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*Families will need a Bible and students in grades 3-8 need a Bible for class.*

*Do you need to purchase a Bible? We sell Bibles!*

*Please include a \$10.00 fee for each Bible needed. You will receive it at our first class.*

*(Please make checks payable to Saint Elizabeth Parish)*

Return all forms via mail or drop off at the parish office to the attention of:

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**Welcome Back!**

Loving God, our

creator, our savior, our companion,

Bless this journey of a new school year that we undertake today.

Refresh our souls and renew our spirits

as we embrace the beautiful ministry you have called us to.

We welcome those who are new to this community and ask that you strengthen them to share the wonderful gifts you have given them.

Lord, make our hearts pure as we prepare for the return of our students,

May you guide them to return with open hearts and minds eager to learn.

We ask this in Your name, Amen.

