

Stewardship... Our Way Of Life

Through our common prayer and worship, our sacramental life, our celebration of ministries through love and service, we are better able to take a step to embracing stewardship as our way of life. In giving back some of what we have been given and opening ourselves to our Lord, we are drawn to follow what Jesus taught. This generosity reflects the spirit of service and giving that is so fundamental to our faith.

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"We are a parish community, truly blessed by so many people sharing their gifts to help build God's kingdom"

~Father Irinel Racos



What Is Everyday Stewardship?

- * Acknowledging God as the Creator and the Source of all we are and all we have.
- * Embracing life as a gift to be lived in gratitude for what God has given us.
- * Taking what we profess and receive at Mass and integrating it into daily life.
- * Discovering our unique gifts and talents and exploring how to use them to thank God and serve others.
- * Embracing and celebrating the diversity of all of our sisters and brothers with non-judgment and understanding.
- * Recognizing that we are caretakers - not owners - of the earth and its resources and acting appropriately.
- * Making a conscious and responsible plan to use our gifts of time, talent, intellect, material possessions and energy to promote peace and justice.
- * Living each day with a visible and action-based spirit of gratitude and joy to God that can be contagious to others!



Everyday Stewards Prayer

Loving and Generous God,

You are the Creator and Source of all that is and all that I am. Help me to recommit myself each day to the call to follow Your Son, Jesus.

Strengthen me and give me courage to embrace my unique giftedness and discover who I am created to be. Help me to share the gifts you have entrusted to me with love and in service for the purpose of building up your Kingdom.

I say "YES" to living in - and living as - Christ's Light. Be with me always, as I move along on my faith journey.

Through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



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Everyday Stewardship In Our Parish Life

Faith . Family . Fellowship

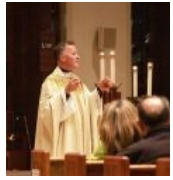


SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

MELVILLE, NEW YORK

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

At Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, we welcome all to join us weekly to celebrate the Eucharist in community with family and friends. We also encourage you to join one of our many ministries, so that you may develop a deeper sense of belonging and discipleship in serving the needs of others. The shared gifts of this faithful community are helping to further Christ's mission.



Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekdays (Monday - Thursday) at 9:30 a.m.
Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.
Sundays at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and Noon

Join Us For Family Mass on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Parish Social Ministry

When people are facing a crisis in life, a personal or family need or are at their most vulnerable, the social ministries of Saint Elizabeth respond with care and compassion, ready to serve and love our neighbor. Parish Outreach is available to provide assistance with food, referrals, school supplies, food and gifts for Thanksgiving and Christmas.



The Holy Spirit encourages us to put our faith into action.

Family Program

The parish community of Saint Elizabeth commits to supporting young families on their journey to learn about God, what it means to be an active Catholic and how we serve one another, especially the poor and those who need us most.

Providing for the spiritual growth of our children is central to our Family Program. Each class session begins with prayer - parents and children together. Children then study with a trained Catechist in grade-level classes, while parents are updated in the essentials of the faith with their own qualified instructors.

First Communion

During the second year of a child's faith formation, they are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time. Our First Communion masses are celebrated at weekend liturgies in May and are a joyful time for the children, their families and the parish.



The Confirmation Program



LIVING OUR FAITH AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST: MASS, CLASS & SERVICE. Preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation begins in grade 7 and ends with the reception of Confirmation in grade 9.

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.

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.



"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" - 1 Peter 4:10

Youth Ministry

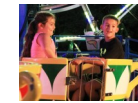
Saint Elizabeth's youth ministry is a community of young people and future leaders growing and sharing their Catholic faith through prayer, service and fellowship. We encourage young members of our parish to come together to nurture their faith with one another. This year our youth ministry hosted a Diocesan Youth Rally, held a Vacation Bible Camp and gave back to the community with Teens at H.O.M.E. (*Hands On Merciful Experiences.*)



Ministry & Parish Events

Saint Elizabeth Parish enjoys a vibrant ministry life, inviting all our members to participate. Our commitment to living stewardship as a way of life is evident in all that we do.

This year's Family Festival created a joyful spirit, bringing together our ministries, parishioners and community members for an entertaining and faith-filled weekend. We encourage our parishioners to come together in celebration of their faith.



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