

Saint Elizabeth Welcomes You

I am interested in becoming more involved in/ returning to the Church.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE

I would like to talk to someone about Mass

I would like to talk to someone about Confession

I have other questions

*I prefer to be contacted by phone _____
by email _____*

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What Can Parishioners Do?

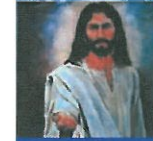
- If you know someone who has been away from the Church for awhile, or someone who does not have a church, invite them to Mass with you sometime (in a recent parish survey, 45% of you rated this as the number one activity we should be encouraging!)
- Don't be afraid to let others around you know that you are Catholic and what that means to you
- Pray for the future of the Church and of St. Elizabeth's. We know everyone is busy and giving time to a specific activity could be tough, but we all can find time for prayer!
- During the week comment to family and/or friends about something that was read, sung or said at Sunday Mass
- Read your Bible
- Live your faith fully by actively participating in Mass, celebrating the sacraments regularly and radiating joy in God!

How is St. Elizabeth's an Evangelizing Parish?

St. Elizabeth's welcomes all — from the moment you walk in the door of our church, no matter what your background, we are here for you.

Share Your Ideas With Us!

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Evangelization

All Are Welcome!

The best way to describe evangelization at St. Elizabeth's is that we try to make an invisible God visible through our love and actions

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What is Evangelization?

~ Welcoming ~
~ Sharing ~
~ Living ~
~ Growing ~
in the
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of
God



How do we Evangelize? Here at St. Elizabeth's, we've had various programs over the years that have allowed us to grow in our evangelizing efforts as a parish. These include:

*** Welcoming at**

Mass: At each Mass, everyone is welcomed as they enter, provided with a music book and any needed assistance to find a seat, those gathered are asked to stand and greet one another before the opening song, which has helped us to learn who our fellow parishioners and visitors are.

* **New Parishioner Receptions:** every six months, all those who've registered in the parish over the previous six months are invited to attend a reception after the Mass of their

choice on a particular weekend. At that reception, veteran parishioners are encouraged to mingle and introduce themselves to the new folks

* **Name Tag Sunday:** based on the above receptions, Name Tag Sunday has become a popular twice yearly function when we invite all who walk through the doors to don a name tag and meet one other

* **Orientation for New Parishioners:** Four times a year we host an evening to socialize, meet some of the staff and other parishioners, and have the opportunity to ask any questions for all recently registered parishioners.

* **Welcome Home at Christmas and Easter:** parishioners are encouraged to invite someone they know — whether family, friend, co-worker — who may not have a church family to come with them to Mass on one of these holidays

* **Issues and Answers:** One of our priests spends an evening, or a series of evenings, answering any questions from those present, on any topic that is brought up. Invitations are extended through parishioners to help bring in those who may not be regular Mass goers

* **Annual Lenten Retreat/Mission:** We bring in a speaker to share with us his/her own experience of God, to help us reflect on His presence in our lives, and to provide us with a sense of renewal during our Lenten preparation for Easter.



* **Small Group Faith Sharing during Lent:** Each year, small groups get together in one another's homes for the six weeks of Lent, read the coming weekend's scriptures, and share about what those words mean to them; many strong friendships have developed as a result

* **Parish Info on Tree Certificates:** The 'adoption' certificates, which are distributed at the annual Christmas tree stand, have general information about the parish printed on the reverse side. This allows us to put information in the hands of those who may be looking for a church community, but aren't sure how to take that first step. We provide info about our Mass schedule, some of our parish programs, and an invitation to join us here at any time.

* **Hotel Information:** The Mass schedule, confession schedule and contact information is provided to all the local hotels

* **Information at Home:** Periodically we mail parish Mass schedule and contact information to the homes in our local zip code.

* **Feast Day Weekend:** Every November, early in the month, we celebrate our patron saint, Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, and her sense of hospitality. We try to model ourselves after her.

* **Our Parish Website** is a great source of information. Everyone is invited to check it often and to participate in whatever is of interest!