

Welcome to Generations of Faith!

Responding to the Gospel and the call of Pope Benedict XVI for a new evangelization, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish uses a liturgy-centered, lifelong, and intergenerational approach to Catholic faith formation. The goal is to help everyone to become a better disciple by integrating faith, worship, and life in light of the Gospel. We invite EVERYONE to participate, especially *adults*. All are welcome!

Schedule for 2011 - 2012

Sessions begin promptly. Please be ready to pray the table blessing at the stated time. *If you are unable to attend your regular session, please contact Barbara at jhmin@seoh.org to request placement in one of the other sessions on a first come, first served basis. Sunday evenings are not open for switching until December.

Session Days and Times

Wednesday:	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Sunday 1:	12:00 – 2:30 PM
Saturday:	6:15 – 8:45 PM	Sunday 2:	5:00 – 7:30 PM

Session Dates and Topics

September 24 and 25: (after all Masses) St. Elizabeth Showcase <i>Light refreshments will be served.</i>	Jan. 18, 21, 22 Liturgy of the Word I
Oct. 19, 22, 23 Overview of the Mass I	Feb. 25, 26, 29 Liturgy of the Word II
Nov. 16, 19, 20 Overview of the Mass II	Mar. 21, 24, 25 Liturgy of the Eucharist I
Dec. 14, 17, 18 The Gathering Rite	Apr. 25, 28, 29 Liturgy of the Eucharist II
	May 16, 19, 20 The Sending Rite

Other Important Dates

Sept. 8 at 7:30 p.m. - Grade 2 First Eucharist Parent Meeting
Sept. 13 at 10 a.m. - Protecting God's Children for new volunteers (Registration required)
Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. - Grade 10 Confirmation Parent and Candidate Meeting
Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. - Orientation for new households
Oct. 1 - CORI forms due from all new and returning GOF volunteers
Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. - Concord Crop Walk

2011 – 2012 Registration Policies

We try to accommodate 1st and 2nd choice *on a first-come, first served basis*. The sooner we receive your registration, the more likely you are to get one of your choices. *If Sunday evening is your first choice, you are strongly advised to register as soon as possible. Registrations close when the session is filled!*

New this year: To assure that each breakout works well for the participants, a minimum of 20 registrants is usually needed. The breakouts that might not meet this threshold are the Saturday Kindergarten group and the Sunday noon High School and Adult breakouts.

If you choose one of these, please be sure to provide a 2nd choice.

Please note the following policies:

- **Children who are under the age of 5 may accompany parents to GOF, but it is the responsibility of parents to supervise them at all times.** There is no charge for children who will be under the age of 5 on 9/1/2011. Please add their names to the registration form, but write 4 years old clearly, so they are not charged.
- **Children in Grades K - 4 must register and participate the entire GOF session with an adult in their breakout session.** 5th graders are always welcome to attend the family session.
- **Children in grade 5 – 8 must register and participate the entire GOF session with an adult on the premises.** Parents are responsible for their children's behavior during the meal and the intergenerational activities. Parents may participate in the middle school or the adult breakout.
- **Teens in grades 9 and 10 must register with a parent, an older sibling, or a Confirmation sponsor.** This person is invited to participate in all GOF sessions with their teen.
- **Teens in Grades 11 and 12 may register and participate in GoF without an adult.**
- **Adults 60 and older may participate free of charge.**
- **Registration and attendance at GoF is required of all First Communion and Confirmation candidates.**

Child-Friendly Flexibility:

- Parishioners with pre-school children should feel free to have one parent take them home early, if need be, while the other parent remains with the older children. Parents with children in the Primary Breakout are welcome to participate in the Adult breakout on another day. Just let us know.
- Our breakout sessions are set up for children and adults as follows.
 - Primary session: K – 4 with at least one parent
 - Middle School session: 5 – 8 parents welcome
 - High School session: 9 – 12 parents welcome
 - Adult session: Parents and all other adults
- 5th graders are welcome to participate in the primary session. High school juniors and seniors are welcome in the adult session.
- If you cannot attend your regular session, you may attend a different one if space is available. Please make arrangements with Barbara Dane.

Family Faith Fun 2011-12

Children in Grades K-4, along with at least one parent, are invited to attend Family Faith Fun. This optional one hour and 15 minute program, including a meal, meets right after the 10:30 Masses on October 2, November 6, December 4, February 5, and April 1. We will more deeply explore prayer and worship, sacraments, the liturgical calendar, the Bible, and morality. Details for each session will be e-mailed on a monthly basis through Constant Contact to parents of children in Grades K – 4 who are registered for GOF.

Household Service Component

GOF is a community experience. As we continue to grow, our program needs are also increasing. We need help in planning and preparing curriculum, setting up our spaces, teaching and facilitating, preparing and serving the meal, and doing computer work. **This year we are asking that each GOF household contribute at least 2 ½ hours of service.** This may be done by one person or, where appropriate, with a group.

Please look at the following options and carefully select your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices.

Contact person: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____
GOF Session planning to attend: _____

Support Teams

Registration Help: Barbara Dane

Input registration data (summer) _____
Constant Contact lists (May be done at home, usually in Sept.) _____
Help with GOF table at St. Elizabeth Showcase after one mass 9/24 or 9/25 _____ Preferred Mass _____

GOF Session Help / Home Kit Preparation: Barbara Dane

Participate in once-a-month Tuesday morning meeting to pack and set up tables: _____

Hospitality: Toni Rader

Greet, usher and count at monthly sessions _____

Meal Preparation: Joy Agule and Caroline McBride (16 years and older)

This year you can volunteer to help in the kitchen just once for the whole year! (However we are very grateful for those who are willing to serve at more than one session!) Shifts are 2 ½ hours in length. The first shift meets 3 hours before the session begins. The second shift comes in ½ hour before the session opens and then stays through clean up. The early shift preps the food, sets up the tables, and prepares the drinks. The second shift serves the food and cleans up.

October 1st shift _____ 2nd shift _____

November 1st shift _____ 2nd shift _____

December 1st shift _____ 2nd shift _____

January 1st shift _____ 2nd shift _____

February 1st shift _____ 2nd shift _____

March 1st shift _____ 2nd shift _____

April 1st shift _____ 2nd shift _____

May 1st shift _____ 2nd shift _____

Meal Preparation Volunteer Coordinator: Calls/emails to remind volunteers of their session: _____

Faith Formation Teams

Name: _____

Email: _____

Circle preferred session to volunteer: **Wed. PM** **Sat. PM** **Sun noon** **Sun. PM**

Intergenerational Opening: Barbara Dane

All ages are invited to participate in the following roles at GOF. Volunteers will be notified on a monthly basis regarding roles and responsibilities.

Scripture Reading: _____

Prayer services: _____

MC: _____

Skits: _____

Graphic Design: _____

Photographer: _____

Videographer: _____

Music: Andrea Goodrich

Available to assist with music at GOF gatherings: _____

K – 4 Primary Level--Coordinator: Cindy Harrington

_____ **Teaching Team**

_____ **Grade level**

Meets once a month to discuss and prepare prayer, learning, service, and community building activities for children in Grades K – 4.

5 – 8 Intermediate Level--Coordinator: Barbara Dane

_____ **Curriculum Design Team**

Meets once a month to discuss and prepare prayer, learning, service, and community building activities for children in Grades 5 - 8.

_____ **Saturday evening 7/8 Teacher**

_____ **Sunday Evening Grade 5/6**

_____ **Sunday Evening Grade 7 teacher**

_____ **Classroom Assistants**

No training needed. Just a willingness to come to sessions and pitch in where needed.

9 – 12 Senior Level—Kate Deasy

_____ **Adult Discussion Leader**

Each session will need several adults to run discussions and help students with activities.

_____ **Grade 11 and 12 Classroom Assistant**

All volunteers who have access to children must submit a Massachusetts CORI form (yearly) and attend our parish VIRTUS program, "Protecting God's Children" once. Please register, if needed, for one of the courses listed below. CORI forms are available in our parish office Monday – Friday from 9 – 4. Bring your driver's license.

Registration for Sacramental Preparation Programs 2011 – 2012

Please copy this form if you are registering more than one child for these programs.

Program (check one): _____ First Reconciliation / First Eucharist (Grade 2)
 _____ Confirmation (Grade 10)

Child's Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Confirmation Candidate Email: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Full Maiden Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Date of Baptism: (Month/Day/Year) _____

Baptism: Baptismal Faith _____

 Parish _____

 Parish Address _____

 Town, State, Zip _____

Please check all that apply:

- Baptism took place at St. Elizabeth's
- First Communion took place at St. Elizabeth's
- Baptism took place somewhere else. (Attach a copy of the Baptismal certificate.)
- If you cannot find the Baptismal certificate, the Baptismal church can fax us a copy at 978-263-9014.
- Child was not baptized or was baptized in a church other than Roman Catholic.

Please submit all information and your sacramental preparation fee with your GOF registration.

1st Comm. Prep.: \$30 per family

Confirmation Prep.: \$125 per student (Sacramental preparation fee cover all program materials, including service work at the Lazarus House in Lawrence. There will also be a retreat fee which will vary according to the selected retreat.)

If you have any questions about First Eucharist, please call Cindy Harrington, Director of Primary Level Faith Formation, at 978-263-4305, ext. 17 or email ckh@seoh.org.

If you have questions about Confirmation, please call Kate Deasy, High School Youth Minister, at 978-263-4305, ext. 23 or email kate@seoh.org.

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