# ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON (2018)

**PASTORAL PLAN**

**Mission Statement: We come together as a community in the Diocese of Raleigh to further the mission of the Catholic Church for the sake and greater glory of God and hastening the coming of God’s reign:**

* To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to share the Good News of salvation especially with those who have never heard it or have forgotten it.
* To celebrate this revelation with full, conscious, and active participation in the Eucharist and the other Sacraments.
* To grow in our understanding and appreciation of the Church through a variety of faith formation opportunities for all, especially in terms of fostering the continuing conversion and transformation of adults.
* To manifest the church’s teachings by the way of our lived discipleship through concrete acts of justice, charity, and the stewardship of our time, talent and treasure.
* To respond to the continuing challenge of a rapidly growing population of the faithful; planning to manage growth and continue responsible stewardship for the future.

# Pastor’s Vision Statement

As a faith community generously endowed with God’s gifts we pledge to be good stewards of those gifts so as to enrich the larger Fayetteville community.

To accomplish this goal and move forward with this vision we must first and foremost be a people of prayer, listen to God’s Word, and gather around the table of the Lord celebrating the living presence of Jesus Christ in Eucharist. We need also to provide ongoing formation in the faith to all members of the parish from the youngest to the elderly. We also must continue to provide opportunities for social development by taking time to “play” together as a parish

Guided by the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Financial Council, and the Parish Staff we will strive to use best our resources to provide for ongoing parish necessities and future growth, continuing our spirit of generosity to those outside of our immediate parish community.

Living and celebrating God’s goodness to us we will continue, in the words of St. Francis

DeSales, to “Live Jesus” in everything we do; not settling to be simply “good”, but striving always to be “great” in the eyes of God.

# Financial Environment of the Parish

The Parish Financial Council will strive to use our resources to provide for ongoing parish necessities and future growth, continuing our spirit of generosity to those outside of our immediate parish community.

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# GOAL 1: To enhance the liturgy as a prayerful, celebratory experience of worship for the entire community and all who are seeking a parish to call their own.

* Schedule three children’s liturgies, including First Communion, First Reconciliation, and Christmas.
* Schedule the children’s Crowning of Mary after the 11:30 liturgy on Mother’s day.
* Provide communal anointing of the sick twice during the year.
* Encourage and train at least 5 new liturgical ministers in each area. Special emphasis is to be placed upon involving youth in liturgical ministries.
* Encourage full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgy.

# GOAL 2: To provide Faith Formation for Parishioners

* Offer regular catechetical and youth ministry programs using materials that are approved by the USCCB.
* Sponsor Advent and Lenten Disciples’ groups and promote year round Bible Study groups.
* Sponsor at least one Salesian based activity open to all parishioners annually.
* Recruit at least two new catechists/volunteers for the RCIA team.
* Sponsor a spiritual reflection day for the liturgical ministry groups.
* Sponsor a Parish Renewal during the Lenten Season.
* Sponsor at least two Diocesan Catechetical Institute adult faith formation programs a year.
* Research and initiate a plan for youth and young adult pro-life education and action which will stress the sanctity and value of human life from conception to natural death.

# GOAL 3: Social Activities

* Have a social gathering at least once a month.
* Encourage the Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes and other parish organizations to host parish social events.
* Seek opportunities to share activities with neighboring churches.
* Celebrate Patronal Feasts.
* Increase opportunities for Christian fellowship such as coffee and donuts after the morning masses.

# GOAL 4: Stewardship

* Encourage parishioners to contribute time, talent, and resources to our Catholic Community through a ministry fair.
* Report the financial status of the parish to the parish community.
* Encourage greater use of contribution envelopes and encourage the use of Online Giving to increase offertory.
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* Support Diocesan stewardship efforts such as the Bishop’s Annual Appeal and the Cathedral Campaign.
* Encourage Parish Council to solicit the needs and concerns of the parish community.
* Conduct a Fifth Sunday second collection to help support community programs.

# GOAL 5: Administration

* Recruit a volunteer for public relations.
* Continue upgrading the parish web page and train a member of the staff to maintain the page.
* Maintain the video monitor in the Gathering Space to serve as a source of information to the parish.
* Provide and encourage continuing education of the parish staff.
* The safe environment team will provide sessions at least once a year.
* Recruit men of the parish to become permanent deacons for service to our Parish and in the Diocese of Raleigh.

# GOAL 6: Social Concerns

* Promote parish projects which aid the needs of the community.
* Promote assistance to the homebound and the elderly.
* Encourage outreach to Methodist University.
* Promote parish involvement in community projects.
* Promote parish awareness of the accomplishments of parishioners in community service.
* Continue food collections for the pantry at Catholic Charities and the annual Angel Tree donations at Christmas.
* Continue the monthly donation of money to Catholic Charities and the CAREClinic.
* Assess and provide for the special needs of the Military Community within the parish.