



## Dear 8th Grade School & PSR Parents.

**August 19, 2025** 

Welcome to the new school year!

My name is Danielle Farley and I am the new youth minister at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. I am overjoyed to begin journeying with the teens of this vibrant parish. I have spent the past 7 years working in various youth ministries around the world, and I very much look forward to meeting each of you and growing in our faith together.

The reason I am writing today is to share with you my vision for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as they walk towards their Confirmation this spring. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade school, PSR students, and homeschool students are traditionally required to attend not only their formation within the classroom, but also a *once-monthly* youth ministry formation event called "The ROCK." This title is in reference to Matthew 16:18: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church." The first Sunday evening of each month, The ROCK will take place in the parish hall from 7-9PM. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students will experience fun, fellowship, prayer, praise, formational talks, and small group discussion with our local high school teens. The dates for The ROCK program are listed below in this document.

In addition to ROCK youth nights, Our Luke 18 Confirmation Retreat experience is required for each teen seeking the sacrament of Confirmation. This retreat will take place on the St. Elizabeth Church campus Oct. 17-19, 2025. My own Confirmation retreat experience was extremely transformational and encouraged me to make a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ. If your teen has an unavoidable conflict with these dates, please reach out and I will connect you with another local parish for other Luke 18 retreat opportunities. Thank you for supporting the faith of your teens and for welcoming me here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

In Christ,

Danielle Farley
Youth Minister





## **The ROCK**

BTH GRADE: LIPCOMING DATES:





















FIRST SUNDAYS 7-9PM IN SEAS PARISH HALL