

# ESSENTIAL NEWS

We welcome the stranger and stand with those who live on the margins.

**St Elizabeth's** is a non-food Essentials Pantry. A ministry dedicated to the advancement of the principles of mercy and justice, to offer assistance to those in need and a commitment to end the circumstances which oppress and marginalize those who seek a helping hand.



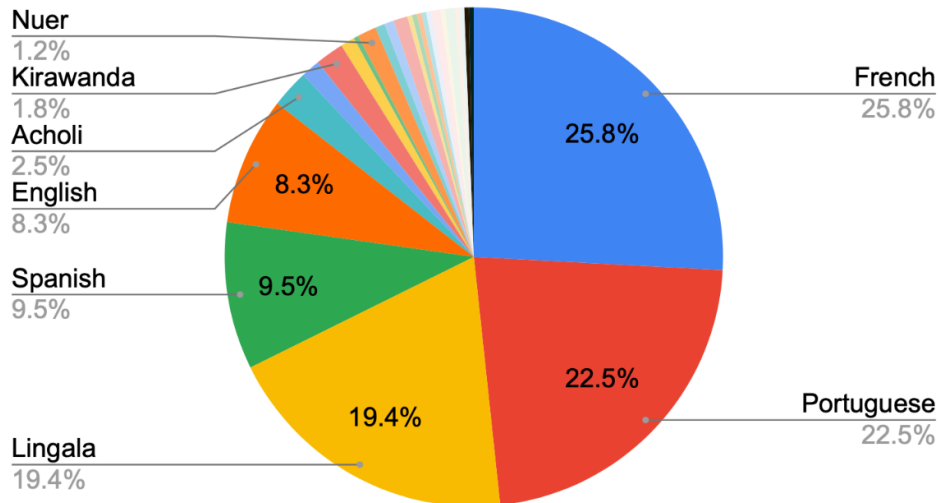
**Our goal for 2026 is to increase the number of diapers in each bundle from 9 to 12, or 100,956 diapers!**

The St Elizabeth's Diaper Drive will run throughout Lent, from Valentine's Day until April 12th, a week after Easter.

Thanks to many generous donors St Elizabeth's distributed **75,717 diapers in 2025** to an average of 418 neighbors every Diaper Day!

A clean diaper means a happy baby, but according to data from *The NDBN Diaper Check 2023: Diaper Insecurity among U.S. Children and Families*, 1 in 2 U.S. families with young children cannot afford enough diapers to keep their infant or child clean, dry, and healthy.

These babies are more vulnerable to painful rashes and urinary tract infections and have more trips to the doctor. 1 in 4 parents miss work or school because they can't afford the diapers required to leave their baby in Childcare. *Clean diapers are a basic need of every baby and toddler.*

**Primary Language Spoken**

27 languages are spoken at St E's.

One thing that we can do right now during the cruel ICE operation known as "Catch of the Day" is to let our neighbors know they are supported by giving a ride, buying groceries or **making a donation to the St E's Diaper Drive!**

**How to make a donation****online:**

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z5PN/campaign/C-12JHN>

**with a check:**

payable to:

*"St Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry"*

Please write:

*Diaper Drive* in the memo

And mail it to:

St Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry  
PO Box 4036  
Portland, ME 04101

**A package or trunkload of diapers:**

Drop off at  
134 Park Street  
In Portland  
(the rear parking lot of St Luke's Cathedral)

**Or with this QR code:****Board Members & Partner Churches**

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