

Baptisms

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INFANT BAPTISM POLICY

The Sacrament of Baptism is the first step into full initiation into the Community of Faith here at St. Elizabeth Seton. We welcome you and are happy that you have chosen our parish. Because the Sacrament of Baptism is an important step in your child's religious upbringing, Canon Law instructs us that there be a well-founded hope that the child be brought up in the Catholic religion. With this in mind, we have the following policy:

1. ONLY children whose parents are registered in St. Elizabeth Seton parish are accepted for the sacrament of Baptism. To be considered a REGISTERED MEMBER, the parents must be listed in the parish computer register for at least (3) three months before contacting the office. The Baptism process will be delayed 3 months from the date of registration.
2. Parents or parent of the child must be practicing Catholics. (Use of envelopes may be the only way to verify attendance at Mass)
3. Godparents must be practicing Catholics - one Godparent is sufficient. They must attend a baptism class (either here or at their own church). Proof of this class must be sent to SES at least ten days before the child's baptism. In addition they must fill out an affirmation letter signed by their pastor stating they practicing Catholics. We recognize that some cultures have more than two godparents; however, these names will not appear on the Church register or baptism certificate since Canon Law only permits two names to be registered. One male and one female.
4. The baptism class at this parish is offered twice a month. It is best to reserve spaces in the class as soon as possible.
5. Baptisms are performed only on the weekend after the 11:30 a.m. mass (held the first two Sundays of a 4 week month and the first 3 Sundays of a five week month.) The Sacrament is administered to children of registered parishioners.
6. A birth certificate for the child will be required from the parents before the baptism can take place. We suggest you make arrangements 2 months in advance of beginning the Baptismal process.
7. All forms plus a donation, must be received at least ten (10) days before the child's Baptism in order to put on the Master calendar.

