



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM

Child's full name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ City of Birth: _____

Father's Name: _____

Father's Religion: _____

Mother's Name (maiden): _____

Mother's Religion: _____

Parent's Marital Status: _____ Married in the Catholic Church

_____ Married civilly or in another Church

_____ Not Married

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Other: _____

GODPARENTS (at least one godparent must be Catholic-designate by *)

_____/_____

Baptism class completed?: YES / NO / EXEMPT Date: _____

Date of Baptism: _____ Church: _____ Time: _____

Priest or Deacon: _____ Entered in registry by: _____

Certificate sent on: _____

INFANT BAPTISM POLICY at ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH

The Church has a long tradition of welcoming infants and little children into the Catholic faith community through the waters of Baptism. Through Baptism, children are washed clean of original sin, are 'adopted' as sons and daughters of God and are incorporated into the Christian Community. The following guidelines (based on Canon Law and Diocesan Policies) are intended to make the Baptism of your children a more meaningful experience.

- ❖ **First time parents and/or Godparents** will attend an Infant Baptism class in preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism. *Sessions are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month starting at 6:00 PM* at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church located at 12300 Reina Rd. Parents who are not married or have not been married in the Catholic Church are encouraged to meet with the Deacon or Priest prior to the Infant Baptism class to discuss having their marriage blessed in the church. Call the parish office at (661) 587-3626 or Deacon David at (661) 203-7337
- ❖ **Parents who have recently baptized a child within the past three years or have served as Godparents**, that are registered in a Catholic parish and attending Church regularly may be excused from attending the Infant Baptism class. Contact Deacon David for details and instructions on completing a registration form. Completed Registration form should be returned to Deacon David. Email is deacondavid@setoncatholicchurch.org
- ❖ **Parents not registered at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish** are also encouraged to register as members of the parish unless they are already registered in another parish.
- ❖ **Godparents must be practicing Catholics** who have received all three Sacraments of Initiation, living a Catholic lifestyle and are over 16 years of age and (if married) in a valid sacramental marriage. Godparents from another parish must provide a letter of recommendation to be a Godparent by their pastor. A non-Catholic may only serve as a Christian Witness, however *at least one Catholic godparent is required for Baptism*. If Godparents are from another parish or from out of town they may attend a class in their parish and provide us a Baptism Preparation Certificate. Children to be baptized should be **dressed in white** or have a white baptismal gown to change the child into after Baptism, as a sign of their new Christian dignity.

SCHEDULING THE CEREMONY: *Baptisms are held at 11:00 AM on the first Saturday of every month and the third Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM.* No Baptisms are held during Lent. Private baptisms can't be scheduled through the parish office. After attending Infant Baptism class the parents are responsible for contacting Deacon David at deacondavid@setoncatholicchurch.org to reserve a baptismal date.

REGISTRATION AND FEES: Baptism registrations must be submitted one week prior to the scheduled baptism for review and you will be called to schedule the Baptism. *The fee for the Infant Baptism class is "\$40, cash or check and is due the evening of class"* the fee includes parents and Godparents for the baptism class. At the time of the Baptism ceremony, a voluntary honorarium is encouraged for the Deacon or Priest celebrating the Rite of Baptism with you and your family.

CONTACT: Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton who have questions or wishing to register for class to baptize infants and children under the age of eight should contact Deacon David Rodriguez at deacondavid@setoncatholicchurch.org or call 661-203-7337 for further information.

We congratulate all those who are making the decision to baptize their children through our parish!