



*Quinceañera Celebration
Candidate and Parent Handbook.*



2021-2022

*St. Edith Stein Catholic Church
3311 North Fry Rd / Katy, TX 77449
281-492-7500 / www.stedithstein.org*

Eligibility for Preparation:

- Candidate must have received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist
- The candidate must be currently enrolled in ACE classes and must have attended for at least one year prior to her Quinceañera celebration.
- The candidate and her family must attend Mass regularly and be registered at St. Edith Stein as parishioners.

Registration:

- Candidate and Parents must fill out a Quinceañera Celebration Registration Form 10 months before the Celebration date.
- Fees:
 - Ceremony Cost:
 - \$600—per family for ceremony costs – includes rental of the church, a cantor and accompanist
 - \$100 due at time of registration
 - Balance due 3 months before Celebration)
- The candidate and her family must read and sign a copy of the Quinceañera Candidate and Parent Handbook.

Preparation Requirements:

- **Candidate and parents** attend an initial interview with the Quinceañera Coordinator
- **Candidate and parents** will attend the Thursday rehearsal and Quinceañera Mass

Quinceañera Music:

- The parish will provide a trained cantor and one accompanist for liturgical music.

Liturgical Ministers:

- Lectors
 - The parish will provide trained Lectors if needed. Visiting Lectors must attend the Quinceañera Rehearsal.
- Altar Servers
 - The parish will provide trained Altar Servers if needed. Visiting Altar Servers must attend the Quinceañera Rehearsal.
- Eucharistic Ministers
 - The parish will provide trained Eucharistic Ministers if needed. Visiting Eucharistic Ministers need to attend the Quinceañera Rehearsal.

The Quinceañera Rehearsal:

- The Quinceañera Rehearsal is conducted by the Parish Quinceañera Coordinator or by the presiding clergy.
- Quinceañera Rehearsals are scheduled for 60 minutes, the Thursday prior to the Quinceañera Celebration, at 7:00 p.m.

Attire:

- Attire for all members of the Quinceañera celebration, should be modest and demonstrate respect for the Assembly gathered.
- In the unlikely event of inappropriate attire, the Parish Quinceañera Coordinator and the Officiating Clergy may require a wrap, cover or even prohibit participation in the ceremony.

Photography:

- Guidelines for photography are included in this Handbook.
- Please give a copy of this section to your chosen Photographer and or Videographer.
- The Photographer and or Videographer must sign a copy of the guidelines and return it to the Quinceañera Coordinator.

Celebration Days:

- We offer group celebrations in the form of a Mass 2 times a year at 11am on a Saturday, one in the Fall (October) and one in the Spring (May)

Quinceaneras & Rehearsal Days:

Celebration: *May 1, 2021* (11:00am)

Rehearsal: Thursday before from 7-8pm

Deadline to register: August 1, 2020

Celebration: *October 30, 2021* (11:00am)

Rehearsal: Thursday before from 7-8pm

Deadline to register: December 30, 2020

Celebration: *May 7, 2022* (11:00am)

Rehearsal: Thursday before from 7-8pm

Deadline to register: August 7, 2021

Celebration: *October 29, 2022* (11:00am)

Rehearsal: Thursday before from 7-8pm

Deadline to register: December 29, 2021

PHOTOGRAPHY AT ST. EDITH STEIN

Quinceañera Date/Time: _____ Quinceañera: _____

The Pastoral Staff and people of St. Edith Stein welcome you and thank you for your professional assistance. Quinceañera are very special to us and are a memorable occasion for all present. We have worked to ensure that the sacrament is celebrated with dignity and grace and that all professional trades are informed of the ritual guidelines. We ask that you make contact with the Parish Quinceañera Coordinator upon your arrival at St. Edith Stein. Please sign and present this document to the Parish Quinceañera Coordinator or the presiding minister prior to set up.

PRIOR

Photos are permitted no earlier than 45 minutes prior to the scheduled ceremony. All photos inside the sanctuary must be completed 20 minutes prior to the scheduled ceremony. There are no exceptions. Existing furniture, decorations and flowers may not be moved at any time for the sake of photos.

DURING

The ceremony begins when the Quinceañera party arrives at the doors of the sanctuary. The photographer should make every effort to ensure that he or she does not impede or stop any movement once the ceremony begins. The photographer may not ask a member of the Quinceañera party to stop in the center aisle for a photo. The photographer *may not* stand or jump out into the center aisle during the procession.

The Parish Quinceañera Coordinator or the presiding minister reserves the right and will ask uncooperative photographers to cease all activities and will not permit them to continue with any photos. The parish will not be responsible for any loss of income or photos.

Photos and videos are permitted from fixed positions during the ceremony. The photographer is not permitted to walk around during the ceremony nor to use flood lights, flashes or bright lights.

AFTER

Photos are permitted for 25 minutes only after the Quinceañera. The Parish Quinceañera Coordinator will notify you when the time is completed. Please heed their advice. This will allow us to prepare the sanctuary for the next scheduled Quinceañera or Liturgical event.

Photos with the Quinceañera and the presiding ministers are best taken first. Please remove all equipment and residue within 30 minutes after the Quinceañera.

I have read and agree to the above stated ritual guidelines

Name

Date

Please copy this letter for your files and return the original to:

Parish Quinceañera Coordinator
St. Edith Stein Catholic Community
3311 N. Fry Rd.
Katy, TX. 77449

Quinceañera Celebration Registration

St. Edith Stein Catholic Church, Katy, TX

****Please attach a copy of the candidate's Baptismal Certificate to this form****

Celebration date you would like to participate in: (please circle one)

May 1, 2021

October 30, 2021

May 7, 2022

October 29, 2022

Candidate's Name: _____

Candidate's date of Birth: _____

Parents/Guardians: _____
Father Mother

Address: _____

City

State

Zip

Contact Info: _____
Home Phone Cell Phone

Work Phone

E-mail

Are you registered members of St. Edith Stein Parish? Yes No

Please provide the location and dates of the following sacraments:

Baptism: _____
Location (Church, City, State) date

First Eucharist: _____
Location (Church, City, State) date

Candidate/Parent Acknowledgment

Our signatures certify that we have received the Candidates and Parents Handbook, and that we understand the contents. We agree to uphold the program guidelines in order to participate in the Quinceañera Celebration.

Candidate Name (Print)

Candidate Signature

Date

Parent Name (Print)

Parent Signature

Date