

# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Youth Ministry

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Dear Year 1 Confirmation Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the Confirmation program here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for your teen's Catholic faith formation. Our goal for the teens in the program is to provide opportunities for them to experience the love of Jesus Christ, get to know Him personally and learn about the teachings of the Church He established. We are anticipating another grace filled year for 2020-21!

This packet contains the main points of the program. A detailed program packet containing an additional calendar, curriculum, and retreat sign up form, etc. will be provided at the Parent/Teen Session on **Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm**. Year 1 teens and parents will have the opportunity to meet their small group leaders and the rest of the teens in the program. This session is counted as a class session for the teens.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we do not know what our regulations and directives from the Diocese this Fall will be. Our hope is that we will be able to meet in person and we are planning for meetings at the parish. If this is to change, we will let you know and come up with an alternative.

We are also aware that some people may be fearful about coming back into the church after the pandemic, so we are offering a homeschool option for this year's Confirmation program. We will be using a program through the website my Catholic Faith Delivered and the homeschool families will be required to follow up with me monthly for our records via email or phone call. I highly recommend participating in person for the Confirmation program, as the small groups are a very important aspect, but we still want to offer this option during our current challenges with COVID-19.

Last year, we made a few changes to the program. Instead of having two full years of formation, we will have a year and a half of formation. This means the teens will be **confirmed in the Fall of Freshman Year**. This allows more flexibility for the date we will receive from Bishop Malloy since many parishes decide on a Spring date.

As you can see in the registration packet, **classes start at 1pm**. Due to having a smaller group this year, we will only have one class time available. We will be meeting in the Parish Hall and because of the 11:15am Mass, we want to give parishioners some time for fellowship after Mass instead of asking them to leave so we can start class. We are having Confirmation formation in the parish hall instead of the meeting rooms to bring a sense of community among the rest of the teens and have it be less of a "classroom" feel and more of a "youth group" feel.

Within the small groups, we will have two catechists for every 7-8 teens. The groups will be gender neutral (all boys/all girls), but for the watching of the video and the game/icebreaker at the beginning, everyone will be together. We are having gender neutral groups because some of the topics discussed will be better with those of the same gender so the group can go deeper into the topic.

In order to ensure that candidates are sufficiently formed in the Faith prior to the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, no more than 2 sessions per year may be missed. All candidates are required to attend Sunday Mass weekly. Attendance at Sunday Mass and holy days of obligation is one of the five precepts of the Catholic Church. The Precepts of the Catholic Church are a description of the absolute minimum actions required of Catholics regarding the Church. The Church uses these precepts to remind us that Christian life requires a commitment to prayer and active participation in the liturgy and sacraments. If we fall below this bare-minimum level, we can't rightly consider ourselves to be in full communion with the Catholic Church. To this end, all candidates need to turn in ten, short Mass reflections per year.

The Confirmation Sponsor serves as a mentor in the growth of Catholic faith throughout the two-year formation process and beyond. For this reason, Year 2 registration will not be processed unless the Sponsor form and affidavit has been turned in. Year 1 students will receive the Sponsor packet at the Parent/Teen session.

Please contact the youth ministry office with any questions or concerns you may have.

In Jesus and Mary,

Rev. Fr. Brian D. Grady- Pastor &  
Laura Knipp- Director of Youth Ministry

# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church



## Confirmation Year 1

### 2020-2021

### \*\*\*Confirmation Sponsors\*\*\*

A Confirmation Sponsor serves as a mentor in the growth of Catholic faith throughout the formation process and beyond. The Sponsor information packet will be available at the Parent/Teen session. The Sponsor form and affidavit will be due in November.

## Year 1 Tuition

- \$275 per student
- \$250 Early Bird rate  
(if registration forms received by 8/3)
- Includes full day Retreat
- \$225 Homeschool Rate
- \$200 Homeschool Early Bird Rate  
(registration form to be received by 8/3)

Payment of \$250 may be made by August 3<sup>rd</sup>. From August 4<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, the payment goes up to \$275. the following payment option may be selected:

#### Installment plan:

**If Form received by August 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$100 due**

*If Form received between Aug. 4-31<sup>st</sup> - \$125 due*

October 31<sup>st</sup> - \$50 due

November 30<sup>th</sup> - \$50 due

January 31<sup>st</sup> - \$50 due

*Please contact the Youth Ministry Office if special consideration is needed.*

### About Our Confirmation Program

- Confirmation Formation is a one and a half year program that begins in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated in the Fall of 2020. Please see letter about last year's changes in the Confirmation program.
- The program focuses on expanding the candidate's understanding of the Catholic faith and how we are called to be disciples in today's world.
- There will be *sixteen Group Sessions* this year that will meet on **Sundays** from 1:00-2:30pm and *one Parent/Teen session on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30pm*
- Catechists for each Small Group will plan approximately 2 *service projects* per year to take place at various times and locations.
- There will be a *day long Retreat*, entitled, *Encountering the Truth*, held in the Parish Center on **Saturday January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**
- **Candidates are expected to attend Mass every Sunday** and turn in 10 Mass Reflections for this year and 5 in Fall 2021.
- **Candidates are also expected to attend the Year 1 retreat and the overnight retreat in Fall 2021.**
- **If more than two sessions are missed the candidate will need to meet with Laura to discuss moving forward.**
- Additional program information will be available at the **Parent/Teen session on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm.**
- **One parent** of each candidate is expected to attend a one-day, **Retreat**, entitled, *God Is! Or Light of the World.* Dates will be coming soon.



# 2020-21 Confirmation Registration Year 1

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Registration Form due no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>

Early bird discount due date August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_  Unlisted Parent Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

When sending mail, address to: (circle one) Mr./Mrs. Mr. Mrs. Ms. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian(s)

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact

In the event of an emergency, please provide information for someone local *other than* a parent or guardian:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Information

We need your Registration **Form** by August 31<sup>st</sup>! Please do not delay registration due to financial concerns. Tuition may be paid in installments. Please contact the Youth Ministry Office if you need special consideration. **CHECK HERE FOR HOMESCHOOL OPTION \$200 before Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$225 Aug 4-31<sup>st</sup>.**

*Tuition is \$250 if Registration **Form** is received by the early bird date - August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tuition is \$275 if Registration Form is received after August 4<sup>th</sup>.*

Option 1  
Registration Form and  
Payment received by  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
\$250

Option 2  
Registration Form and  
Payment received  
**after** August 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
\$275

Option 3

#### **Registration Form and Installment plan:**

**If Form is received by August 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$100 due**

*If Form is received between Aug. 4-31 - \$125 due*

October 31<sup>st</sup> - \$50 due

November 30<sup>th</sup> - \$50 due

January 31<sup>st</sup> - \$50 due

*If paying by credit card, the amount due will be charged on each of the above dates.*

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_  Cash  Check  Card

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Auth. #: \_\_\_\_\_



# Registration Form for Confirmation

Return completed registration forms with  
copy of Baptismal certificate (unless baptized at St EAS)

REGISTRATION FORM DUE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup>  
EARLY BIRD TUITION DISCOUNT APPLIES UNTIL AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup>

PLEASE FILL OUT A SEPARATE PAGE FOR EACH STUDENT BEING ENROLLED

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE IN FALL 2020: \_\_\_\_\_  
 BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE GRADES OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND/OR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMPLETED: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

DATE                      CHURCH WHERE SACRAMENT WAS CELEBRATED & ADDRESS:

BAPTISM:     \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_     \_\_\_\_\_ Please enclose a copy of teen's Baptismal certificate unless he/she was baptized at ST. EAS.  
 RECONCILIATION: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_     \_\_\_\_\_  
 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_     \_\_\_\_\_

#####PHOTO OPT OUT OPTION#####  
 Pictures are regularly taken of teens on service projects and retreats. Photos are placed on our Parish Website and Facebook page. To date, we are not aware of any problems that have occurred with this policy, but if you wish that your teen NOT be in any photos online. Please check here:

#####MEDICAL INFORMATON #####  
ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL

Does the teen named on form require any special attention regarding the areas listed below?

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <u>ALLERGIES *</u><br>___ Food<br>___ Medication<br>___ Bee stings<br>___ Other | <u>ILLNESSES *</u><br>___ Asthma<br>___ Seizures<br>___ Physical Limitations<br>___ Other | <u>SPECIAL LEARNING NEEDS *</u><br>___ ADD or ADHD<br>___ Behavior Disorder<br>___ Learning Disorder<br>___ Hearing/Vision Limitations<br>___ Reading/Writing Limitations<br>___ Speech Limitations |
|---|---|---|

\*Please explain any checked above: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Does your teen take any medications that we should be aware of? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_





# Confirmation Year 2

## 2020-21 group choice form

Please complete and return this form with your registration forms

Small group session times:

1:00-2:30 pm (We only have one session time now, but we may have a few different small groups per session depending on how many teens register)

Homeschool Option

I would like to be placed in a Small Group with:

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(we will make every attempt to place students together who have requested each other)






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 Crystal Lake, IL \* (815) 459-3033  
 2020 - 2021 ~ YEAR 1  
 Confirmation Formation

\*\*\*Small Groups meet in the Parish Center on specified Sundays the following time: 1-2:30 pm.

If you have chosen the Homeschool option, details about this will come later. Service projects will be scheduled by the small group leaders. \*\*\*

*Please check the schedule carefully for session dates and times*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time &amp; Place</b>	<b>Session</b>
<b>Wednesday, September 9</b>	<b>6:30-8:00 PM Seton Hall</b>	<b>Parent/Teen Session</b>
<b>Sunday, September 20</b>	<b>1:00 PM Parish Center</b>	<b>Group Sessions</b>
<b>Sunday, October 4</b>	<b>1:00 PM Parish Center</b>	<b>Group Sessions</b> <i>Diocesan Chastity &amp; Safe Environment- Waiver must be filled out if you don't want teen to attend that part of session. The rest of session will be a normal class time and teens must attend.</i>
<b>Sunday, October 18</b>	<b>1:00 PM Parish Center</b>	<b>Group Sessions</b>
<b>Sunday, November 8</b>	<b>1:00 PM Parish Center</b>	<b>Group Sessions</b> <i>Sponsor Forms due</i>
<b>Sunday, November 22</b>	<b>1:00 PM Parish Center</b>	<b>Group Sessions</b>
<b>Sunday, December 6</b>	<b>1:00 PM Parish Center</b>	<b>Group Sessions</b>
<b>Sunday, January 10</b>	<b>1:00 PM Parish Center</b>	<b>Group Sessions</b>
<b>Saturday, January 30</b>	<b>1:00-9:30PM Parish Center</b>	<b>Year 1 Retreat</b> 

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Time &amp; Place</i></b>	<b><i>Session</i></b>
<b>Sunday, February 7</b>	<b>1:00 PM Parish Center</b>	<b>Group Sessions</b>
<b>Sunday, February 21</b>	<b>1:00 PM Parish Center</b>	<b>Group Sessions</b>
<b>Sunday, March 14</b>	<b>1:00 PM Parish Center</b>	<b>Group Sessions <i>Saint info given</i></b>
<b>Sunday, March 28</b>	<b>1:00 PM Parish Center</b>	<b>Group Sessions</b>
<b>Sunday, April 11</b>	<b>1:00 PM Parish Center</b>	<b>Group Sessions</b>
<b>Sunday, April 25</b>	<b>1:00 PM Parish Center</b>	<b>Group Sessions <i>Saint Reports due</i></b>

**\*\*Confirmation Interview is to be scheduled over the summer.\*\***



# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

## Confirmation Year 1 Syllabus

### 2020 – 2021

SEPT. 9	PARENT/TEEN	<b>BEGINNINGS “INTRODUCTION”</b>
SEPT. 20	SMALL GROUP	<b>SEEKING “WHAT IS OUR DESIRE?”</b>
OCT. 4	SMALL GROUP	<b>REASONS “FAITH AND REASON” GROUP SAFE ENVIRONMENT LESSON</b>
OCT. 18	SMALL GROUP	<b>REVEAL “IS GOD REAL?”</b>
NOV. 8	SMALL GROUP	<b>BREATH “DOES A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD REALLY MATTER?”</b>
NOV. 22	SMALL GROUP	<b>BROKENHEARTED “WHY IS THERE EVIL AND SUFFERING IN A WORLD WITH A GOOD GOD?”</b>
DEC. 6	SMALL GROUP	<b>FAULT “OUR GOODNESS AND THE FALL”</b>
JAN 10	SMALL GROUP	<b>PRODIGAL “WHY JESUS (I)”</b>
JAN. 30	RETREAT	<b><i>ENCOUNTERING THE TRUTH</i></b> <i>1:00PM-9:30PM IN SETON HALL</i>
FEB. 7	SMALL GROUP	<b>MORE “WHY JESUS (II)”</b>
FEB. 21	SMALL GROUP	<b>NEW “WHY JESUS (III)”</b>

<b>MARCH 14</b>	<b>SMALL GROUP</b>	<b>TRANSFORMATION “ACTS OF THE APOSTLES AND THE GOSPEL MESSAGE</b>
<b>MARCH 28</b>	<b>SMALL GROUP</b>	<b>BURN “THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE CHURCH” SAINT REPORT INFO GIVEN</b>
<b>APRIL 11</b>	<b>SMALL GROUP</b>	<b>SOURCE “THE MASS AND THE EUCHARIST”</b>
<b>APRIL 25</b>	<b>SMALL GROUP</b>	<b>ENTER “SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION- BAPTISM”  SAINT REPORTS DUE</b>

**\*\*CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS HAPPEN OVER THE SUMMER. PLEASE FILL OUT GOOGLEDOC WHEN IT IS SENT OUT\*\***