

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
Confirmation Program
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Dear Eighth Grade Parents:

Welcome to the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Confirmation Program! The Confirmation Team and I look forward to working closely with you and your teen over the next two years, as we journey together towards the Sacrament of Confirmation. There are a number of events and details that we would like to bring to your attention.

1. **There will be a mandatory orientation meeting for current 8th grade students AND parents on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at 7:00 pm in the church.** Program information will be distributed at this time. These packets will not be mailed home, so attendance at this meeting is very important.
2. To register your teen in the Confirmation Program at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, kindly complete the **registration form (attached or online) and covenant** and submit no later than **May 15, 2020**. Online registration is available at <https://www.stelizabetschurch.org/first-year-confirmation-registration-form>. If you prefer to submit the hard copy, you are encouraged to do so in person at the meeting on April 1. Otherwise, you may mail directly to the parish office or place in an envelope marked "CONFIRMATION" and deliver to the green mailbox on the Confirmation table, located in the hallway to the right upon entering the church vestibule. Please do not include these forms with registration paperwork for any family members who are in the Grade 1-8 program.
3. The registration fee for the Confirmation program is **\$60** per year. Payment via credit card is available with online registration (<https://www.stelizabetschurch.org/first-year-confirmation-registration-form>). If you prefer to pay by check, checks may be made payable to **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish**. Additional fees will be collected for retreats during the course of the program. At this time, kindly submit payment of \$60 with your registration, again by May 15, 2020. Please do not include this payment in the same check as tuition for family members in the Grade 1-8 program.
4. Before entering the Confirmation Program, a review will be made of each candidate's Religious Education records to certify successful completion of the Grade 1-8 requirements. If your teen has missed any years of Religious Education, you will be contacted regarding how to make up the missing year(s).
5. A copy of your teen's baptismal certificate must be on file. You will be contacted if we do not have one. Candidates and their families must be registered parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. If your teen has not taken Religious Education classes at St. Elizabeth's in the past, please include a copy of his/her baptismal certificate.
6. We offer two class time options for Confirmation: **Sunday 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm or Monday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**. Registration will be on first come, first serve basis. A calendar will be finalized and emailed in late summer. While there will be "off" weeks, please plan for classes to meet every Sunday/Monday from September to early April. You will be contacted if we cannot accommodate your first choice. **Please note that we do not necessarily place candidates in same classes that they had in eighth grade.**
7. Service to the parish and community is an important component of our program. Hours may be logged as of **March 1, 2020**. Please keep track of your teen's service hours; we will go over logging procedures at April 1st meeting.
8. **Please note that all communications will be via email. If there are alternate email addresses that you would like me to include on the distribution list, please let me know. Should your email address change over the course of the program, kindly advise. We will be implementing a new communication program called Flocknote, which has email/text features. Details to follow at our April 1st meeting.**

Many thanks for your partnership in Christ! We look forward to working with your teen in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you have any questions about our program, please contact me via email at confirmation@stelizabethchurch.org or via cell at 201-407-6995. May God bless you and your family in abundance!

Yours in Christ,
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