

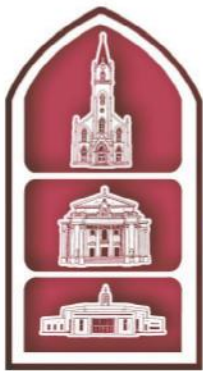
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Parish

Richmond, IN

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2019





St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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ST. ANDREW

235 South 5th
Sunday Worship:
10:00am - English
01:30pm - Spanish

ST. MARY

720 North "A" Street
Sunday Worship:
Saturday - 5:00pm - English

HOLY FAMILY

815 W. Main Street
Sunday Worship:
8:00am - English



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Journeying together as missionary disciples, committed to bring everyone to Christ in His Holy Church

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - READINGS: C CYCLE

OCTOBER 20, 2019

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

Saturday, 10/19	SM	08:15 am	Maurice Stolle	Envelopes	275/600 46%	10,973.00
	SM	05:00 pm	Charles Maurer, Sr.	Loose	00%	1,988.00
Sunday, 10/20	HF	08:00 am	Martha Hammerle	Faith Direct (35)	(Sept) 9,773.77	(Ave) 4,037.87
	SA	10:00 am	Tim Juerling	We Share (52)	(Sept) 10,415.60	
	SA (SPA)	01:30 am	Randy Mosier	Online Total (87)	20,189.37	
Monday, 10/21	HF	08:15 am	CS Cancelled	Spanish	1:30pm	113.25
Tuesday, 10/22	SA	08:15 am	Jerry Turner	Actual Offertory	RECEIVED	17,112.12
Wednesday, 10/23	SM	08:15 am	Paul Scheele	Budget (weekly)	We Need	20,169.71
Thursday, 10/24	HF	08:15 am	Malcolm Buroker	2nd Collection Today: 10/13	Community Kitchen	1,008.43
Friday, 10/25	SA	07:00 am	Frank Waltermann	2nd Collection Next week: 10/20	World Mission Sunday	Thank you!
Saturday, 10/26	SM	08:15 am	Betty Stubbs			
	SM	05:00 pm	Bing Welch			
Sunday, 10/27	HF	08:00 am	Marge "Joann" Johnson	Thank you for your generosity! Please consider setting up online giving! Contact parish the office for assistance.		
	SA	10:00 am	Ambrose Svarczkopf			
	SA (SPA)	01:30 am	For the People			

Stewardship Reflection: Today's Gospel calls *all* of us - not just the apostles - to "go... and make disciples." If we cannot go to the missions, we can answer Jesus' call by giving generously of our prayers and financial resources to support those who can and do.

Our Mission Statement

As committed Christians of the Roman Catholic Church in Richmond, Indiana, we are a community, centered in Christ, rooted in the Eucharistic communion, journeying together in our call to be holy, constantly discerning the charisms of the Spirit, making one another disciples of Christ and seeking God's kingdom in service, stewardship and charity.



DO WE PRAY FOR THE INCREASE OF OUR FAITH?

If we acknowledge that our faith is weaker than it should be, and if we seek to increase our faith by the power that can only come from God, we, too, can accomplish amazing things.... We might be able to endure a debilitating illness, confident that whatever the outcome we can rest secure in the loving hands of God. Similarly, greater faith might make it possible for us to forgive someone who has hurt us, without demanding retribution. More faith might give us the courage to accept new challenges at work or in school and increasing our faith might help us confess our sins and trust in God's unfailing mercy."

A note from Fr. Sengole

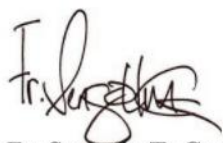
Next week Archbishop Thompson will be here with us to celebrate Confirmation Mass for the teens of the Connersville Deanery. I thought I would share with you some insights about the mission of the Spirit in the Holy Church. Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are known as Sacraments of Initiation. Baptism marks the beginning of our relationship with Christ; we grow in that relationship in a living community that is the Church. Our souls change permanently and we are immersed in grace from God. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit strengthens us in the baptismal graces, more of the Spirit is given to us, and the Spirit seals them in our souls.

Why do we receive these sacraments? We receive them for a sole purpose of being able to grow like Jesus. At his baptism, Jesus received the Holy Spirit, even though he had been conceived by the Holy Spirit. He did not need the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, since Jesus is the second Person in the Trinity. Cyril of Alexandria, an ancient Church Father explains that at his baptism, Jesus receives the Spirit even though he already possesses the Spirit fully as the eternal Son. But he received the Spirit as man that we might be found with the Spirit through him. The Word became flesh "so that the grace of the Spirit might be rooted and preserved firmly in our whole nature." He lent us his immutable divine nature so that the Spirit might be fully anchored in the human nature that this divine person assumed. What we celebrate in the sacraments is so true that grace is given to us for real. Precisely for this reason, Jesus was born to be like us in everything except sin. Symeon the New Theologian, another Church Father observes this when he says that the Holy Spirit is the principle of all spiritual life... the end and goal of the incarnation is the communication of the Holy Spirit.

What does the Spirit do in us? The Spirit shapes our character by grace through his fruit, and also acts upon us from without through the gifts, helping us to act in a way more fully according to the divine will. The gifts of the Spirit are given in addition to faith, hope and love; they dispose us to be open to the Spirit's promptings or motions, which we also need as we go through life. The Spirit also apportions charisms according to His will. The charisms are given specifically for the upbuilding of the body of Christ which is the Church. In all this, the Spirit conforms our nature to that of Christ. We are transformed in righteousness and holiness. We receive the Spirit to be led by the Spirit. How the Spirit leads is what we see in Jesus who was entirely animated and led by the Spirit. Christian life is life in the Spirit. Christian life is a life like Christ. All Christian life is geared towards the same mission that Christ accomplished and left with us. The Spirit not only inspires those who speak the gospel but also prepares the hearts of those who hear. Let us be docile to the Spirit and encourage one another to conform to the way of the Spirit.

Please keep all those young people who will be confirmed this coming Sunday. May they be properly disposed to receiving this important sacrament. May they have the extraordinary courage to stand for their faith.

In Love of Christ and His Holy Church,



Fr. Sengole T. Gnanaraj

This Week's Liturgy: Oct. 21 - Oct. 26

MON	Weekday [29]
TUE	St. John Paul II, Pope
WED	St. John of Capistrano, Priest
THU	St. Anthony Marie DeClaret, Bishop
FRI	Weekday [29]
SAT	Weekday [29]

This Week's Community Activities

MON 10/21	7:35am	HF	Rosary
	8:15am	HF	CS Cancelled
	3:30pm	SA	Prayer Group
	5:00pm	SA	Holy Hour - Reparation
	7:00pm	HF	Bible Study
TUE 10/22	8:15am	SA	Mass
	4:00pm	SA	Individual Confession
	6:00pm	SM	Schola Practice
	7:00pm	FHH	RCIA
WED 10/23	8:15am	SM	Mass
	11:00am	NH	Mass - Rosebud
	2:30pm	NH	CS-Forest Park
	6:30pm	FHH	School Commission Mtg.
	7:00pm	FMR	Y.M.I. Mtg.
THU 10/24	7:35am	HF	Rosary
	8:15am	HF	Mass
	9:00am	HF	Eucharistic Adoration
	3:00pm	HF	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	6:00pm	HF	Hour of Power
	8:00pm	HF	Benediction
FRI 10/25	7:00am	SA	Mass
	3:30pm	SA	Prayer Group
SAT 10/26	8:15am	SM	Mass
	3:30pm	SM	Individual Confession
	5:00 pm	SM	Mass - Commissioning
SUN 10/27	08:00am	HF	Mass-Commissioning
	10:00am	SA	Mass-Commissioning
	11:15am	HS	Religious Education
	01:30pm	SA	Misa en Español

If you know someone in a nursing home needing Fr. Sengole's presence for last rights or confessions, please contact the Parish Office to schedule a time.

THE SACRAMENTS: ENCOUNTERING GOD



First Reconciliation Workshop, Sunday, Nov. 17th, 2019

(1st Communion Program) 2nd Parent/Candidate Session (Mandatory):

Location: Father Hillman Hall (Seton High Cafeteria) 11:15am-12:15pm

In addition to preparation classes, there is Family Home Prep!

1. Parents will watch at least (2) Sessions on Forgiveness on FORMED.org;
2. Candidates (Children) will watch Brother Francis on Forgiveness on FORMED.org; and Parents will lead candidates through the [First Reconciliation Guide](#).

Other Important Dates:

First Communion Workshop: Sunday, February, 23rd, 2020 at Father Hillman Hall (Seton High Cafeteria) 11:15am-12:15pm

First Reconciliation Service: Thursday, April 16th, Holy Family Campus at 6:30pm

First Communion Mass: Sunday, April 19th, St Andrew Campus at 1:30pm

Confirmation Mass, Oct. 26th, 2019

Location: St. Andrew Campus of St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Arrival Time: 9:15 am in St Andrew Church (Candidates & Sponsors)

Archbishop Talk: 9:30 am in Gym (Candidates & Sponsors)

Mass Time: 10:30 am

Reception: Following Mass in the Cafeteria

Candidates may bring a total of 7 guests plus the sponsor. If you will be bringing fewer guests, please notify Kyle King.

Pope Melchiodorus writes: *"In Baptism man is enlisted into the service, in Confirmation he is equipped for battle... in Baptism we are regenerated unto life, after Baptism we are fortified for the combat... Baptism in time of peace, Confirmation arms and makes ready for conflicts."*

Attention, 10th & 11th graders:

Confirmation preparation will begin November, 2019 until November, 2020. **More details to come!**



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PICK OF THE WEEK

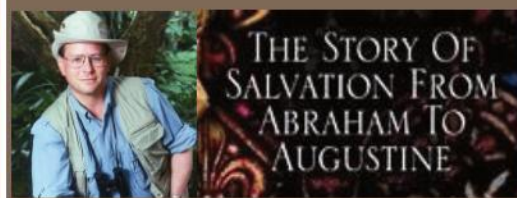


Have you ever wanted to visit the Holy Land where Jesus and the apostles walked but never had the time or resources to make it happen? Now you can take a pilgrimage through your TV or device!



Watch 'the Footprints of God' on FORMED with Catholic Bible teacher **Steve Ray** and your understanding of the Bible, the Catholic Church, and most importantly, our Lord Jesus Christ, will come alive! You will visit Jerusalem, Rome, and Holy sites throughout Greece, Egypt, and Turkey!

This series is not a boring lecture but actually takes you through the ancient churches such as the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where Our Lord was buried!



CONGRATULATIONS**Stephanie Tan & Miguel Arteaga**

Who were married
Saturday, October 12, 2019
at St. Andrew Campus
by Fr. Sengole T. Gnanaraj

**GETTING INVOLVED**

If you would like to be apart of the Evangelization Commission, please contact Fr. Sengole.

RCIA:

Tuesday, October 22nd - Who Shepherds the Church and The Church as Community
Tuesday, October 29th - Mary and The Saints

IN LOVING MEMORY OF...

Susan Lahrman

**OTHER NEWS****Journey with the Oldenburg Franciscans**

For single, Catholic women 18-45 interested in learning more about vowed Franciscan religious life, there will be a "Come and Just Be" retreat weekend Friday, November 1st @ 6:00pm thru Sunday, November 3rd 1:00pm at the convent of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN. Come, relax and just see who we are and have FUN. For more info or to register, contact Sr. Kathleen Branham by phone @ 812-933-6417;

email kbranham@oldenburgosf.com

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please help us with our Parish Census. If you are not currently registered, we encourage you to do so. We also need your help to keep our records current. If you are a registered parishioner and there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, changes in phone numbers or email addresses, etc. in your family, please notify the Parish Office by calling St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, at (765)-962-3902. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

CYO CAMP AT RANCHO FRAMASA

News from Seton Catholic Schools

www.setonschools.org

Field trips are a key component of school instruction; they broaden the educational experience and make a subject more relevant. Field trips enrich and expand the curriculum, strengthen observation skills by immersing children into sensory activities, increase children's knowledge in a particular subject area and expand children's awareness of their own community.

<https://blog.americansforthearts.org/2019/05/15/leave-no-child-inside-the-importance-of-field-trips>

Students who attend Seton Catholic Schools, Preschool-Grade 12, attend a variety of field trips and spiritual retreats. Locally we attend plays and musical performances, and visit area attractions like the Wayne County Historical Museum and Cope Environmental Center. We travel to Brown County, Indiana, to the Catholic Youth Organization Rancho Framasa, and St. Meinrad Archabbey and the Monastery of the Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Indiana. Seton Catholic gives our students the chance to experience learning in different ways because we believe that learning just doesn't happen in the classroom.

The Seton Catholic 8th grade class attended their spiritual retreat in Oldenburg, Indiana, at the Franciscan Center this year.

They experienced a prayer walk to different grottos and stations, attended Mass with the Franciscan Sisters, visited their eco-friendly farm, and listened to the Sisters as they shared stories.

Thanks to all who helped make this retreat possible!



Mrs. Leverton's and Mrs. Falcone's 5th grade classes went to the Earlham Planetarium on September 25, for their solar system unit. How better to learn than to see it up close?

We are in desperate need of volunteers to drive our buses. You would occasionally drive our students on field trips during the school day and possibly sporting events in the evening. We have three wonderful drivers, but they are limited on what they can do. A few more would help lighten the load.

Here are the requirements:

- A CDL with Passenger Endorsement
- A Pre-employment Drug test
- A Yellow/Blue card (from the state)
- Must do 4 hours of observation and 8 hours with our trainer after receiving a Blue card to obtain a Yellow Card.
- A couple of Pre-Employment forms
- Safe and Sacred training (all school volunteers and employees must do this)
- Please call (765) 965-6956 if you are interested or have any questions.



Thank you to the Hubbard Fund and Home and School / Parent Teacher Partnership for making these fun trips available to our students!

Spanish/Español

ANUNCIOS PARA LA COMUNIDAD LATINA

Misión de la Parroquia

Como cristianos comprometidos con la Iglesia Católica Romana de Richmond, Indiana; somos una comunidad centrada en Cristo y arraigada en la comunión de la Eucaristía, caminando juntos en nuestro llamado a ser Santos, discerniendo constantemente los carismas del Espíritu, haciendo discípulos unos de otros, buscando el Reino de Dios en servicio, caridad y justicia.



Mensaje por el Padre Sengole Gnanaraj

Llamaremos Extra-ordinarios Ministros de Eucaristía de la Sagrada Comunión (EME), así como los obispos y sacerdotes son llamados Ministros Ordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión. Usualmente los EME son comisionados por tres años, y realizarán sus deberes dentro de los límites de su parroquia. Yo aprecio mucho su servicio tanto en la misa, como en casas, hospitales y asilos de ancianos. La Sagrada Misa es una conmemoración de la muerte de Cristo, en cada misa, el sacrificio de Cristo ofrecido una vez y para todos en la cruz, nos lo hace mantener siempre presente, y la obra de nuestra redención se lleva a cabo. La Santa Misa es un sacrificio en el sentido más real, porque re-presenta (hace presente) el sacrificio en la cruz (ver ccc 1364-1366). El sacerdote ofrece la eucaristía en persona *Totius Ecclesiae* (en la persona de la comunidad, por ejemplo en oraciones litúrgicas) y en la persona de Cristo (representando a Cristo, por ejemplo en la consagración del pan y vino). Todos los ministros de la Sagrada Comunión, deben mostrar una gran reverencia por la Sagradísima Eucaristía, con su actitud, comportamiento, manera de vestir y la forma en que manejan y portan el pan y vino sagrados. Además ellos deben estar en comunión con la iglesia, tanto en creencias como en práctica.

Ser un Ministro de Comunión no es solamente un trabajo voluntario que podemos hacer, es más que eso, es un ministerio del que somos privilegiados al hacerlo. Como la Iglesia reiteradamente nos enseña, "Las personas que han sido seleccionadas para ser Extra-ordinarios Ministros de la Sagrada Comunión deben ser necesaria y debidamente instruidos, y deberán distinguirse así mismos por una vida ejemplar de fe y moral. Que se esfuercen por ser dignos de su gran cargo; que cultiven su devoción por la Sagrada Eucaristía y se muestren así mismos y a los demás como ejemplo de lealtad, piedad y reverencia por éste Santísimo Sacramento del altar. Ninguno de los seleccionados deberá causar escándalo entre los fieles" (*Immense Caritatis* #6, 1973).

Cualquiera que desee ser ministro de comunión, por favor atienda la sesión de entrenamiento. Esto les hará crecer y ser ricos en el conocimiento de nuestros tesoros litúrgicos.

Amando a Dios y a su Santa Iglesia,

Fr. Sengole T. Gnanaraj



Padre Dustin en el bautizo de Jesús Eduardo Gallardo Cruz.



Padre Sengole en la misa en español, con Giovanni García y Héctor Sánchez como monaguillos.



Padre Dustin en la presentación del niño Kilin Hernández.

Never Give Up!

Have you ever felt like giving up on praying because it seemed like God wasn't listening?



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples a parable about a widow who kept bothering a bad judge to help her. Finally he did what she asked so that she would stop bothering him. Jesus said that if someone like that will do what a person asks, God will certainly listen to everything we ask him.

But does God always do what we ask when we ask Him to? God always hears what we say to Him, but He has a few ways of answering our prayers. Sometimes He gives us what we ask for right away, but sometimes He lets us wait a while before we get it. And sometimes He doesn't give us what we are asking for because He has a better plan for us.



So always persevere when you're praying for something. God hears you and you can trust Him to do what is the very best for you!

Never give up!

Cross-word answers: Across: 3. said 5. unjust 6. away 8. to 9. God 12. slow 13. fear 14. pray 15. enemy 17. Jesus. Down: 1. unjust 2. judge 4. day 7. widow 10. disciples 11. parable 13. for 16. me

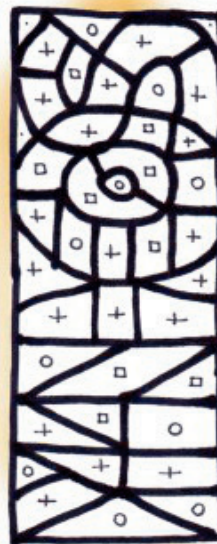
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The Kids' Bulletin

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Did the unjust judge in today's parable finally help the widow? Only fill in the spaces with + 's to find out!



10 Reasons Why Catholics Don't Evangelize by Fr Dwight Longenecker

"At a priests' conference not long ago, the speaker quoted some statistics. Christians of different traditions were asked percentage wise how important evangelization was to their understanding of the Christian faith. Mainline Protestants answered 60 percent. Evangelical Christians answered 85 percent. Catholics said 3 percent. We Catholics skate around this one muttering catchphrases like "The New Evangelization" and we trumpet the few evangelization enterprises that are going on, and we self-righteously quote St. Francis (who never actually said it), "Preach the gospel at all times. Use words if necessary." There are some very clear reasons why Catholics don't evangelize, and they are difficulties that run right to the foundation of our understanding and practice of the faith. There may be more reason than these, but here are 10 I can think of. (P.S. I've saved the biggest and the worst for last.)



1. Cultural Catholicism. It's something you are, not something you do so much. I remember encountering a French woman in South Carolina who wanted her baby baptized. I asked her what parish she went to. She looked at me with bewilderment. "But I am French! It is different in France! Nobody goes to church, but we are Catholic!" ...

2. Over-Sacramentalization. That's just a long word way of saying that Catholics put so much emphasis on the sacraments that it is difficult for many of them to see that in and through and below the sacramental system is a genuine encounter of the person with Jesus Christ, risen, ascended and glorified. Because you have to be a Catholic to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and confession, and because for so many Catholics that is the only way to practice their faith, the sacraments actually keep them from evangelizing. "I can't bring my Baptist neighbor to Mass. She wouldn't know what was going on and besides, she can't come forward for Communion anyway." This is a good point. If you invite a neighbor or family member to Mass then tell them they can't receive the Lord the whole exercise is likely to collapse into them feeling excluded.

3. RCIA. What is that? A company that used to make radios? The whole RCIA system is often cumbersome and user-unfriendly. If you have someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic you have to tell them about RCIA, which starts in the fall — so what do you do when they come in April? — and goes through for months until Easter. Meanwhile Pastor Bob at the local Protestant church says, "Come to church. Sign up. You're in." Proper catechesis is necessary, but a more creative and flexible approach would help.

4. Church or Jesus? Too many Catholics confuse evangelization with getting people to join the Catholic Church. The primary task of evangelization is meeting people where they are introducing them to Jesus Christ. It is possible to do this without bringing in the Catholic Church with its whole devotional and sacramental system. It is possible to talk to someone in need and say, "You need to get right with God."

You need to say, 'Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God have mercy on me a sinner!' That's the first step." After they make that decision they can start to attend church and learn about the sacramental system and how to continue their relationship with Christ as a Catholic...

5. Social Gospel. A lot of Catholics think the Church's primary way of evangelizing people is by helping them. It's true that an important aspect of evangelization is social welfare. Feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, healing the sick, bringing justice to the oppressed — all of that is good stuff and must not be neglected. It is also a powerful witness to the authenticity of the Catholic message. However, just doing that isn't enough. We need to give people the Bread of Life as well as a sandwich. ..

6. Ignorance. Too many Catholics simply don't know their faith well enough to share it.

7. Professional Catholics. For so long everything in the Catholic Church was done by the "professionals." Priests, bishops, sisters and brothers were the ones who ran the parishes, dioceses, schools and colleges. They were the ones who were trained to do all the "church work." Lay people were there to pray, pay and obey — or not. But this clericalism still dogs the Church. The people in the pew don't take ownership and don't feel it is their job to evangelize.

8. Slack Use of Resources. I should specify. There is no lack of resources. In fact, there are more resources than we can handle. The resources are professionally produced, orthodox, relevant, attractive and dynamic. It's not the lack of resources as much as it is the lack of people who will use the resources. How many good Catholic videos languish on the shelves because people just can't be bothered to watch them and share them?

9. Indifferentism. This is the widespread feeling (and teaching) that all the Christian denominations are pretty much the same and it doesn't really matter which one you go to. It's consumerism. Choose the one you like best. This indifferentism is widespread in our culture and... Church.

10. Universalism. The ugly twin sister of Indifferentism is Universalism — the teaching that God loves everyone so much that he would never send anyone to hell. In other words, in the end, everybody will be saved. Why bother if we're all going to get into heaven simply because God is such a nice Santa Claus-type figure in the sky who will make sure everyone succeeds? Like indifferentism, the Catholic Church is riddled with universalism and its cowardly half breed sister semi-universalism... It doesn't take a St. Thomas Aquinas to figure out that this teaching means not only the death of evangelization, but eventually the death of the Church."

FAQ: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS [RCIA]

What is RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a restoration of an ancient process for incorporating unbaptized persons into Jesus Christ through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The process was restored after the Second Vatican Council, but did not become widely available in the United States until late in the 1980s. The local Catholic bishop determines how RCIA will be administered in the parishes under his care.

Who needs to attend RCIA?

People who have not received the sacrament of Baptism must attend RCIA for an extended period — ideally, a year, and preferably longer. The length of the process depends greatly on your readiness for the reception of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. RCIA classes focus on a wide variety of topics beginning from our basic response of faith to living the Christian life in an holistic manner.

I'm already baptized in another denomination. Do I need to attend RCIA?

That depends. The Catholic Church doesn't rebaptize people who are already baptized. If you are baptized but never received any instruction in the faith, you should receive instruction now and finish any sacraments you didn't complete. We strongly recommend RCIA, even if you have been well instructed in another faith tradition, since you will need to learn how the beliefs and practices you grew up with differ from the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. If you are a baptized and confirmed Catholic returning to the practice of the faith, you should talk to the Fr. Sengole about how to proceed. We recommend that Catholics who have been away from the Church for many years (say, 10 or more) go through RCIA for the instruction.

I've been divorced but am not remarried. Can I become Catholic?

Certainly. Unless you plan to re-marry, you do not need to obtain an annulment. In our RCIA application which is available on www.setoncatholics.org, all necessary questions are posed for the applicant to answer. Please answer those questions and Fr. Sengole will address them during the interview.

I've been divorced and am remarried, and my spouse is divorced and remarried. Can I become Catholic?

You and your current spouse need to begin the annulment process, and you should begin it as soon as possible even if your spouse is not considering entry into the Church. Please contact the parish staff for information on how to proceed. Of course, you can attend RCIA instructions while the annulment process is ongoing. But reception into the Church has to wait until the annulment process has been completed.

I heard I need a sponsor in order to become Catholic. What is that, and how do I get one?

A sponsor is a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church who accompanies you on your journey through RCIA. The sponsor has an important duty to help you through the process, and to verify at the main rites that you are ready to take the next step. For baptism, the sponsor is called a "godparent," with more serious responsibilities toward the catechumen being sponsored. At Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, we encourage the sponsors to attend all of the sessions with the candidate they are sponsoring, so the candidates/catechumens feel the importance of your role. If you know someone who meets these criteria, you can simply ask them to sponsor you. If you don't know anyone, the parish will provide a sponsor for you.

I know who I want my sponsor to be, but that person doesn't live locally and can't attend sessions. Can that person still be my sponsor?

Yes. However, we will provide someone locally to represent that sponsor, accompany you on an ongoing basis and instructions and the rites with you. At the Easter Vigil, the sponsor you prefer will then stand in the local person's place as your official sponsor.

How old should a person be to attend RCIA?

Technically, old enough to understand what is being taught. For children of catechetical age (ages 7 to 14), we can provide catechists for their grade level. Depending on their level of maturity and interests, older teens (age 15 or above) would join the adult group.

What books do you use and how do I get them?

We use the Bible, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. If you have a Bible of your own, please bring it. We would like you to own a Catholic edition of Scripture, so we will provide it. We also provide the Catechism and a Bible to start with. Both are free of charge. The Compendium will be available for those who request it. We provide other materials — a syllabus of subjects covered, handouts, and occasionally printed materials, as well. We also provide a notebook for your handouts.

Who should I contact to join RCIA?

Contact the parish office or simply fill out the RCIA application on our website and mail it to the parish office. We will be happy to contact you. You may also contact Evlyn Miller at 765-914-4465 or write to her at emiller@setoncatholics.org

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