

## **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

The Diocese of Fort Worth requires that both parents and godparents attend a preparation class. Saint Elizabeth's holds monthly classes the third Saturday of each month at 1:00 PM in the Pius XII Catechetical Center cafeteria. **(Please note changes below.)** Husband and wife should both attend (even if one is not Catholic). There is no fee or pre-registration required for this class. Bring a copy of the child's birth certificate or "Record of Birth", received in the hospital, to the class. You may schedule the child's baptism at the class. Please allow two hours for class.

If you are coming from another Diocese to baptize your child, please go to your home parish and prepare as **they** require. Obtain a letter stating you have fulfilled your requirements **and** that you have permission to baptize your child outside of your Parish.

Canon Law requires one godparent, but two may be selected. If two are selected, one must be male and one female. Each godparent must have completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist). In addition, godparents must be practicing Catholics and, if married, the marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church. Godparents that are members of St. Elizabeth's should attend class with the parents. Godparents that belong to another parish are to prepare as their parish requires and obtain a letter from their parish stating that they have fulfilled the requirements to be a godparent. That letter should be sent to Saint Elizabeth's (to the attention of Baptism).

Attending the Baptism Class before the child's birth is permissible. Following the birth, parents should submit a copy of the birth certificate or "Record of Birth" to the Parish Office and schedule the baptism at that time.

Saint Elizabeth's hold baptisms (1) once a month during Masses on a given weekend (Saturday at 5:30 PM, Sunday at 11 AM and 5 PM); (2) on the second Saturday of each month, outside of Mass, at 10 AM; and (3) the last Sunday of each month, outside of Mass, at 3:30 PM.

**Please note:** There are no baptisms during Lent, March 1 – April 15, 2017

*Questions? Contact the Parish Office at 817-431-3857 or [www.seascc.org](http://www.seascc.org)*

- June 17, 2017 class will be in the Parish Hall