



## ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton School Families,

I want to give you an update on the weekend Mass attendance program announced in August.

As Pastor my first priority is the salvation of souls, and I am passionate about the primacy of Sunday Mass and the Eucharist. Studies have shown that in cases where a child's family makes Mass attendance a priority, the child continues to make their Catholic Faith and Sunday Mass attendance a priority into adulthood.

I am pleased that since the August announcement I have seen an increase in school families at Mass. I am thankful for your increased presence!

I understand that the Mass attendance policy announcement in August came as a surprise and for many was quite abrupt. After hearing feedback from various families and discussions with school board members, I feel the following is appropriate for the upcoming school years:

**Regular weekend Mass attendance is a primary qualification criterion for active parishioner status at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.** Active parishioners are eligible to receive the active parishioner discount for Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton School tuition. Consistent low Mass attendance may lead to the loss of the active parishioner tuition rate benefit.

- **2019-2020 school year:** All registered parishioners will receive the reduced parishioner discount rate.
- **2020-2021 school year:** A minimum of 12 envelopes must be placed in the collection basket during a Saturday Evening/Sunday Mass between March 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019. While financial contributions to the parish help our school, a financial donation is not necessary. Multiple envelopes submitted on the same weekend will count as one submission. If you are using on-line giving, a minimum of 12 envelopes are still required. If it is a matter of forgetting or losing envelopes we offer blank envelopes near the Welcome Desk (make sure to put your name on it). If there are other reasons, please discuss with me

I welcome your feedback! For our school to be strong our faith must be real. If you have questions regarding the policy or suggestions on how we might get more of our school families to regularly celebrate weekend Mass, please reach to our School Board or me.

In Jesus' love,  
Mary's care,  
The Angels presence...

Father Dave Voors  
Pastor