

SPC POLICIES FOR SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM OF INFANTS

1. Be a registered member of SPC. If you are not registered here, please ask for a registration form (and your contribution envelopes) at the office. If you live outside Wapato, please bring a letter from your pastor giving us permission to baptize your child. (Parish boundaries are respected)
2. Godparents should be married by the church, or be single. They must be practicing Catholics who have received the sacrament of Confirmation. A non-Catholic can be one of the witnesses of the Baptism.
3. Baptismal classes. Parents & Godparents should attend 2 baptismal classes or bring a certificate of assistance from another parish. Must bring a copy of Certificate of Live Birth.
4. Baptisms can be celebrated on any Sunday. A \$20 contribution to the parish is suggested, \$30 for non-registered members.
5. Children older than 7 years, must attend religious education classes for a year, since they are considered infants no more.

FIRST COMMUNION

1. The family should attend Mass on a regular basis at SPC Church.
2. They should fill out the registration forms and bring the Baptismal Certificate of their child/ren if they were not baptized at SPC.
3. The parents will attend one meeting and a retreat to ensure their involvement in this program. They will help us teaching their children the basic concepts of the sacraments of penance and the Eucharist at home with the books/ pamphlets provided by the parish.
4. The catechetical classes will last two years. During the first year, the students will learn about the sacrament of reconciliation. At the end of their second year, they will receive their first communion. During their preparation, we will ask the children the basic Christians prayers. At the end of each year, the students will take a test to show their knowledge of the basic concepts of our faith.
5. A calendar will be given to the children with all the activities and days of celebrations.
6. The child may not have more than three unexcused absences. Students who miss classes will be required to make-up any missed work.

CONFIRMATION

1. Partake regularly in Mass.
2. Attendance – 18 sessions total (make-up sessions if any are missed). Reflection Sessions will review the Lessons by including guest speakers and their personal relationships with the Holy Spirit.
3. Service Project – 5 hours group and 5 hours individual
4. Attend a Retreat.
5. Patron Saint essay
6. Discernment Letter.

QUINCEAÑERA

1. Attend mass on a regular basis at SPC.
2. Attend the Confirmation classes and a one-day retreat.
3. Volunteer 20 hours of social work to this parish. (Catechism, cleaning, special events, etc.)
4. Confession is required for the quinceañera before the ceremony.

- Confession is recommended to the parents, sponsors and any other quinceañera party members.
- Confessions will be the Friday before the quinceañera ceremony at 6 p.m. or by appointment with the priest.
- 5. If you need to have a rehearsal before the quinceañera ceremony, you must tell the priest beforehand.
- Rehearsals will be the Friday before the Quinceañera ceremony, at 6:30 p.m. at the church.
- 6. Nothing is permitted in the Quinceañera ceremony which resembles a wedding:
 - White dress, Chamberlain, Blessing of a ring.
 - *It is permitted, however, the blessing of objects of popular use such as: the Bible and rosary, the Virgin Mary medallion, the bouquet for the Virgin Mary, etc.
- 7. A contribution of \$250.00 to the parish is suggested for active members of St. Peter Claver and \$300.00 for non-members.
- 8. To reserve the church on that day a non- refundable contribution of \$25.00 is required.

MARRIAGES

1. Be a registered member of SPC.
2. Marriage preparation classes normally last six months. Make an appointment with the priest.
3. The following are the necessary documents:
 - A current Baptismal Certificate not older than six months.
 - M1, a private questionnaire with each person.
 - M2, the affidavit of freedom to marry signed by two witnesses.
 - PMI, a psychological personality assessment test, to determine maturity for each participant. This is required for young couples. Depending on the results of this exam the date will be set for the wedding ceremony.
 - If one of the participants is a widow, a death certificate must be presented.
 - The marriage license is only valid for 60 days; therefore you may obtain it about two weeks before the ceremony.
 - If participants are already married by a civil court, they are to bring a copy of the civil marriage certificate. This process is called convalidation.
 - If one of the participants is not baptized or is a member of another church; he or she must ask the priest for a canonical dispensation.
4. Confession is required before the wedding ceremony for the couple. Confession is recommended to the parents, sponsors and any other wedding party members. Confessions will be the Friday before the wedding ceremony at 6 p.m. or by appointment with the priest.
5. If you need to have a rehearsal before the wedding ceremony, you must tell the priest beforehand. Rehearsals will be the Friday before the wedding ceremony, at 6:30 p.m. at the church.
6. You can decorate the church that night if there is no other ceremony on that Saturday. If there is another ceremony you need to arrange a mutual agreement for the decoration. The use of rice, birdseeds and rose petals are prohibited in the church. Wedding bubbles are permitted.
7. A contribution of \$200.00 to the parish is suggested for active members of SPC and \$250.00 for non-members. To reserve the church on that day a non- refundable contribution of \$25.00 is required.
8. If you are a not a member SPC, we will need a letter from your pastor explaining the reasons why you want to get married here.

**it takes up to 2 months to be an actual registered member*