

*St Helen Catholic Parish in Lauderdale Lakes INC,
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“For He testifieth: Thou art a Priest forever, according to the order of Melchisedech.” ~Hebrews 7:17

Looking to be a Sponsor or a Godparent? Please Pay Close Attention!

To be considered an active/participating member of the parish, and eligible to receive a Sponsor/ Godparent eligibility certificate/parish verification letter, St. Helen asks that you first be registered in our parish for a **minimum of 6 months**, **attend Holy Mass consistently (Sunday to Sunday)**, and show a continuous commitment to your Stewardship as a way of life by returning to God a portion of your time, talent, and treasure.

Godparents and Sponsors are called to be good stewards committed to daily prayer, giving responsibility to the church, and committed to serving God and neighbor. Attendance at Mass is the most meaningful way we model and live our Catholic Faith.

Regular Attendance

Here at St. Helen Catholic Parish, as well as most parishes in the United States, the weekly offertory envelope and/or online giving are the primary means of recording a parishioner's participation in the weekend Mass or Holy Days of Obligation. The offertory contribution is a way of saying “Thank you, God” for all the blessings He has given us by returning a portion of your income, as a percentage, or a tithe to the Lord in a meaningful way.

Financial Contribution

The biblical tradition of a tithe is 10% of one's income – Catholic guidelines generally recommend an ideal of 5% given to support one's parish, 5% given to support the school or other charities. In our community it would generally not be unreasonable to expect a minimum of \$10 per week.

Parish registration forms are available Online at [www. https://www.sthelenatholicchurch.net/](https://www.sthelenatholicchurch.net/) and are required before St. Helen can issue a sponsor certificate for those asked to be a sacramental Sponsor/Godparent. Remember, you must be registered contributing member for **at least 6 months** before a certificate is provided.

Catholic School Tuition Discount

If you are planning to send your student to a local Catholic School, there is important information you need to know to receive the tuition discount.

Involvement Of Parent or Child in A Parish Ministry

Catholic Schools will request us to verify that you are a **REGISTERED** member of the parish, attending **MASS SUNDAY TO SUNDAY** and **CONTRIBUTING FINANCIALLY** to the parish in a **MEANINGFUL WAY**. Verified, regular participation of the student or a parent in one of the ministries of Saint Helen Parish (excluding required school volunteer opportunities) will also be considered as a criterion to establish verification as an “active, registered and participating” parishioner of Saint. Helen Catholic Parish.

Here at St. Helen, we strive toward the Stewardship Way of Life by returning to God a portion of your time, talent, and treasure. Please use your parish envelopes or online giving to verify your financial offering to the parish and attendance to mass as a practicing Catholic.

