

## ACTIONS

- In the event of **FIRE**, evacuate using the nearest exit.
  - ◊ Fire alarms are located near the main entrance and at the back of the Worship Center.
  - ◊ There are four fire extinguishers in the Worship Center - two in the front of church and two in the back of church.
  - ◊ A fire extinguisher is also located next to the elevator.
- In the event of a **MEDICAL EMERGENCY**, be aware of the AED (if needed), call 911 explaining the nature of the emergency and the location of the individual. If deemed necessary, a Greeter can call for any medical personnel that may be present in the building.
- In the event of a **TORNADO WARNING**, evacuate via the front interior exits (near the choir and altar) which lead to the lower level and interior corridors for safety.
- In the event of an **ARMED INTRUDER**:  
*(These actions may be done in any order depending on the immediate situation. The most important thing is to stay safe.)*
  - ◊ **ALERT** authorities: Identify yourself, your location, the suspect information, type of weapon, direction of travel and a call back number. Don't hang up unless your safety is compromised or you are directed by the dispatcher. **ALERT** others by yelling "Shooter" or "Run". Do not pull the fire alarm - your verbal warnings will not be heard.
  - ◊ **LOCKDOWN**: By locking down and barricading entry points, you are making yourself a hard target and creating a stronghold that no one should be able to enter. Only police personnel may enter a locked down room.
  - ◊ **INFORM**: Give real-time updates. This can be accomplished with things such as video surveillance equipment or public address systems. Updates during a violent intruder incident allow you to make sound decisions about how to react and what steps, if any, to take next. They can also act as distractions for the intruder.
  - ◊ **COUNTER**: Counter the attacker as a last resort. There have been instances in which victims did not have the ability to lockdown or get out because the violent incident occurred right next to them or they were in an area that was not securable. There is also the possibility of the intruder breaching a secured room. If this is the situation, then total commitment to attacking the attacker is essential. Many objects can be used as distraction devices, spread out, turn out the lights, and be ready to unleash on attacker if he/she enters your domain.
  - ◊ **EVACUATE**: Your goal here is to put as much time and distance as possible between you and the attacker. Don't use the same rally point as with a fire or tornado drill, you will want to move much farther from this danger zone.

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## St. Elizabeth Seton

# Emergency Preparedness



Nobody likes to think an emergency or act of violence could happen to them. Maybe you've never even considered that it might happen to your church. Emergencies or acts of violence are difficult to foresee and prevent. Having a preparedness plan in place, may help mitigate some of the potential injury, death and property damage that can occur. Although there are any number of incidents that can happen at a church, there are four major types of emergencies churches should try to prepare themselves for:

- Fires
- Medical Emergency
- Severe Weather
- Violence

In the event of an emergency at Church, there should be an awareness of our surroundings and a plan to address and survive the threat.

## AWARENESS

- The Church address is 1370 E. 87th St.
- The Parish Office and Adoration Chapel address is 2220 Lisson Rd.

Any calls to 911 should be specific to our address and the nature of the emergency.

There are a number of exits in the Church in the event of an emergency:

- Main Entrance
- Exit Doors located at the rear of the church (northwest of the main entrance leading out to the upper level parking lot).
- Each side of the Altar - There are four exit points that lead to the lower level. Two by the Choir, one to the right of the Altar and one located just past the Holy Family Statue.

In the event of a power outage, emergency lights will activate.

First Aid kits are available in:

- Bride's Room
- Ministry Suite
- Kitchen (lower level)

An AED is located in the Upper Level Narthex next to the Welcome Desk.

### St. Elizabeth Seton Church 1370 E. 87th St - Naperville

### Upper Level Floorplan

