



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Requirements for Baptism

1. **Baptism dates will be planned with the pastor at least one month prior to the baptism and the secretary will notify the parents.**
2. Bring original birth certificate and fill out the Baptism application form with all the required information at the parish office with at least one month in advance.
3. **The pre-baptismal talk** will be at least two weeks in advance and must be attended by both parents and godparents. Parents will be notified of the date and time by the secretary. **(You will receive a certificate stating that you have received their pre-Baptismal class.)**
4. If the parents are **NOT** parishioners of our Parish or are coming from another state, they **MUST** bring a permission from the Pastor from their local Parish where they live.
5. All paperwork **MUST BE** submitted to the parish office **ON THE TIME** established by the secretary, otherwise the Baptism cannot be celebrated.
6. **REQUIREMENTS TO BE A GODPARENT:**
 - Be at least 16 years of age
 - Have received the 3 Sacraments of Initiation (**Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation**)
 - Be practicing the Catholic faith (**Sunday Mass, and Holy day of Obligations**).
 - Can be a single godparent Or a single godmother or both.
(If two, it must be a woman and a man - **Catholic**).
 - The godparents can be two single people Catholic, not living in a common-law marriage and living in chastity and their Catholic faith.
 - If married, they **MUST** be married in the Catholic Church.
 - If the godparents are living with someone, they **MUST BE** married in the Catholic Church, even if only he/she is the godparent.
 - If the godparents come from out of state, they must send a certified letter with two weeks in advance from their Parish stating that they have already taken the Baptism preparation and formation class.
7. Our Parish does **NOT** have a fee for the celebration of the Sacraments, but we ask for a voluntary offering (**The amount you wish**) for the Parish, please turn in one week prior to the Baptism in a sealed envelope directly to the Parish Secretary. **(This donation is to help our Parish with all the expenses of light, electricity, office, talks, etc. please be generous).**
8. If you wish to donate a freewill offering for the Priest (**any amount you wish**) give it to him personally on the day of the Baptism in a sealed envelope.
9. Parents and godparents are reminded to be **ON TIME** on the day of the Baptism.