



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Requirements for Baptism

1. Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday according to the Parish.
*Talk to the secretary to see dates available.
2. Register in person at the Parish Office; at least one month prior to the baptism.
3. Fill out the Baptism application form with all the required information at the parish office with two weeks in advance.
4. Parents and godparents must attend to Pre-Baptismal class.
(They will receive a certificate stating that they have already received their pre-Baptismal class.)
5. 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.
6. All paperwork **MUST BE** submitted to the parish office **ON THE TIME** established by the secretary, otherwise the Baptism cannot be celebrated.
7. **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.
8. 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**).
9. 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.
10. Parents and godparents are reminded to be **ON TIME** on the day of the Baptism.