

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is the first step leading to full membership in the church. The church views the Sacrament of Baptism as much more than a once-given rite to take away original sin. Baptism is the beginning of a life of faith. This faith is a “seed” needing to be nurtured by the parents. In the ceremony itself the parents are asked if they are ready to show good example and raise the child in the faith. The priest reminds the parents that they are “the first and best” teachers.

The Baptismal Preparation Program seeks to offer the parents both the support of the community and an opportunity for reassessing their own faith and responsibilities to educate their children. The program offers parents a review of the history and theology of the Sacrament of Baptism, reaffirms their own faith, and offers the opportunity to share concerns and faith with other parents. The group meetings help parents realize the church’s concern for them in their responsibility to raise their children as Catholic Christians.



PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

LOVING AND MERCIFUL God, we pray for the many needs of families; for abundant love, for forgiveness and reconciliation, for a living faith to face the challenges of each day.

Jesus, you were born into a human family and became our brother. You know well what families need to nourish both children and parents in long-lasting bonds of love and respect. Help families of all shapes and sizes turn to you as their source of life.

May your Spirit encourage husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters. Give us all the eyes to appreciate one another and to be grateful for the gift of families.

AMEN.

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BAPTISM

(2011 DATES)



BEGINNING A LIFE OF FAITH

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HOW TO REGISTER:

The Baptism Preparation Program requires that parents do the following:

- a). Contact Sr. Cornelia, RVM at the Parish Office and set a date and time for an initial interview (463-8646 #2224). Registration forms will be available.
- b). Attend two preparation meetings prior to Baptism. These meetings start at 7:00 p.m. on 2 consecutive Tuesday evenings.
- c) Provide proof that at least one parent is Catholic (eg. Baptism Certificate).

REMINDERS:

1. Godparents – 1 male and 1 female who are practicing Catholics; baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church., 16 years or older.
2. Documents needed:
 - Large birth certificate with birth parents' names printed on it.
 - Parents' Baptism certificates.
 - Godparents' Confirmation certificates.
 - Sworn affidavit if one of the parents does not sign consent to Baptism form.
 - Adoption papers, if child is adopted.
 - Divorce documents, if applicable.
3. **Registration forms and other documents needed must be handed in 2 weeks before Baptism date.**



BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETINGS:

2011

May 3 & 10
June 7 & 14
September 6 & 13
October 4 & 11
November 1 & 8
December 6 & 13

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS:

Baptisms are celebrated on scheduled Sundays every month at **2:00 p.m.**

2011

May 15 & 22
June 19 & 26
July 17
August 28
September 18 & 25
October 16 & 23
November 13 & 20
December 18

**THERE WILL BE NO
BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS
HELD DURING LENT**

SESSION I:

- I. Welcome
- II. Prayer Service
- III. Introduction
Getting to know each other
- IV. Small Group Discussion –
Guide Questions for Session 1
- V. Sharing in Large Group
- VI. Baptism – A Call to Life
A Call to Become
A Call to Belong
- VII. DVD: “New Life – Infant Baptism”
- VIII. Closing Prayer –
Prayer for Families
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SESSION II:

- I. Welcome
- II. Opening Prayer -
The Apostles' Creed
- III. Review of first evening
- IV. Small group discussion –
Guide questions for Session 2
- V. Sharing in Large Group
- VI. DVD: “Your Baby's Baptism”
- VII. Role of Godparents
- VIII. Closing Prayer – (Sheets)
- IX. Rehearsal – Church
- X. Questions