

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT ST. THERESA'S PARISH:

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at 2:30 pm on Sunday following the schedule listed in this Baptism Brochure & published in our website, our weekly Parish Bulletin and the newsletters from our schools.

HOW TO REGISTER:

The Baptism Preparation Program requires that parents do the following:

- a.) When you are ready to hand in your child's birth certificate, parents' Baptism certificate, godparents' Confirmation certificate, contact Sr. Adrialen, RVM at the Parish Office for an initial interview (780-463-8646, ext. 2224). Please make an appointment before you come to the office. Registration forms will be available.
- b.) Attend Baptism Preparation meetings with Godparents prior to the date you selected for Baptism. These meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Check the schedule listed in this brochure. Usually meetings are held on the 1st and 2nd Monday of the month except September and October.
- c.) Provide proof that at least one parent is Catholic (eg. Baptism Certificate).

REMINDERS:

- 1.) One godparent is sufficient, but there may be 2 (1 male and 1 female). Godparents must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, be a practicing Catholic and at least 16 years old.

- 2.) Documents needed:
 - child's birth certificate with birth parents' names printed on it.
 - parents' Baptism certificates.
 - permission letter from your Pastor if you do not attend church at St. Theresa's Parish.
 - Sworn affidavit signed by a lawyer or Commissioner of Oaths/Notary Public, if one of the parents does not sign Baptism registration 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 the Baptism date you have chosen.

BAPTISM

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door, which gives access to the other Sacraments.

Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons and daughters of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1213)

THE NECESSITY OF BAPTISM:

(Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1257) The Lord himself affirms that Baptism is necessary for salvation. He also commands his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and baptize them. Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for the sacrament. The Church does not know of any means other than Baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude; this is why she takes care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord to see that all who can be baptized are "reborn of water and the Spirit."

BAPTISM
"THE DOOR WHICH GIVES ACCESS TO THE OTHER SACRAMENTS"



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BAPTISM OF INFANTS

Born with a fallen human nature and tainted by original sin, children also have need of the new birth in Baptism to be freed from the power of darkness and brought into the realm of the freedom of the children of God. (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1250)

When Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying God, they called upon themselves and all their descendants a spiritual and physical death. This means that the creation of every human being would experience a physical death (body) and a spiritual death (soul/spirit). All would be condemned to die, to be eternally deprived of God's Divine Presence because the sin of disobedience contaminated them. When people are born, they are born in the image of Adam. This means that we are born with a body, a soul/spirit that has been contaminated by original sin.

The Sacrament of Baptism erases all traces of original sin and personal sins that were committed by the person prior to receiving the Sacrament (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1263).

The Sacrament of Baptism gives the person a new life through Jesus. It brings the person back to God.



The public life of Jesus began with this Baptism on the shore of the Jordan River. It ended with Jesus commanding the Apostles to "go and make disciples of all,

BAPTIZING them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, teaching all that He had commanded them" (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1223).

BAPTISM PREPARATION SEMINAR

7:00 P.M.

2017	
January 9	2 nd Monday
February 6 & 13	1 st and 2 nd Monday
March	NO BAPTISM (Lent)
April 3 & 10	1 st and 2 nd Monday
May 1 & 8	1 st and 2 nd Monday
June 5 & 12	1 st and 2 nd Monday
July	NO SEMINAR
August 14	2 nd Monday
September 11	2 nd Monday
October 2	1 st Monday
November 6 & 13	1 st and 2 nd Monday
December 4 & 11	1 st and 2 nd Monday

BAPTISM CELEBRATION

2:30 P.M.

2017
January 15 & 22
February 19 & 26
March - No Baptism (Lent)
April 30
May 21 & 28
June 18 & 25
July 16 & 23
August 20 & 27
September 17 & 24
October 15 & 22
November 19 & 26
December 17

BAPTISM PREPARATION SEMINAR

GOALS OF THE SEMINAR

1. To lead parents and godparents into a deeper understanding of the sacrament of Baptism and the commitment it requires of them.
2. To support and strengthen the relationship of the parents and godparents with the church.
3. To prepare the parents and godparents to enter into the celebration of the child's baptism with conscious and active participation.

SESSION I

- I. Welcome
- II. Prayer Service
- III. The Sacrament of Baptism
- IV. VIDEO (The Sacrament of Baptism in the Catholic Church)
Discussion about the DVD presentation
(See *Guide Questions*)
- VI. Closing Prayer

SESSION II

- I. Welcome
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Review of First Evening
- IV. Parents' and Godparents' Responsibilities
Small Group Discussion
(See *Guide Questions*)
- V. Sharing of insights
- VI. The Ceremony of Baptism
- VII. Closing Prayer

