

ENGLISH BAPTISMAL CLASS

Please note: A copy of an original Birth Certificate or Verification of Birth Facts and all required documents must be submitted before you may be scheduled for a class. The Birth Certificate is requested simply in order to insure that the child's name will be correct on the certificate.

Very Important: If the parents and/or godparents are members of another parish, we must have a letter of permission from their parish at least one week prior to the baptism date. The letter must state that the parents and/or godparents have attended a baptismal preparation class, are registered and practicing parishioners. If the parents are divorced or separated, we will need permission from the father or mother who will not be present.

Canon Laws # 872, 874, & 893 requirements for the godparent(s):

1. A person must be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the Pastor Priest & is to have the qualifications and intention of performing this role.
2. It is desirable that the one who understood the role of sponsor at Baptism be the sponsor for Confirmation.
3. A person must have completed the 16th year, unless a different age has been established by the Diocesan Bishop or it seems to the Pastor Priest that an exception is to be made for the same cause.
4. A person must be a Catholic who has been Confirmed and has already received the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.
5. A person must not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared.
6. A person must not be the Father or Mother of the one to be baptized or confirmed.
7. A person (if married) must be married in the Catholic Church.
8. A person to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who assists an adult in Christian initiation or together with the parents presents an infant for baptism. A sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligation inherent in it.

Baptism Date:

Parents and/or Godparents will be notified during the baptismal class of when the baptism would take place. Parents must call the Parish Office at 634-7878 after you have taken the class to schedule a baptism for your child. Please call at least three days in advance.

Thank you,

St. Joseph Catholic Church