

Requirements for Baptism

- Parents must be members of a Catholic Parish.
- Parents that come from another parish must bring a letter of permission from their Pastor / Priest.
- Parents and Godparents/Sponsors must attend a Baptismal class.
- Parents must provide the Child's certified birth certificate.
 - Children older than 7 years of age must attend Religious Education classes before being baptized.
- Sponsors must provide a letter of "Good Standing" from their parish. Godparents / Sponsors must be married by the Catholic Church and provide a copy of their marriage certificate.
 - If your Godparent / sponsor is unable to attend the Baptism, you may have someone as proxy (stand in) but the Godparents must still meet the requirements above. There are no requirements for the proxy.
- Inactive and new members must use 9 envelopes by attending 9 Masses within the past year. Only one envelope is counted per weekend.
- Active member fee is \$20 per child. (After using 9 envelopes).

Requirements for GODPARENTS / Sponsors:

Only one Godparent is required. Choosing your Godparent(s) should be something that is done with patience and care. The canon law of the Catholic Church tells us that the Sponsors for the initiation of sacraments (Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation) should be people that are:

- At least 16 years of age
- Baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church
- Single Godparents / sponsors must bring their Confirmation Certificate. (They cannot be cohabitating).
- If Godparents / sponsors are a married couple, they must be married in the Catholic Church and provide a copy of their marriage certificate as well as their confirmation. If they're coming from another parish they also need to bring a letter of "Good Standing" from their parish. The term "Good Standing" means they are registered in a catholic parish and must be a catholic that practices their faith by attending mass and have received the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation.
- Sponsors must attend a Baptismal class.

*All requirements must be met before scheduling a Baptism date.

Questions? - Call Sandra Keene at 479-756-6711

Sacrament of Baptism



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