

Happy January and welcome to 2024!

I wanted to touch base with you because either you have already been a part of our preparation program for Baptism, or you have talked to me or one of our lead catechists about your interests. As we begin to look towards our Spring Baptisms on the weekend of April 27/28, I wanted to remind/alert you to our expectations so that you can begin to get that information together and then we'll all be ahead of the game 😊

1. Register your child for Baptism. There is a \$35 fee for Baptism materials (book, candle, and white garment). Please return your registration form and any fees (Sacrament and Parish if applicable) to the church office ATTN: Elise Chapman. Please make sure to indicate your preferred Mass at which you would like to have your child Baptized. We will do everything possible to accommodate that request.
2. Your family must be registered members of the parish. If you are not a parishioner, I invite you to join us by filling out the attached Parish Registration Form and returning it to the office prior to the first Baptism class on April 7.
3. If you are a grandparent requesting baptism for a child, be aware that we must have the written permission of a parent, unless the grandparent is the legal guardian.
4. At least 1 parent (preferably both) **must** attend **both** Baptism Preparation classes. For the Winter, these dates are **April 7 & 14 at 12:45p**. These sessions are held in the nursery so that siblings of the child can play while class is being held. Our Catechists for these sessions are Sharon Kellis and Jennifer Pierchal.
5. Select your Godparent(s). Godparents must be at least 16 years old and not one of the parents. Additionally, at least one godparent must be Confirmed, a practicing Catholic in good standing with the church. It is acceptable for the 2nd Godparent to be a Christian of another denomination, and they will be designated as a Christian witness. **All Catholic godparents must sign and have the pastor of their home parish sign a "Godparent Attestation Form" (attached) stating that they meet the qualifications for being a godparent.**
6. An additional FAQ page has also been attached.

We are looking forward to your child's reception into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism. May this time be one of excitement and a time of renewal of your own commitment to your baptismal promise. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Peace,
Elise Chapman, Director of Youth Ministries
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