



Dear Parents,

Congratulations on the upcoming Baptism of your child. We are happy that you have made the decision to bring your child to St. Michael Parish to be baptized into the Catholic faith. It is the prayer of the St. Michael Parish family that you, as parents, may be the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what you say and do in Christ Jesus.

In preparation for this joyful event, we are listing some of the church guidelines for the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.

- A Baptismal Catechesis is required for first-time parents or parents new to St. Michael Parish. Please call our Parish Office and be prepared to leave your name and contact information. Fr. Kevin will be in touch shortly thereafter to schedule a time to meet. The catechesis should last approximately 30 minutes, and it's perfectly fine to bring the baby along with you if you wish. At least one parent must be present; however, we strongly encourage both parents to be present for the catechesis. Godparents are not required to attend, but are certainly welcome.
- To be chosen as a godparent is a special honor. The church instructs that the role of the godparent is to help guide the parents so that their children will come to profess the faith and to live up to it; thus, a godparent should be a strong role model committed in faith to stand with the parents of the child. To serve as a godparent, a person must be 16 years of age and a baptized and confirmed Catholic. It is permissible for a baptized non-Catholic to serve as a Christian witness as long as the other godparent is a baptized and confirmed Catholic.
- There is a suggested offering of \$100 (or whatever amount is within your means) to the parish.

God bless you and your family as you prepare for your child's Baptism. If we can help you in any way, please know we are most happy to do so.

Sincerely in Christ,

Catechesis Date: _____

Baptism Date: _____

1:00 PM at St. Michael Parish