

St. Michael Parish ~ Sacrament of Baptism

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

Your baby's baptism is a time for celebration and joy! Here at St. Michael we would like to help you prepare for the special event. Please see the following guidelines for celebrating this sacrament of initiation and fully welcoming your child into our community.

Parents (guardians) are responsible for requesting the sacrament of baptism for their infant/child (under age 7). The family should be **registered & participating** members of our Parish, and at least one parent, a practicing Catholic who agrees to raise the child in the practice of the Catholic faith. **(We ask that you be registered and participating with the parish for a minimum of 6 months prior to the baptism.)**

Classes – A baptism preparation class is required for the parents and godparents of those preparing for the baptism of infants and children (under age 7). These classes are currently offered on an “as needed” basis, usually, every other month. This class is currently held on Saturday afternoons. It is a two class series and both classes must be attended in order to complete the course. If it has been more than 2 years since your last baptism preparation class, we will ask you to participate in a class again.

Godparents – Godparents/Sponsors must be at least 18 years of age, participating Catholics who have already been confirmed and have received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist. At least one godparent must be a confirmed Catholic and the other may be a baptized non-Catholic. The Catholic party is to be a practicing Catholic, attending Mass, in good standing with Catholic teaching that agrees to support the parents in raising the child in the Catholic Faith. Godparent's must attend a baptism preparation class. Godparents that are married must have a valid Catholic marriage (celebrated in the Catholic Church).

After participating in a baptism preparation class, you are ready to schedule a baptism date. The baptism can be performed by a deacon or priest. Baptisms are performed before or after the scheduled Mass times. Please call the church office for availability and to schedule your child's baptism.

The requested donation amount for a baptism is \$50.00 and can be paid in the church office with the requested documents listed below:

Baptism Information Sheet (other side)

Child's Birth Certificate (must be a legal copy from the state, not a certificate from the hospital)

Baptism Certificate (At least one from a Parent and one from a Godparent)

The baptism certificate should be requested from the church of baptism. It should include notations of dates of First Communion and Confirmation.

With the information provided, your baby's baptism will be recorded in the parish Baptismal register. In the years ahead proof of baptism may be obtained in the form of a certificate issued on the basis of this registration. Your child's First Eucharist, Confirmation, and marriage or ordination will also be noted in this register.

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Baptism Information Sheet

Requested date of Baptism _____

Name of Candidate: _____
First Middle Last

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ Place of Birth: _____
City State

Father's Legal Name: _____
First Middle Last Religion

Mother's Legal Name: _____
First Middle (Maiden) Last Religion

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number(s) _____ Email Address: _____

Place of Marriage: _____
Church City State

Sponsor's Legal Name: _____
First Middle Last Religion baptized

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Birth Certificate Godparent Questionnaire Donation _____

Baptism Class – Parents _____ Baptism Class – Godparents _____