

Baptismal Requirements at Saints Peter & Paul Church

1. Registration:

- * Parents must come to the office in person between 9:00 AM-12:00 PM or 1:00 –5:00 PM Monday-Friday. The office is closed over the lunch hour.
- * You need to bring a courthouse copy of your child's birth certificate.
- * The stipend for baptism is \$25.00 if you are baptizing at the scheduled time, usually on the last Saturday of the month at 12:00 PM). If you choose to baptize at a different time, you must okay the date and time with Father and the stipend is then \$50.00. The stipend is due in the office before the date of baptism.
- * You may baptize in our parish if you are a registered member of our parish and are actively using donation envelopes and attending Sunday Mass for at least three months prior to the date of baptism **or** if you are registered in another parish but wish to baptize here you must bring a letter of permission from your home parish. (Being an active member means, you have received all your sacraments, participate at weekend Mass, and receive Communion frequently).

2. Baptism:

- * Scheduled baptisms are celebrated once a month usually on the last Saturday of the month at 12:00 PM.

3. Classes

- * Parents and Godparents must attend pre-baptismal class
- * Class is offered in both English and Spanish
- * Spanish classes are held on the second Saturday of the month at 8:00 AM or the second Monday of the month at 6:00 PM.
- * English classes are held three times a year. Please watch the bulletin or call the office for the dates on these.
- * **Children are not allowed at the class**
- * You may choose to take the classes in a different parish, (it must be a Catholic Church) if you do please have your certificate or proof of attendance at the class to the parish office at least two weeks in advance of the baptism.
- * If you wish to serve as a godparent in a different parish and are registered active members of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, you make take the classes here and for a \$5.00 fee we can provide a letter stating you have attended pre-baptismal classes.
- * You **must** pre-register for all baptismal classes in the parish office.

4. Godparents

- * Must be adults (over the age of 17) who have been confirmed in the church and are practicing their Catholic Faith
- * Must be in good standing with the church, and should not have anything that prevents them from frequent reception of Holy Communion. (If married they must be married in the Catholic Church and if single they must be confirmed in the church. Also if they are single they cannot be living with someone of the opposite sex in a civil or common law relationship.)
- * Their may be only two godparents and one must be female and one male. You may choose to have a single godparent also.
- * Non Catholic Christians may **NOT** serve as Catholic godparents. They may however be a Christian witness to the baptism as long as there is one Catholic godparent.