

## **SACRED HEART OF MARY CHURCH BAPTISM REQUIREMENTS** **(for children six years and under)**

### **PARENTS**

It is wonderful to have your child baptized as soon as possible after birth, but anytime is a good time and we are here to help you through the process.

Parents, you must be willing to bring up your child in the Catholic Faith and be ready to attend a baptism preparation class. If you belong to another parish and wish your child to be baptized at Sacred Heart of Mary, you will need to have your parish priest sign a letter of permission, which we can provide for you to give to him to sign, if needed.

Consider who you would like to be your child's godparents. Only one godparent is required although often two are selected and would need to be one man and one woman.

They will each need to fill out the Godparent Eligibility Form, also provided on the website. Carefully read the following to help you make your decision. Remember, this is not an honorary job, but involves a sacred vow to set a good example and to be a source of support for their godchild's faith.

### **GODPARENTS/SPONSORS REQUIREMENTS**

- Must be at least 16 and fully initiated into the Catholic Faith (baptized, confirmed, receiving Eucharist)
- Must be practicing their Catholic faith
- Must be in good standing with the Catholic Church and living in accord with Church teaching.
- For more details, read the "Qualifications of a Godparent/Sponsor" on the Godparent Eligibility form.

### **CHECKLIST**

The following is best emailed to [ChildrensMinistry@sacredheartofmary.com](mailto:ChildrensMinistry@sacredheartofmary.com) but can also be mailed to the church or brought to the office.

- Fill out the Baptism Information Form
- Provide a copy of your child's Birth Certificate or the paperwork that was filled out in the hospital to request a birth certificate.
- Give the Godparent Eligibility Form to each godparent to fill out and return signed by them and their pastor

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- Contact Children's Ministry to request a Baptism class for parents and godparents.
- Once the paperwork has been completed, request the Baptism to be scheduled. They are currently being scheduled once a month.