

# Saint Charles Borromeo

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM

You are blessed with the birth of your child; now you will be blessed even more with his/her definitive birth into the life of God through baptism. And for this Mother Church rejoices with you.

The following is a checklist of tasks you need to undertake in order to ensure a dignified and conscientious celebration of your child's baptism:

1. Parents should come to the Parish Office at least 2 months ahead to fill baptismal registration form, to set date of baptism<sup>1</sup> and catechetical preparation.
2. Copy of the *child's birth certificate*. This is to establish his/her identity.
3. **SINGLE GODPARENTS:** Submit a copy of their *Baptism and Confirmation*. This is the proof that they are Catholics. **(Canon 874.1)**
4. Must have completed **sixteen (16) years old. (Canon 874.1)**
5. **MARRIED GODPARENTS:** Submit a copy of their *marriage certificate from the Catholic Church*. Godparents married only civilly can only be witnesses to the baptism. **(Canon 874.1)**
6. There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each. **(Canon 873)**
7. ***Proof that both parents and godparents have attended catechetical preparation.*** They may do this in other parishes. The office will indicate the preparation sessions that you and the godparents may attend. Your child will be baptized in your faith and the catechesis is to help you go through the rudiments of the Gospel and be more aware of your responsibility in bringing up your child in the faith.
8. **The baptism preparation class is the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Wednesday of every month at 7PM in the SCB School Library. Baptism in English is celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 10:00am.**
9. A **fee of \$50.00** is collected to contribute to the cost of chancery and church use. This may be done at the Office or at the catechetical session. If attending baptism preparation class for certificate only, there will be a fee of \$10 to be collected.
10. **All the requirements should be complete and submitted at LEAST TWO (2) WEEKS PRIOR TO THE BAPTISMAL CELEBRATION.** Parents and godparents should be in church with the child 15 minutes at least before the designated time of celebration. **Failure to comply with any of these conditions could be sufficient reason for your child not to be included in the celebration.**
11. Exception to these requirements can be given only in cases of emergency that is for example, when the child's health is in peril.
12. Parents residing around St. Charles area are encouraged to **register in the parish** if they have not yet been. Being baptized, your child becomes part of the Church, the Body of Christ.

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During Lent baptisms are postponed until Easter. Dates of Baptisms for the months of April and May could change because of First Communions and Confirmations.