

We the people of St. Laurence Catholic Church are centered in the love of Christ and live to glorify God in all we do.



“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.” ~Mt. 28:19

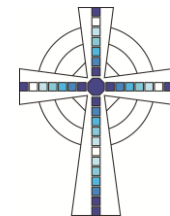
Baptism Preparation classes for parents or guardians of infants and young children are held 10 times per year. For more information about Baptism for infant to 6-year-old children, please visit the webpage at [stlaurence.org/baptism](http://stlaurence.org/baptism)



Adults wishing to be baptized are prepared through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Children 7-years-old and older are prepared through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC). The program runs on an academic calendar. Please contact Justin Frato at 281.265.5774 x5372 or [jfrato@stlaurence.org](mailto:jfrato@stlaurence.org) for more information.



# The Sacrament of Baptism



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## Celebrating Baptism



Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door that gives access to other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons and daughters of God, we become members of the Body of Christ, we are incorporated into the Church, and we share in her mission as disciples of Christ.

### **Baptism Preparation Class**

The Baptism preparation class is required for the parents of children to be baptized. It is optional for the godparents at St. Laurence. Parents are formed in the meaning and significance of the Baptismal liturgy.

“. . . as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” ~*Romans 6:4*

The role of parents, godparents and family in the formation of these children is of the utmost importance to the Church.

The Baptism preparation class also includes a walk through the Baptismal liturgy, and a review of what will be required of parents and godparents on the day of the Baptismal celebration.

Baptism preparation classes are held 10 Saturdays a year from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Ave Maria Center. Visit [stlaurence.org/baptism](http://stlaurence.org/baptism) to register.

### **Godparents**

Preferably both, but at least one godparent needs to be a practicing Catholic who has been Confirmed, (if married, they must have been married in the Catholic Church, or in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church). Godparents are encouraged but not required to attend the class.

### **Requirements**

There are three requirements to get your child baptized at St. Laurence:

1. Both parents are required to take or have taken a Baptism Preparation Class in the last 5 years. Nursing infants are welcome in the class.
2. Complete a Baptism registration form distributed at the class.
3. Provide a copy of the child's official state issued birth certificate.

### **The Ceremony**

The Rite of Baptism for Several Children is celebrated 3 times a month on either a Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon. Your child is joining God's family within our parish community, so St. Laurence has no "private" Baptisms. Your friends and family are welcome to attend.

As a large parish we are scheduling Baptisms up to 2 months in advance, so please plan ahead. Parents are required to attend the class and submit all documents before scheduling the Baptism. Contact Barb Roy for more information at 281.265.5774 x5371 or [broy@stlaurence.org](mailto:broy@stlaurence.org)