

REQUIREMENTS IN PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congratulations – God has blessed you with an image of Himself. He will also give you the graces necessary to raise your child to grow in Wisdom, Age and Grace. Since you are the primary teachers for your child we realize that you have a great responsibility, and your parish is here to help you throughout the years ahead.

We look forward with you to the reception of the Sacrament of Baptism for your child. It is the beginning of your child's faith journey, which will be strengthened through Catholic Education and your parental guidance in teaching the prayers, setting the example of weekly Mass attendance and instilling a love for Christ and His Church.

Here are the requirements for the Baptism to take place at Our Mother of Good Counsel:

1. Child's birth certificate (if the child is 7 years of age or older, special preparation is required).
2. Parents to be registered in our parish for at least 3 months (or provide a letter of permission from their parish and complete an interview with the pastor).
3. Parents need to provide a copy of their Catholic marriage certificate.
4. Catholic godparents need to be confirmed and practicing their Faith (see form) as verified on our supplied form, signed and officially sealed from their parish of record.
5. The Stipend for the Sacrament:
 - \$100.00 for contributing registered families contributing \$500.00 or more a year
 - \$150 for non-registered and/or parishioners contributing less than \$500 a year
6. Completion of a Baptismal Preparation Class* for both parents and godparents.
(*steps 1-5 must be submitted to the office, before registering for this class)

If either or both parents are not practicing the faith, or not married through the Sacrament of Matrimony, now is the time to speak with the priest so he may help and guide you.

For the ceremony, a white garment is needed; if you prefer, you may provide your own baptismal candle. Baptisms start on time at ***1:30 PM, on the third Sunday of the month,** except during Advent or Lent.

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