



St. Paul the Apostle
Catholic Church

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BAPTISM

Parents who desire to have their infants and young children baptized at St. Paul the Apostle must be registered in the parish for a minimum of six months, attend mass regularly and be supporting members of St. Paul the Apostle through the use of their time, talent and treasure.

Parents and Godparents (also called Sponsors) are required to attend a **Baptism Seminar**. The Seminar consists of a theological explanation of the **Holy Sacrament of Baptism** as well as obligations and responsibilities of parents and Godparents.

To register and fill out necessary paperwork, please come to the **Parish Office** during regular business hours (Tuesday- Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm).

GUIDE TO CHOOSING GODPARENTS:

A Godparent promises to help parents raise the child in the faith of the church. They should be people of conviction who practice their faith. The following are **qualifications** for Godparent(s):

- Be at least 16 years of age
- Have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist
- Be a practicing member in good standing in their Catholic Parish

According to the Code of Canon Law three possibilities exist for Godparents:

- One sponsor of either gender
- One set of sponsors (one male and one female)
- One catholic sponsor and a non-Catholic baptized witness

All baptisms are in English. If you desire the baptism in another language please contact a neighboring parish.

****Please Note- any exceptions to the guidelines may be discussed on an individual basis with the Pastor or Deacon prior to making any firm plans for baptism.**

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CONGRATULATIONS! God has blessed you with a beautiful child or children.

You the parents are the first **Teachers** of your children in the life of grace. We begin our new life in God as his son or daughter the moment we are baptized. The gift of faith is given to us by God and how we live this faith is learned first and foremost from our parents.

At **Baptism**, the **Christian** receives his/her name in the Church. The parents should see that the child be given a **Christian** name. The patron saint provides a model of charity and assurance of his/her prayer.

White clothing, a symbol of purity and new life, is proper for the baby. A cap is not needed. You will be given a candle and a certificate. You will also receive a small envelope in which you may place a customary donation for the Priest/Deacon and the parish. How much? It is up to you, but ask yourself how much has already been spent on the clothing and the celebration. The suggested donation is at least \$20.00. However, no one is ever refused because of lack of funds.

Both parents and godparents must attend a pre-baptismal class. Please arrange for someone to watch your children. **CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE BAPTISMAL CLASS** in order to have your complete attention.

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