



Parents and Guardians—You are special!

- ◆ The family is the “first and vital cell of society.”
- ◆ The family is the “domestic church.”
- ◆ Parents catechize through teachable moments and family daily activities.
- ◆ “The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute.”
- ◆ To the parents: “You are accepting the responsibility of training (this child) in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring (this child) up to keep God's commandments..

We would love to talk with you!

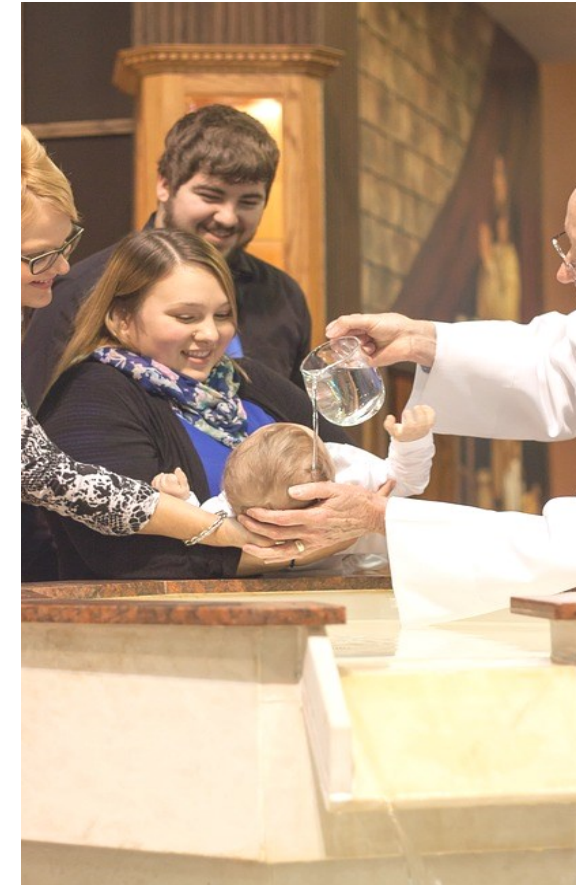
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Infant Baptism (age 0-7)

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Older Children (7+)

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

FOR NEWBORNS TO AGE 7

Welcome!
We are so thankful you are
joining us!



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Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, inviting us into a relationship with Christ through the Sacraments. Baptism incorporates persons into the mystery of Christ and into the Faith community—the Body of Christ.

Role of the Family

Parents or legal guardians play a powerful role in the life of the child as they request Baptism. As they present their child for Baptism, the entire community joyfully welcomes the child into a lifelong journey of faith.

Parents/Guardians are asked to have a firm commitment to raise their children in the Catholic Faith. Faith takes root in the midst of a loving family, is nurtured during Sunday Mass/Sacraments, at Parish Faith Formation, and ongoing faith formation opportunities.

Role of Godparents

Godparents represent the people of God at the Baptism Ceremony. Godparents must:

- Be a practicing Catholic who has been Baptized, Confirmed and received Eucharist.
- Be an active and participating Catholic of a faith community.
- Are asked to attend the Baptism Formation Catechesis with the parents.
- Be at least 16 years of age.
- Have no canonical impediments (i.e. valid Catholic marriage if married.)
- Is not to be a parent of the child.

Documents Needed

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Registration at the Parish/Forms
- Godparents Sacramental Record of Confirmation & Letter in Good Standing
- Completion of Baptism Sessions
- Petition Letter by Parents
- Interview with the Pastor
- Court Papers: For those in unique guardian/family situations, please talk to Coordinator

Formation/Catechesis

Catechesis means instruction that is an invitation to discover the richness of living in the Catholic faith. It is an opportunity to deepen your relationship with Christ, an encouragement to increase your prayer life and putting your faith into action.

Catechesis seeks to provide families with the spiritual basis from which to build a lifelong commitment to growing in the Faith.

Catechesis for Baptism is directed towards the adults who are parents, guardians, grandparents and Godparents. You will be the main teachers of the Faith in the life of the child.

Children over age 7

Children who are over the age of 7 will participate in the Religious Formation Sessions for at least 1 year before they are to be Baptized. Please call office for more details.

