

Dear Parents,

Congratulations on your child's Baptism. Baptism is a once in a lifetime event. It is a time of birth, the moment of new life, a new beginning. The day of your child's Baptism is a day of hope, a day of promise, a day of joy. The entire Christian community joins you in your day of celebration. Through Baptism, your child begins to share the life of Christ with all other Christians.

St. Anne Parish is here to assist you to prepare for the first Sacrament. In the following pages, you will find the answers to some of your questions about the Sacrament of Baptism. At any time you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish for assistance. We look forward to your celebration of Baptism.

Parents seeking Baptism for their child must be registered and active in the parish for four months before scheduling the Baptism. Preparation class is mandatory for both the parents and godparents. Please contact the parish office to schedule a time to meet with the Priest for this class. If the godparent(s) is out of town, he or she may attend a class at their local parish and send us a letter of good standing from their parish. The form is included in this packet. It is not recommended for Grandparents to be Godparents for a child. They may be a proxy (stand in). The Pastor will be more than happy to explain the reasoning for this if you have questions.

Before a Baptism date can be set, all papers must be completed including the questionnaire and returned to the Parish office. Also, the Baptism class must be attended. After all this is completed, a Baptism date will be set.

Baptisms usually take place on Sunday, after the 10:00 am Mass, in the church. Please invite your family and friends to join in this celebration.

If your child is over the age of 7 and seeking Baptism, please contact the Pastor. For adults age 18 and up seeking Baptism, please see the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process.