

Class Dates

All classes are held at St. Anne Church from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month unless it falls on a holiday or Holy Day, then that class is held the second Tuesday of the month.*

February 2, 2010

March 2, 2010

April 6, 2010

May 4, 2010

June 1, 2010

July 6, 2010

August 3, 2010

September 7, 2010

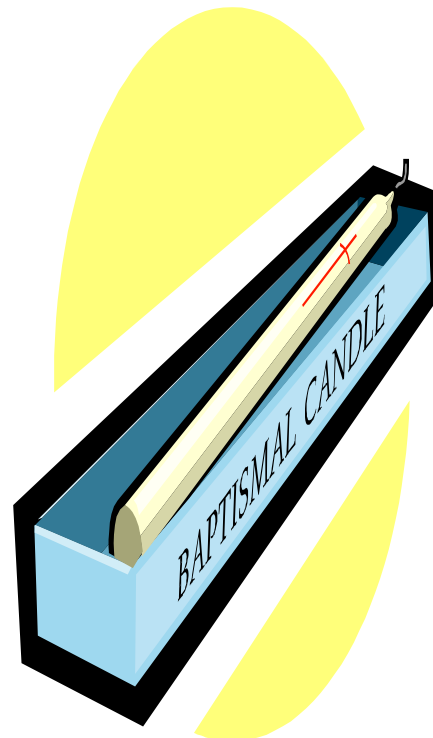
October 5, 2010

November 2, 2010

December 14, 2010*

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Matthew 28: 18-20



Baptismal Preparation

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Catholic Church
Silvis, Illinois

St. Anne
Catholic Church
East Moline, Illinois

After Jesus was baptized,
He came up from the
water and behold, the
heavens were opened for
Him and He saw the Spirit
of God descending upon
Him like a dove and
coming upon Him.

Mt. 3:16



Baptism is the first of the seven sacraments, and the "door" which gives access to the other sacraments. Baptism is the first and chief sacrament of forgiveness of sins because it unites us with Christ, who died for our sins and rose and frees us from our sin.

In order to have your child baptized at Our Lady of Guadalupe or St. Anne Parish, you first of all need to be registered and a practicing member of either parish. Sunday Mass attendance is required. Please stop by either office and register. Once you have registered, you will need to contact either Deacon Matt or Deacon Jim to enroll in a baptism class. You are only required to attend one class. These classes occur on the first Tuesday of the month, unless it is a Holy Day or a holiday occurs on one of these days. When this occurs, it switches to the second Tuesday of the month. The dates are listed on the front cover of this brochure.

If you are not a member of either parish but your parents or grandparents are members and you no longer live in the area, you must attend a baptism class in your home parish and show proof of attendance prior to baptism.

If you attend Our Lady of Guadalupe or St. Anne Parish, but wish to have your child baptized in another Catholic Church, you must contact that priest to make sure that you will be permitted to prepare here. Additionally, you will need a letter of permission from Our Lady of Guadalupe or St. Anne Parish to have your baby or child baptized elsewhere.

If possible, baptism should take place on Sunday, the day on which the Church celebrates the paschal mystery. It should be conferred in a communal celebration in the presence of the faithful, or at least relatives, friends, and neighbors, who are to take an active part in the rite.

It is the role of the father and the mother, accompanied by the godparents, to present the child to the Church for baptism.

Parents must have all paperwork completed prior to scheduling the baptism. This includes letters of eligibility for godparent/s who are not members of Our Lady of Guadalupe or St. Anne Parish.

These letters will be handed out at the baptism class. Members of Our Lady of Guadalupe or St. Anne Parish will not need letters of eligibility, since we should have this information on file.

Once this has all been completed and returned to the church office, your baptism will be scheduled.

It is recommended that you take the class one month before you wish to have the baptism. This gives you plenty of time to complete all paperwork.

It is essential that both parents attend the class together. Unless an extreme situation prevents you both from attending, and only one parent is Catholic, the Catholic parent must attend.

If the godparent/s are from this area they also are encouraged to attend the class.

The godparent/s must be at least sixteen years of age. He/she must be a Catholic who has received the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, and "leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken." Moreover, the sponsor cannot be impeded by some canonical penalty. Note that the mother and father of the child cannot serve as sponsors.

Strictly speaking, a person only needs one godparent for baptism — male or female, but may have two godparents, one male and one female. A Catholic who does not practice the faith by regularly attending Mass or who is in an invalid marriage disqualifies themselves from being a godparent. If a person is not striving to fulfill his/her own obligations of Baptism and Confirmation, he/she will not fulfill the responsibilities of helping another to do so.

We at Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Anne Parish look forward to your child's baptism. If we can be of any further help, please call Deacon Matt at 792-3990 or Deacon Jim at 755-6581 or 738-4979.

