

Sacramental Preparation at St. Joseph's

Sacramental preparation involves, in an integral way, the family, the parish community, and the catechetical program. We recall that:

1. A sacrament involves a relationship with Jesus and therefore presumes faith on the part of the individual, the family and the community.
2. The readiness of the candidates and their families are essential criteria for assessing when the celebration of sacraments should take place.
3. The family has an essential role in preparation for the celebration of sacraments. Parents are constantly teaching and catechizing, positively or negatively, by their attitudes, actions, values; by the way they encourage prayer or not; by their active participation in worship or their lack of it. Parents have no choice about whether to be teachers of their children. Their only choice is to be good teachers or poor teachers. Because of their significant influence, families need to be involved in the preparation for and celebration of sacraments.



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Baptism Preparation

2023/2024



Responsibilities for Baptism

- ★ to attend Sunday Mass
- ★ to attend one of the monthly preparation classes
- ★ visit the parish office to complete the paperwork
- ★ if looking for a particular date, please book that date at least two months in advance

Preparation Dates

- All meetings will be held on Sundays in the Church after 11:00 a.m. Mass.

September 17

October 22

November 19

December 17

January 21

February 11

March 17

April 21

May 12

If you have any questions, please call Deacon Lamont Dyck at the Parish Office (694-1944) or email me at deacon.lamontdyck@gmail.com

Basic Guidelines and Information for Infant Baptism

Parents are responsible for bringing their child to the Sacrament of Baptism as soon after birth as possible. Except in case of necessity, the church is the usual place of baptism.

In order that a child be baptized, it is necessary that...

- the parents consent, or at least one of them, or someone legally standing in their place
- that there is reasonable hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic Faith.

GODPARENTS

A person may only have one or two godparents (also called sponsors); if two are chosen, they must be male and female.

In order for someone to be eligible as a godparent, these are the requirements:

- they be chosen by the parents,
- have the ability and the intention to fulfill the role,
- be at least 16 years of age
- be a confirmed Roman Catholic, who has already received the Most Holy Eucharist, is leading a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith (including Marriage) and will be a good role model for the one being baptized,
- be neither the father nor the mother of the child.
- A baptized person who belongs to another Christian community may be admitted only as a “Christian witness” (not a godparent) provided that there is at least one Roman Catholic godparent who fulfills the above criteria. A non-baptized person cannot be a witness.