



## **Preparing for Baptism at the Church of St. Joseph**

Congratulations on the upcoming baptism of your child! Following is the information you will need in preparation for the sacrament. Please call the church several months before your baby is born.

### **Baptism Class**

You are required to attend a class if this is your first child or if it has been 2 years or more since you have taken a baptism class. Baptism Classes are offered every other month. (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, & Nov.)

### **Scheduling the date**

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of the month following the 10:30 am Mass.

### **Choosing your Sponsors**

Sponsors are required to be Catholic and actively practicing their faith. They must be age 16 or older and Confirmed.

It is essential that you have at least one sponsor. If you have two, one is to be male and the other female.

Sponsors chosen that are not members of St. Joseph must have a Baptism Sponsor Form signed by their Pastor (or his designate) of the Parish in which they are registered.

An "Honorary" Sponsor for your child would be one that is of another faith. Honorary Sponsors are welcome to participate in the ceremony, however they will not be recorded in our sacramental records and need not be listed on the information form.

### **Required Prior to Baptism**

If possible, please bring along the following to the Baptism class...

- 1) A copy of your child's birth certificate
- 2) The Baptism Information Form
- 3) The Baptism Sponsor Forms

These items must be received in the Parish Office no later than one week prior to the Baptism. If you are unable to acquire them in time, we will reschedule the baptism to a later date.

### **Is there a Fee?**

No, there is not a fee for baptism. Some couples choose to give a gift to the presider, but this is completely optional.

### **Questions?**

Feel free to bring your questions to the baptism class or contact Sandy in the Parish Office.

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