

## **BAPTISMAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **PLEASE READ BEFORE REGISTERING FOR BAPTISM**

- Fill out a registration form for the child to be baptized. A form can be requested in the Parish office. The form should be filled out exactly like the Birth Certificate.

**(Baptismal records and certificates will reflect the information exactly as it is recorded on the birth certificate. E.g., child's name, date of birth, parent/parents name)**

- We ask to see an **original Birth Certificate from the State** for the child. A copy will be made and the original will be returned.

- There can be one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each. There cannot be two females or two males. **Refer to Canon 873.**

- **Limit of 2 Sponsors/Godparents** per child. **Refer to Canon 873.** Additional people can participate but will be considered witnesses and will not be on the Baptismal Record or Certificate. You may also have one Sponsor and one witness if only one person completes all requirements but the other does not.

- If one or both Sponsors/Godparents are single (E.g., not living with a companion, married by Justice of the Peace or by another religion) they must be 16 yrs. or older, must be a practicing Catholic and they must have the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. **Refer to Canon 874.** We will need to see **original Communion and Confirmation Certificates.** A copy will be made for our records, but an original is needed for verification of the seal of the Church.

- If one or both Sponsors/Godparents are married, they must be married through the Catholic Church. **Refer to Canon 874.** They must be practicing Catholics. We will need to see an **original Marriage Certificate from the Church** of Marriage along **with the Communion and Confirmation certificates.** Copies will be made for our records, but originals are needed for verification of the seal of the Church. Godparents do not have to be married to each other, but if they are married to other people they must still follow the requirement of marriage. (we **DO NOT** accept Marriage License from the State as proof)

- \$35.00 will be requested at time of registration. **All documentation** (the birth certificate and proof of sacraments of the Godparents) **must be turned in at registration.** There are limited spots available per baptism date so it is on a first come first serve basis.

-Parents and Godparents will need to attend a Baptismal class prior to the Baptism. We offer classes the Friday before baptism or you may take a class at a church of your choosing. Record of attendance for the class taken elsewhere will need to be provided no later than the Friday before baptismal. The record can be turned in at our office.