

Documents

1. Birth Certificate of the child to baptize.
2. Baptism Class Certificate for parents and Godparents.
3. Permission to baptize from the Church where the parents are registered, if you are not registered here at St. Therese Parish.
4. Sponsor letter for Godparents if not registered at St. Therese Parish.

All documents must be turned in no later than two weeks prior to the baptism celebration.

Baptism Class

The baptism class serves as an introduction to the Sacrament of Baptism. The class will also cover the celebration of the Rite of Baptism.

Please arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to class to sign in.

- Classes are held every first Saturday of the month.
- Class begins promptly at 9:30 am.
- If you do not attend the entire class, you will not receive the certificate.
- The class is for adults only. No children are allowed please.

Donation

We cordially request a \$25.00 donation per child for a registered and active family in our parish, and \$40.00 per child for any family not registered in our parish or that is inactive. This donation may be given when you sign up for the baptism at parish office or at the pre baptismal class.

It is also customary to give the celebrant of the baptism a personal donation when you receive the Baptism Certificate at the end of the service.



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Sacrament of Baptism

Welcome

Welcome to St. Therese Parish. We are glad you have decided to prepare for your child to receive the Sacrament of Baptism and grow into God's family and our parish community. We pray that the celebration of the sacrament of Baptism will be an enlighten experience for your family along with the Church of God and the Sacraments which she offers. We hope this will be time of spiritual growth for your family.

Baptism

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become member of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water and in the word."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1213

Parents

As parents, you have the primary responsibilities to raise your children in the practice of the Catholic Faith. The following norms are required to baptize your child:

1. At least one parent must consent to the baptism of the child in the Catholic faith.
2. The expectation and hope is that the child will be raised in the Catholic Church, practicing their faith.
3. The proper persons to present the infant in the faith are the parents. If there is another member of the family willing to take on this responsibility it may be done with the parents' consent and promise not to interfere with the person making the promise in his/her efforts to raise the child in the faith.
4. Both parents must attend the Baptism Class.

Godparents

The Godparent is a sponsor of one who is baptized, who assumes the responsibility to assist the newly baptized child on the road of Christian life. (CIC, 872)

The Godparents:

1. Must be at least 16 yrs old
2. Must have received all sacraments (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation)
3. Must be living a life which reflects our Catholic faith and the responsibilities which correspond.
4. Must be able to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist and Reconciliation.
5. Must be married in the Catholic Church or single.
6. Must be living a life in union with the Church.
7. If two separate individuals are chosen, they must meet the above requirements mentioned and be one male and one female.
8. Minimum one person is required and traditionally a man and a woman are required for an infant Baptism.
9. A couple who are civilly married or cohabitating may not participate as Godparents whether as a couple or an individual.
10. The Godparents may not be the mother or father.
11. Everyone must attend or have a valid certificate of having attended a baptismal class within the last two years. Either here at St. Therese "Shrine of the Little Flower" or another parish provide a sponsor letter from their parish giving them permission to act as sponsors are required.
12. Baptism classes are held on the first Saturday of the month at 9:30 am.
13. Must be faithful, participating and active in his/her Parish for at least three months to be eligible to act as Sponsor.

Process

Making the arrangements for your child to receive the Sacrament of Baptism is the first step in preparing for the most important day in the life of your child, the day of his/ hers Baptism. We strive to make this a positive experience for your family.

Pre- Registration

The office staff will gather the necessary information when you visit the parish office. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate.

- Please provide the complete information regarding names, addresses and telephone numbers where the parents can be reached.
- Please have your envelope number ready if you are registered at St. Therese "Shrine of the Little Flower".
- Complete name and sacramental information of the Godparent(S).
- Note: if the father's name is not on the birth certificate, it will not appear on the Baptismal Certificate.

Dates

After the parent brings the necessary documents then you may pick a month when you want to baptize. *Baptisms are celebrated third Sunday of the month during Sunday Mass.

*Baptisms alternate between 10 am mass and 12 noon mass.