



ST. JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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BAPTISMAL INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is performed the last complete weekend of each month at any one of the St. Joseph weekend Masses; OR 10 a.m. (English) or 11 a.m. (Spanish) on the 4th Saturday (without Mass/Communion).

BAPTISMAL CLASS

Classes available in English and Spanish

Who attends: Parents & Godparent of child to be Baptized

When : 7 p.m. | 4th Monday of each month

Where: St. Joseph Catholic Parish Community Center

Fee: \$25 per couple. (Must be paid before the class.)

Other Notes: No child care is available during the sessions
Classes are valid for three (3) years from date

MISCELLANEOUS

Non-St. Joseph parishioners:

- ❖ Parishioners from another parish may schedule an appointment with Fr. Kelley to arrange their child's baptism at St. Joseph.
- ❖ Permission from the family's home Pastor also must be on file in form of signed letter.
- ❖ See list of parent/god parent requirements
- ❖ Complete "Information for Baptism Register" form

Newly-registered St. Joseph parishioners:

- ❖ There is a one-month waiting period for those families who reside within St. Joseph parish boundaries (recognized ZIP codes 76001, 76002, 75054, 75052, 76017, 76018).
- ❖ There is a three-month waiting period for those parents who reside outside St. Joseph parish boundaries (including ZIP CODES 76010, 76011, 76014, Mansfield , Dallas, Fort Worth, etc.).



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REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTS

- ❖ Must be registered St. Joseph parishioners and using weekly envelopes (or online giving).
- ❖ If parents reside outside St. Joseph parish boundaries, (Mansfield , Dallas, Fort Worth, etc.), there is a three-month waiting period. (See notes for newly-registered St. Joseph families.)
- ❖ Both parents (non -Catholic parents also) must attend Baptismal preparation class. Documentation of preparation class previously at St. Joseph or at another church is OK.
- ❖ Provide a copy of child's official (state-issued) birth certificate
- ❖ If parents are not married in a Catholic church or are single, they must speak with Fr. Kelley. Non-parishioners also must receive permission from their parish Pastor to Baptize child at St. Joseph.
- ❖ Choose at least one Catholic "in good standing" to serve as God Parent of child. Non-Catholics may serve as Christian witnesses, but will not be formally listed as a God Parent.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GOD PARENTS

If Married:

- ❖ Attend Baptismal preparation class here or at their parish (need copy of the certificate).
- ❖ Provide God Parent Sponsor Form OR "letter of good standing" from their parish (if not St. Joseph parishioner) that states they are active parishioners and eligible to act as sponsor.

If Unmarried:

- ❖ A God Parent or Sponsor must be at least 16 years old and received the sacraments of BAPTISM, COMMUNION, AND CONFIRMATION
- ❖ Attend Baptismal preparation class at St. Joseph or another parish (need certificate).
- ❖ Provide *God Parent Sponsor Form* OR "*letter of good standing*" from their parish (if not St. Joseph parishioner) stating they are active parishioners and eligible to act as sponsor.

Non-Catholic God Parents:

- ❖ Non-Catholics may serve as Christian witnesses, but will not be formally listed as a God Parent.
- ❖ 20At least one Catholic "in good standing" must serve as child's God Parent.