



ST. JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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BAPTISM INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated 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: Parent(s) & Godparent(s) of child to be baptized

When : 9 a.m. – noon | first Saturday of every month

Where: St. Joseph Catholic Parish – see sign in Community Center for specific room number

Fee: \$30 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

- ❖ Families who reside within St. Joseph parish boundaries (recognized ZIP codes 76001, 76002, 75054, 75052, 76017, 76018) are considered parishioners.

Non-St. Joseph parishioners:

- ❖ Parishioners from another parish may schedule an appointment with Fr. Kelley (Fr. Peter for Ghana Community) to arrange their child's baptism at St. Joseph OR
- ❖ Permission from the family's home parish Pastor must be submitted -- in form of signed letter.
- ❖ See list of parent/Godparent requirements;
- ❖ Complete "Information for Baptism Register" form

Newly-registered St. Joseph parishioners:

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 the 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. (Formal documentation is required.)
- ❖ Choose at least one Catholic "in good standing" to serve as Godparent of child. Non-Catholics may serve as Christian witnesses, but will not be formally listed as a Godparent.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS

If Married:

- ❖ Attend Baptism preparation class here or at their parish (need copy of the attendance certificate).
- ❖ Provide *Godparent 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 Godparent or Sponsor must be at least 16 years old and have received the sacraments of BAPTISM, COMMUNION, AND CONFIRMATION.
- ❖ Attend Baptismal preparation class at St. Joseph or another parish (need attendance record).
- ❖ Provide *Godparent 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 Godparents:

- ❖ At least one Catholic "in good standing" must serve as child's Godparent.
- ❖ Non-Catholics may serve as Christian witnesses, but will not be formally listed as a Godparent in official church record or on Baptism Certificate.