

What is needed for us to baptize our Child?

Congratulations on the birth of your child! I look forward to helping you welcome your son or daughter into the faith community of St. Anthony Parish!

Baptism is a very solemn commitment that parents and godparents make on behalf of their child. This information is intended to begin the process of preparation by providing you with the information needed by the parish. Please look over the questions/ information below. When you are ready to begin the preparation, **please call me!** We will go over the questions on this form, and I will answer your questions.

Please contact me at least 3 months prior to your desired baptism date. Baptismal celebrations are scheduled during the last full weekend of each month (except during Advent and Lent).

God Bless,
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In our conversation, I will ask for the following information:

- Mother's name and religious preference.
- Father's name and religious preference.
- Child's Name and age.
- First Child? Y N (If second child, we require parents repeat the class)
- Are both parents agreeable to have child baptized?
 - If one parent is not Catholic, we welcome his/ her participation in this process! Please consider and discuss how you will support each other in raising your child Catholic.
- Were you married in a Catholic church?
- Would you like to speak with a priest about having a Catholic Marriage ceremony?

Parish Registration:

- We require that parents be registered at St. Anthony Parish if you wish to baptize your child here.

***Out-of-Parish Requests for Baptism:**

- Non-parishioners requesting baptism here may do so with good reason (such as family/parents are parish are all here), but are encouraged to consider their home parish first.
- Non-parishioners must be registered at another parish. You will be asked to provide a letter (with signature and parish seal) from your pastor or his representative giving us permission to baptize. (Per Canon Law, pastor of home parish has authority to baptize. Parishioners have a right to receive sacraments within own domicile).

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Mass Attendance

- We will discuss your current practice of faith (Mass attendance, prayer, etc). Getting to Mass each week is often challenging for families with infants, but is very important. If you are not presently attending Mass regularly, please consider how you can build toward this practice.
- Here are our Mass times at St. Anthony:
 - **Saturday Vigil – 5:30 pm**
 - **Sunday – 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 am, 12:30 pm, 5:30 pm (en Espanol)**
 - **Weekdays – 7:50 am** (8:00 am – Summer)
 - **Saturday – 8:00 am**

Our Fees for Baptism Prep/ Materials: **In-parish:** \$55.00 **Out-of-Parish:** \$70.00 **Class only:** \$30.00

Other Paperwork: We will need a copy of the Birth Certificate. Other paperwork will be sent to you to be completed and *turned in at the first baptism preparation session.*

Baptism Preparation Requirements for Parents:

- Parent(s) must be **registered** parishioner(s)*. Our registration form is available on the parish website.
- Attend **2 Baptism Prep Sessions (rehearsal included)**: Held monthly. Both parents are required to attend, along with one godparent (godparent may attend a class at their own parish and provide written verification of attendance).
- **Provide copy of Birth Certificate** along with other completed forms provided by parish and payment of fee.
- **Be willing and able**, with God's help, to raise your child in the practice of the Catholic Faith

Godparents :

- It is the tradition of the Church for a child to have one godmother and one godfather at baptism.
- **Godparent Eligibility:**
 - Is at least 16 years of age, and is a registered member of a Catholic parish.
 - **Sacraments:** Godparents must be baptized Catholics. Godparents are to have received Eucharist, Confirmation, and Catholic Marriage (if married)
 - Godparents will be a good model of Catholic living for their godchild through daily prayer, virtuous living, and active participation in parish life and liturgy, particularly by participating in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
 - Godparents will maintain a consistent and life-giving relationship of faith with his/her godchild by doing such things as celebrating significant events such as the anniversary of Baptism, reception of First Communion and Confirmation, and by supporting and encouraging the godchild in the struggles and triumphs of living a Christian life.
 - Godparents will attend a Baptism Preparation class (either at St. Anthony, or at their own parish, providing written verification of attendance).