

Information about Baptism for Parents Who have had a Child Baptized Within the Last Two Years at Saint Therese Parish

Baptisms can be held on the first or third Sunday of the month during the 9:00 am or 10:30 am Masses. You may also choose to have a baptism after the 5:00 PM Saturday or 10:30 AM Sunday Masses. Parents are encouraged to have the Baptism during the celebration of Mass with the St. Therese community. If there is a grave reason, other times for Baptism can be arranged.

Please call the Parish Office to schedule a date for the Baptism at 359-2421. Please give an estimate of the number of guests you are expecting so that sufficient pews can be reserved. Godparents or other family members are encouraged to bring up the gifts at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Please let the Parish Office know if you have someone to bring up the gifts so that the ushers will be informed that they do not need to ask anyone else. At least two weeks notice is required prior to baptism except in cases of emergency.

According to the Code of Canon Law, parents may choose to have one or two sponsors (Godparents) for their child. If you choose to have two, they must be one male and one female. Further requirements are that they must be a confirmed, practicing catholic who is at least 16 years of age and not antagonistic to the faith. Furthermore, the sponsor may not be the mother or father of the child (as they are to assist the parents). If you have only one godparent, you may choose to have a "Christian Witness" in place of a second godparent. The person must be baptized and not antagonistic to the faith. Furthermore, they must be of the opposite gender of the Catholic godparent. If you have any questions on this, please contact Mike in the Religious Education Office at 359-9006.

If the baptism will take place during a Mass, please arrive at least 15 minutes early to check in with the priest. Parents and godparents should start in the back of Church with the infant in order to process in at the start of Mass with Father. All other family members may take their seats in the reserved pews.

St. Therese Parish provides the candle and white garment for the Baptism. As such, there is no "fee" for baptism. However, a small monetary donation is encouraged to give the priest a token of appreciation. The suggested amount is \$10.00 but feel free to use your own discretion.

St. Therese Parish Baptismal Questionnaire for Returning Parents

(Please Print Legibly)

Name of Child _____

Date of Birth _____ or Expected Due Date _____

Place of Birth _____

Gender Male _____ Female _____

Phone Number _____ Mother _____ Father _____ Both _____

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Father's Name _____

Father's Religion _____

Mother's Name _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Mother's Religion _____

Were the parents married by a Catholic priest? Yes No

Godfather's Name _____

Is the godfather a baptized Christian? Yes No

Is the godfather baptized Catholic? Yes No

Is the godfather a practicing Catholic? Yes No

Godmother's Name _____

Is the godmother a baptized Christian? Yes No

Is the godmother baptized Catholic? Yes No

Is the godmother a practicing Catholic? Yes No

Are you members of St. Therese Parish? Yes No

Was the Child baptized privately?
(Such as in a Hospital) Yes No

Remarks: _____

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Date of Previous Class(es) Taken: _____
Date and Time of Baptism: _____