

Baptism



The birth of a child is a joyous event in a family, when a new life is welcomed into the family. In baptism, a child is welcomed into God's family, the church, and the particular parish where the child is baptized.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism is required before the Sacrament is celebrated. Preparation consists of a meeting with the Pastor during which the meaning of the sacrament is discussed, the faith-sharing responsibilities of the parents are highlighted, and the celebration of the sacrament is arranged.

Parents must be registered members of St. Mary Parish, or provide a letter of permission from the pastor of their parish before the baptism can be celebrated here.

For the convenience of the family, baptisms are celebrated at any time. Most baptisms are celebrated on Sunday following the 10:30 a.m. mass. They can be celebrated on Saturday or some other day of the week if it is better for the family. They can also be celebrated during any of the masses.

The parish is in the process of developing a follow-up program which will provide parents with ideas and suggestions on how they can share their faith with their child even during those first few years of life.