

Step One

PARENT PREPARATION SESSIONS 2016

Gather with other parents and share faith. This ninety minute session, looks at the meaning of baptism. These sessions occur on Sunday evenings at 7:00pm. Some of the team members meet at Holy Family Church and others at the team member's home. Our hope is that you feel welcomed and you are able to share with others the joy of preparing for your child's Baptism.

PARENT BAPTISMAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

Please register in the Pastoral Center

Location _____

Date : Sunday, _____ at 7:00 pm

Step Two

PARENT/GODPARENT PREPARATION SESSIONS 2016

Sessions begin promptly at 7:00 pm.

Please meet in the church.

January 12	Tuesday
February 9	Tuesday
March 8	Tuesday
April 12	Tuesday
May 10	Tuesday
June 14	Tuesday
July 12	Tuesday
August 9	Tuesday
September 13	Tuesday
October 11	Tuesday
November 8	Tuesday
December 13	Tuesday

PARENT /GODPARENT SESSION

Date _____
In the Church

Step Three

SUNDAY DATES FOR INFANT BAPTISMS

Baptisms begin promptly at 2:00 pm.
Please meet in the Gathering area at 1:45

- January 10,17, 24
- February (no baptisms during Lent)
- March (no baptisms until Easter)
- April 3, 10, 17, 24
- May 8, 15, 22
- June 12, 19, 26
- July 10, 17, 24
- August 14, 21, 28
- September 11, 18, 25
- October 2, 16, 23
- November 13, 20, 27
- December 11, 18

BAPTISMAL DATE

Date _____
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BAPTIZING YOUR BABY 2016



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

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HOLY FAMILY is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need. ■

“Let the children come to me and do not hinder them. It is to just such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.” (Mark 10:14)

Baptism is the beginning of the journey of faith for your child. No one has more influence on a child's growing sense of God and the Catholic faith community than the child's parents. At Baptism, the faith is proclaimed for infants by their parents and godparents who represent the Church.

Through Baptism, your child becomes part of our faith community in the Catholic church. Through your teaching example, your child will grow to become a follower of



Anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.

Christ and an active member of the church. This is why we have a special program to prepare parents and godparents and to help them realize the importance of this responsibility.

Age of Infant Baptism

Traditionally parents have their children baptized within a reasonable period after birth. **Arrangements for baptism should be made before birth.** Once children have reached the age of reason, about seven, they would enter the Christian Initiation for children, a two year journey of faith to prepare for the sacraments of initiation, including baptism.

Quarterly Celebration

Each quarter we ask all the families of recently baptized babies to come to a special Eucharistic Celebration. During this Mass, there will be an opportunity for all present to pray over and welcome your child into the Holy Family Catholic Community.

Celebration of Recently Baptized Babies

(2016 dates subject to change)

January 10th	9:30 am Mass
April 24th	9:30 am Mass
July 3rd	9:30 am Mass
October 2nd	9:30 am Mass

Baptism Information Session

These sessions are on Sunday evenings beginning at 7:00 pm ending at 8:30 pm, and are held in parishioner's homes or in the Pastoral Center. Please call the Pastoral Center office for a reservation.

Requirements for Parents:

At least one parent must be a Catholic and a registered member of the Holy Family faith community.

Step One: Attend the Sunday Baptism Information Session. Arrangements for these sessions are handled by the Pastoral Center receptionist.

Step Two: Attend the Baptism Sacramental Preparation Session in the Church, with the child's godparents.

Step Three: Sign up for a baptismal date with the Pastoral Center receptionist.

Note: Once parents have attended both sessions, the godparents attend the Preparation Session and all the paperwork has been secured by the Pastoral Center, then the Pastoral Center receptionist will give the Baptismal date.

Godparents

Being a Godparent is a sacred vocation – a calling, an appeal to live something out in your life. Parents are calling godparents to be something special for their child: to set an example, help teach their child about the Catholic faith, have a lifelong relationship of prayer, faith sharing and love. Before asking people to be your child's godparent take some time to pray and reflect on their ability to be a shining example of a Catholic Christian.

Requirements for Godparents:

1. Godparents must be at least **16 years old, confirmed Catholics, who participates in weekly Sunday Mass with a Roman Catholic Faith community**, and willing to accept the responsibility of supporting their godchild in faith.
2. The godparents need to attend the Baptism Preparation Session, which we offer here at Holy Family (or a baptism class in their own parish).
3. One godparent is all that is required. The second person can be a godparent as described above or a "Christian Witness (a baptized member of another Christian church.) Non Christians cannot be godparents or Christian sponsors.

Summary of Steps for having your child baptized:

1. Call or come into the Pastoral Center to sign up for the Baptism Information Session and Sacramental Preparation Session.
2. After the Baptism Information Session, you will need to attend a Sacramental Preparation session along with the godparents held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Church.
3. Once you have attended both sessions, you may sign up for your child's baptism date. Please bring an unofficial (hospital) **or** the official (from the state) Birth Certificate for the child to be baptized. The receptionist will ask you to fill out a Registration Form (with your name, address and phone number, your child's name, and the names of the godparents).
4. Outline of the dates for baptism are on the other side of this sheet. Baptisms, except in emergencies, are not celebrated during Lent.

There is no charge to become a member of God's family. However, it is customary for families to offer a gift to the parish in thanksgiving for their child's baptism. \$100.00 is a suggested offering. However, we are grateful for your generosity, no matter what your means allow.