

# Step One

## PARENT PREPARATION SESSIONS 2021

Gather with other parents and share faith. This ninety minute session, looks at the meaning of baptism. These sessions are on Sunday evenings beginning at 7:00 pm ending at 8:30 pm, and are held in via Zoom. Please call the Pastoral Center office for a reservation. 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 2020

Sessions begin promptly at 7:00 pm.  
Via ZOOM.

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

## PARENT /GODPARENT SESSION

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Via Zoom

# Step Three

## SUNDAY DATES FOR INFANT BAPTISMS

Baptisms begin promptly 1:30, 2:30 or 3:30 pm with a maximum of 15 in attendance. Please meet in the school breezeway 15 minutes prior to the Baptism.

March (no baptisms until after  
Divine Mercy Sunday)

- April 18, 25
- May 16, 23
- June 13, 27
- July 11, 18, 25
- August 8, 15, 22
- September 12, 19
- October 3, 17, 24
- November 21, 28
- December 12,

## BAPTISMAL DATE

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Baptisms begin promptly on the half hour.  
Please meet in the School Breezeway 15 minutes prior to the Baptism.

BAPTIZING  
YOUR BABY IN  
2021 DURING  
COVID-19



*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 of Jesus Christ 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

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.



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

### Age of Infant Baptism

Traditionally parents have their children baptized within a reasonable period after birth. Arrangements for baptism could 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.

**Tri-Annual Celebration will not be held until it is safe to do so.**

### 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 via Zoom, with the child's godparents.

Step Three: Sign up for a baptismal date with the Pastoral Center receptionist and bring appropriate paperwork.

**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 participate 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 email [reception@holyfamily.org](mailto:reception@holyfamily.org) 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 which is usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm via Zoom.
3. Once you have attended both sessions, you may sign up for your child's baptism date. Please email 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 (<http://holyfamily.org/the-rite-of-baptism/>) 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.
5. A candle is provided for each child being Baptized. If the family/Godparents are providing a candle or other items to be used in the service, please let the presider know prior to it beginning.

### Questions:

Please contact the Pastoral Center if you have any questions relating to the Baptism of your child.

There is no charge to become a member of God's family. 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. Thank-you for your generosity.