

St. Mary's Baptism Checklist

In Parish - Baptism paper work requirements:

- Fill out Baptism register form (found in office or printed off website)
- Attach copy of child's birth certificate (to make sure all spelling is correct); will return with baptismal certificate.
- Attach copy of letter stating parents and godparents attended classes and/ or in good standing, if in parish.

Parents

- At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, and both parents approve of child's baptism.
- Parents must attend baptism preparation classes at the parish.

Godparents

- At least one godparent must be a practicing catholic.
- If godparents are a couple they must be married.
- Must attend baptism preparation classes
 - Out of town Godparents- must provide a letter from their home parish/Pastor stating they are in good standing and/or have completed baptism classes, and the parish/Pastor must give their permission for the godparents to serve as godparents.

Out of Parish Requests for baptism

- Must have letter with home parish/pastor permission for baptism to be scheduled at St. Mary's /St. Lawrence and above Godparent guidelines are completed.

In Parish - Children over the age of 7 – Easter Vigil.

- Must be enrolled and attending religious education classes and preparing to receive sacraments – 2 year program preparation.

Out of parish - Children over the age of 7 – Easter Vigil

- Must provide a letter from the home parish/Pastor approving the baptism.
- Must have letter indicating completion of sacrament preparation for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation through religious education program or Catholic school.

There is a set date for baptisms in English and Spanish every month. All paper work must be completed and returned to the parish office two weeks prior to the week of baptism.