



The Catholic Parishes of
**Resurrection
& St. Joseph**



Dear Parents:

We welcome you and your family to Resurrection & St. Joseph churches for the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. **Please take the opportunity to carefully read our guidelines in order to facilitate your celebration.**

The Sacrament of Baptism is birth into new life in Christ. It is the basis of our Christian life and the foundation of the Sacramental life of the Church. In this Sacrament, we are cleansed of our sins, reborn and re-created of water and the Holy Spirit, and incorporated into the Mystical Body of Christ. We live out the promise we make at our Baptism by regularly practicing our faith.

The public ministry of Jesus began with His own Baptism on the shore of the Jordan River and it ended with Him commanding His Apostles to *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”* (Mt. 28:19-20). For 2,000 years the Catholic Church has taught the same saving truths about Baptism.

Understanding the meaning and significance of this great sacrament is crucial for receiving the full measure of the graces God wants to impart to you and your child. To help with this, our parish offers a free subscription to www.formed.org. This website has a variety of resources to help enrich faith, including: Bible studies, audio books and talks, movies and documentaries, videos for sacramental prep, etc. **Just go to resj.formed.org to register for free.** You can also download the app on your phone or tablet. If you are prompted for a parish code, enter **GMGT62**.

The Sacrament of Baptism has been a constant practice of the Roman Catholic Church since the time of the Apostles themselves. The community of Resurrection and St. Joseph welcomes you!

Grace & Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Michael Garry".

Fr. Michael Garry, Pastor
Resurrection & St. Joseph Parishes

Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children...”
~ Acts 2:38-39 ~



~ Guidelines for Baptism ~

- **Parents are required to be registered** at one of our parishes (Resurrection or St. Joseph).
- **Baptism Preparation Class:** First and second time parents must attend classes. Third time parents are required to attend only if there is 5 years or more between the birth of the second and third child. Parents are encouraged to attend class prior to the birth of their child. All godparent(s) and witnesses are welcome and encouraged to attend class as well.
- **Selecting Godparents:** Godparents play a very important role in your child's spiritual life. They assist the child in leading a Christian life and in faithfully fulfilling the obligations that follow from their baptism. Godparents must serve as an example of how to live the Catholic faith as the Church teaches us. They support not only the child but also the parents of the child. Godparents also stand as a representative of the larger Church community. Therefore, being a godparent is not only an honor but a solemn responsibility. They should be chosen with care. The Catholic Church sets forth the following **requirements for godparents**:
 1. There must be at least one godparent, and no more than two. If two, one male and one female.
 2. Godparents must be practicing Roman Catholics who:
 - Are at least 17 years of age and mature enough to understand, accept, and carry out the duties proper to a godparent.
 - Have received the Sacraments of Initiation—i.e. Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation.
 - Are in good standing with the Church (e.g. if married, in a valid Catholic marriage).
 3. A non-Catholic, baptized Christian may be chosen as a Christian witness (i.e. not specifically as a godparent) provided that the other sponsor qualifies as a Catholic godparent.
 4. Godparents may be represented by proxies if they are unable to attend the ceremony. Those standing in as proxies must fulfill the same requirements as godparents.
- **Baptismal Record and Certificate:** The Baptism will be recorded in the permanent records of whichever parish the Baptism takes place. Therefore, please be sure of the accuracy of information and the spelling of names, and write clearly and distinctly. A Baptismal certificate will be mailed to you following the Baptism. Later, whenever a baptismal certificate may be needed, it will be reproduced from the parish records.
- **Clothing, Candles, and Baptismal Water:** A white Christening gown is customary, but not required. Whatever clothing is worn should be loose enough at the neck to allow anointing of the child's chest. The parish will provide a Baptismal candle and after the ceremony it will be yours to keep as a reminder of this joyous occasion. The candle can be burned on Baptismal anniversaries and when the child receives other sacraments in the future.
- **Pictures and Videos:** Photographs and videos are encouraged at the ceremony. These are excellent ways of sharing the memory of this joyous occasion.
- **Family Donation:** There is no fee, however, many families wish to offer a donation to the Church on the occasion of their child's baptism. If writing a personal check, please write it to the name of the parish at which your child is being baptized (Resurrection Catholic Church or St. Joseph Catholic Church). Please be sure to indicate that the donation is for the occasion of your child's baptism.

RECORD OF BAPTISM

Baptism Info:

Date of Baptism: _____ Time of Baptism: _____

Place of Baptism: Resurrection St. Joseph

Minister of Baptism: _____

Date Baptism Classes: (1) _____ (2) _____

Parents must attend classes for first 2 children, and they must attend again if it has been 5 years or more since last time they attended, even if this is more than 2nd child.

Office Use:

Certificate Issued:

Bulletin:

CDM Update:

Recorded:

Child's Info:

Name of Child: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____ Place of Birth: _____

If not born yet, expected date of birth: _____

Was child privately baptized for any reason? _____

Parent's Info:

Father's Name: _____ Catholic? _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Mother's MAIDEN Name: _____ Catholic? _____
(Last - Maiden) (First) (Middle)

Are you Married? Yes No Were you married in a Church? Yes No

Which Church or Place were you married? _____

Home Address: _____
Street City, State, Zip

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Church Registered at: Resurrection St. Joseph Other _____

Godparent's Info:

Sponsor's Name: _____ Catholic? _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Proxy (if any): _____ Catholic? _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Sponsor's Name: _____ Catholic? _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

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(Last) (First) (Middle)