

BAPTISM INFORMATION FOR CHRIST OUR LIGHT

MEMBERSHIP / CLASS

*Family is registered as members for three months prior to celebrating baptism.

-A new family, who is still in the process of becoming a member of the parish, is given credit for the three month waiting period from the date they call to inquire about membership and/or baptism.

-A parent(s) who grew up at St. Edward's, St. Pius X or Christ Our Light is exempt from the three month waiting period provided they attend a Member Registration Event to join the parish as an adult and attend the baptismal class. Baptism may be celebrated once those are completed.

*Family attends a baptismal preparation class.

-The exception is if a family has attended a baptismal preparation class within the last three years.

SPONSORS (Godparents is the less formal name.)

*One sponsor is needed, two or more are acceptable. Any male/female combination allowed.

*One sponsor must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic at least 16 years of age.

*A non-Catholic sponsor is allowed if there is a Catholic sponsor also.

-The non-Catholic is technically called a Christian Witness. This is only noted on the baptismal certificate and no differentiation is made on the day of baptism.

*If a sponsor cannot be present for the baptism, a proxy (substitute person) may be present in their place.

SCHEDULING A BAPTISM

*Baptisms occur during a Saturday or Sunday Mass.

-Exceptions to this need to be approved by the pastor or deacon.

*A maximum of three baptisms are scheduled per Mass.

*A baptism from a non-member is permitted if a family provides a letter from their current parish that confirms church membership and completion of a baptismal class.

*Baptisms will not be scheduled during Advent, Lent, feast days and at other times as deemed at the parish.

DAY OF BAPTISM

*Parents, child and sponsors are asked to arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass begins.

*Child is to be dressed in a white garment (ex. baptismal gown, white outfit, white shirt, etc.).

*Christ Our Light will provide a baptismal candle.

*Pews will be reserved near the font.

*No flash photography is allowed during the Mass.

*Full Immersion

-Immersion may occur with other families not immersing.

-Note to pastor.

-Family is asked to arrive at least 30 minutes before Mass begins.

-Bring a large bath towel.

-The child needs to come wearing outfit and then after the homily, a parent loosens diaper and wraps the child in a blanket. After the immersion, a parent diapers and dresses the child.

BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN AFTER AGE SEVEN

*Parish membership and baptismal preparation class requirements apply (see above).

*Parents and son/daughter meet with Faith Formation Director for a baptismal session.

*Once the session with the family and the Faith Formation Director is complete, along with the regular baptism class, then the family may schedule the baptism.

RCIC—Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (Family directed to Faith Formation Director)

*After second grade, a child attends RCIC classes if they are preparing for First Communion.