



# **ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*Baptism Information – Keep this form for reference.*

Baptism for an infant, toddler, child younger 1st grade

## **GUIDELINES – REQUIREMENTS**

### **PARENTS:**

Baptism of a child in the Catholic Church requires:

- The parents give consent for the Sacrament of Baptism.
- At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic.
- Present a well-founded hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic religion.
- Family is registered at St. Andrew with active envelope number. Together with the parents, the godparents present the child.
- If family is not a member of St Andrew but desires to have baptism celebrated here:
  - 1) Family will need a letter from their parish pastor giving permission for baptism to take place at St Andrew.
  - 2) Family will need to write a letter petitioning for Baptism at St Andrew citing reasons for their request.

### **GODPARENTS:**

Only one godparent is required, male or female.

- If there are two godparents, they are one of each, male and female.
- Be designated by the parents, or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister, and has the aptitude and intention of fulfilling the role of godparent.
- Cannot be the birth parent of the one being baptized.
- Completed their 16th year, therefore, be no less than 17 years of age.
- Has celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion in the Catholic Church.
- Leads a life in keeping with the function and is in good standing with the Church. “Good standing” is understood as leading an active Catholic life, that is: celebrates Mass on Sunday, frequently celebrates the sacraments, participates in acts of charity, and if currently married, or ever been married, the marriage is/was celebrated (or convalidated) by a priest or deacon.

**CHRISTIAN WITNESS:** A person who is baptized in another Christian faith.

A Christian Witness witnesses’ belief in Jesus as Savior to the community through his/her life and practices this belief in another Christian community. A Christian Witness is not a godparent, will not be named as godparent in recording the sacrament, or on certificate, however, can be actively present at the celebration of the sacrament.