

## Holy Family Catholic Church

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## BAPTISM FAQ'S

(Infants/Children 7 years and younger)

### **WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO HAVE A CHILD BAPTIZED AT HOLY FAMILY?**

1. Must be a registered parishioner here at Holy Family. **Exception:** *Unless it is an \*Out-of-Parish Baptism\* which means that the parents are members of another parish, but wish to have their child baptized here.*
2. Parents must attend a ONE session baptism class **within the past 2 years** prior to the desired date of baptism. You must fill out a Baptism Class Registration form. This form is filled out **1 time** for **ANY** baptism class that you wish to attend. This form can be turned in anytime up to 1 day before the class that you wish to attend.
3. The desired date of baptism is chosen at the baptism class when parents are asked to fill out the yellow "Blank for Baptism Register" form. **Exception:** If you are attending baptism class here, but are planning to have your child baptized at another Church, **DO NOT** fill out the yellow "Blank for Baptism Register" form.
4. Godparents are **not** required to attend baptism class. **HOWEVER**, at **least one** of the Godparents **must** be a practicing Catholic. If the Godparent is not a member of Holy Family, then the Godparent must obtain a Sponsorship Certificate from his/her parish. Two Godparents are recommended, but one practicing Catholic is allowed. Only **two** Godparents can officially be listed on the baptism certificate and in our register book.
5. Both the Baptism Class Registration form & the New Parishioner Registration form can be obtained and filled out in the parish office. (Office Hours = Mon thru Fri 8:30AM-5:00PM)

### **\*WHAT IF IT IS AN OUT-OF-PARISH BAPTISM?\***

1. It is required to provide a "Letter of Permission" from the parent's parish and proof of attendance at a baptism class to have the child baptized at Holy Family.
2. Fill out a yellow "Blank for Baptism Register" form here at Holy Family. This form can be obtained from the Holy Family parish office.

### **WHAT IS THE BAPTISM CLASS SCHEDULE?**

WHEN?	The <u>THIRD THURSDAY</u> of every <u>MONTH</u> .
WHERE?	Parish Life Center
TIME?	7:15pm
LENGTH?	Approximately 1 to 1 <sup>1/2</sup> hours.
CHILDREN ALLOWED?	Yes. If you absolutely cannot arrange babysitting.

### **HOW OFTEN ARE BAPTISMS PERFORMED?**

WHEN?	Every Sunday after the 12:15pm Mass by one of our Deacons.
ARRIVAL TIME?	1:00PM (if not attending Mass)
ITEMS TO BRING?	None, candles and bibs provided. If you chose, you may bring the Sponsorship Certificate for the Godparent with you (in lieu of getting it to the parish office ahead of the baptism date).
COST?	None but donations are accepted.
HOW MANY?	Usually no more than 6 children.