

BAPTISM REQUIREMENTS & CLASS SCHEDULE JANUARY – JUNE 2017

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word." – Catechism of the Catholic Church

1. The parents of the child to be baptized must be registered parishioners of St. Genevieve Catholic Church. If the parents are not registered parishioners, they must obtain the permission of their own Pastor as indicated on the Baptism Registration Form.
2. The **'Baptism Registration Form'** and **all required documents** must be filled out and turned into the Parish Center at least two (2) weeks before the proposed date of baptism. The baptism will be postponed until all documents are received.
3. Child to be baptized must be **under** seven (7) years of age.
4. A copy of the child's Birth Certificate is required.
5. **Parents and Godparents must attend one (1) Baptism Preparation Class.** Classes are offered here at St. Genevieve twice a month, please call to sign-up. Classes begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. **Children are NOT allowed at the Baptism Preparation Class.** Paperwork is not accepted on the Baptism Preparation Class. Parents and Godparents may take the Baptism Preparation Class at another church, please be sure to submit the certificate/letter stating the class was completed.
6. The parish provides one (1) candle per child at the time of the baptism ceremony.
7. Donation: \$50 for registered parishioners; \$60 for non-registered parishioners.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS/SPONSORS

1. The Godmother and Godfather must be over 18 years of age.
2. The Godmother and Godfather must have received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. **Both Godparents must submit a copy of their Confirmation certificate.** No exceptions.
3. If the Godmother and Godfather are married to each other, they must be married in the Roman Catholic Church. The parish may ask to submit a copy of their certificate of Holy Matrimony.
4. All Godparents must be active and practicing Catholics. At the very minimum, they must be attending Mass in their own parish every Sunday. If need be, the parish may ask for a letter from their own Pastor to indicate the godparents' involvement.
5. Both Godparents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class.

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	January 2017	February 2017	March 2017	April 2017	May 2017	June 2017
Baptism Preparation Class*	3 (English) 11 (Spanish)	7 (English) 15 (Spanish)	7 (English) 8 (Spanish)	4 (English) 12 (Spanish)	2 (English) 10 (Spanish)	6 (English) 14 (English)
Baptism Ceremony 11:00 a.m.	14 (English) 21 (Spanish)	11 (English) 18 (Spanish)	11(English) 18 (Spanish)	22 (English) 29 (Spanish)	20 (English) 27 (Spanish)	10 (English) 17 (Spanish)

* The **Baptism Preparation Classes** are normally held every 1st Tuesday of the month in English, and every 2nd Wednesday of the month in Spanish from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please arrive ten (10) minutes before class to sign-in. Baptism paperwork is not accepted at the Baptism Preparation Class to ensure class begins on time. Children are **NOT** allowed in class. No exceptions.