



SACRED HEART PARISH

Baptism Requirements

PLEASE NOTE: You must be a registered and active member of this parish. If you are from another parish, you must have a letter of permission from your pastor before a baptism is scheduled here.

- Two pre-baptism sessions are required for your first child. Please contact the Parish office (315-699-2752) to register for the sessions (one and one-half hours each).
- Baptisms are celebrated most Sundays except for Palm Sunday or Confirmation Sunday. The baptism service begins at noon (immediately following the 11:00 am Mass).
- Please submit the Baptism Registration Form when you attend the Baptism sessions. The availability of the date you select depends on how many families are already scheduled for that date. We will only contact you if there is a problem with the date you have selected.
- **Sponsors (Godparents) should be practicing Catholics, over the age of 16, and have been Confirmed. There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.** A sponsor cannot be the mother or father of the child. **A person from another Christian denomination can be a 'witness' but only along with a Catholic sponsor.** Once a chosen Godparent has sponsored your child in Baptism, that sponsor cannot be changed.
- **The Sponsor (Godparent) MUST present a Sponsor Certificate PRIOR to the Baptism or the Baptism will need to be postponed. The Sponsor (Godparent) obtains the sponsor certificate from his/her home parish. This is NOT a copy of your baptismal or confirmation record. Attached is a sample of the form (information) to be submitted.**
- The child should be dressed in a white outfit. Clothing should be loose around the child's neck. Bonnets should be removed from the head of the child.
- Please call the Parish Office at 315-699-2752 if you have any questions.