

ST. MARK PARISH

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Baptism Information Form

(Baptism of infants and small children: birth to 7 years)

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, parents and Godparents assume an important responsibility to teach their child to know and love the Lord Jesus and His Church. These lessons of faith are best taught in the home on a daily basis. We must not only know our faith, but we must live it too!

Baptism preparation during the pandemic is offered on an individual basis. Parents are encouraged to begin preparations prior to the birth of their child.

Steps to have your child baptized at St. Mark Parish:

1. Verify that you are registered at the parish. If not officially registered, please do so at this time.
2. Read and sign this information form and return it to the parish.
3. Fill out the separate Baptism Registration form and return it to the parish.
4. Attach a copy of the child's birth certificate to the registration. A photocopy is preferable.
5. Submit the Godparent form – one for each Godparent, maximum of two.
5. Call Kirk Altenhofen at the office to register for baptism preparation and set a date for baptism.

Godparents:

1. A Godparent must be an active, participating Catholic, which means they are baptized, confirmed and if married, be married in the Church. They also must be attending Mass each Sunday and living the sacramental life of the Church.
2. Only one Godparent is needed but two are often chosen. A Godparent cannot be a parent of the one being baptized. If you chose two, one must be male and one must be female.
3. Good qualities of Godparents are: someone who knows and practices their faith, someone who continues to grow in their faith and someone who will help you raise your child in the faith.
4. It is not only an honor, but a serious responsibility to be a Godparent.

Since you are seeking baptism for your child in our parish, it is necessary that you be an active member of the parish and that you will continue to be an active, participating Catholic throughout your child's life. We as a parish, along with you, have a responsibility for the faith formation of your child. We cannot fulfill that obligation if you are not an active member. To be an active Catholic, you must regularly participate in the most important aspect of our parish life, Sunday Mass. The celebration of the Eucharist is truly the center of our parish. Participation in the Mass is the very foundation of what it means to be Catholic.

Do you currently attend Mass regularly at our parish? Yes _____ No _____

A parishioner is also someone who invests of themselves in the life of the Church. To be involved in the parish means to join whole-heartedly in the mission and life of the Church.

Are you actively involved to the best of your ability in Parish life and practice stewardship of time, talent and treasure? And do you plan to remain an active and involved Catholic? Yes _____ No _____

Parents are the first and best teachers of the faith to their children. Parents do this by living Christian lives, through daily prayer, in active participation in parish celebrations, and by ensuring their children continue their lifelong faith formation.

Will you pass on the Catholic faith to your child as she/he grows by bringing them to Mass each Sunday, attending faith formation sessions and continuing Sacramental preparation?

Yes _____ No _____

Father's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mother's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Child's Full Name: _____