

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church Baptism Preparation

Dear Parishioners:

The staff of St. Mark the Evangelist congratulates you on your new family addition and welcomes you to our Baptism preparation. We encourage you to complete the necessary steps before the birth or adoption of your child. To begin the process, please follow the instructions listed below:

- ❖ Complete as much information as possible on the attached Baptism Information form and return it to Donna Scalia before scheduling your interview or attending the class.
- ❖ A copy of your child's birth certificate must be submitted prior to the baptism.
- ❖ An interview for both parents is held in the Pastoral office on designated Sundays and is scheduled by appointment only (see Baptism Calendar). Call Donna Scalia to set up an appointment.
- ❖ Class for parents and godparents is held once per month on Sunday from 12:00 – 2:00 PM and does not require pre-registration. The class is held in Shalom in the Community Center Building. Call Donna for dates.
- ❖ **Godparent** minimum requirements by **Canon Law (874 & 893)** must be at least 16 years of age, must have documentation for the validity of receiving Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken. If they are married, they must have documentation for the sacrament of marriage performed in the Catholic Church.
 - ❖ The Baptism Mass is limited to four children per scheduled Mass times listed on the baptism ministry calendar (on back of this sheet).
 - ❖ The Baptismal Rite is a ceremony complete with scripture readings and hymns.
 - ❖ Childcare will be provided during the Baptism Class on a reservation basis only. Please call 494-7434, ext. 325 1 week in advance to schedule.

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