

✠ ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

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Dear Parents,

Congratulations on the newest addition to your family, a true gift from God. We rejoice with you in deciding to present your child for baptism into our parish community.

Because baptism is the first sacrament that initiates us into the Church, we believe that spending quality time reflecting on our own faith experience, our relationship with God, and how this child will share that experience, is a valuable investment for both the present and the future. This is the reason for our three Baptism Preparation Sessions. Since you have decided to have your child baptized, you are taking on a responsibility to share your faith with your child, just as you share every other aspect of your lives. You need to be strongly committed to practicing your faith, growing in the knowledge of your faith, and deepening your own prayer life and that of your family. Without such a commitment, the baptism of your child will be simply a special day with a party rather than the beginning of a life-long journey of faith.

You look forward to the years ahead as your child grows and matures. Your efforts now and throughout your child's life will help your child grow in love and knowledge of God. As you teach your child to pray, you will deepen your own prayer life; as you teach your child to appreciate the Mass and the Sacraments of the Church, your own appreciation will increase. You cannot teach what you do not know, you cannot give what you yourself don't have.

Attached to this letter is a checklist of Church requirements for baptism and a registration form. Please read the checklist carefully before filling out the form. The date of your child's baptism will be scheduled AFTER you have completed the three preparation sessions and all the required documents and interviews have been completed.

Our Parish Staff looks forward to assisting you in sharing our faith with your child. Again, congratulations and God bless you.

In Christ,
Thomas L. Gross
(Rev.) Thomas L. Gross
Pastor

BAPTISM REQUIREMENTS

For Parents:

- A. Parents must be registered or reside within the parish boundaries. parents who do not live within the boundaries of the parish but choose to register at St. John Vianney will be asked to wait for three months after registration until a baptism is celebrated. Parents should be actively participating in the parish community.
- B. Parents from another parish who wish to have a child baptized at St. John Vianney will need to request a letter of permission from the pastor of the parish of which they are a member.
- C. Parents who have not been married in the Catholic Church or who are not married at all will be asked to have an interview with the pastor before the baptism is scheduled to discuss the possibilities of having a Church marriage.
- D. Parents must attend the three Baptism Preparation Sessions and complete all requirements **BEFORE** the baptism will be scheduled. The Baptism Preparation Sessions are offered the first three Mondays in February, April, June, September, November at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center Library (except when a holiday falls on a Monday).
- E. Parents are asked to fill out the **FRONT** of the attached registration form and attach a copy of the child's Birth Certificate or Hospital Birth Record (we can make a copy of the original for you if you bring it to the first class).

For Godparents:

- A. It is the responsibility of the parents to choose godparents who are suitable role models in the Catholic Faith. Only **ONE** godparent is required. That godparent must be a practicing Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. If two godparents are desired, one must be a man and one a woman. Members of other recognized Christian traditions may be Christian witnesses to the baptism, but may not be godparents.
- B. Godparents are welcomed and encouraged to attend the three Baptism Preparation Sessions but are **NOT REQUIRED** to do so.
- C. Godparents will be asked to sign a form stating that they have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation and that they are actively practicing their Catholic Faith.

For the Baptism:

- A. Sunday is the Lord's Day and, respecting that tradition, the Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated on Sunday. During Lent, the Church asks us to refrain from celebrating baptisms (except in an emergency). This is so that we can focus on those adults in our community who are preparing for baptism at Easter.
- B. At St. John Vianney, we celebrate baptisms during the Sunday (and Saturday evening) Masses and also at 12:15 on Sunday afternoon. The Parish Staff member who will work with you in scheduling your child's baptism will help you discern the best date and situation for you and your family. Scheduled parish functions and celebrations will also have to be considered.
- C. Please make every effort to arrive at least 15 minutes before the scheduled time of the baptism and let the priest or deacon know that you are present.
- D. For baptisms that take place during Mass pews will be reserved for the family. Please look for the RESERVE signs. Photography during Mass should be kept to a minimum and should only be WITHOUT flash.

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BAPTISM INFORMATION

(Please print all requested information)

Name of Candidate for Baptism:

First Middle Last

Gender: M F Date of Birth: _____ Place: _____

Father's Name: _____

First M.I. Last

Mother's Name: _____

First M.I. Maiden

Home Address: _____

City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Father's Work Phone: _____
Mother's Work Phone: _____

Practicing Catholics? Father: YES NO Mother: YES NO

Registered at SJV? YES NO Attend Mass where? _____

Church of Marriage: _____ State: _____

GODPARENTS

Godfather's Name: _____

First M.I. Last

Practicing Catholic who has received Baptism, Confirmation, & Eucharist? YES NO

Godmother's Name: _____

First M.I. Last

Practicing Catholic who has received Baptism, Confirmation, & Eucharist? YES NO

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Class Attendance:

Date	Leader Initials	
1. _____	_____	Date of Baptism: _____
2. _____	_____	Time: _____
3. _____	_____	Minister: _____

_____ Appointment needed with Pastor Completed on: _____

_____ Permission needed Obtained on: _____

Baptism celebrated on: _____ by: _____
Recorded on: _____ by _____ # _____

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Baptism Godparent Form

I will be a Godparent for the baptism of _____

Godparent's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parish _____ City _____

I have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation in the Roman Catholic Church and I am actively practicing my Catholic faith in my parish. I realize the responsibilities of a godparent for baptism and I am willing to accept these responsibilities.

Signature of Godparent

Date: _____