

# INFANT & CHILDREN BAPTISM

*Congratulations*, on bringing a new member into the church faith community.

## **PARENT REQUIREMENTS**

*At least one parent is required to be a registered, practicing, Roman Catholic parishioner, contributing financial to St. Matthew Parish for approximately 3 months*, or provide a current letter of transfer to St. Matthew from their previous parish. **Parents should have a sacramental Roman Catholic church marriage, if not, pastoral clearance is required. A copy of the birth certificate of your child(ren) is required to verify legal custody.**

## **PREPARATION PROGRAM**

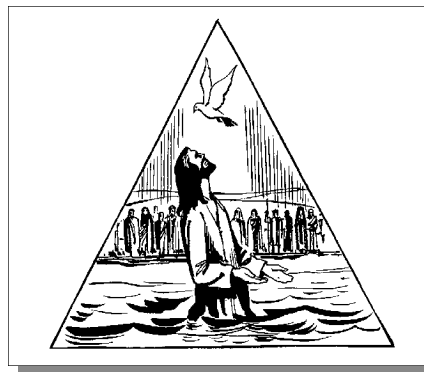
A Baptismal class is offered once a month to explain sacramental responsibilities. **At least one Parent and both Catholic Sponsors need to attend.** If the parents have a baptismal class letter dated within the last 3 years, they are not required to take the class. Registration is required for a baptism.

## **WHO CAN BE A SPONSOR/GODPARENT?**

*Each child may have only 1 or 2 sponsors.*

**Each Roman Catholic Sponsor “MUST” meet the requirements below:**

- ⇒ Be 16 years of age or older.
- ⇒ Be a fully initiated practicing Roman Catholic, having received the sacraments of **Baptism, Eucharist, & Confirmation.**
- ⇒ Attend a Baptismal class at St. Matthew, or another Catholic church (within 3 years), & return the sponsor eligibility form/baptism class completion from their parish.
- ⇒ *The sponsor requirements must be completed to schedule a baptism date.*



...Baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

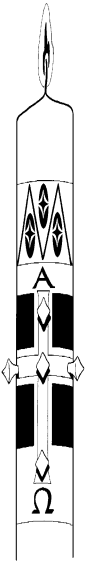
## **TIMES AND DATES**

Parents may schedule a baptism, from available dates, after all requirements have been met. *Baptisms are celebrated once a month on Sundays.*

## **COST/DONATION**

**Baptismal Donation is \$35 for 1st child & \$15 for each additional, payable at time of scheduling baptism date.**

The donation covers: preparation paperwork, baptism class, baptismal candle, dalmatic stole/garment, certificate, recording of the sacrament, and priest stipend. Discounts given for families baptizing multiple children. No one is refused for financial reasons.



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