

St. Paul Parish

Preparing for Your Child's Baptism

- 1) Baptism Parents must be registered parishioners
- 2) Attend a Baptism Preparation Session
 - a. Call Mary Kral for exact dates and times and to register
- 3) Choose your Godparents
 - a. At least one person, selected by parents, must meet the following qualifications:
 - i. Baptized and Confirmed in the Catholic Church
 - ii. Practices their faith including regular Mass attendance
 - b. In addition to at least one Catholic Godparent, a "Christian witness" – (a non-Catholic Christian) may be chosen.
 - c. The two Godparents chosen must be of opposite gender
- 4) Choose your Baptism date
 - a. Baptisms are offered at any Saturday/Sunday Mass during Ordinary Time or the Easter & Christmas Season. Baptisms are not performed during Lent.
 - b. No more than two baptisms are allowed during each Mass, due to time restrictions
 - c. To check the availability of a date, call or e-mail Mary Kral
- 5) Fee
 - a. We ask all our families to pay a small \$10 fee for the Baptism. This fee covers the cost of the class materials, candle, and Baptismal certificate.
 - b. It is not necessary to offer any further stipend to the priest or staff.
 - c. If paying this fee creates any issues for your family, please contact us.
 - d. Please make sure you put "Baptism" in the memo line of your check and make it out to: St. Paul Parish. You can mail it to:
St. Paul Parish
Baptism
P.O. Box 95
Genesee Depot, WI 53127
- 6) Preparing for the big day
 - a. Invite family and friends to celebrate this special day in your child's life
 - b. Read through the liturgy guide which will walk you through the liturgy
 - c. Dress your child in white. He/she does not need to be dressed in a formal, or expensive baptismal gown, but they should be dressed in a white outfit.
 - d. When to arrive at the Church:
 - i. If Baptism is during Mass, arrive 30 minutes early and check in with the priest (Fr. Chuck or Fr. Ralph or Fr. Dick)
 - ii. If the Baptism is taking place after Mass, please attend the Mass and meet directly after Mass ends – you do not need to arrive early
 - e. Please bring a towel or absorbent blanket to dry your child's head after the baptism. Only the very top of his/her head will get wet.

Questions? Contact Me!

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