

## When are Baptisms Celebrated?

Baptisms are offered one weekend per month, usually at 1:30pm, and can be arranged by contacting the Rectory Office. Scheduling is done through the Rectory Office, although **no date will be set until completion of the catechesis.**



### A Baptismal Prayer

We give you thanks, O God, for the holy sacraments of your church by which You visit us and redeem us and make us better than we really are. May this time of prayer remind us of our own baptisms, and of our sacred relationship with You, initiated and maintained by Your love. Secure and strengthen us in the sure and certain knowledge we are always Your beloved children, marked with the seal of Your Holy Spirit.

For this and all Your many blessings, we are grateful, O God. Amen.



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## Baptismal Policy



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## Requirements for the Celebration of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism can be celebrated for **Registered Parishioners at St. Louis Parish**. For families who have relocated, a letter must be obtained from the former parish indicating the family was indeed registered and active.

Parents must also receive religious instruction, “*Catechesis*”, from the Church concerning the various responsibilities of Catholic parenting. We offer this instruction once a month and both parents are required to attend. Please call the Rectory Office at 882-4362 to register. ***Initial registration is mandatory.***

Baptismal dates are scheduled only after the “Catechesis” is completed. Please call the Rectory Office to book the baptismal date.



*There is no fee for Sacraments, however, a suggested donation of \$25 would be very greatly appreciated.*

## Parental Responsibilities

By Church requirement, parents must give their assurance that the child will be given a Catholic upbringing. The responsibility of raising the child in the ways of the faithful begins immediately with Baptism and extends to adulthood. If parents are not able to make this commitment, they should delay the celebration of Baptism until they are prepared to undertake these responsibilities.



*Please feel free to contact the Rectory Office for further information or clarifications.*

## Choosing Godparents

Godparents are chosen by the birth parents to assist them in their Christian parenting and should, therefore, be models of the Catholic Faith and examples of Christian practice.

The Church does not require two godparents. When there are two, however, there is only one godmother and one godfather. Only one of the godparents needs to be Catholic. The other must, however, be active in faith. The Catholic godparent(s) need to have been confirmed and be practicing members of their parish. If godparents are chosen who are not members of St. Louis parish, we require that each godparent obtain a letter from their pastor stating that they are members in good standing.

**Please note:** Godparent sponsor forms must be received by the Rectory Office **at least one week** prior to the scheduled baptism.