

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Catholic Church requires Baptism, first before any other Sacrament. It removes us from Original Sin. We become a Child of God. The Sacrament of Baptism is necessary for Salvation. The Sacrament of Baptism enriches us with Blessings.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated one weekend a month each at Holy Cross Church and Our Mother of Sorrows Church. You must be or become a registered Parishioner of either Holy Cross and/or Our Mother of Sorrows Parish. If this is your first child with either Parish, you will be required to take a Pre-Baptism Class. The class should be a month prior to the Baptism Day.

The Role of a Parent

You will play an important role in your child's Baptism. You will ask for Baptism on the behalf of your child. You will be responsible for raising your child in the Catholic Faith.

The Role of a Godparent

To be a sponsor, one or two must be a Catholic who has confirmed and has received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in a harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.

A Sponsor is one who desires to believe all that the Catholic Church professes teaches; one who truly tries to incorporate these teachings in their daily life. A Sponsor should participate regularly in Sunday Mass and give witness to their faith in Christ Jesus by receiving Him in Holy Communion.

If a family chooses the other Sponsor to be a Christian Witness, that person must be baptized and living a life of Faith.

Forms Required for Baptism

You will find either the Holy Cross Church Registration or the Our Mother of Sorrows Church Registration.

You will find the Godparent Form that is required for your child's Baptism.

If you one or two of the godparents are fully initiated into the Catholic Faith, they will need to have their Parish Pastor sign the form and then return to the Baptismal Coordinator at least two weeks prior to the child's Baptism.

Arrangements should be made at least two months prior. For more information , please contact Donna Petrella at (585) 663-5432 ext. 104 or email at donna.petrella@dor.org.