

God's blessings to you in the weeks ahead. If we can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact one of us at the rectory.

Sincerely,  
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# Baptism



Dear Friends,

Congratulations and welcome as you prepare for the baptism of your child. We look forward to the baptism of your child here at St. Ann's Church. It is a privilege for us to assist you in making the baptismal day one filled with meaning, prayerfulness and happiness. May God, the source of everything, fill your heart with every blessing.

## Preparation for Baptism:

### Two Essential Steps:

**Step 1.** Meet with priest, fill out the Baptism Intake Form and submit a copy of the Birth Certificate of the baby.

**Step 2.** Attend Pre-Baptismal instruction (documented).

The Baptism of \_\_\_\_\_

Is scheduled on \_\_\_\_\_

The Baptism instruction date is \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please bring required documents, if applicable as follows:
  - a. Copy of Birth Certificate
  - b. Letter of permission from your parish, if you are not a parishioner at St. Ann's
  - c. Sponsor Certificate for godparents, when necessary
2. Select a godparent; at least one Catholic godparent is necessary.
  - a. A godparent is a Catholic who is in good standing with the Church, practices the faith and has been baptized and confirmed. If married, he/she should be married in the Church.
  - b. A person from another faith/religion may not serve as a godparent. However, when there are two godparents (one of them a Catholic), a person from another Christian faith may serve as a Christian-Witness to the baptism.
3. Please attend Pre-Baptismal instruction which is held every first Sunday at 2:15pm in the Church. (Step 2.)
4. For your convenience, an envelope for your Baptism donation is provided.
5. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated as follows:
  - a. Sundays at 2:30pm, except the first Sunday of the month.
  - b. No baptisms are scheduled on certain Holy Days.
6. Each year we celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the newly baptized children and their families. This takes place in the Spring and the date is published in the parish bulletin.
7. We also celebrate a Mass for Pre-School age children and their families. This takes place in the Fall and the date is published in the bulletin.