

# YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM



IN THE PARISHES OF  
ST. MATTHEW &  
ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX



# CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS!



God has given your family such a beautiful and amazing gift!



We are excited to welcome your child into God's family through the sacrament of Baptism.



The family is the central component of society where love is taught, and life is lived and cherished.

It is the place where children first learn about God, faith, and prayer.

Just like Mary & Joseph with Jesus, we strive to model moral and spiritual values for our children and nurture a loving friendship with God.

We are honored to walk with you and guide you in this lifelong journey.



# STEPS TO BAPTISM IN OUR PARISHES



**If this is your first child being baptized Catholic . . .**

## **Step One: Request the Sacrament**

The first step in the process is to make a formal request for the Sacrament of Baptism for your child. This can be done on the baptism page of our parish website or by visiting the parish office to fill out the request form. Once the completed form is received, you'll receive a welcome email with godparent forms, further information, and directions for completion of remaining steps.

## **Step 2: Complete Online Parent Course**

The preparation of baptism for a family's first child requires both parents to complete our online Baptism certification, *Belonging: Baptism in the Family of God*. This six-segment program is designed to provide you with an incredible encounter with Jesus and His Church, preparing you for the baptism of your child and sharing tools for raising children in the Faith. The course is self-paced so you can complete within your family's schedule and you will receive a certificate of completion for your files.

## **Step 3: Attend a Follow up Session**

Once you have completed the online course, both parents should sign up for an in-person follow up session found on the baptism page of our parish website. This 60-minute session provides parents time of deeper, personal reflection on the meaning of baptism, the Rite, and the role of parents and godparents as well as time to ask questions. These sessions are offered twice a month: St. Matthew ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of month @6:30p  
St. Thérèse ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of month @6:30p

*\*Families should bring the online course certificate of completion to this session.*

## **Step 4: Schedule Baptism**

At the end of the follow up session, you are able to schedule your baptism with our pastor. At time of scheduling, you should also present any completed forms or certificates (godparent forms, parish registration, etc) for processing.

**If this is not your first child being baptized Catholic . . .**

Complete step one above. We will then reach out to you with further information and directions for next steps.

# LET'S CONTINUE THIS WONDERFUL JOURNEY TOGETHER

The Lifelong Faith Formation Program  
has many tools and opportunities to  
develop and deepen your family's  
relationship with God . . .



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