

St. Pius X Baptism Policies

Scheduling a Baptism

- ◆ The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated every Sunday following the 10:30 am Mass.
- ◆ Our celebrants of the Sacrament are scheduled on a rotating basis.
- ◆ There may be more than one family scheduled for a Baptism per date. There is no guarantee of a private baptism.
- First time parents must attend a Baptismal Seminar in preparation for the celebration of their child's Baptism. Ideally, it's best to attend a seminar before the you've chosen godparents. Seminars are offered at least once a month. Please call the church office for dates. Dates will also be posted in the church bulletin.
- ◆ **Before** we can schedule a baptism, a seminar must be attended (if needed) and **all forms** must be completed with signatures and returned, along with a copy of your child's birth certificate, to Ann Schlater, via hard copy or email aschlater@stpiusxnola.org at least four weeks prior to the goal date.

Godparents

BEFORE asking someone to be a Godparent, please make sure they meet the following criteria:

- ◆ The Godparent must be a Catholic in good standing with the Church who has been Confirmed and regularly practices his/her Catholic faith.
- ◆ The Godparent must be at least sixteen years of age.
- ◆ If married, the Godparent must be in a marriage recognized as valid by the Catholic Church. Person may not be cohabiting or living together without marriage.
- ◆ If two Godparents are chosen, they must be one male and one female.
- ◆ A person baptized in another Christian community may serve as a "Christian witness" (not a Godparent) provided there is at least one Roman Catholic Godparent who fulfills the Godparent criteria.
- ◆ Godparents must attend a baptism seminar at St. Pius X or at their home parish if they have not previously attended one.

Non-Parishioner

- ◆ If you are not a **registered** parishioner of St. Pius X, you will need a letter of permission from your home parish to have your child baptized here. If you are not registered anywhere, the permission must be obtained from the church parish whose boundaries you live within. Please call your parish as soon as you schedule your baptism to give them time to send you the letter.
- ◆ If you would like to become a member of St. Pius X parish, you can find the registration form on our website www.parish.stpiusxnola.org