

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

BAPTISM POLICIES

1. Infant Baptisms are celebrated for children under the age of 7 for parishioners of St. Michael's Catholic Church.
2. Baptisms are celebrated on a monthly basis upon completion of the required preparation class for the parents and Godparents.
3. A copy of the birth certificate must be presented in order for the baptism to be recorded.
4. If taking a class in another Catholic Church, a letter from the other church signed by the Pastor must be presented to St. Michael's stating that a class was completed at their Church before a Baptism can be scheduled.
5. All paperwork must be completely filled out and returned to the Church Office before a baptism will be scheduled.
6. At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic and
7. at least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic. This means they must be baptized Catholics, attend Mass weekly, be at least 16 years of age, be confirmed in the Catholic Church, and if married, the marriage must have taken place in a Catholic Church or be validated in the Catholic Church. A non-Catholic is considered a witness to the baptism and not a Godparent.
8. All the paperwork from the Godparents must be completely filled out. This is the responsibility of the parents to make sure this paperwork is complete before a Baptism can be scheduled.
9. All the materials given to the parents and Godparents must be covered prior to attending a Baptism class. Materials are to be picked up in the Church Office and completed BEFORE a Baptism class.
10. If it has been more than 3 years since taking the baptism class, the class must be taken again.
11. There will be no fee for registered St. Michael's parishioners. Must be registered at least 3 months prior to taking a Baptism class.
12. If a non-parishioner will be attending a Baptism class at St. Michael's, a facility use fee of \$100 will be requested, and a permission letter from your pastor is required to attend the class.
13. If a non-parishioner's child will be receiving Baptism at St. Michael's, a permission letter from your pastor is required allowing St Michael's to Baptize the child.
14. Call the parish office @979-297-3041 as early as possible during a pregnancy to pre-register for the Baptism class. Baptism will be set upon completion of the required Baptism class.
15. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please check the bulletin for scheduled Baptism classes. Pre-registration is required.