

Preparing for Baptism

Baptism Preparation Class is **required** for both parents and godparents. Holy Family of Nazareth offers this class on the second Saturday in January, March, May, July, September and November. The class is held from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Gonzales Room. **If these dates are not convenient**, the class can be taken at the Catholic church of your choice.

Register and pay for baptism formation class: Parents/legal guardians and godparents should register on our website: <https://holyfamilychurch.net/baptism>. Parents and godparents should register on separate forms. The class fee is \$25 for parents and \$25 for godparents. Payment may be made through the registration form, on our website at <https://holyfamilychurch.net/online-giving> or in-person at the Church Office.

1. Parents Must Provide:

- A copy of the child's long-form birth certificate
- Proof of a Baptism Preparation Class within last 3 years
- A letter of permission from your home parish to have your child baptized here is required, unless you are a registered member of Holy Family of Nazareth (i.e., we can find your name in our database).

2. Select Godparents. Only one Godparent is required, but two are allowed. If there are two, one must be male and one female. They must be over the age of 16.

Godparents Must Provide:

- Proof that they are fully initiated into the Church. This means they have received Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. This is a copy of your sacramental records.
- Proof they are active, practicing Catholics in good standing. This means that they receive the Sacraments with frequency and will be a good role model/mentor for your child in the Catholic faith. Proof is typically a letter from the church they are registered with and attend Mass, stating that they are practicing Catholics in good standing, qualified to be Godparents.
- If married, *proof of marriage in the Catholic Church*.
- If the godparent is single, he/she is not living with someone outside of marriage.
- Proof of a Baptism Preparation Class within last 3 years.

3. Select a date and time for the baptism from our schedule. **All documents must be on file with the office before a baptism date can be chosen.**

4. **We finalize the baptism schedule one month before the baptism weekend.**

5. Day of Baptism

- Arrive 1/2 hour before Mass; check in with the ushers to be seated
- Bring Camera (no flash photography allowed during Mass and please remain close to your seat to take photos so the Mass is not interrupted)

Required documents can be sent ATTN: Baptism Coordinator

baptism@holyfamilychurch.net or call the office 972-252-5521