

St. Anne's Parish
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BAPTISM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To register for Baptism, we offer in-person registrations at the Parish Office and after a weekend Mass.

Requirements and documents needed to register your son or daughter for the Sacrament of Baptism

- Qualifying age for Baptism: 0 – 6 years old. *Seven years old and older must enroll in Religious Education with Deacon Goyo Echeveste (catechism)*
- **ONLY the parents of a child may register or a full legal guardian** (Full custody documents are required if you are a legal guardian. **PARENTS CANNOT BE THE GODPARENTS OF THEIR OWN CHILD.**

DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO REGISTER:

- Please bring your child's original **Birth Certificate** (A legal document given by the county, NOT the hospital's paperwork)
- Please bring the godparent's **Confirmation Certificates**. If they do not have them, they can request them at the parish where they received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Godparents **MUST** be practicing Catholics, must have received (*not in the process*) the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion
- If the Godparents are married, they must be married by the Catholic Church. If this is the case, please bring the Godparents **Marriage Certificate FROM THE CHURCH**. This applies even if you choose a Godmother and a Godfather that are not married with each other, but they are married to someone else. If this is the case, please bring both **Marriage Certificates FROM THE CHURCH** from the Godmother and Godfather.
- Only a **man and a woman** qualify as godparents. If a godparent is cohabiting with someone as husband or wife, without having received the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church, they cannot serve as Godparents. **Please note** that being married by court does not mean you have God's blessing in a marriage.
- \$30 Registration Donation.

Due to availability, Baptism dates are given the day of registration

How to register:

- A) You can register in person after a weekend Masses. Please check our website for Mass times at www.stannesparish.com
- B) Only if you live out of state and would like to Baptize at our Parish, we can arrange a Zoom appointment. Please contact our Parish Secretary during normal office hours. (559) 784-2800.
- C) By visiting the Parish Office during normal hours Monday – Friday: 1 PM to 6 PM.