

## **St. Paul Catholic Parish Preparing for Your Child's Baptism**

- 1) Baptism Parents must be registered parishioners
- 2) Attend a Baptism Preparation Session (Zoom) if this is your first child
  - a. Call Mary Kral to schedule this time
- 3) Choose your Godparents
  - a. At least one person, selected by parents, must meet the following qualifications:
    - i. Baptized and Confirmed in the Catholic Church, at least age 16
    - ii. Practices their faith including regular Mass attendance.
  - b. In addition to at least one Catholic Godparent, a "Christian witness" – (a non-Catholic Christian) may be chosen.
  - c. The two Godparents chosen are to be of opposite gender
- 4) Choose your Baptism date
  - a. Baptisms are offered on Sundays, celebrated by Deacon Joe Senglaub.
  - b. To schedule the date, call or e-mail Mary Kral.
- 5) Preparing for the big day
  - a. Invite family and friends to celebrate this special day in your child's life
  - b. Read through the liturgy guide which will walk you through the Rite of Baptism (sent in an email the week before Baptism)
  - c. Dress your child in white. He/she does not need to be dressed in a formal, or expensive baptismal gown, have them in something white to symbolize purity.
  - d. When to arrive at the Church:  
If the Baptism is taking place at St Bruno after 10:30 Mass, please attend the Mass and let the Deacon know beforehand that you are there. Please wait a few minutes in the pews after mass until the Deacon has finished meeting with any parishioners. If the Baptism is taking place at St Paul at noon, please arrive about 15 minutes before and enter through the WEST church entrance.
  - e. There is a \$10 fee to cover the cost of the candle and Baptismal certificate. Send to the office by mail (St Paul's, PO Box 95, Genesee Depot WI 53127) or in the collection basket clearly marked BAPTISM in the memo line. If paying this fee creates any issue, please let us know.

Questions? Contact me. Our parish family is so happy to celebrate the Baptism of your child! We are glad to have you and your child BELONG to our faith community. It is our privilege to walk with you, to share what we BELIEVE, and to be on this journey together so that your family can BECOME the beautiful people God created you to be!

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