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Guidelines for the reception for infant baptism 2011

1. Infants should be baptized soon after birth, but sufficient time is necessary for the proper instruction.
2. Children who are seven years [7] or older must receive instruction [religious education-CCD] in the Church before being baptized.
3. The ordinary place for baptism is in the parish Church of the parents.
4. One of the parents or a legal guardian must request baptism.
5. There must be founded hope that the child baptized will be brought up in the Catholic religion.
6. Godparents must have received Baptism, the Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, should be at least 16 years of age, and should be practicing Catholics who are able to give the example of a good Catholic life. There are normally to be two Godparents- one man one woman. If they are married they must be married in the Church.
7. A baptized non-Catholic may not be a Godparent but may be an official witness to the baptism, as long as there is one Catholic Godparent who is in good grace with the Church. [see #6]
8. Baptism is not to be conferred until parents* and godparents* have attended pre-baptismal instruction [dates & times are on the back of this sheet]. The responsibilities of parents and godparents are to be reviewed, as well as preparation for the Celebration of the rite of Baptism.
A-This is an adult class only-please leave children at home.
B- The Pre-Baptismal Class begins at 7:00pm and ends at 9:30pm-If you cannot stay for the duration of the class we can reschedule the class & baptism to a time that fits your needs.

After carefully viewing the above information & selecting church approved godparents, a parent or guardian should come into the parish office at least one month prior to the date of the scheduled baptism date to register their child for baptism**.

Things to Bring: The Child's certified birth certificate & the Godparents names.

There is no charge for baptism, however we do accept donations the day of the Baptism.

* if a parent/godparent lives out of town, they can receive pre-baptismal instructions from the Church they attend and send us proof of completion before the actual baptism takes place.

**it is the parents responsibility to make sure the child's registration is complete, any missing information or pre-baptismal class nonattendance WILL put the baptism on HOLD until everything is completed.