



St. Michael Catholic Church

St. Michael Catholic Church Baptism Policy and Procedures

March 19, 2018

Baptisms at St. Michael Catholic Church are held three times a month, usually on the first and third Sundays following the 10:30 a.m. Mass and the second weekend of the month during all Masses. During Lent, we do not celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism during the Sunday Masses. Parents requesting the Sacrament of Baptism for their child(ren) should be registered members of St. Michael and are required to attend a baptism class prior to the baptism date.

Baptism Class

A baptism class is required for parents who want to have their first child baptized or for anyone who has not already completed a basic preparation program at another parish. Baptism classes are offered on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Godparents are welcome to attend.

2018 Baptism Schedule

After 10:30 Mass

| | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| January 7 | June 3 | |
| January 21 | June 17 | October 7 |
| February 4 | July 1 | October 21 |
| February 18 | July 15 | November 4 |
| March 4 | August 5 | November 18 |
| March 18 | August 19 | December 2 |
| April 15 | September 2 | December 16 |
| May 20 | September 16 | |

During Weekend Masses

| | |
|----------------|----------------|
| January 13-14 | July 7-8 |
| February 10-11 | August 11-12 |
| April 7-8 | September 8-9 |
| May 13 | November 10-11 |
| June 9-10 | December 8-9 |

When selecting Godparents for your child...

The one to be baptized is to be given a sponsor or godparents who together with the parents will help the baptized child to lead a Christian life in harmony with Baptism.

Church Law requires the following:

- One godparent is male and one is female
- At least one godparent must be a practicing Catholic;
- A godparent must be at least 16 years of age and confirmed in the Catholic Faith
- A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic church community may be admitted as a witness to Baptism, together with a Catholic sponsor.

Certificates

Parents are asked to present a copy of the child's birth certificate prior to the baptism. This helps us make sure we have all the names spelled correctly and all the other details we need for our records. If a child has been adopted, a copy of the adoption certificate should be presented prior to baptism.

Please call the Parish Office at 952-447-2491, to register for a Baptism Class or Baptism date.