



SAINT JOHN XXIII ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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We share the joy and blessings for God's gift of your child and we welcome them into our faith family.
Below are the guidelines for Baptisms.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

Option 1

Parents must be **registered and participating members** of Saint John XXIII for a period of at least 3 months (including Godparents) if they are new to our parish and within our jurisdiction.

NOTE: Parish Envelopes are issued for your offertory gift as proof of your participation in the Sunday Mass and/or Saturday Vigil Mass.

1. Provide a copy of your child's birth certificate.
2. Copy of the parents ID (example: Driver's License)
3. A single or divorced parent must also bring a notarized authorization from the other parent.
4. Godparents Sponsor Certificate and/or Letter.

(Registration for baptism will not be accepted until we receive the birth certificate, all required documents and donation).

- ****Typical Donation \$100 for Community Baptism**
- ****Typical donation \$300 for Private Baptism based on approval.**

Option 2

Parents **NOT registered or participating members** of Saint John XXIII, that do not desire to be registered at our parish but live within our jurisdiction. **OR**

Those who come from another parish, must bring a permission letter from their church along with all other required documents.

1. Provide a copy of your child's birth certificate.
2. Copy of the parents ID (example: Driver's License)
3. A single or divorced parent must also bring a notarized authorization from the other parent.
4. Godparents Sponsor Certificate and/or Letter.

(Registration for baptism will not be accepted until we receive the birth certificate, all required documents and donation).

- ****Typical Donation \$200 for Community Baptism**

GODPARENT REQUIREMENTS:

- You may have *one or two* Godparents; if two are chosen, it must be a female and a male.
- Godparents must be practicing Roman Catholic and be at least 16 years of age (they must be Baptized Catholic and Confirmed and not in an irregular union - meaning cannot be married civilly).
- Godparents must obtain a Certified Sponsor Certificate or Letter from their Parish. If they are within Saint John XXIII jurisdiction, they must be registered and participating at the parish at least 3 months, in order to verify their sacraments.
- A person of another denomination cannot be a Godparent. In case of an emergency a person of another Christian denomination can only be a Christian witness and have been baptized and practice their faith; however, there must be a Catholic Godparent meeting the requirements in order to baptize a child.

BAPTISMAL CLASS:

- Parents and Godparents must attend a Baptismal Catechesis Class. This class will be scheduled after you have been assigned a date for the Baptism and all necessary forms are on file and donation payment received in the Parish Office. *Currently Baptism Classes are being offered virtually via Zoom but they will commence in person as of May 1st till further notice.*
- *There is a \$25 donation for each person not registered at St. John XXIII who wish to take the class in fulfillment of the requirement.*
- *A certificate of attendance can be presented if the class is taken at any other Catholic Church within a year's time.*

DATE AND TIME OF BAPTISMS:

- Baptisms are scheduled and confirmed with the Deacon through the Parish Office based on date and time availability; *Currently all Baptisms are private due to Covid 19.*
- The Priest or the Deacon is not responsible for the cancellation of the Baptism if you are late more than 10 minutes.
- ~~Private Baptism may be arranged with the permission of the Pastor.~~

****TYPICAL DONATIONS:**

- We typically receive a donation of \$100 or more from our registered parishioners at our Parish. Non registered or participating guests the typical donation is \$200; see Parish Secretary for any concerns. Note: currently all Baptism are private due to Covid 19.
- ~~A Private Baptism also is typically a donation of \$300 based on the above general requirements.~~ *Currently not applicable.*

PLEASE NOTE:

- **Birth Certificate and all required documents must be presented at time of registration. Registrations are only accepted by the Parish Secretary, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or by appointment on those days.** If you cannot make it on the day of the Baptism, please notify the parish office immediately.
- **Yes, you can take pictures.** This is an important day and should be recorded in your family albums. But please keep in mind due to many activities scheduled in the Church; *photography is allotted five minutes following the ceremony.*