

## SAINT WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parents,

On behalf of Saint William Catholic Church I welcome you to this great celebration of our faith namely, the Sacrament of Baptism. You come and ask the Church, the community of believers, to have your child baptized in the Catholic faith. It is in this moment that your child becomes a child of God.

You bring your child to present him or her to God, asking God for the gift of salvation and eternal life.

This act of entrusting your child to God is at the same time a statement of your own faith in the Lord. As you profess and renew your faith in God, you acknowledge your responsibility as parents to be the best example of faith for your child.

It is with this conviction and hope that the Church baptizes your child in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

May the new life that God gives your child and at the same time entrusts him or her to your parental care, bring fruit of good Christian living that is filled with joy, peace and love that only Christ can give us.

We look forward to celebrating with you soon the baptism of your child and to give thanks to God for the gift of life, physical and spiritual, that God entrusted in your hands.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Andrew Knop, omi

Pastor

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### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To help you prepare for the baptism of your child/children, you are asked to complete:

- ✓ Baptism Registration Form
- ✓ Baptism Godparent Eligibility Form

After **all the forms** are completed please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment with a priest or deacon to review the baptismal forms.

**The dates** for the baptism instructions and baptism will be scheduled **only** after all completed forms and required documents are returned and reviewed by a priest or deacon.

To be admitted to the role of **Godparent/Sponsor**, a person must:

- ✓ Be a **Catholic** who has received the sacraments of **Baptism, Holy Communion** and **Confirmation**
- ✓ Have completed their **16<sup>th</sup> year of age**
- ✓ Lead a life in harmony with the Catholic faith
- ✓ Be designated by the parents of the child
- ✓ Not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized

It is permissible to have **only one Godparent** (a Catholic) as a sponsor for the baptism. If two Godparents are chosen, one of each sex must be employed.

**A Christian Witness** - a Christian who was baptized in a non-Catholic Church may be admitted as a witness to baptism together with a Catholic Godparent.

**Civil Record of Birth:** Parents who are **not married** are required to present a copy of the Civil Record of Birth to establish parental responsibility which will be retained by the rectory.

The suggested baptismal offering to the Saint William's Church is **\$50.00**.

If a **private Baptism** is requested, the date, time and celebrant will be determined by the pastor.

If you have any further questions, please call the Parish Office: **Monday thru Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm**

**THE BAPTISM DATE WILL NOT BE FINALIZED UNTIL ALL THE REQUIRED FORMS AND DOCUMENTS ARE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE PARISH OFFICE AND REVIEWED BY A PRIEST OR DEACON**