

Guidelines for Baptism

- At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic and a member of St. Francis Xavier. Otherwise, we recommend that you have your child baptized at the church where you have your membership. Baptisms are held on the 4th Sunday of each month except during Lent, or, if a private baptism is scheduled with Father Ed., another priest or deacon, baptisms will take place during the 5:00 pm, 8:00 or 11:00 am Mass unless other arrangements are made.
- Baptism preparation classes are held on the Thursday before the 4th Sunday at St. Francis Xavier in the Office of Religious Education. However, this is not automatic. If no baptisms are scheduled, likewise, no preparation classes are held. Please contact me if another date is required for a private or alternate baptism date.
- A copy of the child(ren) to be baptized birth certificates are required.
- Godparent(s) must be at least 16, Catholic, and must be confirmed.
- Godparents are limited to 2 persons, one male and one female.
- Non-Catholics cannot serve as a godparent; however, they may serve as an official witness.
- If the godparents are not a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church BR, a letter from the pastor of their Catholic Church, stating that they are in good standing with the Church and are eligible to serve as a godparent is required. Additionally, if the godparents are out of town and cannot be present at the ceremony, proxies may stand in.
- There is a \$10.00 fee each for certificate, candle and white garment supplied by the church.