

BAPTISM CHECK-LIST FOR PARENTS



Member Requirements for Parents:

- Be a registered member of St. Peter Chanel for at least 3 months or
- Provide a letter from your former pastor or
- Provide a letter of permission from your current pastor if you are celebrating your child's baptism at St. Peter Chanel, but are parishioners elsewhere.

Parent Baptism Class:

- Attend a Parent Baptism Class at St. Peter Chanel or
- Have taken a Baptism Prep Class in the last three years. If class was at another parish, please furnish a letter and send it to the attention of Mary Crisanti in the Parish Office.

Permission to Baptize Elsewhere:

- We are happy to furnish a letter of permission for parishioners of St. Peter Chanel who wish to celebrate their child's baptism at another parish. We ask that you complete the Baptism Registration Form including the section for information pertaining to a Baptismal celebration at another parish.

Godparents:

If you desire to have two godparents, choose one male and one female in accordance with Canon Law.

- Of the two, only one Godparent must be an active, participating Catholic. He or she must be confirmed and at least 16 years of age.
- The other Godparent, if not Catholic, should be a participant of another Christian faith as he or she will be acting in the capacity of a Christian witness.
- Your Catholic Godparent, or Godparents if both are Catholic, must provide a Sponsor Certificate from the parish where they are members, signed by their pastor.
- The Sponsor Certificate can be faxed or emailed from the Godparents's parish to St. Peter Chanel. Emails should be directed to mcrisanti@stpeterchanel.org
- Fax should include name of child to be baptized.
- It is also acceptable to choose only one person to be a Godparent for your child; however, that one person must be an active, practicing Catholic and meet all the conditions mentioned above.

Stipend:

- A donation or gift is customarily given to the priest or deacon, who celebrates the Baptism, at the conclusion of the ceremony. Simply place your gift in an envelope and hand it to the priest or deacon directly.

Adoption:

- If your child was adopted, it is necessary to present the adoption decree, which includes the name of the court that entered the adoption order and the date of the order. A copy will be made.

Arrival Time:

- Please arrive at least 15 minutes early on the day of the Baptism in order to receive instructions for your participation in the ceremony. Look for the celebrant in the Narthex.

Should you have any questions about the guidelines, the completion of Baptism paperwork, Baptism Prep Class registration, or any other aspect pertaining to your child's Baptism, please contact Mary Crisanti in the Parish Office.

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