



St. Francis Xavier Parish

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Dear Parents,

You have requested the Sacrament of Baptism for your child to be celebrated here at St. Francis Xavier Parish. We offer our congratulations to you on the birth of your child, and we look forward to his/her baptism. The following are items that you need to know prior to the baptism...

1. At least one of the parents must be a practicing Catholic. This means that they attend Sunday Mass weekly and they are registered parishioners in the parish. If this is your first child, you will need to sign up for a Sacrament of Baptism Preparation class. If you have taken a Baptism Prep class elsewhere, please submit a letter from that parish stating you have attended their class.
2. If you are a parent from another parish, you must submit a letter from your pastor stating that you are members in good standing, and permission for the baptism must be given.
3. If a parent or parents have not been practicing their Catholic Faith but still request baptism, you must wait for a period of six months. During this time, you will be expected to attend Sunday Mass weekly, register as parishioners in the parish, and contribute to the work of the Church as best you can.
4. Canon Law requires only one Godparent. A godparent must be a practicing Catholic, registered in a parish, and must obtain a letter from his/her pastor stating that they are members in good standing. It is traditional to have two godparents; one must be male and the other female.
5. A non-Catholic can never be a godparent at a Catholic Baptism ceremony. However, a non-Catholic can serve as a Witness. But to do this, he/she must be a baptized Christian and be a practicing member of a Christian Church. A letter of verification of church membership will be required from their pastor.

Sincerely,

Rev Dennis Stilwell
Pastor

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Baptism Application Form

(please print clearly – also, be sure to contact the office to confirm the baptism date.)

Child's Name – First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ City/State of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Date Requested for Baptism: ____/____/____

Have you attended a Baptism Prep Class? Y / N If Yes, Date/Parish: _____

Has this child ever been Baptized? _____ If Yes, Where & When? _____

Parent's Marital Status? _____ Place of Marriage? _____

Father's Name – First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Religion/Denomination: _____ Phone#: _____

Full Address (if different than child): _____

Mother's Name – First: _____ Middle: _____ Maiden: _____

Religion/Denomination: _____ Phone#: _____

Full Address (if different than child): _____

Catholic Parish Where Parents are Registered: _____

Parent's Mass Participation: ___ Weekly ___ Twice/Month ___ Seldom ___ Never

Child's Siblings (Names & Ages): _____

Godparent Information:

Godfather's Name – First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Full Address: _____

Parish where he is Registered: _____

Godmother's Name – First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Full Address: _____

Parish where she is Registered: _____