

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church Baptism Guidelines

- Baptism classes are held monthly. The instruction consists of two classes which are held on the 3rd and 4th Wednesday of the month. The classes begin promptly at 6:30pm and are approximately 2 hours each. **EVERYONE MUST BE ON TIME FOR ALL THE CLASSES.**
- **These classes are for the parents and Godparents of the child. Both classes must be attended by parents and Godparents. We ask that you not bring your children to class so that you will not be distracted.**
- **Any class attendance questions need to be discussed with baptism class director.**
- **Ss. Cyril & Methodius baptism classes are good for 2 years after the date attended. If you need to baptize your child or be a Godparent after the two years, you will be required to take the classes again.**
- **If you have taken the classes within the last two years at another parish (and a certificate is provided), you are still required to attend SSCM class No. 2 (held on the fourth Wednesday of the month).**
- **A state issued vital statistics birth certificate is required to register your child for class attendance. A hospital issued certificate WILL NOT be accepted. In cases where there is guardianship/legal custody, or a single parent household, additional information may be needed in order to attend the classes.**
- **Parents need to register for the baptismal class at the parish office no later than 1 week before the start of the baptism class.**
- There is a \$10.00 fee for the baptism preparation class per child; this fee is paid when you register for the class.
- **Parents should be practicing Catholics who are presently registered at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish, and who are regularly participating in the Mass and the sacramental life of the Church. Parents who are registered at another parish are required to bring a letter of permission, signed by their pastor giving permission to baptize at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish.** Parents who are not married by the Catholic Church or a single parent having their child baptized should be practicing their faith to the fullest extent possible.
- Parents who are not married or are civilly married may want to discuss their particular situation with a Deacon. Call the parish office at 853-7371 to discuss the marriage procedure through the Catholic Church.
- Godparents must be at least 16 years of age. Godparents whether single or married must have received all their sacraments
 - i. Baptism**
 - ii. 1st Eucharist**
 - iii. Confirmation**
- If the godparent(s) is/are married, they must be
 - i. Married through the Catholic Church (CIVIL MARRIAGE IS NOT ACCEPTED)**
 - ii. Practicing Catholics (ATTEND MASS REGULARLY, AND CAN RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF CONFESSION & COMMUNION)**
 - iii. Certificates of marriage (if applicable), 1st Eucharist and Confirmation will be required at the time of registration for the classes.**
- If baptism classes are taken elsewhere, a current certificate or letter is needed that shows proof of attendance.
- The child to be baptized must wear white for the actual baptism. Young boys may wear colored pants with a white shirt.
- In most cases the actual baptism will take place on the first weekend of the month following the last class. Questions regarding the actual baptism date need to be discussed with baptism class director.