

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church Baptism Guidelines

- ☐ Baptism classes are held once a month on Tuesday evenings. The classes are approximately two hours in length.
- ☐ These classes are for the parents and godparents of the child/dren needing baptism. Parents and godparents must attend classes. *We ask that you not bring your children to class so that you will not be distracted.*
- ☐ Parents who wish to have their child baptized must request baptism and register for the baptismal class at the parish office.
- ☐ A state-issued vital statistics birth certificate and parent identification is required to register for the baptism class. **A hospital issued certificate WILL NOT be accepted**
In cases of guardianship/legal custody or a single-parent household, additional information will be required to register and attend the class.
- ☐ **Parents should be practicing Catholics registered at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish regularly participates in the mass and the sacramental life of the Church. Parents registered at another parish must 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 are encouraged to fully practice their faith.
- ☐ Parents who are not married or are civilly married may want to discuss their situation with a Deacon. To discuss the marriage procedure through the Catholic Church, call the parish office at 361-853-7371.
- ☐ Registration for the baptism class is to be done no later than one week before the day 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. Currently this fee has been WAIVED.**
- ☐ Ss. Cyril & Methodius baptism classes are good for two 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.
- ☐ Godparents may be single or married and must be at least 16 years of age, having received their sacraments of initiation.
 - 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), Baptism, 1st Eucharist, and Confirmation will be required at the time of registration for the classes.**
 - iv. Choosing only one individual from a civil or common law marriage does not void the union.**
- ☐ If baptism classes are taken elsewhere, a certificate or letter is required showing proof of attendance within the past two years.
- ☐ The child to be baptized must wear white for the actual baptism. However, young boys may wear colored pants with a white shirt.
- ☐ **Any class attendance questions or questions regarding the actual baptism date are to be discussed with the parish office.**
- ☐ **These baptism guidelines only apply to infants and children younger than seven years old. Once the child is seven years old or older, the guidelines for RCIA for children will apply. Please ask or contact the parish office for this information if your child has not yet been baptized and is seven years old or older.**