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Baptism Sacrament Guide

1. Children who are older than 7 years will need to register in the Religious Education Program and take classes for a specific time before being baptized.
2. A copy of child's Birth Certificate must be provided with the Baptism Application.
3. Both parents must agree in baptizing their child in the Catholic Faith.
4. If the parents do not belong to our parish, they will need to obtain permission (Letter of Permission) from their parish in order to baptize their child at St. John the Apostle.
5. The godparents who are not registered at our parish will need to obtain permission from their parish; this permission document is called a Sponsor Certificate. In addition the godparents must comply with the following requirements:
 - *They need to be baptized practicing Catholics who have received the sacraments of Confirmation and Communion which means they are actively attending mass regularly.
 - *They must be at least 16 years old.
 - *If married, their wedding should have been celebrated in a Catholic Church by a priest or deacon.
 - *Parents, Spouses, Boyfriends or Girlfriends are not allowed to be Sponsors.
 - *Both godparents have to be registered in their parishes and practicing their faith.
 - *If there are two Godparents, it should be a man and a woman.
6. It is necessary that **at least one of the godparents have received all three sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation and Communion.** If a godparent is not Catholic it is necessary they are baptized in the Christian Faith and they will appear as Christian Witness. A person who has not been baptized cannot be chosen to be a godparent nor be a Christian Witness.
7. It is required that the parents and the godparents all be present in a Pre Baptismal Class prior to the celebration of the Baptism Sacrament. The objective of this class is to give a general explanation regarding the sacrament the child will be receiving.
8. The godparents who are not able to be present the day of the celebration of the Baptism can be represented by a Proxy. The requirements to act as a Proxy are the same as stated above in the requirements for godparents. (See #5)
9. To reserve the date for the Baptism a \$50 donation will be requested. Please contact the office for schedule of dates.