

Church of the Sacred Heart

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Requirements for a Catholic Infant Baptism

Children over the age of 7 will need to be enrolled in a Religious Education Program in order to be baptized.

1. Birth certificate of the child.
2. Sponsor certificate for each Godparent. Each Godparent must obtain a Sponsor Certificate from their home parish. It should have the priest's signature and Church seal.
3. Each Godparent must have received Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church. If married, the Godparent must be married in the Catholic Church.
4. Godparent must be at least 16 years old.
5. Sponsor needs to be a practicing Catholic which includes weekly Mass attendance and be a registered parishioner at a Catholic Parish.
6. Church donation is \$175 per child for a Baptism for our parish members of Sacred Heart Church who are registered/active (tithing) for at least three months. Parents who are not members of our parish must obtain a **Letter of Permission** from their parish and their Church donation for the Baptism is \$300 per child.
7. Contact the Rectory office when you have all the documents needed for the baptism (child's Birth Certificate, completed Sponsor Certificate(s)) and donation. When you bring the necessary documents/donation you will be given a booklet (**About the SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**) which we encourage the parents to read thoroughly.
8. We will contact you once all documents are reviewed/approved to schedule an appointment with a member of our Clergy for Baptism Instruction.
9. **The Baptism date will be scheduled after all the above requirements are met.**