

St. John Vianney Catholic Church Policy and Requirements
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congratulations on the birth of your child!

You are about to receive another miracle from God - the miracle of new life in Christ through Baptism. Baptism is a Sacrament and marks the beginning of a lifelong process for your child, parents, and godparents. It is assumed that the parents seeking baptism for their child are actively living out their faith. For Catholics this includes weekly celebration of the Sunday Eucharist and Holy Days of Obligation. This also includes giving of time, talent and treasure to the church and being good stewards of their God given gifts.

Please read the following information regarding the requirements and scheduling of this important step in your child's faith journey.

- **Baptism Information Meeting**

Parishioners wishing to have their child baptized at St. John Vianney should call the parish office to talk with the pastor and register for the Baptism Information Meeting. The Baptism Information Meeting is required for anyone baptizing their first child, if it has been four years since the last baptism or for those who have not attended the Baptism Information Meeting. These gatherings will be held once a quarter on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 – 2:30. Once you have attended the Baptism Information Meeting, we can schedule the date of the baptism. Please call the parish office to register for the Baptism Information Meeting, 235-5535.

We celebrate Baptisms during the Saturday 5 PM or Sunday 10 AM Masses. Or if the family prefers, baptisms can be celebrated after the Saturday or Sunday Mass.

If you are from another parish (out of town) it is important to contact your parish priest to get permission to have your child baptized at this parish.

- **Godparent requirements**

At least one Godparent must meet the following requirements:

- 16 years of age or older
- Received the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation
- Practicing Catholic

A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community can serve as a Christian Witness.

An individual who is not a member of St. John Vianney must fill out the attached Godparent Verification form.