

BAPTISM AND GODPARENT GUIDELINES

The parents typically contact the parish office after the birth of the child, and arrange a date for the Baptism. It can occur either during a Sunday mass, or, once a month, we have a group Baptism after the last Sunday mass.

For a first-child Baptism in our parish, we meet with the parents some weeks ahead of the Baptism, to instruct them about the history, purpose, responsibilities and actual rite of the Baptism for their child. For second or later children baptized in our parish, we typically do not hold this meeting.

As far as Godparents go, one is required. This Godparent can be either sex, but must be at least 16 years old, and a practicing Catholic that is both baptized and confirmed. A second Godparent is option, but must be the opposite sex of the first Godparent. If the second Godparent is not a baptized, confirmed and practicing Catholic, but is a baptized Christian, that is also acceptable, but will then be referred to as a Christian Witness, and not a Godparent.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have at jprosser@wbcm.com.

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