



OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH

BAPTISM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Congratulations on your decision to have your child baptized into the Catholic faith here at Our Lady of Grace! As a parish, we not only welcome your child into the Church, but we pledge our support to you as you take on the primary responsibility and duty of training your child in the practice of our Catholic Faith and to bring your child up “to keep God’s commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor.” (Rite of Baptism #77)

Baptism is a Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church. It is the beginning of the faith-life of a person who is baptized. Children (infants) are initiated into the Church at this early stage of their life so that parents, godparents, the family, and the entire Church community can be instrumental in developing this faith-life.

Parents have the option to celebrate your child’s baptism during one weekend Mass in a given month – to arrange a date call the Parish Office (except during the seasons of Advent and Lent) or participate in the monthly group celebration outside of Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month (group participants are encouraged attend the last Mass – the baptism will immediately follow Mass).

The request for your child's baptism must be scheduled at least six weeks before the desired date on this Baptism Registration Form (See reverse side). We must receive the completed Baptism Registration Form at least four weeks before the scheduled baptism or the baptism will have to be rescheduled.

A child being baptized must have at least one godparent who is a practicing confirmed Catholic, over 16 years old and in good standing in their parish. Godparent Forms which must be completed, signed and sealed by the godparent’s parish and returned to Our Lady of Grace **at least FOUR weeks before the scheduled baptism or the baptism will have to be rescheduled.**

In order to assist parents in their preparation to have a child baptized here at Our Lady of Grace, parents who are having their first child baptized are required to attend the Baptism Preparation session, which is scheduled each month (call parish office to confirm dates) in the **Parish Offices** on a Sunday morning. This session usually lasts one hour. Godparents are strongly encouraged to attend this session.

For further information or questions please contact Deacon Jim Prosser at jprosser@wbcn.com, or Deborah Kaminski, Office Manager, at dkaminski@ourladygrace.org.

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For Office Use: Date of Baptism: _____ Time: _____ Presider: _____ Certificate Completed: _____

BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM

(Please *type or print* clearly using only proper names, not nicknames)

Date/Time of Baptism: _____

Name of child to be baptized: _____

Date of birth _____ **Place of birth** _____

Are you registered in the parish of Our Lady of Grace? _____

Has any other child been baptized at Our Lady of Grace? _____

Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____

_____ **Zip** _____

Phone: (Daytime) _____ **(Evening)** _____

Father's name: _____

Father's Religion: _____

Mother's full MAIDEN name: _____

Mother's Religion: _____

Godfather's name: _____

Is Godfather a Catholic? _____ Member of what parish/church? _____

Godmother's name: _____

Is Godmother a Catholic? _____ Member of what parish/church? _____

Will either godparent be represented by a proxy? _____ Name of Proxy _____

Signature of Priest/Deacon _____ **Date** _____

Note: It is customary that an offering be made to the church at the time of baptism, usually presented by the godfather and may be given to the minister officiating at the baptism. There is no precise fee for a baptism.