

## What Must I Do to Baptize My Child?

1. Pick up a baptismal application from the parish office during regular hours.
2. Before a baptism can be scheduled, all documentation must be completed and submitted to the parish office no later than the first Monday of the month in which the baptism is to take place.
3. Baptism class will be offered on the third Thursday of each month, except for the Advent and Lenten seasons. Before baptizing, at least one parent/legal guardian and both sponsors/godparents must provide proof of attendance at a baptismal class within the previous two (2) years period.
4. At least one, but no more than two Sponsors/Godparents must be designated. Sponsors/Godparents must be at least 16 years of age and have received all their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist). They must be practicing Catholics and, if married, married according to the laws of the Catholic Church. A person of another Christian denomination may serve only as a Christian witness to baptism, along with a godparent who is a practicing Catholic. If you are in doubt about the status of a person whom you would like to serve as a godparent, please find out if they meet the above qualifications **before** you ask them to serve, to avoid embarrassment.
5. In the case of both baptismal and marriage preparations/planning, you should **NEVER** presume to have the event published, printed, or announced in any form or fashion until **AFTER** all documentation has been completed and the priest verifies that you are qualified to proceed.
6. Couples should speak with a priest about any concerns regarding either baptism or marriage. If the priest is not in when you call, leave a message. If you do not get a return call in a reasonable time, call again. When leaving a message on the answering machine, please speak clearly and slowly, especially when leaving a call back number.

We look forward to assisting you!

Rev. P.R. Victor & Deacon Nolte

## **St. Theresa Parish Baptismal Guidelines**

Baptisms take place on the last Sunday of each month, except during Advent and Lent. There will be no baptisms during those times. Those interested in Baptism may come by the office to pick up a Baptismal application during regular office hours. Before a baptism can take place, all documentation must be completed and submitted to the parish office before the scheduled baptismal class.

Baptismal classes will be scheduled monthly as needed. When a class is scheduled, information will be announced in the church bulletin. Those planning to attend must preregister for the class no later than the day before the class is taught. Before baptizing, at least one parent/ legal guardian and both godparents/ sponsors must provide proof of attendance of a baptismal class within the previous two-year period.

At least one, but no more than two Godparents/ Sponsors must be designated beforehand. Godparents/ Sponsors must be

- a) Practicing Catholic(s)
- b) At least 16 years of age
- c) Have received all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, & Confirmation)
- d) If married, they must have been married validly according to the laws of the Catholic Church.

A person of another Christian denomination may serve ONLY as a Christian witness, along with a godparent who is a practicing Catholic. If you are in doubt about the status of a person whom you would like to serve as a godparent, please find out if they meet all qualifications BEFORE you ask them, to avoid any embarrassment or hurt feelings.

All dates are tentative until all documentation has been completed as required. In the case of both baptismal and marriage preparations, you should NEVER presume to have the event published, printed or announced in any form or fashion until AFTER all required documentation has been completed and the priest has verified that you are qualified to proceed.

Couples should speak with the priest about any concerns regarding either baptism or marriage. If the priest is not in when you call, leave a message. If you do not get a return call within a reasonable time, please call again. When leaving messages on the answering machine, please speak clearly and slowly, especially when leaving a call back number.

We look forward to assisting you as you plan your happy event!

For more information, call 361-289-2759.

Class Schedule: \_\_\_\_\_  
Baptismal Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **St. Theresa Catholic Church**

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### **Baptismal Registration Form**

**Please provide the following with your completed application:**

1. Child's Birth Certificate
2. Proof of Parenthood, legal guardianship, and/ or legal adoption.
3. Baptismal, Holy Communion, Confirmation, & Marriage Certificates (if applicable) for Godparents
4. \$25 Donation for Baptism Preparation Classes Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Permission letter from Pastor of Non-parishioners baptizing in our parish.
6. Godparents Letter of Recommendation/ Approval from Pastor if not registered in Parish.

**Please provide the following information: (Print or Type all information clearly)**

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Parent/ Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Godparent(s): #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_

**For Office Use Only:**

**Document Checklist:**

- Proof Parenthood/Guardianship:
- Birth Certificate (Make Copy):
- Baptismal Certificate (GP 1)  (GP 2)
- Holy Communion Certificate (GP 1)  (GP 2)
- Confirmation Certificate (GP 1)  (GP 2)
- Marriage Certificate (GP 1)  (GP 2)
- Baptismal Class Certificate (GP)  
Date of Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_ (GP 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- Baptismal Class Certificate (P)  
Date of Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_ (P 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- Permission Letter  (Non-Parishioners from #5 above.)

This form was completed and reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_