

BAPTISM CHECK LIST



Congratulations on your new little one! Catholic baptism is a beautiful and significant sacrament. It is the first of the seven sacraments and marks the initiation of a person into the Catholic Church. Here are a few things that need to be done in order to have your child baptized at St. Bernadette Church.

1. Pick a date for your baptism

Baptisms are always the 3rd Sunday of every month with the exception of during Lent. Baptisms are at 1:00pm in the Church. We ask everyone to arrive at 12:45pm so we may start on time. Remember, there is an 11:30am Mass on Sunday. If everyone attends, then it's a great way to make sure all your guests are there.

2. Pick a date to attend a baptism preparation class

Baptism prep classes take place on the first Monday of all even months (February, April, June, August, October, and December). Classes are held in the Lourdes Center meeting room at 7:00pm. Godparents and children are not required to attend.

3. Fill out a baptism application

You may call the parish office or stop in to fill out an application. It is at this time we can lock-in your prep class and baptism date.

4. Obtain and turn in your Godparent's certificate of eligibility

You need to have at least one Catholic Godparent for your child's baptism. Catholic Godparents must obtain a *Letter of Eligibility* from their home parish indicating they attend Mass on a regular basis, they must have received the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation, and if they are married, they must have been married in a Catholic Church or in a ceremony recognized by the Catholic Church. If both Godparents are Catholic, they both must obtain letters.

Your child's baptism can not take place without these Letters of Eligibility, so please ask your Godparents to get them to you as soon as possible. Once you have them, turn them into the parish office so your Baptism can proceed without issue.

5. Baptism donation

A \$50 donation is requested for baptism. Donations can be made at anytime (at the baptism prep class, day of the baptism, or anytime to the parish office).

6. Relax

Baptizing your child is one of the most beautiful ways that God gathers and shares His love with us! If you have any questions, please feel free to call (732-721-2772) or email (stbernsecy@gmail.com) the parish office.