



Our Lady of Victory Pastorate

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St George Parish | 408 S Western Ave | PO Box 577 | Hartford, SD 57033

Dear Parent,

Congratulations on the birth of your child and thank you for the gift of bringing your child into the Body of Christ through baptism and in particular to our parish family. This is a great gift to the church but also a great responsibility for you as parents in raising your child in the practice of the faith. These are things you will need to do before having your child baptized:

1. Fill out the initial forms found on our website or stop by the church to pick them up: Bring the forms to your appointment.
2. **Member of St. Michael:** If this is your first child: sign up to attend baptism class. Dates will be available when scheduling your baptism. Both parents should be present. If this is your second child, the class isn't necessary but watching the video online is a requirement. (See number 4)

Member of St. George: If this is your first child: you may attend baptism class at St Michael or set up an appointment with one of our priests or deacons to talk about baptism. The meeting is usually one time for about an hour. Both parents should be present. If this is your second child, the class isn't necessary but watching the video online is a requirement. (See number 4)

Member of another community: Set up an appointment with your parish to have a class and they can send us a letter attesting that you have had a class and give us permission to do the baptism here.

Not a member of a faith community: We want to support you in your role as Christian parents, so register at St. Michaels and become part of our particular family and we will work with you.

3. **Select godparents:** Sponsors should be confirmed Catholics at least 16 years old, and practicing their faith. This should not be an honorary title given to someone who does not practice their faith. This should be 1 man and 1 woman who will assist you in your duties as Christian parents. They will need to have the sponsor form filled out by their pastor attesting that they are registered and active members of their faith community.

For a godparent class they will need to register for the FORMED website and watch the following video. Go to [formed.org](https://www.formed.org), "find your parish subscription", type in St. Michael Parish Sioux Falls, enter your name and email. This will give access to the following video:

<https://watch.formed.org/reborn/season:1/videos/the-gift-of-godparents-more-than-cards-presents-by-lucas-pollice>

4. Parents should watch the opening video on Formed called, "Reborn". The goal would be to watch the series but after the first one, let the Holy Spirit move you. <https://watch.formed.org/reborn>
5. Call the parish office to inquire about classes, meetings and available dates for baptism.

God bless,

Fr. Cesar Valencia PES-Pastor