

BAPTISM CHECKLIST

Please note that in order to secure the date requested for your child's Baptism, all paperwork must be returned **ASAP. Baptisms at St. James are held at 1pm on the first and third Sundays of the month.**

If this is your first baptism here, it is **mandatory** that you attend a baptism class at St. James. Classes are typically held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Rooms 101/102 of the Parish Center. *Please call the office for upcoming dates and times.*

MATERIALS TO BE RETURNED:

- 1) Petition for Baptism (if not already filled out)
- 2) Sponsor certificates*
- 3) Copy of baby's birth certificate

*We only require *one* valid sponsor, if there are 2, it should be one man and one woman, to mirror the parents (hence the term "Godparents").

A valid sponsor is at least 16 years old, is **fully** initiated themselves (baptism, communion, confirmation), and belongs to a parish. If a sponsor is married, the marriage must have taken place in a Roman Catholic Church, or was recognized formally by the Roman Catholic Church.

A "Christian Witness" is a NON-Catholic Christian (A baptized Catholic is not a Christian witness).

There is no guardianship role connected to the Sponsor (Godparent), although we do hope they will assist the parents in sharing the faith.

REMEMBER!! We cannot proceed with the Baptism unless we have the documentation we need.

Thank you and congratulations.