

# St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

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## Belonging Online Parent Certification Information for Baptism

It has probably been awhile since you took any religious education classes. That's OK, but faith formation is a lifelong and ongoing process. Through our Baptism requirements, we are giving you the opportunity to learn more about your Catholic Faith. Engaging in this material will not only help you be better prepared for your child's Baptism, it'll help you plan ahead for your child's faith formation, and hopefully, encourage you to continue learning about the depth of our faith!

The certification program was created by and run through Ascension Press. It is very engaging and informative. The course is \$12, will take about two hours to complete, and includes:

- PDF of the Parent Guide
- PDF of the Session Guide
  - (you don't have to read these to complete the course, hopefully you can read it prior to your meeting or at least before the actual Baptism date)
- About 95 minutes of video with no segment being longer than 21 minutes
- 14 True / False questions to check your understanding of the material
- 20 Reflection and Discussion questions
- 3.5 screens / pages of reading
- Godparent Resources and Video

Whenever possible, try to have both parents take the course together and complete the reflection and discussion questions together.

The course is called "Belonging" and can be accessed by going to:

<https://ascensionpress.com/products/belonging-baptism-in-the-family-of-god-certification-course>

Registration and payment is done through Ascension Press. Once you complete the course:

1. Download your certificate and attach it to an email with three convenient dates and times for you to meet in person. Send the email to Fr. Pius Mathew at [pmathew@saintmichaelchurch.org](mailto:pmathew@saintmichaelchurch.org).
2. He will then reply to set a meeting date. The parent certificate course must be completed before you meet with Fr. Pius in person.
3. Bring your completed "Baptism Registration Form," "Baptism Godparent Form(s)," and a copy of your child's "Birth Certificate" to the meeting with Fr. Pius.
4. After you meet with him, contact Julie Stalter at [bulletin@saintmichaelchurch.org](mailto:bulletin@saintmichaelchurch.org) to sign-up for an actual Baptism date.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Andy Gotsch at [agotsch@saintmichaelchurch.org](mailto:agotsch@saintmichaelchurch.org) or 727-819-5105.