



We are so glad that you are requesting baptism for your child.

Group Baptisms are scheduled monthly through the parish office with a donation of \$75.

English Baptisms

First Sunday of the Month at 12 noon
St. Louise de Marillac Church
1144 Harrison Avenue
La Grange Park, IL 60526

Spanish Baptisms

Third Sunday of the Month after the 12:30 PM Mass
St. Barbara Church
4008 Prairie Avenue
Brookfield, IL 60513

Private Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office with a donation of \$250 (\$200 for the church, and \$50 for the celebrant).

- Your child must be 6 yrs. or younger in order to request baptism. Once your child reaches the age of 7, your child must enroll in faith formation and will be baptized after completing the first year.
- We do not always schedule baptisms during Lent so please check with the parish office for available dates.
- We do schedule private baptisms but it depends on the availability of both the church and the celebrant.

What is needed to complete your baptism request:

- 1) Complete intake form.
- 2) Please provide a copy of your child's birth certificate (*a copy via email is fine*).
- 3) Pay a deposit, \$25 for a regular baptism, \$50 for a private baptism.
- 4) Parents are required to take the baptismal preparation class if they are first time parents. *If you have taken the class within the last 4 years, you do not have to retake the class. If you have taken the baptismal preparation class in our church, please indicate the date and place where class was taken. If you have taken the class in another church, please request a baptismal class completion certificate at the church you have taken it.*
We always encourage the godparents to take the class with you, but it is not required.
- 5) **Godparents.** You should choose a godparent or godparents who will support you in raising your child in a life of faith, the requirements are:
 - Must be a Catholic over the age of 16 who has received the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, and is in good standing.
 - Sacramental records of all sacraments received. (*With notations Sealed and signed by the priest, current dated*)
 - Sponsor letter completed (*Sealed and signed by the priest from the church they are registered at, current dated*)
 - If married, he or she must be married in the Catholic Church or the marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.
 - Only one godparent is required. If you have two godparents, one should be male and one should be female. You can have more than two but only two will be recorded in the registry and baptismal certificate.
 - Christian Witness: If one of your sponsors is a Christian Witness, their name will appear on the Baptismal Certificate as a Christian Witness. However, their name is not recorded in the Baptismal Registry.

**Important Note: Individuals who were baptized Catholic but are now practicing another Christian tradition are not eligible to serve as a Christian Witness.*

 - Proxy: If Godparents cannot be present, you can have a proxy in their place. *Note: The same requirements apply for both Godparents and Proxy Godparents.*

Notes/ Information:

Baptismal Class:

The class in English is offered on the second Saturday of the month with Marge Kearney.

The class in Spanish is offered the second and the fourth Saturday of the month with Francisco Arellano.

To sign up for the class you need to call the rectory (708-485-2900) the week before to confirm.

Class in English is offered once a month:

Second Saturday of the Month at 10 AM

St. Barbara Parish Center
4009 Prairie Avenue
Brookfield, IL 60513

Class in Spanish is offered twice a month:

Second and Fourth Saturday of the Month at 10AM

St. Barbara Parish Center
4009 Prairie Avenue
Brookfield, IL 60513

Please call the Parish Office for more information (708-485-2900)

In order to register your baptism request, please complete the first three *requirements (complete intake form, provide birth certificate of the child and pay the baptism deposit)*

You can mail it or drop it through the rectory mail slot. We can accept cash or check.

Holy Guardian Angels Parish

4008 Prairie Ave.
Brookfield, IL 60513
Re: Baptism for Child's Name

Please submit above items early to schedule and confirm baptism and feel free to call the parish office (708-485-2900) if you have any questions.

Congratulations!

Baptismal Preparation Team