



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
"SONS OF THE HOLY FAMILY"
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Thank you for inquiring about baptism at Santa Cruz parish. In order to baptize your child at Santa Cruz Parish, the following items will be needed.

- Copy of Birth Certificate from the state of birth.
- Parents and/or Godparents registered at Santa Cruz parish, need to bring in your church envelope you are receiving in the mail.
- Parents and/or Godparents registered in another parish will need to provide a letter from their parish indicating they are registered parishioners and in good standing.
- Baptismal Class (Certificate of Completion) from parents & godparents.

The next Baptismal class scheduled for parents and godparents will be held on, the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm in the church. **Please leave your child/ren with a caretaker so your attention and focus can be on the teaching.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Godparents must have already received the Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation.
- Godparents living together (co-habiting) or civilly married need to schedule an appointment to meet with the pastor.
- Godparents if married must be married in the Catholic Church.

Once these items are brought back into the office, the baptismal register will need to be completed, and Baptism date will be reserved.

The parish will reserve the front pews at either the 8:30am mass or the 12:30pm mass (1 per family) and the Sacrament of Baptism will follow immediately after the mass. Please arrive 20 minutes early. A baptismal envelope with offering, will be given to you with the baptismal certificate on the day of the Sacrament. This donation should be given to Father or Acolyte after the baptism.



Archdiocese of Santa Fe Godparent (Sponsor) Agreement

Does it make any difference who you ask to be Godparents for your children?
It sure does!

People often want to ask their best friends or favorite relatives to act as Godparents for their children; they usually do this as a way of honoring someone. Of course, we all would like to honor those who are dear to us, but the Baptism of your child may not be the right time to do so.

Would you ask your best friend to perform heart surgery on your child? Of course not unless he/she were a competent heart surgeon. So, if the role of a Godparent is to help the parents to raise the child in the good practice of the Catholic faith, then it stands to reason that you should ask someone who shows by their own knowledge and practice that they can help someone else follow in their footsteps.

Helping a child to become a good Catholic Christian is an important undertaking; it is therefore, equally important to ask someone who regularly prays with the community at Sunday mass and who in other ways practices his/her faith and shows commitment to Christian values.

None of this is to suggest that your dear friends or relatives are not good people. They will surely be with you to help you in many other ways. But a teacher of mathematics may not be a good teacher of English grammar, and a good friend or close relative may not be the best model of Catholic Christian practice.

If you value your faith, you will choose the best teachers to help you pass that faith onto your children.