

## **BAPTISMS**

**Dear Parent(s),**

You are about to make a very important step with your child, a step that is not to be taken lightly. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we celebrate our new life in Christ, we become members of the Body of Christ—the church. When a child is baptized, the parents make a commitment to provide their child with a Catholic Christian upbringing, as well as live and practice their own Catholic faith.

- The Priest **interviews** the family by appointment.
- A **Registration Form** is completed by the parents.
  - a. The **mother's maiden name** is required.
  - b. If the couple is not registered at Assumption Church, the couple is required to obtain a **letter of permission** from their parish.
  - c. There is a \$60 **Fee** to Assumption Church.
  - d. It is customary to offer a "**stipend**" to the Celebrant on the day of the ceremony (this can be any amount deemed appropriate - make checks payable to the Celebrant). We suggest placing the stipend in a "thank you" card and handing it to the Celebrant after the ceremony.
  - e. Request a **family photo** for our records (this assists the Celebrant in identifying the family, immediately).
  - f. The parish will provide the **baptismal candle and stole** the day of the ceremony.
- **Baptismal dates:**
  - a. **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** of each month at **10am**.
- **Godparent requirements:**
  - a. Only an active, fully initiated Catholic may act as a Godparent. A Godparent must be 16 years of age or older and **must** have received all Sacraments: Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation and if married, the Sacrament of Marriage.
- **Baptismal class (required to be taken by the parents and godparents)**
  - A. Baptismal Class is offered:
    - a. The **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday** of each month at 10 a.m., **Zoomed**; call the office for details.
  - B. The class lasts approximately an hour to an hour and a half. If the class is taken at another Catholic parish, a letter of completion is required to be submitted to the office prior to the Baptismal day.
- All requirements must be met **at least a week prior** to the baptism.