



Parents and Guardians,

Congratulations on receiving a child into your life! The Catholic Church shares in your joy as you bring forth the child to the Sacrament of Baptism.

At the Church of the Epiphany we honor your role as parents/guardians and seek to support you in the faith development and experience of the child and family. Therefore, we ask that you **register in our parish community** and join in the sacramental and community life here. To register, go to www.epiphanymn.org and click on "join us".

In addition to registration, a **Baptism Preparation Class** is required for all parents/guardians. This class will prepare you on the theology of the sacrament, go over the Rite of Baptism that you will celebrate, and set a path toward fulfilling the vow to raising the child in the faith. See below for more information. **If you have attended this class within the last 4 years and are active in your faith, you do not need to repeat the class.**

Parents presenting a child age 2-6 will need to schedule for their child an orientation session with Dana Butler. This session aims to provide instruction for the child and make them feel comfortable and prepared to receive the sacrament. Depending on the age of the child, this orientation session is about 30-60 minutes in length and may need more than one date of orientation.

In order to sign up for a Baptism, complete the online **Baptismal Registration Form** and upload a copy of the child's **birth certificate** to the online registration form. We ask for a two week notice in scheduling your baptism. This will ensure that the number of baptisms is limited to provide for a reverent atmosphere for the sacrament. A baptismal certificate will be issued to you at the baptism.

Baptism Preparation Class at 10:00-11:00am in the Church unless noted.

2023: June 3, August 12, September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2

2024: January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1

Registration reservation is needed for the class. Please allow 2 weeks before your intended celebration date as information from the class may alter any initial plans. To register for the class, please indicate the baptism preparation class date in the Baptismal Registration Form. The class is for adults. If you need to bring your child(ren), please have another adult who can attend to their needs if needed during the class.

Baptisms are celebrated on two Sundays a month. Upcoming Baptism celebrations:

2023: June 11 & 25, August 13 & 27, September 10 & 24, October 15 & 29, November 12 & 26, December 10

2024: January 7 & 21, February 11 & 25, March 17, April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19, June 9 & 23

One godparent is required. Two godparents can be named, one male and one female. A godparent must be 16 years of age or older, a confirmed and practicing member of the Catholic Church. The church allows for a baptized Christian (non-Catholic) to be a witness at the ceremony in addition to the named godparent (must have one Catholic godparent) if needed.

Please contact Dana Butler, 763-862-4335, dbutler@epiphanymn.org with questions regarding the sacrament including the necessary forms and procedures, Baptism Preparation Class or to schedule an orientation session for your older child.