

## Baptism at Rosary Cathedral Parish, Toledo, Ohio

Celebrating the Baptism of a child is a very special time in a family's life! There is much joy and anticipation. The church celebrates with you for this important sacrament of reception into the faith community of the Catholic church.



Please call the Parish Office 419-244-9575 or email [roscath@totalink.net](mailto:roscath@totalink.net) to schedule preparation sessions, baptisms, or if you have any additional questions.

### **Attending Baptism Preparation**

First-time parents are required to attend a Baptism preparation. If the family has more Baptisms, the class should be repeated every three years. This session, required by Church law, provides catechetical instruction and prepares everyone for their role in the development of the faith of the child, as well as practical information on the actual Baptism ceremony. These sessions are usually offered once a month, on the first Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Godparents are not required by our parish to attend this session, but are more than welcome. If you are going to be a godparent elsewhere and need to attend, you are welcome to these sessions.

### **Membership**

If you are members of another parish, we need a letter from that parish to indicate that the parent(s) are active members of that parish and a letter from the pastor of that parish approving the Baptism at the Cathedral parish.

### **Choosing the Godparents**

Most people select a godmother and godfather, although the Church says that one is sufficient. If only one godparent is chosen, however, he or she *must* be a practicing Catholic, in full communion with the Church. If two godparents are chosen, it is preferable that both godparents be practicing Catholics since godparents are witnesses to the Catholic faith. For Catholics, a letter is needed from their parish to state that they are active members of their parish. The second godparent may be a baptized Christian of another denomination, one that baptizes "in the name of the father, son, and Holy Spirit." In the case of two godparents, it is required that one be male and the other female.

### **Baptism Time**

Normally we have Baptisms after the weekend Masses which are at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. Baptisms are not usually done during Lent. Other dates can be arranged when there is a need. Come up to the red chairs near the altar after the Mass so the celebrant can find you there.

### **Baptism Certificate**

The certificate of Baptism will be sent to you in the mail after the Baptism

### **Donations**

Generally families offer a donation for Baptisms. This donation, however, is in no way required by any family. Families should feel comfortable with any amount donated.