

Notes for Baptism

REQUIREMENTS...

- Reservations to attend the class must be made in advance with the Director of Religious Education. Classes are scheduled once a month.
- Parents and Godparents must attend a Baptism Class at Sacred Heart unless the Godparents live elsewhere.
- If the Godparents live elsewhere, they must provide a letter from their Catholic pastor stating that they are eligible to be Godparents and that they have attended training. This letter must be presented BEFORE the Baptism.
- At least one parent must be Catholic
- At least one Godparent must be Catholic AND have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
- If the Godparent is married he or she must be in a valid Catholic marriage
- Godparents may not be the parents of the child
- If the Godparent cannot attend, another practicing Catholic may stand in the place of the Godparent as a 'proxy'
- If you attend a Church other than Sacred Heart in Klamath Falls, or if you live outside our area, we will baptize your child IF we receive a letter from the Pastor of your Catholic Parish, giving permission for the child to be baptized at Sacred Heart Church.
- The child's name must not offend Christian sensibilities (example: *Satan* is not acceptable)

PLEASE PLAN ON...

- ...Completing paperwork and attending a Baptism Class BEFORE setting a date for the Baptism
- ...Providing a white garment or gown for your child
- ...You may provide a Baptismal candle. If not, let us know and we will!
- ...Providing a stipend for the priest at the Baptism. You may give any amount but \$20 is suggested.
- ...Times and dates for Baptism are flexible but arrangements must be made with the priest
- ...Choosing the Godparents carefully. This is not an 'honor', this is a responsibility to your child.
- ...continuing to provide religious training for your child. This is your job and is also what you will promise to do during the Baptism!