



ST. BRIDGET

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Parents,

We welcome you to St. Brigid Church's baptism preparation process. We are happy to share this joyous and spiritual event with you and we would like to outline the importance of a few details.

1. The baptism preparation class begins at 7:00 p.m. We ask that you arrive by 6:50 so that we may begin promptly and complete the class within the two-hour limit.
2. St. Brigid Church does not require prospective godparents to attend the class; but if you have chosen your child's godparents already, we would be delighted if they would accompany you. If they wish to come with you, please inform Julie Koury at the parish center (282-9511).
3. Unfortunately, we cannot offer baby-sitting for the class. Since it is important that we have your total attention while attending the class, we ask that you do not bring your children with you, but make other arrangements for their care.
4. If you cannot attend your assigned class, please contact Julie as there may be a waiting list.
5. At the class we will give you a packet with material relating to baptism. To cover the cost of the material, we ask for a \$10.00 donation (cash, or check payable to St. Brigid Church). You may also place the donation in the collection basket, in which case please mark the envelope "For Baptismal Preparation Materials." If the donation is a hardship for your family, you do not need to make it; we do not keep records about this.
6. We will need to receive a completed Baptismal Data Sheet at least **two weeks** prior to your child's baptism. This form asks for information about you, your child, and the godparents to help us prepare baptismal materials and also to enter your child's baptism in the church Baptismal Registry. Please supply **all** the information on the sheet, **printing clearly and in large letters**, before turning in the form either at the class or directly to Julie. Because the information on the sheet will become part of your child's official records in the church Baptismal Registry, please do not use nicknames on the form, except where indicated.

7. St. Bridget Church schedules baptisms at all the regularly-scheduled weekend liturgies several times a year, and also at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon every two or three weeks. To schedule a baptism please call Julie Koury (282-9511).

We would like the class to be helpful to you and will be happy to answer any questions you might have about baptism, about raising your child as a good Christian, and about our parish. Be thinking about these things and bring your questions to the class.

We hope to make your child's baptism a learning experience and hope that you will find that the class a helpful introduction to his or her spiritual growth and development.

We look forward to seeing you.

Blessings on you and your family.

The Baptism Team