

# Saint Mary Catholic Church

## *Baptism Requirements*



To baptize a child at Saint Mary's, at least one parent must be Catholic, they **both** need to attend the pre-baptismal class. Call the office to sign up for the Spanish and or English class. Spanish and English classes are on the last Saturday of each month except for Advent and Lent.

Spanish baptisms are on the first and third Saturday of each month and English Baptism are on the second and fourth Saturday of each month, apart from Advent and Lent. Parents and godparents must arrive around 8:30am to start right at 9:00am, no exceptions.

**All ORIGINAL documentation from Godparents and parents must be submitted to the catechist on the day of the class, No exceptions.** If the godparents are missing documents, the child will be baptized without godparents. Children are not allowed to the class to avoid distractions.

### **Parents MUST bring to the following to the class:**

- ORIGINAL Child's birth certificate
- Attend a pre-baptismal class OR if the parents take the class at another parish, proof of class completion needs to be presented.
- Letter of good standing from the parish of registration

Children 7 years and older are required to enroll in catechism in OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation for Children). Call the office for more information.

### **Single Godparents MUST bring the following documents to the class:**

- ORIGINAL certificates of: Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation.
- Attend a pre-baptismal class or bring proof of class completion
- Letter of good standing from the parish of registration

Single Godparents need to be Catholic's in good standing with the church. One single Godparent is recommended, but if the family has 2 single Godparents, then one must be male and the other one female.

### **Married Godparents MUST bring the following documents to the class:**

- ORIGINAL Certificate of: Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and Religious Matrimony.
- Attend the pre-baptismal class or bring proof of class completion
- Letter of good standing is required from the parish of registration

**What does it mean to be in good standing with the church?** It means attending Sunday Mass regularly, cannot be living with someone outside of the Sacrament of Marriage, and have all 3 sacraments of initiation (baptism, first holy communion, and confirmation).