



Saint Stanislaus B&M Roman Catholic Church

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BAPTISM

Baptisms are usually celebrated **during** the **8:30am & 12:00pm** Holy Mass at St. Stan's. To schedule please call the Parish office **716-854-5510**.

Choosing Godparents

One of the most important issues before Baptism is the choice of godparents for your child. You are required to have only one godparent. Normally, there are two godparents, in which case, one is to be male and one to be female. Careful consideration should be given to choosing godparents as they must meet certain qualifications set forth by laws of the Catholic Church.

Canon #874 of the code of Canon law states: "To be admitted to undertake the office of sponsor (for baptism), a person must:

1. Be a role model for living the Catholic Faith
2. Be appointed by the parents and must have the intention of performing this roll.
3. Be at least sixteen years of age
4. Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the blessed Eucharist and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken (attendance at mass regularly)
5. Not labor under a canonical penalty... (being in an invalid marriage or living together) and not in a valid marriage.
6. Be not be the either the father or the mother of the child.

Please save embarrassment for all concerned by NOT choosing a godparent who does not fulfill the above requirements. In view of these guidelines, the pastor of the designated godparent is normally responsible for determining these qualifications. If you choose a godparent who is a member of a parish other than St. Casimir Parish, he or she must obtain a letter of eligibility from the pastor of their parish. This original letter is to be sent or delivered to the Parish Office at least two weeks prior to the Baptismal date.

A baptized person who belongs to some other non-Catholic community may be asked to serve not as a godparent but as a Christian witness as long as a Catholic godparent is also present. Catholics who have abandoned the faith may not act as a Christian witness or godparent.

The church does make accommodations for a godparent who, for good cause, is not able to be present at the ceremony. A proxy may be chosen to stand-in for the godparent at the ceremony.

Baptism Preparation

Parents are required to attend Baptismal preparation prior to the Baptism of their child. Also, parents who have not participated in Baptismal preparation within the past four years are required to participate in Baptismal preparation prior to the Baptism of their next child.

Baptismal Record

After the Baptism, the information will be recorded in the parish Baptismal register. Your child's permanent record will always be kept at this parish. Before your child's entry to Catholic school, confirmation, marriage, religious profession or ordination in years to come, you will be asked for an updated copy of the Baptismal Information. This information will always be recorded at the parish in which the Sacrament was received. The information about your child's sacramental life - where ever those events may happen - will always be recorded here at St. Stanislaus Parish.