

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

As pastor I congratulate you on your decision to have your child baptized. The Church will help you fulfill your God-given responsibilities to raise your child in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and in the practice of our Catholic Faith. Nothing is more important than your example of prayer, Mass-attendance and service as fully participating members of the Body of Christ in the local parish.

The process of Baptism begins with your registration as members of St. Thomas More Church and active attendance in the Celebration of Mass. Upon beginning the Baptism Process you will be asked to use a scan card that monitors Mass attendance.

Remember only registered families with active attendance are eligible for Baptism.

You will be expected to provide certain information and documents for our parish records. It is your responsibility to present them completely before scheduling of the Baptism occurs with our Parish office. Our parish staff are here to help you make arrangements, but not to do the work for you.

Godparents are defined by the Church as one male and one female. At least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic who is receiving Holy Communion on a regular basis. Remember, Godparents are there to assist you parents in raising your child on our Catholic Faith. We are confident that you will choose Godparents who can publically profess Christ and give a moral example of living the Christian Life. Godparents are required to submit paperwork as outlined in the check list before the date of Baptism is scheduled.

Parents, this may be a good time to consider your own relationship with the Catholic Church. Perhaps you have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Maybe you are married outside of the Catholic Church and would like your marriage blessed? It is possible that you have had a divorce and would like information about a Church Annulment and Blessing of your Marriage? Many pastoral questions arise at this wonderful time in your Child's life and one of our priests or deacons is here to assist you and set you on the right course. Just ask.

Be certain to read, understand and follow all following instruction for your Baptism Preparation. And we look forward to that day when Christ shall receive your child and join us together in our Catholic Faith.

In His Service,

Rev. Julian P. Harris

