



June 1, 2016

Dear Parishioner,

These are the baptism forms which must be completed and returned to the Church office prior to scheduling a baptism:

1. The *Baptism Information* form must be completed by the parents except for the Office Use Only section at the bottom of the form.
2. The *Godparent Covenant* must be completed and personally signed by each Godparent. You need to have at least one Godparent (either male or female), but you may have two Godparents with one being male and the other female. Please note that only baptized Catholics may serve as a Godparent. Baptized non-Catholics may serve as a Christian witness but not as a Godparent.

St. Theresa Catholic Church offers a *Baptism Preparation Class* every 3rd Thursday of the month. You must attend the entire class session (from 7 to 9:10 PM) before your child can be scheduled to be baptized. Please call the church office to sign up for the class. If you attend a Baptism Preparation class at another parish, a copy of the certificate you received after the class is needed. To ensure proper preparation for the reception of the sacrament of Baptism, the class needs to have been taken within the past two years.

Lastly, please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate. We must ensure accurate data as we record each sacramental reception in official Catholic Church records. This record is kept permanently in the child's name at the church of baptism. The Church where your child receives future sacraments - such as Confirmation, First Eucharist, etc. - will reported that information to us to be entered in this permanent record.

If you have any other questions, please call the church office.

Rev. Charles L. Covington
Pastor