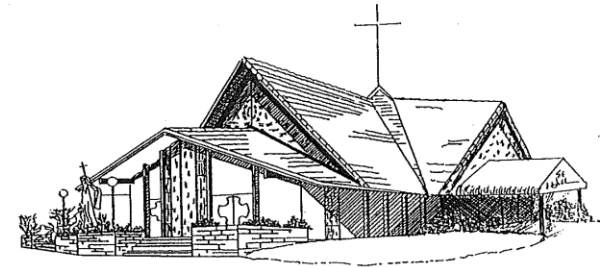
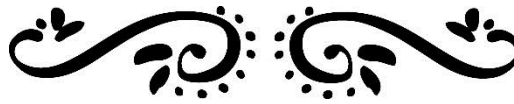


# Saint William's Catholic Church



## The Sacrament of Infant Baptism

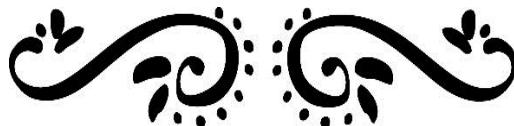
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### IS THERE A FEE?

There is no charge for the Sacrament of Baptism. The fee for preparation and maintenance of church records is \$50.00.

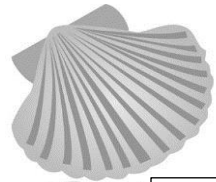
While a stipend is not necessary it is customary to give a stipend or donation to the priest or deacon who performs the baptism. This is at your discretion.



*Sacrament  
of Baptism*

### FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN TO BE BAPTIZED

Welcome to parents who are choosing Saint William's Catholic Church as their Parish home, and who wish their children to receive the Sacraments of Initiation into our faith community, because children are not baptized into the church but into their faith community. We seek to baptize registered parishioners of Saint William's Parish, or those who have close family ties to our parish. **Infant Baptism is for children up to 7 years old.** Parents of children who are over the age of 7 should consult the RCIA Coordinator.



#### THE BAPTISM PROCESS:

1. Initial interview with the parish office staff
2. Submit paperwork and fee to parish office for registration in a Baptism preparation class
3. Both parents & godparents must attend a preparation class
4. Schedule the Baptism according to church calendar

### CHOOSING GODPARENTS:

The role of the sponsor or godparents: *Together with the parents, to present an infant for baptism, and help the baptized to lead a Christian life in harmony with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it"* (Canon Law 872)

Canon Law further establishes the following norms governing the qualification needed to be sponsor or Godparent:

The sponsor/godparent must:

- Be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation
- Be a Catholic in good standing with the church
- Not be bound by any canonical impediment
- Not be the father or mother of the infant to be baptized

Your infant/child needs at least one Catholic sponsor/godparent.

A Christian Witness, someone baptized in another denomination, or a Catholic who has not been confirmed, may stand with the Catholic Sponsor.



### Documents Needed:

To be completed by parents for the child to be baptized, with information about the baptism sponsors/godparents.

- Baptism registration form. You may pick one up in the church office or download the form from our website.
- Copy of County Birth Certificate
- Proof of attendance if class is taken at another Catholic Church.
- \$50.00 administration fee



### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES:

We offer a Baptism preparation class the third Tuesday of each month. Parents and godparents can take preparation classes at any Catholic Church. If the parent or the sponsor/godparent has taken a baptism preparation class within the last two years, you do not need to repeat the class. We do however require proof you have taken the class. If baptism preparation is taken at a different parish, please return a copy of the dated attendance certificate with the completed Baptism forms.