

Baptism

The foundation of all Christian life is Baptism. This sacramental event is the church's celebration which those who have heard and responded to God's call to conversion and discipleship.

Parents

For our records, a complete entry is to be made of the baptism in the baptismal registry. In the case of an unwed mother, the name of the father cannot be entered without the supporting evidence of an authentic statement signed by the father and witnessed by a notary public or from information on a valid state certificate of live birth.

Sponsor(s) (only one is required but two is accepted)

Every person initiated into the church must have a sponsor. The sponsor is to be a fully initiated (confirmed) Catholic who lives the faith in a visible fashion. The witness (second sponsor), for special reasons, may be a baptized Christian of another denomination, living the Christian faith. ONLY the sponsor being a Catholic will be used as a godparent for our records. Once a baptism has occurred, all information will be recorded in our records. The person(s) you have chosen for godparents cannot be changed at a later date. This is because they are the witness to what has taken place at that time.

Other Requirements for Baptism:

- 1. Any godparent not a parishioner of St. John Francis Regis or St. Catherine in Arnaudville will need a letter from their pastor stating that they are a practicing confirmed Catholic able to serve as a godparent. Please send in confirmation certificates for the godparents or an updated baptismal certificate.**
- 2. All information needs to be turned in to the Parish Office before a baptism can be scheduled and Father Abadie signs the forms. Any questions, contact Betty Sanders, 337-754-5912.**

BAPTISMAL INTERVIEW SHEET

Date _____

Parish Affiliation: St. Francis / St. Catherine / Other (Circle one)

Child's Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____ **Place of Birth (City, State)** _____

Father's Name _____ **Religion** _____

Address _____ **Phone Number** _____

Email address _____

Mother's Full Name (Include Maiden Name) _____ **Religion**

_____ **Address (if different from above)** _____

_____ **Phone Number** _____

Email address _____

Married: Yes / No (Circle one)

Godparent (*must be a Confirmed practicing Catholic*)

Godfather _____ **Phone Number:** _____ **Birth date:**

_____ **Church of Baptism:** _____

If godfather is a member of another Church Parish, we will need a letter from his pastor stating he is able to serve in the capacity of a godparent or updated baptism certificate.

Godmother _____ **Phone Number:** _____ **Birth date:**

_____ **Church of Baptism:** _____

If godmother is a member of another Church Parish, we will need a letter from her pastor stating she is able to serve in the capacity of a godparent or updated baptism certificate.

Requirements for Baptism:

1. Anyone not a parishioner of St. John Francis Regis or St. Catherine in Arnaudville will need a letter from their pastor stating that they are a practicing, confirmed Catholic and giving permission to stand as parent/godparent or an updated baptismal certificate with notations.
2. All information needs to be turned in to the Parish Office (337) 754-5912; PO Box 649, Arnaudville, LA 70512 Attn: Betty Sanders and Pastor has to sign off on forms before a baptism can be scheduled

OFFICE USE ONLY:
Date of Baptism Preparation Class:
Date/Time of Baptism:
Priest/Deacon Performing Ceremony:

Pastor _____

Child's Full Baptismal Name: _____

Items	Father	Mother	Godfather	Godmother
Full Name:				
Married? Yes No				
Married in the Catholic Church? Yes No				
If no, is marriage blessed in the Catholic Church?				
For Mother Only: If unmarried, will the birth father be named on the State Certificate of Live Birth?	**			
For Father Only: Are you named as the birth father on the State Certificate of Live Birth?	**			
Baptized?				
Church of Baptism:				
What Religion? Catholic? Protestant? Other?				
Confirmed?				
Attend Mass every Sunday?				
Baptismal Seminar Attendance/Date/Location?				

****Copy of the birth certificate for recording purposes.**