**Baptisms**

**Frequently asked Questions**

**Saint Francis of Assisi, Longmont, Co.**

**Thank you**, for your interest in having your child receive the Sacrament of Baptism here at St. Francis of Assisi. Below are some answers to questions you may have.

**Do I need to be a parishioner to have my child baptized at Saint Francis of Assisi?**

**Register at the parish**: We do not ask that you be a registered member of our parish, however, we encourage you to become a part of our Faith community. It is through the living and practicing of your faith that your child will grow in relationship, identity, and mission in and through Jesus Christ.

 If you just haven't had a chance to register, just stop by the office at any time from 9-4 M-F. Or sign up on our website, [www.sfassisi.org](http://www.sfassisi.org) If you are registered at another parish but would like to take the Baptism class here you are welcome to attend here for the class at a slight fee (see below).

**Are there requirements for Godparents?**

**Choosing Godparents**: Parents may choose two godparents, one male and one female, but you are only required to choose at least one person for this important position. **Please note, whomever you choose to be your godparent(s) must be practicing Catholic**. They must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, and if married they need to have been married in the Church. You will need to have chosen the godparents at the time of the class. If you do not have Godparents, let Deacon George know at the class, and he will assist you.

**Is there a class Parents or Godparents need to take? Is there a fee for the class?**

**Take the Baptism Preparation Class**: Parents and godparents will need to take a Baptism preparation class (If you have not had one within the past three years). Deacon George offers our Baptism Prep class every month on the 2nd Monday evening of the month from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m**. (During the COVID pandemic– all classes have been cancelled – please contact Deacon George for how to take a class remotely).** To register for the class please call Deacon George through the office or send an email to deacongeorge@sfassisi.org. If you or the godparents can’t attend our class, you or the godparents may attend a class at another parish. At the end of their class the other parish will give you a form or letter stating that you attended the class there. When you have completed the class, you will bring us the form(s) or letter. There is a $25 fee per couple for (parents and godparents) for the class, which is waived for St. Francis of Assisi parishioners.

**How do I get a Baptism scheduled?**

**Fill out the Baptism Request Form**: You will need to fill out the Baptism Request Form. If attending the Baptism class here at Saint Francis of Assisi, we fill out this form during the Baptism class. When the form is filled out, you will request the day that you desire to have your baby baptized. The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on any Sunday of the month right after the 10 am Mass, or around 11:15. Other dates and times may be accommodated; please see Deacon George for more information. If you take the Baptism preparation class elsewhere, you will fill out the Saint Francis of Assisi Baptism Request Form and will turn in the paperwork from the parish where you took the Baptism preparation class, stating you completed the class (This should be a form or letter signed by a representative of that parish, stamped with their parish seal). Godparents from “out – of – state” must fax a letter from their current parish stating they are practicing Catholics, (signed by the Pastor or Deacon of their home parish and parish seal stamped) at least one week prior to the baptism for our documentation.

**Getting your date of Baptism confirmed**: Once the date of the Baptism is confirmed with the celebrants, we will call or email you. Please, do not make airplane reservations, or party plans, until all the requirements are met, and we confirm your date.

Thank you again for bringing your child to Jesus and to Saint Francis of Assisi for this the first sacrament and the gift of new life in Jesus! If you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Deacon George or the parish office.

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