

## **Guidelines for the sacrament of Baptism.**

Although everyone is eligible for the Sacrament of Baptism, there are certain requirements in our Parish. If a child is 5 years old or younger, she or he does not need to attend any special classes to be baptized. If the child is older, he or she may be required to attend the RCIC or RCIA program depending on the age of the child. The parents or God parents presenting the child for Baptism must bring all documents required before the deadline. They must comply with the following guidelines:

- Need to be registered members of the Parish.
- Need to attend a Baptismal class. Classes are held on the second **Friday of the month at our Lady of Good Counsel Church Parish Hall**. Baptisms are held every **third Sunday of the month after the 12 o'clock Mass**
- Must come to the Parish office to complete the Baptismal registration form.
- Must choose Godparents who are practicing Catholics. They too need to attend the class.
- Must present the following documents:
  - The child's birth certificate from the Vital Statistics office.
    - Exception: if an infant is three weeks old or younger we will accept the hospital's certificate. However, we will not issue a baptismal certificate until the parents bring the official birth certificate from the Vital Statistics office.
  - If the godparents are married, a copy of their church marriage certificate is required.
  - If Godparents are single, a copy of the first communion and confirmation are required.
- If parents or Godparents live outside of our Parish boundaries, they must present a letter of permission from their parish pastor before they can baptize in our parish. Parents must have all documents at the time of registration.
- A donation to the priest celebrating the baptism is appreciated.

### **Guidelines for choosing God parents.**

1. A male and a female Godparent is ideal, but it can be one
2. Godparents must attend the instructional Class.
3. Godparents must be mature members of the Catholic Church and have received the sacraments
  - Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If married, they must have been married in the Catholic Church.
4. A Godparent should be someone who can share with you the task of passing on the Catholic faith to the child being baptized.
5. A Godparent should be someone dependable.
6. A Godparent must be at least sixteen years old.

**Application for the Celebration of Baptism**

**Today's date:**

Child's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ present age \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

**Information on Parents:**

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
What religion is he? \_\_\_\_\_

If Catholic, has he received:            Confirmation    Yes No,    Holy Eucharist    Yes No  
Active Catholic    Yes    No

Mothers Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_  
What religion is she? \_\_\_\_\_

If Catholic, has she received:            Confirmation    Yes No,    Holy Eucharist    Yes No  
Active Catholic    Yes    No

Is this couple married?    Yes    No

In the Catholic Church?    Yes    No

If not, then how, when and where? \_\_\_\_\_

Present address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: H \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

**Information on God Parents:**

Godfather's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Has he received? Baptism Yes No/ Confirmation Yes No / Holy Eucharist Yes No

Is he a practicing Catholic Yes No/ Single Yes No/ Married in the church Yes No

Present Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Godmother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Has she received? Baptism Yes No/ Confirmation Yes No/ Holy Eucharist Yes No

Is she a practicing Catholic? Yes No/ Single Yes No /Married in the Church Yes No

Present Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents will attend bap/prep at OLGC \_\_\_\_\_ date? \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

Godparents will attend bap/prep at OLGC \_\_\_\_\_ date? \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

Desired date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Child was baptized by \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

If you want to baptize your child here at Our Lady of Good Counsel, you must be a registered parishioner. If you are not registered then you must fill out a registration form in our parish office. Then you must attend Mass on Sundays, and contribute to our parish for six months prior to baptizing.

If you need help, Please contact coordinator, Shelly Munoz at **592 1020**

**Fr. Peter Thenan**