

Nativity of Our Lord

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BAPTISM GUIDELINES

The child's family must be registered parishioners.

An offering of \$50 is suggested at the time of the Baptism.

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of each month, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Everyone who is invited to the Baptism is asked to attend that Mass.

Baptisms are not scheduled during Lent.

Godparent eligibility

Although having two godparents is traditional, only one godparent is required. If there are two godparents, they must be male and female. They may not both be male, or both female.

Godparents who are not registered and practicing members of our parish must obtain letters of eligibility from their home parish, and sent to our parish office at least two weeks before the Baptism. Letters of eligibility indicate the godparent is a practicing Catholic, is of eligible age, and have receive all their required sacraments.

Godparents must be practicing Catholic, at least 16 years old, having received their sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. If the godparent is married, that marriage must be recognized as a **valid Catholic marriage**.

If one of the godparents is fully eligible, the other may stand as a Christian Witness.

A Christian Witness is a non-Catholic person baptized in the name of the Trinity. That is, a person baptized in a recognized Protestant denomination. A Christian Witness may not be a lapsed Catholic who is practicing in another Christian denomination. **Under no circumstances is a baptized Catholic eligible to stand in as a Christian Witness.**

A Christian Witness must submit a copy of their baptismal certification.

The name of the Christian Witness will not appear on the baptismal records. Only the Catholic godparent/s names will be on record.

The Godparent and Christian Witness must be of the opposite sex.