

Holy Cross, St. James, and Sts. Peter & Paul Parishes Baptismal Information

Holy Cross, St. James and Sts. Peter & Paul parishes require couples to take the pre-Baptismal class prior to their first child's baptism. Families must also be registered members at one of the parishes to have the child baptized there.

Baptisms at each parish are to be scheduled by the parish office. Please call Holy Cross at 753-3548, St. James at 867-5175, or Sts. Peter & Paul at 768-6457 after the birth of your child and Godparents have been chosen.

Guidelines for Choosing Godparents (Sponsors):

1. The baptized is to be given a Godparent who will, together with the parents, present an infant at the baptism, and who will help the baptized to lead a Christian Catholic life in harmony with baptism, and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it.
2. Only one male and one female Godparent is to be chosen.
3. To be qualified for the role of Godparent, a person must:
 - a. Be designated by the parents. The person is to have the qualifications and intention of performing this role.
 - b. Be at least 16 years old;
 - c. Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and is leading a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;
 - d. Not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.
4. It is possible to have one Catholic Godparent and one person who is baptized in another Christian faith. Those who are not Catholic are recognized as Christian sponsors. **One of the people chosen must be an active Catholic.**

Baptism classes are available 6 times throughout the year on the second Monday of January, March, May, July, September, and November at 6:30 PM. All classes are at Holy Cross Parish Office at 305 E. Walnut, Fort Branch. Godparents are welcome to attend as well.

We are so excited to welcome your child into the church and sharing in your child's life. You are your child's primary teacher of the faith. Your example is the biggest influence your child will ever have. Our church communities will always be here for you and your child to help you grow in your faith throughout your lives.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 753-3632 or 812-457-0567 or bmann@evdio.org. I look forward to meeting you.

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