

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONCERNING BAPTISM

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1. When will the baptism take place?

Saint Michael Parish schedules baptisms during our regular weekend Masses: Saturday at 4:00 am and Sunday at 9:00 am and 11:30 am. Baptism will be scheduled after the Baptismal Preparation Class is completed and all paperwork is returned to the parish office.

2. How much does it cost?

The suggested gift of appreciation to the Presider is \$75-\$150.

3. Can we take pictures during the Baptism?

No. Pictures are not permitted to preserve the integrity of the sacred space and sacrament.

4. How long does the Baptism take?

Approximately one (1) hour.

5. Do we have to have our child dressed in white?

White is the color of baptism, and it is expected that your child is wearing white.

6. Do we need a Saint's name for our child?

It is highly recommended that your child's first or middle name is a Saint's name.

7. Do the godparents need to be Catholic?

According to Canon Law #874, the minimum requirement is that one (1) godparent must be a Catholic who has received Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, lives a life of faith, not under any canonical penalty and may not be the parent of the child to be baptized.

8. How old does the godparent need to be?

According to Canon Law #874, the minimum age is 16 years old.

9. Can we have two (2) men or two (2) women as godparents?

No. Canon Law #873 states that one godparent, male or female is sufficient; but there may be two (2) godparents, one of each gender.

10. Is there a cry room at Church?

There is no cry room at Saint Michael Parish. We love having children of all ages present in the congregation. Children are a vital part of our community, and we encourage families to bring their children and begin to teach their children the beauty of Mass. However, when situations arise or little ones need to stretch their legs, parents are welcome to walk the back of the Church or along Saint Joseph the Provider Gallery.