



## BAPTISM

Thank you for inquiring about the Sacrament of Baptism. If you plan to have your child baptized at St. Gabriel, please contact the parish office to make the necessary arrangements.

Baptisms are scheduled around the Liturgical Year and not scheduled during the seasons of Lent and Advent.

**DATES FOR BAPTISM WILL BE SCHEDULED AT THE HOME VISIT.**

### GUIDELINES FOR SPONSORS

Before selecting Godparents, please keep in mind that a Catholic Godparent must be 16 years or older. They must be Confirmed and actively practicing their faith. They must be free from canonical impediments to be a Godparent. A Baptized Catholic may not serve as a Christian Witness.

If a Godparent lives outside of the parish or is a member of another Church parish, a sponsor certification letter from his/her parish is required.

### PREPARATION

Parents wishing to have their child baptized must be a registered parishioner. They complete baptismal preparation prior to the date of baptism. A member of the staff will meet with the parents and godparents to complete the preparation.