

Infant Baptism Policy for St. John Vianney Parish

Requirements for Parents:

- Parents wishing to celebrate the baptism of their child **must be active, registered parishioners of St. John Vianney Parish for at least 6 months.**
- Parents are strongly encouraged to make arrangements before the birth of their child.
- **Parents and godparents are required** to participate in our new preparation series. The series is offered four times/year: Oct, Jan, Apr & July. They will take place on 3 Thursday evenings 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

Requirements for Godparents:

- Godparents must be at least 16 years old.
- If there is only one godparent, he or she must be a Catholic.
- If there are two godparents, there must be one male & one female. At least one must be a Catholic. The other may be a non-Catholic sponsor as long as he or she is a baptized Christian.
- Any Catholic who serves as a godparent must be confirmed.
- Any person who serves as a godparent or sponsor must be actively practicing their faith.
- Catholic godparents who are not members of St. John Vianney Parish must submit proof that they are active members of a parish and are suitable for the role of godparent. They must ask their pastor to send written verification to the pastor of St. John Vianney and mail or fax it **to the attention of Jim Hurst**. This documentation is **due at least one month before the baptism.**
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