

ST. ISIDORE PARISH POLICY AND REQUIREMENTS SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congratulations on the birth of your child!

You are about to receive another miracle from God – the miracle of new life in Christ through Baptism. Baptism is a Sacrament and marks the beginning of a life long process for your child, parents, and godparents. To sign up for Baptism, families must be registered at St. Isidore or receive permission from the parish where you are registered and give a founded hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic religion.

Please read the following information carefully:

- **At St. Isidore's, parents and godparents are required to attend a pre-Jordan class in preparation for Baptism.**
- **Completed forms and other required documents for Godparents/Christian Witnesses must be submitted along with the Registration Form before a Baptism can be scheduled, preferably one (1) month in advance.**
- **You must have one practicing Catholic for a Godparent.**
- **If having a Christian Witness he/she must serve along with a practicing Catholic.**
- **There is to be one male or one female or one of each for a Godparent/Christian Witness.**
- **Please send in all completed documents together.**
- **After all paperwork is received and requirements met, please call the Parish Office at 215-536-4389 to schedule the Baptism.**
- **Please feel free to call and discuss special cases and circumstances with the Pastor.**

REQUIREMENTS TO SERVE AS A GODPARENT OR CHRISTIAN WITNESS

A Godparent for Baptism must meet the following requirements:

- 16 years of age or older
- Received the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation
- Practicing Catholic

For Godparents who are not currently members of St. Isidore Parish, a Certificate of Eligibility is proof that these requirements are met.

An individual living within St. Isidore Parish must be registered as a parishioner and resolve to practice his/her faith by attending Mass weekly and receiving the Sacrament of Confession regularly. Sponsors that are current, registered members of St. Isidore Parish do not need a Certificate of Eligibility.

A Christian Witness for Baptism must meet the following requirements:

- 16 years of age or older
- A baptized person
- Belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community

A Christian Witness must serve along with a practicing Catholic.

DOCUMENTS FOR GODPARENTS & CHRISTIAN WITNESSES

- A Godparent who is not a member of St. Isidore Parish must obtain a Certificate of Eligibility from his/her home parish indicating that he/she is an active member and is in good standing with the Church.
- An individual who is *not* Catholic is required to contact his/her respective church and obtain a letter from the pastor indicating that he/she is a member of that church and is in good standing.
- For Godparents/Christian Witnesses completing Pre-Jordan classes outside of St. Isidore Parish, a Pre-Jordan/Baptismal Preparation form must be submitted (see form enclosed).

PRE-JORDAN CLASS

- St. Isidore Parish requires parents, godparents, and Christian Witnesses to attend a Pre-Jordan class prior to the Baptism.
- Pre-Jordan class is an approximately one-hour-long class covering a review of the sacrament of Baptism, its significance and meaning; and the Rite of Baptism as conducted at St. Isidore's.
- If **parents** have other children baptized within the past 2 years and attended Pre-Jordan class at that time, they do not need to attend.
- Godparents and Christian Witnesses must attend Pre-Jordan class, unless they have attended within the past 2 years.
 - Godparents and Christian Witnesses who are not registered at St. Isidore may attend Pre-Jordan classes at another parish.
 - A Pre-Jordan/Baptismal Preparation form must be submitted before the baptism can be scheduled.
- **St. Isidore's Pre-Jordan Class is held every first Thursday evening of the month at 7:30 PM in the Church Multi-Purpose Room. (No registration required)**
- **Parents, please bring the registration forms to the St. Isidore Pre-Jordan class for signature by the instructor.**

BAPTISM SCHEDULING

Baptism is usually celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month (Holy Days excluded) following the 11:00 AM Mass. In cases of necessity, other arrangements can be discussed with the Pastor.

There is no baptismal fee; however, a church donation is appreciated.

BAPTISM-DAY REMINDERS

Please share this information with family and friends that will be visiting St. Isidore's:

- Upon arrival, please report to the Chapel.
- Out of respect for the Blessed Sacrament present and those attending Mass, please keep silence in both the chapel and main church.
- No food and beverages are permitted in the vicinity of the church. Gum should be disposed properly before entering the church.
- Please turn off all cell phones and pagers.

PRE-JORDAN/BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

Sponsors/Christian Witnesses

St. Isidore requires Baptism sponsors/Christian witnesses to attend Pre-Jordan class within the past two years.

If sponsors/Christian witnesses are not registered at St. Isidore, they must attend Pre-Jordan class at their home parish and have this note signed, dated, and returned **one week** before the Baptism.

I hereby confirm that _____
Sponsor/Christian Witness name(s)

has attended Pre-Jordan Class in our parish in preparation for the baptism of:

_____ (child's name)

Parish Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature of Pastor or Instructor: _____

Date: _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

ST. ISIDORE PARISH CENTER, 603 W. BROAD ST., QUAKERTOWN PA 18951 ATTN: BAPTISM