

Expectations and Requirements for Catholic Parents wanting to Baptize a Child

The Church desires that every child/adult baptized into the Catholic faith will also have parents who commit to being the first teachers of the Catholic faith by living a life as a model for Catholic living.

The Church requires that the parents are living the Catholic faith (weekly attendance at Sunday Mass, serving in any ministry in or outside the Church) to the best of their ability. A single parent would be expected the same. The pastor can work with exceptional situations as military service, work demands etc.

Parents should be married in the Catholic Church and/or are working on receiving the Sacrament of Marriage if not. Prior marriages can be annulled if a case can be made.

A meeting with the pastor as well as a baptismal class is required for the first child born to a Catholic family before a Baptism can be celebrated. No class is expected for the following children of the same parents. Godparents are expected to take the same class with the parents or take it at their home parish with a letter of good standing in the Catholic Church from their pastor.