



## SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH COMMUNITY

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We are looking forward to celebrating your child's Baptism. The following should assist you in your preparations. Please feel free to contact the parish office should you need additional information.

1) Invite your families and friends to join you for Mass prior to the celebration. This is a joyful time for your family. Baptism is celebrated the first Sunday of the month immediately after 10:30 a.m. Mass.

2) At least ONE sponsor MUST be a practicing Catholic in good standing. This fact MUST be supported by their own Pastor's documentation of Church membership and participation. This certificate must be provided to our office BEFORE the Baptism celebration (NO exceptions permitted--this is Church law). This same sponsor must also have been BOTH baptized AND confirmed, therefore, TEENS who have not been Confirmed, may not serve as sponsors. Sponsors must be at least 16 years old.

3). Parents and children over 5 years of age need to attend the Baptismal Preparation Class, scheduled the last Sunday of the month after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

4) Please call us IMMEDIATELY if you need to cancel/change your scheduled date for the Baptism. This allows us to schedule another Baptism for a family who is waiting.

5) Please return a [registration form](#) before the Baptism if you are just joining the parish. Be sure that the information we may already have on file is up-dated correctly. *We must have your registration on file for one month before a date can be set for the Baptism.* If your family has not been attending Mass at St. Lawrence, this will give you the opportunity to do so.

6) A certificate will be issued on the day of Baptism. Please examine carefully for clerical errors on our part.

We look forward to welcoming your child to our parish community in full membership with the Church. Please let us know if we can help your family.

**Note: If you as a couple were not married in the Catholic Church and desire the blessing of your marriage, please notify Father Gerry.**

*Fr. Gerard L. Bertin,  
Pastor*