Infant and child (up to 6 years) Baptism

Registration

Parents who wish to have their children baptized at St. Luke must be registered members of the parish. To be considered an active parishioner you must: be registered in St. Luke Parish for at least 2 months. You must have a signed annual stewardship intention card for the parish and the archdiocese on file. Attend the Sunday Eucharist at St. Luke. Use your collection envelopes on a consistent basis or make Sunday contributions through direct debit.

Baptism Preparation

- If the person being baptized is under 7 years of age: every first time parent is required to attend our Baptism class, which is held on the fourth Sunday of the month (except when Holidays and Easter fall on the fourth weekend). You register for this class by calling Mary Ann Atkins in the Parish Office at 259-4373, ext. 210.
- **At least one godparent must be Catholic**. The godparent acts as sponsor for the person to be baptized and is expected to guide the baptized person in the Catholic tradition and faith.
- If you wish a non-Catholic to stand up with you at a baptism, you may, but they'll be a Christian Witness only.

Godparent Requirements

- Those who wish to sponsor a child for baptism must request a baptismal sponsor form from his or her parish. This verifies that the sponsor has met the requirements for acting as a sponsor. Forms must be in the parish office no later than 2 weeks before the Baptism. The Requirements are:
 - 1) At least 16 years old
 - 2) Practicing Catholic in good standing
 - 3) Not of the same gender as the second godparent

4) Have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

- 5) Are registered in a Catholic Church.
- Certificates can be emailed or mailed to St. Luke Parish Office as long as there is a parish seal.
- **Scheduling your Childs Baptism:** Baptisms at St. Luke are performed on the first and third Sunday following the 11:30am Mass. You must call the parish office to get your name on the list. We will have no more than 3 families per Baptism. If you want a private baptism at another time, than you can let Mary Ann know and she will check with Msgr. Schaedel or Fr. Peter.

We do not do baptisms on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Triduum, Easter Sunday or during Lent.