



Congratulations on the Birth of our Child

*The Family of St. John the Evangelist
Church is here to assist you with the
preparations for your child's baptism.*



Baptism Pictures

Please share your pictures of your child's
Baptism with your Church community.

Send photos to:
FaithFormation@sjtemahopac.org
to be included in our bulletin,
blog, Facebook page and website.



For questions about scheduling
your child's Baptism, please contact
Lori DiBiase at the Parish House
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Everyone here at St. John the Evangelist Church congratulates you on the birth of your child. We welcome your child as a new member of our parish family and the family of God.

Baptism is the beginning of a new life in Christ for all of God's children. In this sacrament, your child will become a disciple of Christ and receive the fullness of God's love. In the Gospel of Luke 18:16 Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

At St. John's, we hold all of God's children dear and we are here to extend ourselves to help you and your family as you grow in faith together. The Christian community into which your child is about to be received offers prayers for your family as you prepare for the beautiful Sacrament of Baptism. This is the initiation of your child into the Catholic Church and we lovingly welcome your little one to the faith.

May God bless you and your child as you both begin this journey in their Christian life.

Parent Meeting

The first step in arranging to have your child baptized is to contact the Parish House and meet with the head of the Baptism Program. At that meeting you will bring your child's original birth certificate that provides the information necessary for the baptism register. The date for your child's baptism will then be arranged.

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday at 2:00 p.m., with a few exceptions. Private baptisms are arranged at the discretion of the Priest or Deacon and for legitimate reasons, as well as in consideration of other scheduled parish events.

If you are not a member of St. John the Evangelist Parish or living within the parish boundaries, and wish to have your child baptized here, there must be a valid reason for this request. You will need to discuss this with the head of the Baptism program. You will also need to obtain a letter of permission from one of the priests where you worship regularly. This is required by Church Law.

*Please bring your child's
original birth certificate
when registering for Baptism.*

Baptism Class

Baptism classes, for first time parents and parents not married in the Catholic Church, are held on the first Saturday of the month at 9:45am in our Baptism classroom.

When a child is of school age and has not been baptized, it is necessary for that child to go through a special period of preparation.

Godparents

All children being baptized must have at least one godparent, and that person must be a practicing Catholic, who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation and is at least 14 years of age. If you select two godparents (as is customary), one must be a male and the other female. It is not permitted to select two men or two women as godparents. A member of another Christian denomination may be a Christian witness to the Baptism, but would not be recorded as a godparent.

Church Donation

There is no fee for baptizing your child; however, it is appropriate to make a donation to the church in gratitude for your child's Baptism. We look forward to celebrating your child's Baptism with you.

