

# CHECKLIST FOR BAPTISM OF INFANTS

All Saints Catholic Community  
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New Riegel, Ohio 44853

## For Parents:

- Complete Infant Baptism Request Form (page 3), and turn into the Parish Office, **along with the following:**
- Certificates of attendance at a Baptism Preparation class. Every parent presenting a child for Baptism should attend a Baptism Preparation Class, either at our parishes or another parish. (Even if you have taken a Baptism class within the past three years, while attendance at another class is not required, *it is strongly encouraged*. Godparents are also encouraged to attend a Baptism class with the parents, or in their own local parish, when appropriate. Following are times and locations of the Baptism classes:  
**\*Held the 2nd Sunday of: March, June, September and December following the 10 am Mass in  
All Saints Parish Hall (Emmaus Room) New Riegel**
- If you are not a parishioner of All Saints** - Return the Parent Affirmation Form (page 4) or a similar form/letter from your parish pastor granting permission for your child to be baptized at one of our parishes.
- Letters of Affirmation for each of the Godparent (page 5)/Christian Witness (page 6) will be required.

## The Catholic Church requires the following of Godparents: (canon 874.1)

- The Godparents are to be chosen by the candidate, parents, guardians, or pastor.
- They are to be at least sixteen years of age.
- Be a fully initiated Catholic (received Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation)
- Lead a life in harmony with the faith (i.e. a registered member of a parish and attending Mass), if married, in a valid Catholic Marriage, etc.
- They may not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.
- You may choose one or two Godparents. If you choose two, one must be male and the other female.
- The Godparents must have the qualifications for and intention of carrying out this duty.
- \*\*Non-Catholic Witness** (Can.874.2) A **baptized** person belonging to a non-Catholic ecclesial (church) community may be admitted as a witness to baptism but only along with a Catholic Godparent. This person is not formally called a Godparent, but will be referred to as a Christian Witness.