

Blessed Sacrament Church
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CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM – INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

1. **Children must be under the age of 7.** If children are 7 years old or above the parents are asked to speak with the parish priest.
2. Please present a copy of your child's Birth Certificate (official birth certificate issued by the state).
3. **Parents and child** to be baptized must be parishioners of Blessed Sacrament. **If parents/child belong to another parish or reside outside the Grandview area, it is required that they obtain written permission to baptize in Grandview/Mabton from the parish priest of the city they live in.**
4. **Parents and Godparents are required to view three episodes of "Reborn, You, your child, and the Heart of Baptism available on Formed.org .** (We cannot celebrate baptism if any of the four is does not view and answer the worksheet). We hope that you understand that it is your responsibility to fulfill this requirement. The time for baptismal preparation is a time for spiritual growth for parents, godparents and family. It is an opportunity to understand more deeply our faith.
5. **Godparents must present their marriage certificate to demonstrate that they have been married in the Catholic Church.** If godparents are single, (this means that they do not live as a couple), they must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and bring a copy of their Confirmation certificate. Godparents must be 16 years old or older.
6. **A \$40.00 stipend (donation)** is asked for said Baptism/Preparation. If you would like to make a larger donation, we thank you for your generosity and support.
7. **Registration for Baptism** can be done Monday through Friday during office hours. It is required that all documentation and stipend fee be turned in at that time.
8. **Baptisms** in English take place the 2nd and 4th weekends of each month at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass or 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Baptisms in Spanish take place once a month on a designated Saturday at 11:00 a.m. **It is required that parents and godparents arrive 20 minutes before Mass begins and sit in the front pew. Failure to do so may result in the baptism being canceled.** Let us remember that the Church is family of faith united by the bond of love. We recommend sharing this celebration of faith together with other families that also put their children in God's hands so he many receive them as his sons and daughters.
9. Lastly, we ask that you dress appropriately as we are in the house of God. For the ladies/girls we ask that if you are to wear a strapless or spaghetti strap dress you wear a cardigan/jacket to cover the shoulders.

As acknowledgement that you understand and accept the requirements for the baptism of your child(ren) we ask you to sign below:

_____ Date: _____

***Parents have received a copy of this page: _____ Initials**

Worksheets to be completed and returned to parish office no later than _____