May 31, 2025

Greetings Parents,

Congratulations on the birth of your child and in taking the first step to having your child baptized in the Catholic Church! As parents, you will guide this child’s knowledge of God. You will be the first and primary catechists throughout their formation and are responsible for preparing your child for Confirmation and participation in the Most Holy Eucharist. You and the godparents will have a significant impact on your children as examples of faithful followers of Jesus. We, here at St Raphael, are overjoyed that you have chosen this path for your children and are here to support you in this important endeavor.

Please fill out the registration completely including a first and second choice for the Baptism date. If you have attended a Baptism Information Class for a previous child (whether at St Raphael or another Church) please mark that on the form. If this is your first child, please mark down “first child” and contact Deacon Len to schedule your attendance at a Baptism Information Class before the baptism date. Once your form and the donation have been submitted, you will be contacted confirming a baptism date.

For the Godparent’s Certificates, your Catholic godparent choices will need their **Pastor’s signature and parish seal impressed into the form**. The godparent’s signature is also required. Please read carefully the *Baptism Godparent Guidelines* note that only the Catholic godparents will be listed on the official Baptism Certificate you receive at your child’s baptism.

There is a $100 cost for the baptism of children which covers the entire process.

If you have any questions regarding any of these forms, please contact Deacon Len Penkala (630-615-7616) for more information.

Blessings on you and your family,

Deacon Len