

**ST. JUDE THADDEUS PARISH**  
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Dear Parent(s):

Congratulations on the birth of your child! We are glad that you are seeking baptism here at St. Jude Thaddeus Parish.

In the Catholic Church we baptize babies because they borrow the faith of their parent(s) who make a commitment to share their faith with their children until they are old enough to make their own faith choices. So the church requires the following:

- 1) At least one parent is registered in the parish and regularly comes to Mass.
- 2) Attend one baptism class which is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every other month at 6:30p.m. in the Parish Center. Please call the office for class times and registration.
- 3) If parents are not from the parish, call the pastor.
- 4) If you are new to the parish, there is a minimum of three months membership after registration before requesting baptism.

Baptisms are celebrated at any of the three weekend Masses. We prefer only one baptism per Mass. No baptisms are celebrated during Lent. If you have any further questions, please call the office or the pastor, 894-2701.

 God Bless You!

Fr. Dale and Parish Staff

