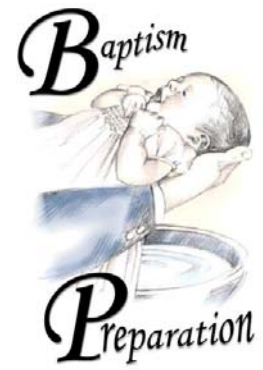


Your Child's Baptism
"The Sacrament of Welcome"
St. Hubert Catholic Community



Baptism

Becoming members of the parish community of St. Hubert is an important commitment and first step for your child's baptism. Information or questions regarding membership or baptism can be directed to Mary Lou at 952-374-5055.

Baptism Preparation

Baptism is a sacrament of welcome into the family of Jesus. Baptism is a welcome that says we belong. We belong to someone – Jesus – and we also belong with someone, this parish community of believers.

If you have not had a child baptized in this community before, you are asked to attend a baptism evening of reflection. If you have attended this class within the past three years, this is not a requirement.

During this evening, we will go through all of the specifics of the rite of baptism as well as answer any of your questions. Godparents and Christian witnesses are also welcome to attend.

Many parents attend this evening before the birth of their child knowing that time after becomes harder to control. Parents are also welcome to bring their child/ren to this evening. These evenings are generally offered once a month and are scheduled from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Please call Mary Lou at 952-374-5055 to register for this class.

Godparents/Christian Witnesses

Choosing godparents is an important decision that will impact your child for much of their life. Originally, the responsibility of Godparents was to ensure your child's religious upbringing, particularly if the parents should die. Today, you are invited to think about the role of Godparents as models and representatives of the Catholic community. Some of the characteristics of Godparents are a willingness to share faith, to be committed to prayer and to actively support you as parents and their Godchild.

The requirements for a Godparent are, a person who was confirmed as a Catholic, who is at least 16 years old and an active member of a Catholic faith community. While only one Godparent is required, if two are chosen, one is to be a Godmother and the other a Godfather.

Many parents have friends or family who are great models of Christian living, who have been baptized into another Christian faith tradition. You can also ask them to be a formal part of your child's life in Christ. We will list them as Christian witnesses.

Baptism Celebration

Baptism celebrations are generally scheduled to begin about 15 minutes after the last Mass ends on Sunday morning and lasting about 45 minutes. The celebration of baptism in this parish includes full and active participation by all of the family and friends who have gathered. You are encouraged to sing, to pray, to listen to the words of God and to fully

participate in this celebration. This community celebration of baptism usually includes 5-7 children being baptized. Each child is baptized individually.

The Day of the Baptism

This is a day of hosting and celebrating. We are a welcoming community and you are encouraged to invite your family and friends to join you for Mass. They are also welcome to gather in the narthex before the baptism. We will have pre-printed nametags for the parents of the children to be baptized at the information desk.

Plan on having your child dressed in their baptismal gown as we begin. Also plan on giving the baptismal candle to one of the Godparents and inviting them to light it at the designated time.

The deacon, who will preside, will begin the celebration by welcoming and gathering all of you in the front pews of the church.

Baptism Resources

Following is a list of area Christian resources for baptismal gowns, gifts, books, etc.

Apostle Books & Gifts – Minnetonka: 952-931-0004

Heritage Christian Books & Gifts – Chaska: 952-448-1776

Northwestern Book Stores – Minnetonka: 952-544-6479

Seedlings – Chanhassen: 952-974-8084

Stay in Touch

We hope that your preparation for your child's baptism will bring you to a deeper level of relationship with God, Jesus and this community.

Active and regular participation in Mass and the life of this community are tangible ways to deepen those relationships.

This community is committed to helping you, as parents, live out the promises you will make at your child's baptism. We will stay in touch with you through a variety of programs and services. A program called Parent Letters from the Parish will be mailed to you every six months until your child turns three, if this is the first baby in your family. A member from our Community Caring for Life group will give you an opportunity to set up a home visit. Thank you for saying yes to having your child welcomed in this sacramental way.