



ST. JOHN XXIII  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

## **St. John XXIII Baptism Process**

Baptism is a beautiful Sacrament through which God brings humanity closer to Himself by cleansing each person of his or her sin. We at St. John XXIII are happy to help each family and individual in their relationship with God by walking with you through this process. We recommend that families begin this process 3 months before the child is born.

If you are seeking baptism for a child who is over the age of 7, please contact us directly to get more information about the process. If you are an adult seeking baptism, please look into our “Becoming Catholic” Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) process.

If you have a child under the age of 7, please follow the following steps:

### **1. Baptism Application**

Parents seeking baptism for their child should fill out the Baptism Application and submit it to Jessica Harris at St. John XXIII. The Application asks for basic information about the child, the child's parents, and the child's godparents. Before choosing godparents for your child, please familiarize yourself with the godparent requirements found on the application form.

### **2. Godparent Eligibility Form**

Each Godparent needs to fill out a Godparent Eligibility Form. This form needs to be signed by the pastor of their parish, and sealed with their parish's seal.

### **3. Copy of the Child's Birth Certificate**

Due to the legal nature of a baptism certificate, St. John XXIII needs a copy of the child's birth certificate to ensure that all of the information matches. We do not keep copies of the birth certificate on file once the baptism is completed.

### **4. Baptism Class for the Parents and Godparents**

Parents and godparents are required to attend a baptism class if they have not taken one in the last 3 years. To register for the baptism class offered at St. John XXIII, please contact the parish. If the class is attended at another parish or online, proof of completion must be turned in with the rest of the paperwork.

### **5. Scheduling a Baptism Date**

Once all of the above steps have been completed, the baptism coordinator will help you choose a date for your child's baptism. The typical procedure is to have baptisms on Saturday mornings at 10am.

For any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Jessica Harris at [jessica@john23.com](mailto:jessica@john23.com).