



The Catholic Churches of *Sacred Heart, Freeport -- St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa Immaculate Conception, New Munich*

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Dear Parents,

Congratulations on the upcoming baptism of your child!

Baptism, as the first of the sacraments of initiation “is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to the life in the Spirit, and the doorway which gives access to the other sacraments.” Through Baptism a person is freed from sin and begins a faith relationship with the Triune God, being reborn as a child of God. One becomes a member of the Body of Christ – the Church, so that he or she can take on the mission of Christ and the Church to spread the Good News of the Kingdom. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1213.)

Requirements for Baptism

Register in the Parish: Registration at one of our three parishes or another parish. If you are registered in another parish, approval from the priest is required.

Baptism Preparation Class: This class is offered the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Melrose Parish Center. Please note, this class is only required for your first born or if you have not attended one previously.

Scheduling the Baptism: Contact the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143 or email to triparish@albanytel.com

Baptismal Registration Form: This form needs to be filled out so that we have all the correct information. Return to the Tri-Parish Office no later than 2 weeks prior to the date of baptism.

Selecting Godparents

Godparents play a very important role in your child’s spiritual life. They should serve as role models of the faith. They should support not only the child but, you the parents as well. In their role as godparent, they represent the larger Church community. Being a godparent is not only an honor, it is a tremendous responsibility. Therefore, the godparents should be carefully chosen.

Church requirements for Godparents:

- Must have one Catholic Godparent, in good standing with the Church.
- Catholic Godparents must have received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- Must be actively practicing their Catholic faith.
- Baptism Sponsor Form from each sponsor no later than 2 weeks prior to the date of baptism to the Tri-parish Office.

In Christ,

Deacon Ernie Kociemba