

## **BAPTISM**

### **Rules & Regulations**

#### **Children:**

- If the child is older than seven years old, we may (and most likely will) require the child to go through RCIC classes and be baptized at the Easter Vigil or an appropriate Sunday thereafter.

#### **Parents:**

- With baptism the parents are accepting the responsibility of bringing them up in the Catholic Faith.
- It is preferable that the parents are married.
- We will still baptize a child, if the parents are not married.
- Parent(s) should attend Mass regularly.
- Parent(s) must go through a baptismal preparation class so they understand what the church expects of them in raising the child in the Catholic faith.
- We only require that baptismal preparation classes be taken for the first child.
- If the parent(s) are not members of St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, we require a letter from their pastor or parish representative indicating that they are members (in good standing) of their particular Catholic parish.

#### **Godparents:**

- You may choose to have one or two godparents.
- A godparent must be Catholic, 16 years of age or older, confirmed and in good standing with the Catholic Church.
- The godparents can be either single or married.
- If the godparents are not members of St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, we require a letter from their pastor indicating that they are members (in good standing) of their Catholic parish.
- If you choose to have two godparents, one must be male and one female.
- It is allowed to have a non-Catholic be a witness with a Catholic godparent. They must be a baptized Christian and practicing their faith.