

# Immaculate Conception Baptism Requirements

Baptism is the first and most necessary sacrament for salvation. There are a few requirements that a parent should be aware of when bringing their child for baptism at Immaculate Conception. **The date of the baptism will not be set until the following are complete.** This process can begin as soon as the pregnancy is realized.

- The first step is to arrange an appointment with the pastor.
- Then parents and godparent(s) must attend a baptism seminar in a Catholic parish and receive proof of completion (certificate, note from parish, etc.). Completion of a seminar is good for up to 3 years.
- According to Church law one godparent is required for the child to be baptized.
  - It is customary to have one godmother and one godfather.
  - You may *not* have 2 godmothers or godfathers, but only one of each.
  - Godparents must be practicing Catholics who go to Mass on Sundays, have received the sacrament of confirmation, and be in full communion with the Church (e.g. cannot be married outside of the Church)
  - Any other person will not be considered a godparent. If there is at least one licit godparent then another baptized Christian of good character may be considered to be a witness.
- A recently certified baptism certificate of the godparent(s) must be obtained from the parish where they were baptized.
- If the parents are not married a copy of the birth certificate will be required once the child is born.
- Upon the completion of all of the above then parents may schedule the baptism with the parish.

At ICC Baptism Seminars are normally every first Wednesday of the month at 6PM in the Parish School of Religion building. Confirm the date and time of the seminar with Mrs. Rachel Christ by calling 225-627-5819.

Call 225-627-5124 with questions or to make your appointment.