

Saint Mark Catholic Church
6500 Crawford Rd
Argyle, Texas 76226

BAPTISM INFORMATION

The preparation for the baptism of an infant is directed to the parents and godparents. Sacramental preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism is a prerequisite for the baptism of children and babies under age 7.

Requirements for Parents:

Members of another parish who wish to have a child baptized at St. Mark **need** to contact their parish and follow their requirements; as well as provide us with a letter from their priest acknowledging the desire to baptize the baby at St. Mark, with the rest of the documents requested. (*CIC 857 2*)

At least one parent must be baptized Catholic. The non-Catholic parent must be willing to allow his/her child to be baptized in the Catholic Church.

A copy of the child's birth certificate **must be provided**, along with **Baptism Registration Form, Acknowledgement Form, Agreement for Reservation of Baptism** and proof of **Baptism Prep Class**. All (except Proof of Baptism Prep Class) can be picked up at the office, or printed off our website www.stmarkdenton.org under the "Sacraments/Faith Formation" Baptism menu; and must be turned in to Elsa Vasquez, parish office. Parents need to meet with Father prior to the Baptism. You can call the office or Father directly to set and appointment.

Requirements for the Godparents:

"Each child may have a godfather and a godmother, the word 'godparents' is used to describe both." (*Rite of Baptism for Children 6*)

Only one godparent is necessary. Although there can be more; only two names can actually be entered in the Baptismal Register.

The godparent must be fully initiated Catholic (baptized, confirmed, received Eucharist); must be in good standing with the Catholic Church (including a valid Catholic Marriage, if married) and at least 16 years of age. (*Cf. CIC, can. 874*)

The godparent must be willing to accept the responsibility of assisting the parents in developing the faith life of the child.

The godparent may not be the father or mother of the baby/child being baptized.

Godparents need to provide St. Mark with a “godparent certificate” or a letter of “member in good standing” from their church.

If you have any unusual circumstances, please contact Elsa Vasquez at 940-387-6223 or at evasquez@stmarkdenton.org

Baptismal Class:

Parents and godparents are required to take the class. The class is held on the second Thursday of every month, except for December and January, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Religious Education Building. Please call the parish office to register for the class or register online at www.stmarkdenton.org under Sacraments/Faith Formation – Baptism.

The class can be taken at another church if the above times are not convenient, please make sure to ask for a certificate from that class.

Baptismal classes are good for 2 years.

Scheduling the Date for the Baptism:

All paperwork – mentioned under requirements for parents must be turned in to Elsa Vasquez, three weeks prior to Baptism date will be greatly appreciated, but must be in at least the week prior to the Baptismal date. The Baptism date cannot be confirmed or guaranteed until all paperwork is in.

Baptisms are celebrated during a Mass. **Saturday Vigil Mass 5 pm; Sunday Mass 9 am, 11:30 am, and 4 pm.**