

SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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BAPTISM

Information for those preparing for Baptism

Classes:

The classes are held on the first Tuesday of February, May, September, and November at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. Please call the rectory to register for the class.

Who should attend the Class? – Parents and godparents **must attend** a baptism class if they have not done so within the last five (5) years. Proof of prior attendance must be provided.

Where should the Baptism take place? – The most appropriate place to baptize a child is in the parish church where the parents attend Mass.

Baptism:

Contact a priest or deacon to schedule the baptism.

The following items are required for baptism:

1. The Baptismal Application must be completed.
2. A copy of the birth certificate of the child to be baptized is required by the Church before the baptism. This should be brought or mailed to Saints Cyril and Methodius with the completed application.
3. Copies of a certificate or letter as proof that baptism classes were attended by the parents and godparents.
4. For any godparent who is living with someone like husband and wife, we need a copy of their marriage certificate as proof that they are in a valid marriage in accordance with the marriage laws of the Catholic Church.
5. If the parents of the child are not members of Saints Cyril and Methodius Church in Shiner, we need a letter of permission from the pastor of their Catholic parish.
6. **All necessary paperwork must be in our office at least 3 days prior to the Baptism.**

CHOOSING A GODPARENT FOR YOUR CHILD

These are the qualities needed for someone to serve as a godparent:

1. Is a baptized Catholic who has received the Eucharist and has been Confirmed.
2. Must be at least 16 years of age.
3. Is a practicing Catholic who participates in the Eucharistic celebration on Sundays.
4. Gives good example of living their Catholic faith.
5. Willing to encourage the child to develop and grow in the Catholic faith.
6. If there are two godparents, one must be male and the other female.
7. The two godparents do not necessarily have to be of the same marriage.
8. If they are living with someone like husband and wife, their marriage must be seen as valid in the eyes of the Catholic Church.
9. A **baptized** non-Catholic may not be a godparent but may serve as a witness alongside a Catholic godparent. Together they carry out the role of godparents in the baptism. Non-baptized persons may not serve in the role of godparents or witnesses.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact us at (361) 594-3836 or at our general e-mail address rectory@sscmshiner.org. You can also contact Fr. Kirby Hlavaty at frkirby@sscmshiner.org, Deacon Joe Machacek at jmachacek@sscmshiner.org.

Thank you!