

Baptism Guidelines

- A white cloth is needed, (i.e. bib, blanket, etc). “The white cloth symbolizes that the person baptized has 'put on Christ', has risen with Christ.”
- If you live in a different Parish community, you have to obtain a letter of permission from your local Parish Priest to have your child baptized in a different Parish.
- A baptism course has to be completed by the parent(s) and godparents. You can complete the course at any Parish and have a letter confirming so.
- If the course is completed in our Parish it is usually completed approximately ½ hour before the baptism.
- Baptism's usually take place at the Saturday, 6:00 pm service or the Sunday, 10:30 am service, however, private baptism's are available, depending on the Priest's schedule and the Parish's daily Mass schedules and other gatherings, i.e. funerals, weddings, etc. With everyone's busy life schedule we try to accommodate a time convenient to the parents.
- **IMPORTANT: Depending on religion Godparents have to be confirmed, and at least one has to be Catholic and Confirmed in the Catholic Church. PROOF OF CONFIRMATION IS REQUIRED.**

**St. Stephens Parish
Baptism Application**

Email application to st.stephens.parish@nf.sympatico.ca

Application Date: _____

Location: _____

Child's Name (First, Middle, and Last): _____

Date & Place of Birth: _____

Father's Name: _____

Father's Address: _____

Father's Phone Number: _____

Father's Age and Religion: _____

Profession (optional): _____

Mother's Name (and Maiden Name): _____

Mother's Address: _____

Mother's Phone Number: _____

Mother's Age and Religion: _____

Profession (optional): _____

Godparent(s): 1. _____ 2. _____

Parent's Place of Marriage (if applicable): _____

Have you completed the Baptism Program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Proposed Date for Baptism: _____

A minimum fee of \$25 is required in order to keep the Parish available for baptism, it has to be kept in good repair, insured, heated, and cleaned, your support is greatly appreciated.

☐ \$25

☐ \$50

☐ \$75

☐ \$100

****Non-residents must contact resident Parish and obtain letter of permission for Baptism to take place in this Parish.***

****We also would like a photocopy of the child's birth certificate to ensure the child's legal name and information is accurate in our Parish records.***