

Dear Parent,

Congrats on the birth of your child and thank you for the gift of bringing your child into the Body of Christ through baptism and in particular to our St. Michael parish family. This is a great gift to the church but also a great responsibility for you as parents in raising your child in the practice of the faith. These are the things you will need to do before having your child baptized:

1. Fill out the initial forms found on our website or stop by the church to pick them up: Here is the link. Bring the forms to your appointment.

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5eb17e07d5941c31e7b91baa/t/60785f2d0d192a694a9bf37e/1618501421348/20210415093232842.pdf>

2. **Member of St. Michaels:** Set up an appointment with our priests or deacons to talk about baptism. The meetings are usually one time for about an hour. Both parents should be present. The formation team includes: Fr. Tom Hartman (pastor) Fr. Scott Miller (parochial vicar), Deacon John Devlin, Deacon Jonathan Eckrich, & Deacon Tom DeRienzo. If this is your second child, the class isn't necessary but watching the video online is a requirement. (See number 4)

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Member of another community: Set up an appointment with your parish to have a class and they can send us a letter attesting that you have had a class and give us permission to do the baptism here.

Not a member of a faith community: We want to support you in your role as Christian parents, so register at St. Michaels and become part of our particular family and we will work with you.

3. **Select godparents:** these should be confirmed Catholics and at least 16 years old, and practicing their faith. This should not be an honorary title given to someone who does not practice their faith. This should be 1 man and 1 woman who will assist you in your duties as Christian parents. If they are not St. Michael members, they will need to have the attached form filled out by their pastor attesting that they are registered and active members of their faith community. (Form at link above)

For a godparent class, they will need to register for our FORMED website and watch the following video and then send an email confirming they watched the video to the clergy who prepared them.

Go to <https://formed.org/> choose sign up, select sign up as a parishioner, type St. Michaels Parish Sioux Falls, give them your name and email. This will give them access to the following video

<https://watch.formed.org/reborn/season:1/videos/the-gift-of-godparents-more-than-cards-presents-by-lucas-pollice>

4. Parents should watch the opening video on Formed called, "Reborn". The goal would be to watch the series but after the first one, let the Holy Spirit move you.

<https://watch.formed.org/reborn>

5. You may set up a time with the office to set a date or at the time of your appointment with the priest. There is no guarantee that the priest/deacon of your choice will be available for that particular time. There is also the possibility of multiple baptisms at the same time.

God bless,

Fr. Tom Hartman