

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 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 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 the parish office to sign up for the baptism class which is the third Sunday of every month. The class is usually one time for about an hour. Both parents should be present. The formation team includes: Fr. Tom Hartman (pastor) Fr. Dan Smith (parochial vicar), Fr. Andy Thuringer (parochial vicar), Deacon John Devlin, Deacon Jonathan Eckrich, & Deacon Tom DeRienzo. If this is your second child and it's been within three years, the class isn't necessary but watching the video online is a requirement. (See number 4)

St. Michaels Parish 605-361-1600

**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 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. 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 send an email to Father Tom ([frthomashartman@sfcatholic.org](mailto:frthomashartman@sfcatholic.org)) confirming they watched the video.

Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), choose "sign up", select "sign up as a parishioner", type "St. Michaels Sioux Falls", and click the top option, "1610 Marion Rd...", this will prompt them to type their 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. If you don't have an account set up, look at the paragraph above this one for directions. Then once you've watched the video(s) please send an email to Father Tom ([frthomashartman@sfatholic.org](mailto:frthomashartman@sfatholic.org)) confirming you watched them.

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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