

St. Agnes Parish Baptismal Preparation Program

Congratulations on your child's baptism! St. Agnes looks forward to serving the spiritual needs of your child all of his/her life. Feel free to contact us anytime as to how we may meet your spiritual needs. Below are a few guidelines for having your child baptized at St. Agnes.

1) **Meeting:** Parents are to attend one baptismal preparation meeting preferably before choosing godparents. Please contact Fr. Greg to set up a meeting.

The following will be discussed at the meeting:

- a. Baptism as a sacrament
- b. Why the Catholic Church baptizes infants
- c. The role of parents and godparents and the promises they make
- d. What it means to practice your faith
- e. The meaning of the baptismal liturgy and the symbols we use
- f. Water, Paschal candle, white cloth, chrism oil
- g. Do a "walk through" of the baptismal ceremony
- h. Suggestions on how to raise your child in the faith
- i. Answer any questions you may have

2) **Reading:** Parents are to pick up the following booklets from the parish and read the material below before attending the meeting. Please be prepared to discuss this material.

- a. *Your Child's Baptism* (read all)
- b. *Outlines of the Catholic Faith* (minimally read the pages listed below-you may wish to read the entire book as a review)
Sacraments 19-20 Baptism 20-22
Precepts of the Church (minimum requirements of a Catholic) 63-65
- c. *Welcomed by Name, our Child's Baptism* (read all)
- d. *Welcomed by Name our Godchild's Baptism* (Please give to godparents to read)

3) **Necessary forms:** The sacramental "Godparent Promise Forms" must be completed and returned to the Parish Office ten days prior to the date of the baptism. You may choose one or two Godparents. Godparents must be baptized, confirmed, and active members of the Catholic Church.

4) **Suggested offering:** Each offering is optional and should be placed in individual envelopes.

Books and materials	\$25	(check payable to St. Agnes)
Works of charity account	\$10	(check payable to St. Agnes)
Priest	(Free will offering)	(check payable to priest)

If you have any questions please call me at 715-359-5675 or e-mail me at frgregbohren@gmail.com
God's blessings, Fr. Greg Bohren