

# Church of Our Lady of Victory

207 North Vine Street \* Fergus Falls, MN 56537



Dear Parents:

Congratulations on the upcoming baptism of your child!

As with most Sacraments of the Church, baptism requires a time of preparation. If this is your first child, both parents will be required to attend a baptismal preparation meeting where we will discuss the Rite of Baptism and your role as parents in the journey of Christian parenthood. If this is not your first child and you have previously attended a baptismal preparation meeting or class, you are not required to attend again. However, we would be happy to sit down and visit with you regarding any questions you have about baptism or the Catholic faith.

Choosing godparents for your child is an important decision. They should be someone who will be a good example and a spiritual mentor for your child. Although only one godparent of either gender is necessary, many families choose to have two. When two godparents are chosen, one should be a man and one a woman. The Church requires that at least one of the godparents be a practicing Catholic and that they meet the following requirements:

- Be 16 years of age or older.
- Must be a baptized Catholic who has completed the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Not be the mother or father of the one to be baptized

A baptized person who belongs to another Christian tradition can be a witness of the baptism, but only with a Catholic godparent.

Please complete the enclosed Baptismal Information Form and return it to the parish office. If any of the information on the form is unknown, please leave it blank and we will fill it in later. If we have not already discussed a potential date for your child's baptism, please contact me as soon as possible to schedule the date and time.

We look forward to celebrating the joyous Sacrament of Baptism with you and your child.

Peace & Blessings,

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