

# St. Mary's Church

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Dear Parents,

As your child enters the world of education it is important to recognize that our Catholic schools work together with families and the Catholic community of St. Mary's Church.

Sacraments are fostered through religious education within our six parish schools. Baptism is most often celebrated within the first year of life. For various reasons families have to suspend their decision to have their baby or young child Baptized. Now that your child is entering Junior/Senior Kindergarten it is time to reconsider having your child Baptized. If you wish for your child to grow and receive the graces offered through the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation, Baptism is the first step.

The Baptism process at this age is the same as for an infant:


- Regular attendance at mass to fulfill your Sunday obligation.
- Obtaining a Baptism package at the church office.
- Submitting required forms back to the priest following Sunday mass or church office.
- Include a copy of a Baptismal Certificate of the Roman Catholic parent.
- Attending a Parent Baptism Class held on the first Tuesday of the month from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

If your child is age seven, considered the "age of reason" in the Catholic Church, parents and child are required to attend the six week Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (R.C.I.C.) Program to prepare their child for Baptism. Baptism is the stepping stone to First Communion in Grade 2.

Contact Mickie Oakes, Pastoral Associate, with any questions you may have at 705-728-2985 ext. 110.

We at St. Mary's Church, welcome you to become part of our parish community. Family, church and school together will enhance the journey and spiritual experience of your child in Catholic education.

Yours in Christ,

  
Msgr. Marco Laurencic  
Pastor