



AUGUST 23RD, 2026 | TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm Vigil
Sunday | 9:00am (English),
2:00pm (Español)

Weekday Masses

Monday | 8:00am
Tuesday | 8:00am
Wednesday | 6:00pm (Español)
Thursday | 8:00am
Friday | 6:00pm

Confession

Saturday | 8:30am - 9:30am
Other | By Appointment

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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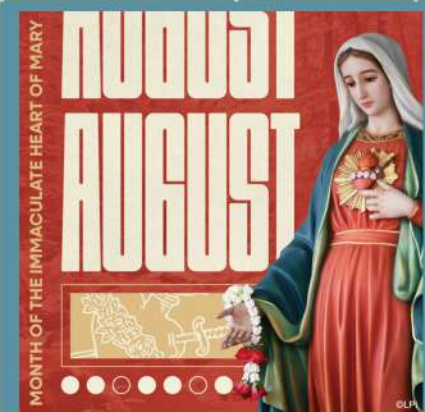
PARISH CLERGY

Pastor Fr. Chris Axline

Parochial Vicar Fr. Johnson Vadakkumcherry

Deacon Francis Staab

August - Happening This Month

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
 August The Month of The Immaculate Heart of Mary						August 01 8:30-9:30am Confessions 10am - 2pm Catechist Training 2:30pm First Saturday Devotion <i>In the Chapel</i> 4:00pm Mass
02 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9:00am Mass (English) 2:00pm Misa (Español)	03 8:00am Mass 6:00pm JPC	04 8:00am Mass	05 10:00am Rosary 6:00pm Misa (Esp.) 6:45pm CERS 6:45pm CERS Youth 6:45pm JPC	06 8:00am Mass 9am-5pm Eucharistic Adoration <i>In the Chapel</i>	07 5:00pm First Friday Devotion <i>In the Chapel</i> 6:00pm Mass 6:45pm CERS	08 8:30-9:30am Confessions 9:30 am Pro-life Rosary/ Meeting 4:00pm Mass
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Readings for the week of August 23, 2026

Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday:

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday:

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday:

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mt 24:42-51

Friday:

1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday:

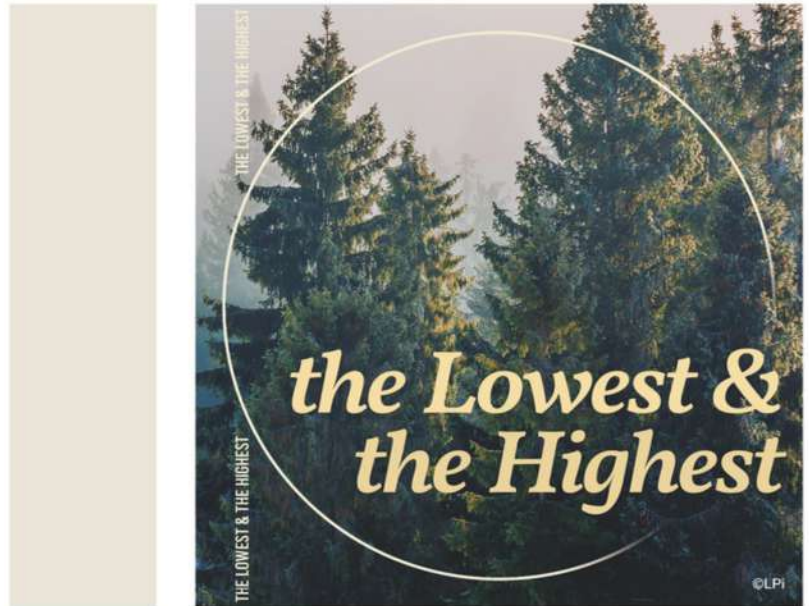
1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/
Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, "**Who do you say that I am?**" And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, "**You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.**"

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

— Father John Muir

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder;
when he opens, no one shall shut,
when he shuts, no one shall open. (Is 22:22)

Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

Gospel:

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt 16:19)

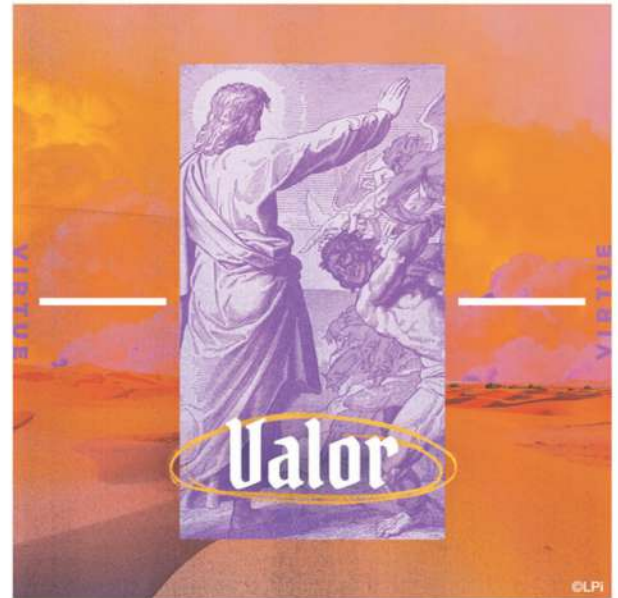
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks his apostles. Peter is the first to answer. He knows who Jesus is. Do we? In everything we do and everything we are, let us say together with Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Observances for the week of August 23, 2026

Sunday:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Tuesday:	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Thursday:	St. Monica
Friday:	St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Next Sunday:	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Though valor itself is not a cardinal or theological virtue, as a Latin-based word that means "strength," we associate it with the gift of fortitude. It conjures an image of fortitude on the battlefield — of fidelity to the good fight, regardless of the coming attack.

Prayer for the Pope

Dear God,
Be with Our Holy Father in his ministry. Bless, anoint, and protect him in his comings and goings. Inspire his words, direct his interactions, guide his prayer. Amen.

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father."
- Mt 16:15-17

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

For disobeying the Lord, Shebna, the master of King Hezekiah's palace, is stripped of his authority and honor, and it is given to Eliakim. Are there people in your life or family that you honor and revere?

Second Reading:

Reflecting on the unimaginable depth of God's wisdom and knowledge, Paul asks, "Who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?" What question do you have for the Lord?

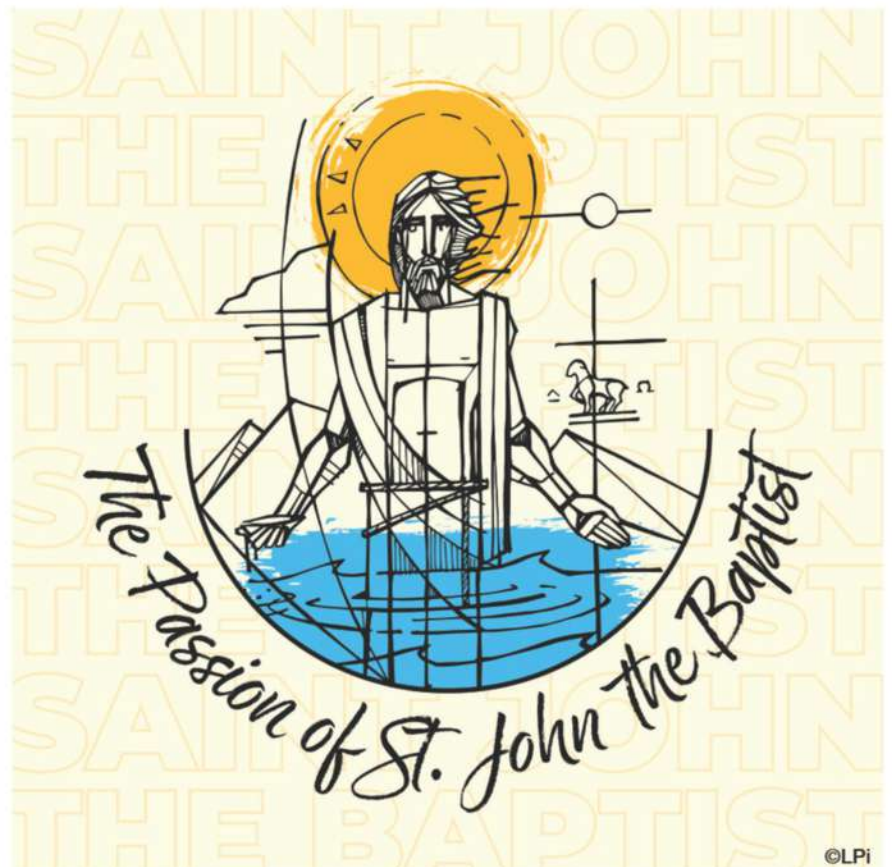
Gospel:

Jesus establishes Peter as the rock upon whom he will build his church. In what ways do you help build your church community?



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Only Peter Has the Answer

“What do you think of the Pope?”

After the election of Pope Leo XIV in 2025, all my non-Catholic friends texted me this question. The result of the papal conclave was dominating the news cycle, and everyone was curious about this man who would now be so prominent on the world stage, making me temporarily popular with people who apparently need more (and better) Catholics in their lives.

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus entrust Peter and his heirs with the stewardship of the kingdom here on earth, creating an unbroken line of authority which stretches through the millennia all the way to our current Pope — whoever he is at the time you are reading this.

I don't know if you like the Pope. The same goes for your local bishop and your pastor. If a friend texted you, “What do you think of him?” I have no idea how you would respond.

All I know is this: it doesn't really matter. What really matters is what we would say if a friend texted us the same question about Jesus Christ: “What do you think of him, and why?”

In today's Gospel, Jesus doesn't ask his disciples to take an IQ test. He doesn't try to find out which one is the nicest, the hardest worker, the most humble, or even the holiest.

He asks a very simple question: “Who do you say that I am?”

Peter has the answer.

I am not Catholic because I like the Pope. I am not Catholic because the human representatives of the Church have anything to offer me (they often do, but this is beside the point).

I am Catholic because only Peter has the answer.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

In Sunday school, the students are studying the Ten Commandments. I know that kids are important in the eyes of God, so I'm just wondering why there isn't a commandment about honoring children.

Answer:

Commandments provide EOO-Equal Opportunity for Observance! They are meant for everyone, children as well as adults. There are several assumptions that would make such a commandment a bit redundant. One, children are entrusted to the care of their parents. So, respect, love, and care — as well as teaching them — are assumed to be part of the responsibility of parents. They are the first teachers in the ways of faith and, as such, participate in God's work of loving and creating. The child has the obligation and responsibility towards their parents. Only when they are adults will they make decisions on their own.

In Biblical times, and in many societies today, children are responsible for caring for elderly parents, providing for their needs. In our culture today, too often kids have more rights than responsibilities, and oftentimes long before they are able to handle them. If we follow the Commandment of Jesus to love others and treat them as we would want to be treated, everyone is included, children too.



Hello St. Mary's,

You may have noticed some work being done to the convent building (the one located between the chapel and the JB Wright house). The work we had done on that building was done to stop the decay of that building. It needed to be done regardless of what the feasibility study showed. It was in rough shape interiorly and had been overrun by stray cats and wild pigeons and also had not been maintained properly for a while. The challenge was, we had many items from our history stored in there. So, we had that building cleaned out, stripped and gutted so that it can be used in the future. We went in and saved photos, records, old pews, and even an old tabernacle from a high altar, and many other items preserving our parish history. We also had some asbestos remediation done to that building. The building was also sealed up for preservation and usability for whatever future work is done towards a parish hall. All of the work done on this project was something I had been working on as part of maintaining our existing facilities since arriving here in July of 2025 and now that it is done, we can now look to the future.

The timing for this project also happened to coincide with the feasibility study. I have had a few people ask me what the point of the feasibility study was. They shared that seeing construction while asking for input seemed useless. That was not my goal and again, the cleaning, repair, and preservation of that building was something already in the works. It is not related to the feasibility study, except tangentially, in the sense that now we have a blank slate to work with for that building and any future designs of the hall. Future designs and plans for a parish hall is where your feedback is being considered and our options explored.



STEWARDSHIP

August 16th Attendance: 796

Weekly Collection	\$ 10,550.72
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Building Fund	\$ 99.00
Weekly Total	\$ 11,530.78

July 2026

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Thank you
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To that end, I want to thank everyone who participated in the feasibility study; the results were positive and encouraging for me as I continue to pursue efforts to expand our parish facilities in order to meet current and future needs of St. Mary's. Based on the results of the study, I am exploring next steps in consultation with the diocese to ensure that what we do is cost effective, meets the needs of our community, and to ensure quality controls are met. I have nothing definitive to share with you at this time, but I have also received many additional questions about what we are hoping to do. I am compiling those questions and answers and will share them with you once they are done.

God bless,

Rev. R. Christopher Axline

Pastor

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and Our Lady of the Desert

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Hola, St. Mary's:

Quizás hayan notado que se están realizando algunas obras en el edificio del convento (el que se encuentra entre la capilla y la casa de JB Wright). Las obras que llevamos a cabo en ese edificio tenían como objetivo detener su deterioro. Era necesario realizarlas independientemente de lo que indicara el estudio de viabilidad. El interior se encontraba en muy mal estado, había sido invadido por gatos callejeros y palomas silvestres, y además hacía tiempo que no se le daba el mantenimiento adecuado. El reto era que teníamos muchos objetos de nuestra historia almacenados allí. Por eso, hicimos que se limpiara, desmontara y vaciara por completo ese edificio para que pueda utilizarse en el futuro. Entramos y rescatamos fotos, registros, bancos antiguos e incluso un antiguo tabernáculo de un altar mayor, además de muchos otros objetos que preservan la historia de nuestra parroquia. También se llevó a cabo la remoción del asbesto en ese edificio. Además, el edificio fue sellado para su conservación y para que pueda utilizarse en cualquier trabajo futuro que se realice con miras a convertirlo en un salón parroquial. Todo el trabajo realizado en este proyecto formaba parte de las tareas de mantenimiento de nuestras instalaciones existentes desde que llegué aquí en julio de 2025 y, ahora que está terminado, podemos mirar hacia el futuro.

El momento en que se llevó a cabo este proyecto coincidió con el estudio de viabilidad. Algunas personas me han preguntado cuál era el propósito del estudio de viabilidad. Me comentaron que les parecía inútil ver las obras mientras se solicitaban opiniones. Ese no era mi objetivo y, repito, la limpieza, reparación y conservación de ese edificio ya estaban en marcha. No está relacionado con el estudio de viabilidad, salvo de manera tangencial, en el sentido de que ahora contamos con un lienzo en blanco con el que trabajar para ese edificio y cualquier diseño futuro del salón parroquial. Es precisamente en los diseños y planes futuros para el salón parroquial donde se están tomando en cuenta sus comentarios y se están explorando nuestras opciones.

Con ese fin, quiero agradecer a todos los que participaron en el estudio de viabilidad; los resultados

fueron positivos y alentadores para mí, mientras sigo trabajando para ampliar las instalaciones de nuestra parroquia con el fin de satisfacer las necesidades actuales y futuras de St. Mary's. Con base en los resultados del estudio, estoy explorando los próximos pasos en consulta con la diócesis para asegurar que lo que hagamos sea rentable, satisfaga las necesidades de nuestra comunidad y cumpla con los controles de calidad. No tengo nada definitivo que compartir con ustedes en este momento, pero también he recibido muchas preguntas adicionales sobre lo que esperamos hacer. Estoy recopilando esas preguntas y respuestas y las compartiré con ustedes una vez que estén listas.

Que Dios los bendiga,

Rev. R. Christopher Axline

Pastor

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and Our Lady of the Desert

St. Mary Women's Fellowship – For women 18 years and up

Our upcoming Fall Study program:

"Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer," an 8-session study that teaches the essential steps of a faithful and fruitful prayer life. You will pray with Scripture, listen for God's voice in daily life, overcome distractions, and learn to build a consistent prayer life.

To order workbook/online access to videos (if you're unable to attend a class): ascensionpress.com

The Fellowship meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month/December (1st & 3rd) Tuesdays.

First class: Tuesday, September 8 @6:00-7:30pm

Please contact Rina with any questions: caterinar1986@gmail.com



Welcome to St. Mary's!

OFFICIAL INSTALLATION OF FR. CHRIS AT ST. MARY'S AND OUR LADY OF THE DESERT

At the 4pm Mass on August 15th, Fr. Chris was officially Installed by Fr. Matthew Lowry. After Mass, the Belles hosted the dinner reception for him, so many parishioners came and congratulated him!

Thanks to all who attended and helped.

Congratulations 🎉 to Fr. Chris, St. Mary's and Our Lady of the Desert!



IN OUR HEARTS

Those Who Have Died

Laura Bennett

Mary Deering

James Collins

Kyle Hurley

Marie Staab

Michelle Guenther

Lois Robinson

Simon "Robby" Robinson



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our Sick Parishioners

Rob Grumbles

Ginny Ludwilowski

Joey Mathews

Steffen Urban

Pam Weineister & Family

Jeff McBride

Gregory Cull

Paula Poublon

Wenerlyn Fabiana Silva Mendez



MASS INTENTIONS & DAILY GOSPELS

Saturday, August 22nd

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mt 23:1-12

4:00pm | Pro Populo

Sunday, August 23rd

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 16:13-20

9:00am | Clarence PeeWee Smith †

2:00pm | Pro Populo

Monday, August 24th

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Jn 1:45-51

8:00am | Patricia Tellman

Tuesday, August 25th

Weekday; Saint Louis; Saint Joseph
Calasanz, Priest

Mt 23:23-26

8:00am | Helen Waskel Dwyer †

Wednesday, August 26th

Weekday

Mt 23:27-32

6:00pm | Pro Populo

Thursday, August 27th

Saint Monica

Mt 24:42-51

8:00am | Ed & Pat Whitehead †

Friday, August 28th

Saint Augustine, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church

Mt 25:1-13

6:00pm | James C. Dollarhide †

Next Saturday, August 29th

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

Mk 6:17-29

4:00pm | Luigi Villani †

Next Sunday, August 30th

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 16:21-27

9:00am | Pro Populo

2:00pm | Maria De La Luz Castro Angulo †

Prayer

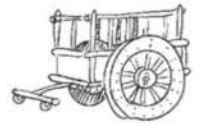
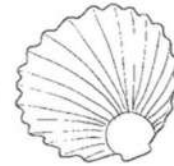
Jesus, now I can tell everyone that you are Christ, our Savior.

Mission for the Week

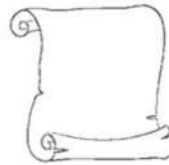
I will share my favorite Bible verse about Jesus with a friend.

Which picture name **begins** with this letter?
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

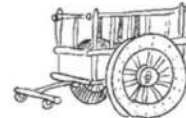
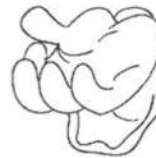
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Sharing the Gospel

In this Gospel, Jesus asked his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ, the Messiah, the Savior. It is hard to keep a secret. When you are told a secret, the first thing you want to do is tell everyone you meet. If you were blind and Jesus made you see, it would be difficult to keep it a secret. You would probably run here and there telling everyone.

Now color
the picture!



Religious Formation and Sacraments

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Registration for the 2026-2027 session
has ended:

**Classes begin on Thursday, August 13th,
from 5:30-7:00pm at the Parish Center.**



The side doors will open at 5:15pm



Please check our website and Facebook page
for more information!



We look forward to seeing our St. Mary's families next session!



Baptism Information

(children ages 6 and younger)



REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BAPTISM OF YOUR CHILD To

have your child baptized in our parish, a parent of

**the child to be baptized must come to the Parish Office to obtain an outline
describing the required forms.**

After submitting these required forms to the office, the parents and godparents
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