



SAINT MARY
of the angels

Receiving Baptism at "Saint Mary of the Angels"

❖ **Importance of Baptism for Children**

Holy Baptism is the base of the whole Christian life... Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we became members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission... Born with a fallen human nature and tainted by original sin, children also have the need of the new birth in Baptism to be freed from the power of darkness and brought into the realm of the freedom of the children of God... (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1213 & 1250).

The Church and the parents would deny a child the priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1250).

Here is what you have to do to have your young children baptized at Saint Mary of the Angels:

1) Choose Godparents who are practicing Catholics

You may choose one godparent (male or female) or two (in this case one of each sex).

A godparent must have completed the sixteenth year, be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken (Code of Canon Law, 874).

2) Receive Baptismal Instruction

Parents and godparents are required to attend one baptismal class before the baptism ceremony can take place. (If you already attended the class with a previous Baptism you do not need to take the class again. Just call the Parish Office for a Registration Form or go to our website www.sma-church.org (look under sacraments) and return it as soon as possible). You can come to the class without signing up beforehand. Baptismal classes are given according to the following schedule:

In English – 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 pm

In Spanish – 2nd Wednesday at 7:30 pm

In Polish – Please call the Parish Office.

3) Reserve a Date for Baptism

You will receive the Registration Form at the class and can fill out the date and time of the Baptism.

If you took the class at another church, send us a certificate of attendance. After filling out the Baptismal Form, parents should mail it or bring it to the Parish Office **together with a copy of birth certificate** of your child.

The schedule of the Baptismal Ceremony is as follows:

Baptisms in English – 1st and 3rd Sundays at 2:00 pm

Baptisms in Spanish – 2nd Sunday at the 12:30 pm Mass and 3rd Saturday at 9:30 am

Baptisms in Polish – Sundays at the 9:30 am Mass

Please **PRINT LEGIBLY**

DATE OF BAPTISM: _____

TIME: _____



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Baptismal Registration Form

1. Full name of the person to be baptized _____ Sex: F ___ M ___

2. Date of birth _____ 3. Place of birth: City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

3. Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

4. Phone number ___(____)_____ 8. E-mail _____

5. Was the child baptized privately? No _____ Yes _____ If yes, Date _____

6. Does he/she have any brothers and sisters? _____ How many? _____ Their names are: _____

7. In what parish are the parents registered? _____

8. Are the parents married? _____ a) In the Catholic Church? _____

b) Civil marriage? _____

c) Other Church? _____

d) Other? _____

9. Father's full name _____

10. Religion of the father _____ Is he a practicing Catholic? _____

11. Mother's **"full Maiden Name"** _____

12. Religion of the mother _____ Is she a practicing Catholic? _____

13. Godfather's full name _____ Is he a practicing Catholic? _____

14. Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

15. Phone number (____) _____ Parish he belongs to _____

16. Godmother's full name _____ Is she a practicing Catholic? _____

17. Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

18. Phone number (____) _____ Parish she belongs to _____

Attendance: **To be completed by the teacher of the class.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Godfather	<input type="checkbox"/> Godmother
Date attended: _____	_____	_____	_____
Place attended: _____	_____	_____	_____
Person who taught the class _____			

Minister who celebrated the Baptism: _____