Requirements

Parents must be registered at St. Mary’s, West Haven, one parent must be Catholic. You must be an active parishioner in good standing with the church.

Children older than 6 years of age are required to take RCIC classes - Rite of Christian Initiation for Children, they must also be enrolled in regular religious education classes.

Godparents must be Catholic and have received all their sacraments, Baptism, First Communion; Reconciliation, Confirmation and Matrimony (married in the Catholic Church). Godparents can be single as long as they have received all the sacraments through Confirmation. We will need documentation on their sacraments received. Godparents do not have to be married to each other but if married, they must be married in the Catholic Church. Godparents must be one male and one female or you may have one Godparent. If Godparents are from another parish, we will need a letter from their parish stating that they are in good standing in the church, participating in Mass regularly and have taken the baptism class at their parish, if they wish to take the class at St. Mary’s we will need a letter from their Pastor giving them permission to take the class at our parish. Godparents cannot be living with someone outside of the Sacrament of Marriage. Parents, we will also need a copy of your child’s birth certificate.

You are required to make an appointment with the Baptism Coordinators prior to baptism and attend the baptism class with your Godparents, you will need to fill out the necessary paperwork for verification. We must have all paperwork turned in and verified before we can schedule the baptism. Children are not allowed in the class, please make arrangements ahead of time. Baptism classes in English are the 1st Sunday of the month. Spanish classes are on the last Thursdays of the month. You must be registered for the class before you can attend the class by calling the baptism coordinator.

Baptism coordinators will meet with each family after the class to schedule the baptisms. English baptisms are the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Spanish baptisms are on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. The coordinators will let you know the times of the baptism and any other information as needed prior to the baptism. Thank you.