

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.

Your child can be baptized before the age of 7, if older than 7 they must take RCIC/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. Godparents do not have to be married to each other but if married, 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. Godparents cannot be living with someone outside of the Sacrament of Marriage.

You are required to make an appointment with the Baptism Coordinators prior to baptism and attend the baptism class with your Godparents, fill out the necessary paperwork for verification. Children are not allowed in the class, please make arrangements ahead of time. Baptism classes in English are the 1st Sunday of the month after the 11:30am Mass, around 12:45 in Rm. 8. Spanish classes are on the last Thursdays of the month at 6pm.

Baptism coordinators will meet with each family after the class to schedule the baptisms. English baptisms are the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month after the 11:30am Mass, around 12:45pm. You must attend the 11:30am Mass on that day. Spanish baptisms are on Saturdays, the Spanish coordinator will let you know the time of the baptism.

All paperwork, documentation must be turned in to the baptism coordinators prior to the baptism.

Thank you.