

Baptism: The Steps

What to expect as your child joins the St Aidan Family through the celebration of baptism

THE PREPARATION

START

Calling or emailing the parish will begin the process.

LEARN

David Conrad, DRE, will contact you to prepare for the celebration, including a short virtual training.

PLAN

Pick a date. **Baptisms occur every 3rd Sunday of month.**

THE EVENT

Children are encouraged to attend 11:30a Mass, which is not a baptismal Mass.

1. The ceremony begins with Father addressing the attendees. Prayers are said in the pews.
2. Father asks formal questions of the attendees who respond in unison with "I do" and/or "amen."
3. *Father anoints the breastbone or chin (depending on the outfit) of the child with holy oil.
4. *Moving to the baptismal font, water is poured from a pitcher over the child briefly three times. Then they return to the pew.
5. *The newly Baptized's forehead is anointed with oil.
6. *A candle is lit and handed to the family.
7. *A white garment is placed around the newly baptized.
8. Closing prayers are said including a blessing for the mother and father.

*If your child is the only one being baptized, all these take place at the baptismal font.

THE FUTURE

Pre-K: During 9:30a Mass children are encouraged to participate in CLOW

1st Grade: Formal religious education begins

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