



**OUR LADY OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT  
PARISH**

# **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**



Dear Parents,

Congratulations on baptizing your child! Baptism is a powerful and transformative Sacrament where we are cleansed of original sin and born again in Jesus Christ. Baptism welcomes individuals into the Church and strengthens our relationship with God. Baptism is not just important, it is essential, and is the gateway to the other Sacraments.

The Rite of Baptism has three essential elements: the pouring of water, the invocation of the Holy Trinity and the anointing with oil. These elements are all symbolic of the spiritual transformation that takes place during the Rite, as the person being baptized is washed clean of their sins and reborn into a new life of faith with Jesus Christ.

Baptism is a significant moment for the child, the parents and the Catholic community. It is a joyful occasion in which your child is welcomed into the Church and the mission of Jesus Christ. Those of us who will be involved in helping your family prepare here at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament look forward to walking with you and your family through this grace-filled time in your lives.



## Baptism Policy

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Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament looks forward to baptizing your child, aged 6 years or younger (for adults and children 7 years and older, please ask about our Order of Christian Initiation for Adults program). One of our clergy or lay ministers will be walking through the preparation for Baptism with you.

- At least one parent must be Catholic
- Baptism Preparation is required for parents baptizing their first child. If you would like to participate in Baptism Preparation, especially if it has been a year or more since you last attended, we would love to have you join us.

If you would like to schedule a Baptism, please contact the parish office at (847) 979-0901 or [Baptism@olbsegv.org](mailto:Baptism@olbsegv.org).

## Setting the Date

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Parents should contact the parish office where our staff will gather needed information and help connect you for Baptismal Preparation. Baptism Preparation is generally scheduled for the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Baptisms are generally scheduled as follows, though other times may be scheduled by special arrangement.

- First Sunday at St. Julian Eymard (601 Biesterfield Road, across from the hospital): 10:30am
- Third Sunday at Queen of the Rosary (750 W. Elk Grove Blvd, near Elk Grove High School): 11:45am

The church is used by the faith community and on Sundays is certainly used for the celebration of Mass and may be used for other functions as well. We invite you and your friends and family to celebrate Mass with us where we will pray for your child ahead of the Baptism (please visit [OLBSEGV.org](http://OLBSEGV.org) for our current Mass schedule).

## Documents Required

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Certain records are required by the parish before a Baptism may occur:

- Complete an intake form with the parish office
- Copy of Birth Certificate for child to be baptized
- When baptizing your first child, proof of attendance for parent(s) at Catholic Baptismal Preparation Class (information will be provided to you during the intake process for registering for an upcoming Baptismal Preparation class at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament.)



# Baptismal Preparation

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Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we receive the very supernatural life of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are washed clean of Original Sin and begin our journey as a member of Christ's Body, the Church. For this reason, it is a special joy for the Christian community to welcome the newly baptized. The baptism of infants brings with it a special joy, as well as special responsibilities on the part of Parents and Godparents. We'll explore these responsibilities further in the Baptismal Preparation program. If you have celebrated Baptism with older children, we request that you and the Godparents still participate in Preparation. We invite you share your valuable experience with our community, and hope also that you see something new or make new connections. Please contact our parish office for more information about ministry.

Baptismal Preparation at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament consists of two parts:

- 1. Reborn Video Series.** Watch the first three segments of Reborn, a series about Baptism by the Augustine Institute, which can be found on [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament has a parish account to Formed. If you are not already signed up, navigate to [www.formed.org/signup](http://www.formed.org/signup) and enter our parish zip code, 60007. Next enter your name and e-mail address and you're ready to begin watching. Once you are logged in, click the magnifying glass icon to search for "Reborn." You may watch all episodes, but please **watch episodes 1, 2 and 3 prior to participating in the in-person meeting:**
  - Episode 1: A New Creation (39:33)
  - Episode 2: Entering the Mystery (24:36)
  - Episode 3: Nurturing the Life of Grace (25:30)
- 2. In-Person Meeting.** Baptismal Preparation in-person meetings with clergy or lay ministers are generally held at our St Julian Eymard location (601 Biesterfield Road, across from the hospital) at 6:30pm on the second Monday of the month. If you live out of the area, you may participate at your home parish if needed. Please allow enough time for both Parents and Godparents to watch the videos and meet in-person ahead of your child's Baptism. The in-person meeting will last approximately 90 minutes and we will discuss any questions you have about the Reborn videos, your responsibilities as Parents and Godparents to bring your child up in the faith and any additional questions you may have about Baptism or our Catholic faith.

## The Baptism

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Baptism is much more than a private family celebration or a way of welcoming an infant or an adult into the Catholic community. Baptism is the basis of our whole Christian faith. The word “baptism” itself comes from the Greek word baptizein, which means to plunge or immerse. Through the saving action of God, the baptized are immersed in the life of Christ, and therefore united to the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Think about that for a moment! Something beautiful and profound happens during every baptism—God touches His creature in an altogether unique way, pouring His life into the baptized, purifying them from sin and giving them a new life through water and the Holy Spirit, a rebirth in the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). Filled with this new and supernatural life, the baptized have become new creations—something different than they were before.

An outline for the Rite of Baptism is provided in **Reborn – Episode 2: Entering the Mystery** and any questions you have may be covered during the in-person meeting of your preparation.



## Visiting Clergy

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A priest or deacon who is a family member or friend is always welcome to celebrate the Baptism. Please let the parish office know in advance if you will be inviting a visiting priest or deacon. Ministers or priests of other faith traditions are welcome to witness the Baptism, and the consulting priest or deacon will discuss these arrangements with you. Changes to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament's norms must be cleared in advance with the consulting priest or deacon. For priests and deacons outside of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament must receive a letter of good standing, which should be mailed to:

Archdiocese of Chicago  
Canonical Affairs  
835 North Rush Street  
Chicago, IL 60611-2030

## Photography

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We welcome photographers for Baptisms and other special events at the Church. Please share one or more photos from the Baptism for use in our parish bulletin to [info@olbsegy.org](mailto:info@olbsegy.org). In respect for the sacred nature of the Sacraments and the Church, we require that photographers observe the following procedures:

1. Above all, we ask that photographers respect our sacred space and the Sacraments.
2. Before the Baptism, it is likely that Mass is still being celebrated. All photographs before the Baptism should take place outside on Church grounds or in the Narthex.
3. Special backdrops are not permitted in the Church or the Narthex.
4. Time to take photographs should be discussed with the Celebrant.
5. No flash photography is permitted during the Baptism or while Mass is taking place.
6. Photographers are not permitted to stand on pews or other furnishings, and may not bring ladders to take photographs from above subjects in the photo.

## Other

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Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament is pleased to offer parents the following items to commemorate the joyous occasion of your child's Baptism:

1. Commemorative Baptismal Certificate
2. Baptismal Candle
3. Vessel of Holy Water from the Baptismal Font
4. Family Prayer Book
5. Reborn Video Series Workbook

## Donation

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Please know that Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament is a community built on understanding, compassion and respect. Also, the Sacraments are a gift from God to His people, and so there is never a cost for them. However, it is customary to offer a donation to the parish, and one for the celebrant, as we walk with you through this joyous time. Often these donation are around \$100, but we understand that everyone's circumstances are different, and so we ask that you search your heart to freely make a donation to the parish and celebrant.



# Choosing Godparents

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It is the duty of Christian parents to pass on the most precious gift of all, the gift of faith, to “bring the child up in the practice of the faith. Since it is the duty of Christian godparents to assist the parents with this all-important task, choosing Godparents is not to be undertaken lightly.

The primary role of a Godparent is to give witness to the Catholic faith by his/her words and actions. Together with the parent(s), the Godparent(s) presents the child for Baptism and helps the child live a “Christian life in harmony with baptism, and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it.”

When called upon to profess the Catholic faith on behalf of the child, the Godparent(s) must believe in what he/she is professing. A Godparent should:

- be a believer in Jesus Christ.
- have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function.
- be 16 years of age or older.
- be a fully-initiated Catholic (having received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation) and leads a life in faith.
- not be the parents nor be bound by any canonical penalty.

Additionally, please note that one Catholic Godparent, male or female, is sufficient. If there are two, one of each gender is required. No one can have more than two Godparents officially registered on the Baptismal Certificate or listed in the Baptismal Register. Also, Godparent is a role reserved to Catholics alone. A baptized non-Catholic may serve as an additional witness to the baptism, but is not officially a Godparent. Non-Christians cannot serve in this role. Witnesses are not listed on the Baptismal Certificate, nor in the Baptismal Register.

# Baptism Checklist

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Before the Baptism of your child, please review the following guidelines to ensure you have completed these simple steps:

- Complete the Baptism Intake Form with the Parish Office
- Copy of Birth Certificate to parish office
- Parents complete Baptismal Preparation (required for first child, optional for siblings)

Return required paperwork to the parish office:

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament  
Attn: Baptism  
601 Biesterfield Road  
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

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## Worship Sites

Queen of the Rosary  
750 W. Elk Grove Blvd.  
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

St. Julian Eymard  
601 Biesterfield Road  
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

## School

Queen of the Rosary School  
690 Elk Grove Blvd.  
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[QRSchool.org](http://QRSchool.org)