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Dear Parents,

Congratulations on the birth of your child! To be a parent is to be entrusted with a gift from God Himself. As stewards of such a precious gift, a parent's job is to cherish and care for their children. The sacrament of Baptism places us on the path to Him that we will walk our whole lives through. That is why parents and godparents make promises during the child's baptism to be an example of Christian life and help the child grow in their faith. This is not a commitment to be taken lightly. Being active in your faith, believing in the Gospel, and embracing the teachings of the Catholic Church are all necessary to fulfill these promises.

The following are a few items you need to know prior to the baptism:

1. At least one of the parents must be Catholic.
2. If this is your first child, you will need to sign up for a Sacrament of Baptism Preparation class. Please contact the parish office to sign up.
3. A Godparent is to be a practicing Catholic who is at least 16 years old, has received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), and willing to assist the parents in their duty as Christian parents. While it is traditional to have two Godparents; one must be a man and the other a woman. Although a non-Catholic cannot be a Godparent, they can serve as a Witness provided, they are a practicing Christian.
4. The Baptism Registration Form must be completed and turned into the parish office before your baptism date can be finalized.

Please be assured we will keep you and your child in our prayers, and look forward to sharing this blessed event with you. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 517-547-74969. We look forward to sharing this very special day with you!

Fr. Todd Koenigsknecht

Pastor