

**SAINT DENNIS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**1214 South Hamilton Street**  
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**Sunday Mass Schedule**

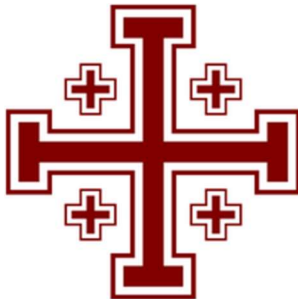
Saturday at 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday at 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m.

**Confession Times**

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. and  
after the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass by request



**BAPTISMS AT OUR CHURCH**

**Congratulations on the birth of your new child!** Here are three steps to arranging a baptism at our church. First, update your parish census information. Second, meet with the pastor for baptismal preparation. Third, come to the baptism Mass as scheduled. To get started, please fill out this form and put it in the offertory basket or send it to the parish office.

Child's First, Middle, and Last Name
Date and City of the Child's Birth
Father's First and Last Name
Mother's First and Maiden Name
Parents' Mailing Address
Parents' Your Phone Number
Parents' Email Address

After the parish office receives this form, we will be in contact with you to set up a meeting with the pastor for our baptismal preparation program.

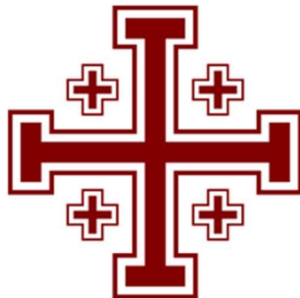
Baptismal dates are arranged with the pastor in person at this special meeting, which serves as our parish baptismal preparation program.

Please look over the information in this pamphlet. You will receive another document with complete information when you meet with the pastor.

Also, please remember that small children are always welcome to come to Mass with you each Sunday! Please bring your whole family to church!

## ARRANGING A BAPTISM

- Congratulations on the (coming) birth of your child and thank you for having your new child baptized as a Catholic Christian! We are happy for you on this most blessed occasion!
- We celebrate baptisms for the children of our regular parishioners. We celebrate the baptisms of their grandchildren, after their parents attend their parish baptismal program and give us a letter from their pastor.
- If you are a registered parishioner, please update your parish census information with the parish office first, and then meet with the pastor for our parish baptismal preparation program.
- If you are not yet a registered parishioner but live in our area, welcome to the parish! Our priest will meet with you for our new parishioner orientation program, prior to making any baptismal arrangements.
- If you do not live close enough to our parish to really become an actual parishioner, our priest can help you connect with your local parish community for the celebration of your child's baptism.
- All arrangements for baptism are made in person with the priest. The dates and times for the baptism are determined during this meeting with the priest. We will find a place for you on our parish calendar.
- We welcome people who have been away from the Church, who are now returning to the practice of their faith. We have a special program to help you come back to church and to become active again.
- May the baptism of your new child become a very special blessing to your whole family! Thank you and God bless you!



## GODPARENTS FOR BAPTISM

- Each child may have one godfather and one godmother, or they may have just one sponsor. A baptismal sponsor should ideally serve in this spiritual role later for the sacrament of Confirmation.
- A godparent should be a practicing Catholic, who is over sixteen years of age, and who has received the sacrament of Confirmation. A godparent is a model of faith for your child, so please choose wisely.
- However, with the approval of the priest, one of these godparents may sometimes be a baptized, practicing Christian from another ecclesial community or from another church.

## BAPTISMAL RITES

- Baptisms are celebrated in conjunction with most of our weekend parish Masses. When you meet with the pastor, he will go over all the available dates with you, as we usually only do one baptism at a Mass.
- There are four parts to the rite of baptism: the pouring of water, the anointing with Chrism, the white garment, and the special candle. The garment and the candle are your keepsakes to take home with you.
- In order to maintain a prayerful atmosphere during the baptismal rites, pictures are not permitted during the actual ceremony itself, but a few pictures may be taken afterward on the altar steps.
- There are no fees for baptisms at our parish. If you wish to give a donation to the church, it will be gratefully used to support the many spiritual programs of our parish community.

