



## **COVID 19 POLICIES FOR BAPTISMS**

The St. Joseph Catholic Church staff, along with Rev. Greg Labus would like to assure our community that we are here to help during these difficult times. As a diocese and as a parish, extra procedures and precautions have been added to assure the health and safety of all our parishioners, staff, and clergy.

### **New Procedures:**

-All Baptismal Preparation Classes will now take place at the church to assure proper social distancing (6ft apart).

-Our church building is always cleaned and disinfected after every liturgy and Mass and will be cleaned and disinfected after every Baptismal Preparation Class. In addition, to assure that the church remains clean and disinfected; we always monitor when and how many people enter the church.

- Before entering the church, we ask that everyone wear a mask and disinfect their hands with the provided disinfecting hand gel. No exceptions.

-Every other church pew is taped off to ensure social distancing. We will instruct parents to sit in one end of the pew and the godparents sit in the other end.

-The same policies will apply on the date of the baptism; any minor changes will be discussed during the classes.

-We are working hard to try to accommodate everyone and we understand the Sacrament of Baptism is a time of joy and family, but pending on the circumstances, we cannot always guarantee that any guests, outside of the godparents, will be able to attend the baptism of your child.

Your questions and concerns are important to us; please call the main parish office for more information. Thank you!