

# Baptismal Preparation

The Baptismal Preparation Program at The Good Shepherd Parish is not a course that parents and godparents have to pass in order to have their child baptized. The Baptismal Preparation Program is a spiritual enterprise. Its purpose is to lead the parents and godparents to remain with Christ in deep faith and to renew their commitment to Christian living.

## **The program consists of 5 Steps:**

### **Step 1**

Fill out the Baptismal Information Form included in this package and return it (along with the \$80 administration fee) to the parish office. The Parish office will contact you.

### **Step 2**

If you would like to receive a visit to your home from one of the Baptismal team or the priest, please let us know.

### **Step 3**

The Parents and Godparents will attend two formation meetings prior to the baptism.

### **Step 4**

The Sacrament of Baptism may be celebrated during a Mass or outside of a Mass. Most will occur on the last Saturday of the month at 1:00 pm.

### **Step 5**

Parents and Godparents will be invited to a follow-up meeting in the months following the baptism of their child.

In exceptional circumstances, baptism can be celebrated outside the times mentioned above. However, parents will still be asked to meet the requirements of the preparation program. Parents who are unable to complete it will be requested to postpone the baptism to the following month or another suitable time.

The Good Shepherd Parish community wants the baptism of your child to be a special occasion for you and for us. It is an extraordinarily special day for your child. We realize that we are making considerable demand on the parents and godparents in this Baptismal Preparation Program, but we want you to appreciate the serious commitment you are making for yourselves and for your child. God bless you.