# **Baptism of Infants**

St. Kevin Church offers programs to prepare people for full participation in the Catholic faith community.

### **Policies**

The Baptism of Infants is for infants and children to the age of five (5) years.

The parents of the child should be practicing Roman Catholics and registered members of the parish who regularly attend Mass at St. Kevin.

The parents and godparents of the child will attend the Baptism Preparation class. Children over the age of six (6) years who are not baptized must enroll in the CCD classes and prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Communion.

# **Baptism Preparation Class**

The parent(s) should call the Rectory a minimum of two (2) months before the desired date of baptism. The pastor will schedule an initial meeting with the parent(s) to gather information about the child and to arrange Baptism Preparation class for the parent(s) and the godparents of the child.

# Sacraments of Confirmation and Baptism - Overview

The Sacraments of Confirmation and Baptism prepare people for full participation in the Catholic faith community. These sacraments are:

#### **Baptism**

Baptism includes Baptism of Infants

#### Confirmation

Confirmation and First Communion proceed from one of three programs of preparation:

- Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) for children
- Teen Confirmation for young people
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for adults

#### **Eucharist**

First Communion initiates a person into the Catholic faith community, enabling that person to participate fully in the Catholic Mass as a full member of the Catholic Church.