

# The Celebration of Baptism

## Guidelines for Parents

We at St. Olaf are delighted that you are planning to present your child for Christian baptism. The Church and the parish welcomes you with joy.

This brochure outlines for you the procedure we follow to prepare for and celebrate the baptism of your child. The procedure follows the requirements of the Roman Catholic Church and the Diocese of La Crosse. Please assume the responsibility for following these guidelines.

### Preparation Procedure

**Step 1: Registration:** Contact the parish office in person or by phone 715-832-2504 ext. 100 to request baptism for your child. The parish office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Step 2: Baptismal Preparation Session:** There is one session led by Father Paul in preparation for the baptism of your child. The dates of these sessions are indicated later in this brochure. The session is held on a Monday evening from 6:30—8:30 pm. Both parents are asked to attend.

Once you have completed the Baptismal Preparation Session, if you have any other questions or need to confirm details of the baptism you should contact Fr. Paul at 715-832-2504 ext. 104 .

### Celebration of the Sacrament

Baptism can be scheduled at any time with the approval of the Pastor. Ordinarily families choose one of the Weekend Masses so the parish community may joyfully welcome its new member. Our weekend Mass times are:

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Sunday - 8:30 AM or 10:30 AM

We also wish to assure the parents and the child that we accept our responsibility to provide what is necessary to foster the growth of faith.

### Preparation Sessions

September 12, 2016

January 9, 2017

April 3, 2017

July 10, 2017

October 2, 2017

To register contact the parish office in person or by phone at 715-832-2504 ext. 100.