

Baptism, a Sacrament

*Remember: sacraments are God's way of showing us his love and grace.

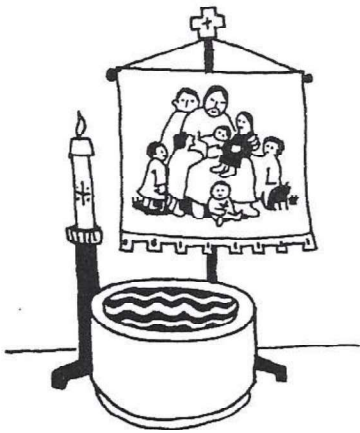
1. Baptism is a special gift from God. Jesus was baptized. John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. The Holy Spirit descended onto Jesus. God spoke at Jesus' baptism. "This is my Son with whom I am well pleased."
2. Two things make the sacrament of Baptism: 1. Ordinary water, 2. God's command for us to be disciples of Jesus. "Go and make disciples of all nations, BAPTIZING them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."
3. We become children of God when we are baptized. Through baptism we all become one BIG Christian family!
4. When we are baptized we die with Christ and rise with him to eternal life. This is very important.
5. Our confessing (when we tell our sins) reminds us that Baptism is a daily promise, a daily dying and rising, a daily washing and renewal where the Holy Spirit equips us for love and service in Jesus' name.

The piece of furniture we use for baptisms is called a **font**. This word comes from the word fountain. That's why we fill the **font** with water.

The word **baptize** comes from a word meaning "to wash." Baptism is a bath where God washes away our sins.

Notice the large candle next to the font (Christ Candle). We light it every time someone is baptized.

A smaller candle is lit from this big candle and passed to the one who is baptized (or their parents). This symbolizes the light of Christ in our world, and the baptized person receiving the candle will hear someone from the congregation say, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Through our baptisms we are given the light of Christ and told to shine it in the world!



1. Who baptized Jesus and where?
2. Some say, "Baptism is the greatest gift parents can give their children!" What do they mean by saying this?
3. Look up Matthew 5:16. What does it say?
4. How do you shine Christ's light?
5. Go up to the font and write out what is written on the bowl in the font

Home Discussion Topic: See if you can find your baptismal certificate.
Do you have a candle or the napkin that was used that day?
How about your parents and/or sisters and brothers?
What is your baptismal date?