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## Celebration of Baptism

We at Mary, Mother of the Church are delighted you are planning to present your child for Christian baptism. The Church and the parish welcomes you with joy, and we look forward to both the preparation and the celebration of your child's baptism.

## Preparation Procedure

**Step 1: Registration:** Contact the parish office in person, by phone (788-5483 ext. 2) or by email ([secretary@mmoclacrosse.org](mailto:secretary@mmoclacrosse.org)) to request baptism for your child. The parish office is open Monday through Friday from 8 am – 3 pm.

**Step 2: Baptismal Preparation Sessions:** There are two sessions in preparation for the baptism of your child. The dates of these sessions are indicated below. The first session will be on a Sunday at 9:00 – 9:50 am (starting after the 8:00 am Mass), and the second session will be on Monday evening from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Both parents are asked to attend if at all possible. These sessions will be held in Room A of the lower level Religious Education Center. While Room A can be accessed via church on Sunday, please use the main entrance of the Parish Hall beneath the west entry tower for Monday's session. Childcare is available for both sessions. .

**Step 3: Pre-Baptismal Meeting:** Once you have completed the Baptismal Preparation Sessions please contact Father Konopa (788-5483 ext. 7 or [frkonopa@mmoclacrosse.org](mailto:frkonopa@mmoclacrosse.org)) for a meeting prior to the baptism. This time should be used to ask any unanswered questions and to confirm details of the baptism.

## Celebration of the Sacrament

Baptism at Mary, Mother of the Church will ordinarily be held during Weekend Masses so the parish community may joyfully welcome its new member. The family chooses the weekend Mass most convenient for the baptism of their child.

Saturday ~ 4:00 PM

Sunday ~ 8:00 AM or 10:00 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.

<b>Preparation Sessions and Baptism Weekends</b>	
July 13 & 14, 2019 Baptism Weekend	<b>Baptism Prep Session January 5 &amp; 6, 2020</b>
<b>Baptism Prep Session August 4 &amp; 5, 2019</b>  August 10 & 11, 2019 Baptism Weekend	January 11 & 12, 2020 Baptism Weekend  February 8 & 9, 2020 Baptism Weekend
September 7 & 8, 2019 Baptism Weekend	<b>No Baptisms During Lent</b>
<b>Baptism Prep Session September 15 &amp; 16, 2019</b>  October 12 & 13, 2019 Baptism Weekend	<b>Baptism Prep Session March 29 &amp; 30, 2020</b>  April 18 & 19, 2020 Baptism Weekend
November 9 & 10, 2019 Baptism Weekend  <b>No Baptisms During Advent</b>	<b>Baptism Prep Session May 17 &amp; 18, 2020</b>  June 6 & 7, 2020 Baptism Weekend

