



PARISH MINISTRIES & POLICIES

Registering in the Parish

Registration forms are available at both parishes and in the parish office. Please contact the parish office at 417-256-2556 or stmarychurch@centurytel.net to receive a form by mail.

New families are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

Privacy Policies

Addresses & Personal Information: The parish office does not share parishioner information with outside organizations. Unlisted telephone numbers will not be published in parish directories or given out without your permission. Parish rosters and directories will be periodically updated for use by parishioners.

Hospitalization: Federal laws restrict the disclosure of patient information by hospitals. As a result, the pastor and staff may not know that a parishioner has been hospitalized. Please call the parish office if you are hospitalized and would like a visit from the pastor or deacon.

Prayer Lists: Before placing the name of a person needing prayer on our prayer list, please get that person's permission.

Sacraments

Baptism: Parents need to be registered and practicing members of our parish. Sponsors/Godparents need to be practicing Catholics as well. Attendance at preparation classes is required for parents and strongly encouraged for sponsors. It is recommended to attend the class prior to the baby's birth.

Reconciliation: Parishioners are encouraged to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once every three to four months.

Marriage: Please contact the pastor at least six months prior to the intended date of marriage. Participation in our Diocesan Marriage Preparation program is required before the date of marriage can be confirmed on our parish calendar.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please notify the pastor of anyone who is elderly, disabled, ill or in the hospital and would like to participate in this sacrament, as well as be visited.

If you would like information about any of our parish programs or activities, please call the parish office at 417-256-2556 or e-mail at stmarychurch@centurytel.net.