

## Baptismal Preparation

### **MINISTRY DESCRIPTION/OVERVIEW:**

The Baptismal Preparation Committee helps to prepare families for the Sacrament of Baptism. We provide semi-annual training sessions, designed to inspire parents and godparents to raise their children as disciples of God. At Our Lady of Mercy we believe each Baptism is a special occasion for the entire parish community to celebrate, it's our opportunity to welcome them into the Body of Christ.

### **ACTIVITIES OF MINISTRY:**

- Welcome and engage parents and godparents who desire the baptism of a child
- Provide information related to the celebration of the sacrament
- Inspire parents and godparents to recognize their responsibility in raising the child as a disciple of God
- Provide tools and resources for creating a faith-filled home

### **EXPECTATIONS OF MINISTRY:**

- Conduct a 2-hour session for parents and godparents in the spring and fall
- Prepare content of session
- Evaluate curriculum
- Work with Director of Lifelong Faith Formation to evaluate and produce materials

My husband and I have very busy schedules, but still wanted to find a way to help or serve in our parish. The Baptismal Preparation Ministry is a fit for us. We spent some time really planning out what we wanted to cover, ordered new and updated materials for the participants, and have a session twice a year. We love getting to meet new parents and welcome their children into the church.

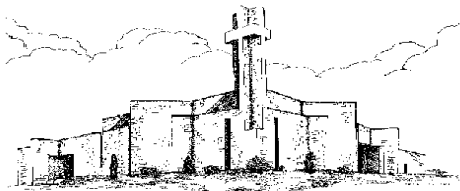
*-Vickie and Larry Gilchrist*

We were fairly new and were quickly introduced to how much OLM really values the spiritual growth of our children and our family. Larry and Vicki Gilchrist led our class and did a wonderful job presenting the information and providing a very comfortable environment. The class was very enjoyable and it gave us the chance to get to know other members of the church.

*-Adam and Amy Baker*

We were honored to attend. This helped to get to know some of the other parents in the church and their views on the role the church should play in their family's lives. It also laid the foundation of how we will raise our daughter in regards to the Catholic faith. It definitely made us feel more at ease and prepared after completing the course.

*-Emily and Mike Drotar*



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