

# BAPTISM

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- ❖ **Where do I begin?** Because Baptism is a special gift from God, we ask that anyone age fourteen or older desiring to be baptized meet with a Pastor or Student Ministries Director first. This is a great opportunity for us to get to know you and help you move forward in your LIFEjourney beyond just the baptism day. Please contact Julie Lorenz at 636.779.2343 to schedule your meeting. (Middle and High School youth may meet with the Youth Director instead.)
- ❖ **How do I schedule the Baptism?** In order to schedule the baptism, just fill out the form and either e-mail it to Julie Lorenz at [jlorenz@stjstl.net](mailto:jlorenz@stjstl.net), drop it off at the Ministry Center Reception Desk, or bring it to your meeting with the Pastor. Once the form is received, a confirmation of the date and time will be sent to you.
- ❖ **When can baptisms be done?** Baptisms can be done during most non-communion services on Saturday or Sunday. Communion services are the first and third weekends of each month. We can also schedule it for after one of our services—5:00pm Saturday, 9:00am Sunday or 10:45am Sunday—most weekends. If necessary, other times for a private baptism can be discussed.
- ❖ **Does it matter if I have it during or after service?** This is a personal decision for your family. In making this decision, keep in mind that our worship services, including baptisms during the service, are projected on the Sanctuary and Lobby screens. Our 9:00 and 10:45am Sunday services are also live streamed at [www.stjstl.net](http://www.stjstl.net). Please share this link with family and friends who are unable to be there but may want to celebrate with you online. We also have special stage displays at times to enhance the worship experience—these will be in place during the baptism as well. If the baptism is during the service, we will need you and your family to be in the Sanctuary 20 minutes prior to the service. Our Worship Director and Pastor will make sure you know how to walk up and where to stand.
- ❖ **Will I receive a baptismal certificate?** At the baptism, you will receive a certificate to commemorate this special day. It is sized 8"x10" so you can frame if you'd like.
- ❖ **Who can attend?** Relatives, sponsors, and friends are all welcome! Please arrive early and introduce yourselves to one of the First Impression Members before service. They will seat you and your guests near the font. If the baptism is during service, a staff member will lead you up to the font just prior to the baptism.