



## St. Aloysius Online Baptismal Seminar

Spring 2020

Baptism is the first step of the great life God desires for each of us! The purpose of this seminar is to inspire parents and godparents to start discovering dreams they have for their child and explore all the ways God and the Church can help them fulfill these dreams.

This seminar consists of 3 five minute videos from the Dynamic Catholic *Starting Point* program. There will be questions to consider after each video. Following the videos, specific information about baptisms at St. Aloysius (during a mass) will be provided.

At the end of the seminar you will be able to open a link to print a certificate of completion.

### Link to Videos:

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/starting-point/program-videos/>

### Video #1: Delivery Room

Questions to Consider:

1. **What dreams do you have for your child/godchild?** (DREAM PROMPTS: what kinds of spiritual habits would you like to establish, are there any traditions you want to establish around holidays, birthdays and other important days, describe the person you want your child to become when he or she is 25, what will you do to encourage learning outside of school, if you could go on one dream trip with your family, what would it be?)
2. **Was it easy or difficulty to think of dreams for your family or godchild?**
3. **Under what category do most of your dreams fit (financial, spiritual, educational, etc.)? What categories seem lacking?**

## **Video #2:** Soul Bath

Questions to Consider:

1. **What part (or parts) of Baptism excites you most? Why?**
2. **What does it mean for your child to be adopted by God? Have you ever considered that this is what happens at baptism?**
3. **Think of your godparents. Have they had an active role in your faith formation? How important to you is that your child's godparents are active in his or her life? Or, if you are a godparent, how important is it to you to be an active part of your godchild's life?**

## **Video #3:** Letters

Question to Consider:

1. **If you could send a message back through time, what's the ONE THING you would tell the 18 - year-old version of yourself?**

## **Dynamic Catholic Parent Preparation Inventory:** (complete on your own time)

This unique inventory was developed in partnership with the renowned Catholic psychologist, Dr. Gregory Bottaro, to get parents thinking and, more importantly, talking about parenting styles and situations. This will spark conversations that would otherwise rarely come up, and it is essential for parents to experience. Each parent takes the short questionnaire and submits it. Dynamic Catholic will then email you the combined results. It is free and a great opportunity!

[Link for Inventory](#)

## **Dynamic Catholic Starting Point Email Program:**

Receive helpful free parenting tips twice per week.

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# St. Aloysius Catholic Church

Rite of Baptism (during a mass)

## General Information

- **Arrive 30 minutes before mass is to begin.** Please go directly to the Parish Hall and meet the baptismal sponsors assigned to your mass. They will give you last minute reminders and help guide you through the baptism.
- It is natural to be excited and to want to visit with other members of your family and with friends before the mass begins. However, please remain in the Parish Hall to visit so people in church can have a quiet, prayerful environment to prepare for mass.
- Photography is allowed during the ceremony. HOWEVER, please be considerate of other families and be as inconspicuous as possible. The priest will generally be available for pictures after the ceremony.
- Pews will be marked with the family name. Additional family members can sit in the reserved pews. Pews comfortably sit about 6 adults. All members of the family are welcome to walk to the font to witness the baptism. Older or disabled family members may find it easier to sit near the font.
- Parents, godparents and infants will be part of the entrance procession. Siblings of the infant are welcome to process in with the family as well.
- St. Aloysius provides a cry room and offers Sunday Nursery in the Child Care Center during the 9:00 am and 11:00 am masses.
- The mother's maiden name is listed on the baptismal certificate of the child being baptized and is recorded in the baptismal register because it is invaluable to genealogists. Without a mother's maiden name, we can only trace a child's patriarchal line.
- Church law states that only one godparent is necessary, although a godmother and godfather are preferred.
- The godparent must be a confirmed Catholic, 16 years old and in "good standing". ("good standing" means that if the person is married, they must be married in the Catholic Church or if not married in the Catholic Church, must have their marriage convalidated or blessed)
- St. Aloysius requires godparents who are not registered in St. Aloysius Parish to go to our church website and print the Baptismal Sponsor Certificate and bring the form to their pastor to sign stating they are confirmed, practicing Catholics, and in good standing with the Catholic Church. Their church can fax the form back to St. Aloysius.
- Lighting your child's baptismal candle on the anniversary of his/her baptism is an excellent way of celebrating his /her "Birth in Christ".



Thank you for completing the online version of our St. Aloysius Baptismal seminar. We hope you have found it informative, and we hope it has inspired you to “dream big” for your special little one!

Print out a [certificate of completion](#):

If you have any further questions, please contact [Tricia Greely](#) at [tgreely@staloyusparish.com](mailto:tgreely@staloyusparish.com)