

## 2016-2017 Resources



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Family Life Office

### Archdiocese of Omaha, Family Life Office

[www.archomaha.org](http://www.archomaha.org)>Ministry>  
Family Life for various ministries  
including the Media Center.  
Also, visit "News & Events" on  
the home page for local events,  
402-551-9003, 888-800-8352

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### Catholic Charities

[www.archomaha.org](http://www.archomaha.org)>Ministry>  
Catholic Charities

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### Marriage & Family Websites

[foryourmarriage.org](http://foryourmarriage.org)

[ccli.org](http://ccli.org)

[fathersforgood.org](http://fathersforgood.org)

[fertilitycare.org](http://fertilitycare.org)

[cfm.org](http://cfm.org)

[popepaulvi.com](http://popepaulvi.com)

[prosanctity.org](http://prosanctity.org)

[retrouvaille.org](http://retrouvaille.org)

[usccb.org](http://usccb.org)

[veritasfinancialministries.com](http://veritasfinancialministries.com)

[wwme.org](http://wwme.org)

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### Boys Town National Hotline

1-800-448-3000

### Madonna School Helpline

1-402-556-1883

### Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-7233

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## Called by Name<sup>©</sup>

Parish Baptism Preparation  
Program offered by  
St. Gerald Parish  
in cooperation with  
the Family Life Office,  
Archdiocese of Omaha



But now, thus  
says the Lord,  
Your Creator,  
O Jacob, And  
he who formed  
you, O Israel,  
"Do not fear,  
for I have  
redeemed you;  
I have called  
you by name;  
you are Mine!"

*Isaiah 43:1*

St. Gerald Catholic Church  
9602 Q Street  
Omaha, NE 68127  
402.331.1955  
[www.stgerald.org](http://www.stgerald.org)



*Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life,  
the gateway to life in the Spirit (vitae spiritualis ianua),  
and the door which gives access to the other sacraments.*  
CCC 1213.

**Baptism Preparation is required prior to the baptism of your first child.**

Our parish baptism class, *Called by Name*® provides a Christian perspective on the call to parenthood. Through baptism, parents and community join in their commitment to bring your child into the Body of Christ.

The class is taught by trained facilitators who encourage parents to recognize the privilege and responsibility of welcoming a child into their lives and to embrace the gift and challenge of being a parent. Class topics include understanding of the meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism; preparation for the celebration of the Baptism ritual in our parish; simple prayers and blessings to use at home; community support for the important task of parenting and the opportunity to network with other parents; typical child development from birth to twelve months; practical parenting skills; and recognizing the connection between physical care of children and spiritual formation.

Both parents are strongly encouraged to attend baptism class, whether or not both are Catholic. Godparents should feel free to attend, and your newborn is welcome. Registration is required for both the baptism preparation class and the actual baptism. Additional considerations may be made for special situations. Please call the parish office, 402.331.1955, for more information.

**Requirements for Baptismal Godparents and Sponsors**

- Each baptismal candidate must have at least one godparent, but no more than two.
- Canon Law 873 states, *only one male or one female sponsor or one of each sex is to be employed.*
- A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be employed except as a witness to baptism and together with a Catholic sponsor.

Godparents must

- be 16 years of age
- be a Catholic who has been baptized, confirmed, regularly celebrates and receives the Eucharist on Sundays, adheres to the faith of the Church, and if married, be married in the Catholic Church.

**Upcoming Schedule**

**July, 2016– June, 2017**

**Class Schedule**

**Attendance required.**

2nd Thursday of every month  
7 –8:30 p.m.

St. Gerald Catholic Church  
Multi-Purpose Room, 96th & Q

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**9602 Q Street**

Any Sunday after Noon Mass or  
Any Saturday after 5:00PM Mass

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You must be a registered parishioner to schedule a baptism.

You may register the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month following 10:00am Mass.

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Space is limited for actual Baptisms. Please register as soon as possible.

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There is no charge for the Baptism preparation class. A monetary stipend is proper at time of Baptism.

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**Return attached registration form to the parish office, 7859 Lakeview St., one week prior to class date.**

**Receipt of registration confirms your class; after attending the class.**

**Baptism & Baptism Class Registration**

**Name of Child to be Baptized**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(First)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Middle) (Last)

Date of Birth \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Circle one M/F

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Child lives with  
Both Parents Mom Dad Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Religion)

**Mother's Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (MAIDEN)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Religion)

**Family Information**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Email—required)

**Date of Baptism** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
(confirm after attending baptism class)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Godfather's Name) (Catholic?)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Godmother's Name) (Catholic?)

I/We plan to attend class on \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

First child to be baptized \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Ages of other children \_\_\_\_\_