Infant CPR

Parents can now learn the life saving skill of infant CPR and relief of choking in less than 22 minutes. With this self-directed learning program, those caring for the new baby can learn these life saving skills and be prepared to respond during the first few minutes of a life threatening emergency. These kits will be available for the cost of $40 at the Education Department. Call 467.6331.

Comprehensive Care for Women and Infants

St. Joseph’s Medical Center is honored to welcome more than 2,000 new babies each year. Our mother-baby “Family Centered Care” encourages togetherness and skin-to-skin bonding to help develop a closer relationship with your baby right from the start. You can choose St. Joseph’s knowing that our specially trained nurses, advanced technology, and safe and comfortable environment are ready for you when the big day arrives. And for newborns requiring more advanced care, our Neonatal Intensive Care Nursery is available with specialists dedicated to the care of premature or ill newborns.

We hope you will become acquainted with our staff before the arrival of your baby by taking advantage of our maternity tours, classes and newborn care programs. If you have not yet received your “Welcome to Life” Guide to Pregnancy and Birth, please ask your doctor, call 461.5213, or download a copy at StJosephsCares.org/Baby.

Baby Wall of Fame

Children born at St. Joseph’s may be honored on the “Star is Born” Baby Wall of Fame through a gift to the St. Joseph’s Foundation. For more information call 467.6347, or donate online by visiting St.JosephsCares.org/Foundation.

Parking

Parking is available in the underground parking garage on Maple Street from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. The cost for parking is $5 per vehicle, per day. Anyone with a handicapped placard can access our parking lots at no charge.

Parking is also available on the corner of Maple and Cemetery Lane across from the Emergency room, the lot is open 24 hours. The cost for parking is $3.00 per vehicle, per day. Anyone with a handicapped placard can access our parking lots at no charge.

The Emergency Department parking lot on Maple Street is reserved only for patients seeking emergency medical assistance.
Welcome To Life Class Series 2020
Having your baby is a wondrous experience and we want you to feel comfortable, safe and at ease. Our Welcome To Life class series is provided to help ensure a healthy pregnancy and to gain knowledge about what is happening to your body, your emotions and your baby. Classes are open to mothers and their partners. Everyone is welcome to attend classes either alone or with their partner. These classes are FREE and pre-registration is required. Call 461.5213.

Please access the Medical Center through the main entrance. Classes are held in the Auditorium on the lower level of the Medical Center or in the Patient Pavilion conference room. If you have any questions about classes, call 461.5213.

Welcome To Life Tour
This class includes a tour of our Family Birth Center, including state-of-the-art Labor & Delivery and post-partum rooms, and dedicated C-section operating rooms. You will receive specific information about where to go and what to do when it comes time to have your baby, including pre-admission registration and birthing options tailored to your individual needs. Additionally, we’ll help in planning for your first few weeks at home.

Dates: Tuesdays; January 14, February 11, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8.

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Place: Starts in the Auditorium (lower level)

Childbirth Preparation Series
Are you ready for labor and birth? This four-class series prepares mom and her coach for the emotional and physical changes of labor and birth. The series includes relaxation and breathing techniques to increase comfort during labor. Please bring three pillows, a blanket and/or exercise mat each night of class. You should attend this series during your third trimester.

Series Dates: Wednesdays;
Series 1February 5, 12, 19, 26
Series 2April 1, 8, 15, 22
Series 3August 5, 12, 19, 26
Series 4October 7, 14, 21, 28
Time: 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Place: Classroom 1

Class One: Understanding Pregnancy
Class Two: Understanding Labor and Birth
Class Three: Understanding Medical Procedures and Cesarean Birth
Class Four: Understanding Postpartum

All Day Childbirth Preparation Class
This class covers all information listed in our evening series in one day condensed class. Please bring three pillows, a blanket and/or exercise mat to class. You should attend this class during your third trimester.

Dates: Saturdays; January 11, March 14, May 9, September 12, November 7.
Time: 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Place: Classroom 1

Having a Cesarean Birth
This class is designed to prepare a mother and her partner who are having a planned cesarean birth or may need a cesarean birth. Learn about the cesarean procedure including anesthesia options, what to expect, how to take care of yourself during recovery and special techniques to insure successful breastfeeding.

Dates: Wednesdays; January 15, April 15, July 15, October 14.
Time: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Place: Auditorium

Breastfeeding
This class offers mothers and their partners information on the benefits of breastfeeding, the importance of exclusive breastfeeding and the basics of breastfeeding management. Topics include latching, the effect of analgesia/anesthesia on infant behavior, and the rationales for care practices such as early skin-to-skin contact, rooming-in and feeding on cue. Expressing breast milk and helpful hints for your family will also be discussed.

Dates: Wednesdays; February 5, April 1, June 3, August 12, October 14, December 2.
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Place: Auditorium

Mother-Baby Breast Connection
Mothers and babies join a lactation specialist for support and advice on the challenges of early breastfeeding. This class meets weekly. If you have questions, please call 461.5213 come meet other families and attend as often as you like.

Dates: Every Wednesday
Time: 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Place: Pavilion Conference Room (1st floor)

The Newborn
Parents-to-be, come learn about life with a newborn, the baby’s needs and changing development. Discussion includes baby care basics such as feeding, diapering, and bathing as well as the physical appearances of newborns and practical tips for parents.

Dates: Wednesdays; January 15, April 15, July 15, October 14.
Time: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Place: Auditorium

If you require interpreter services, please file a request 2 weeks prior to your course by calling 209.461.5213.

Ask your doctor about pre-registration for admission to St. Joseph’s or pre-register online at STJosephsCares.org. It will save you time when you go into labor!