

*A reflection on the Easter Vigil written by parishioner Karen Schutte  
who was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith last Easter:*



# **Easter Vigil**

By Karen Schutte

**With the heat of the fire upon my face  
Listening to the words of the priest  
Anticipating the waters of baptism  
I realize I am not alone.**

**With the words of the Lord, spoken so eloquently  
Preparing us for why we are here and what is to come,  
I realize I am not alone.**

**With the introduction of those to be baptized,  
I proceed through the aisles of the church, listening to the congregation singing  
Litany of the Saints. The Pray for Us is so strong for me, I begin to cry.  
I realize I am not alone.**

**With my sponsors for my support, praying for me,  
I felt peace.**

**Standing behind the altar, ready to remove my shoes,  
To enter the font of baptism,  
To feel the water as I kneel, water that is so familiar, but yet it is like  
I am feeling it for the first time,  
To feel the water cascading over my head washing away my sins  
I am not alone.**

**With the water now dripping over my head,  
the true power of happiness escapes me and  
I pump my hand in the air, it is done, I am baptized!**

**With baptism complete,  
I become an equal with my class, all waiting for the oil of confirmation.**

**With the power of the oil I feel the best is yet to come.**

**I am to become one with the Lord.**

**With the receiving this final most awesome sacrament,**

**I am**

**Not alone. With God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, I am.**