



ST. CATHERINE *of* SIENA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Baptism Guidelines

Infants and Children under age 7

The *Rite of Infant Baptism* is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. on the dates shown below:

2025 Baptism Dates

September 13	September 27
October 11	October 25
November 8	November 22
	December 20

2026 Baptism Dates

January 31	
April 11	
May 9	May 23
June 6	June 20
July 11	July 25
August 8	August 22
September 5	September 19
October 10	October 24
November 7	November 21
	December 19

For Parents

Parent(s) must be registered parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena or live within the parish boundaries. If parents do not live within the boundaries AND do not intend to register as parishioners, a letter from the pastor of their proper parish is required, granting permission to have the child baptized at St. Catherine's.

The following forms must be completed and submitted before a Baptism Date can be chosen:

- **Completed Baptism registration form.** Parents must have completed or be participating in a Baptismal Preparation Program.
- **Copy of State-issued Birth Certificate.** Parents must provide the church with a copy of the state-issued birth certificate of the child to be baptized. (If the child is not yet born, contact Jennifer Gamblin to discuss.)
- **Godparent Covenant forms.** Godparents must complete and sign the Godparent Covenant forms that are available on the parish website.

Qualifications For Godparents

The child to be baptized is required to have one godparent but may have the customary two (one male – godfather, one female – godmother). A godparent must be a fully initiated practicing Catholic, meaning the godparent must have received all the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Eucharist (1st Communion) and Confirmation. If godparents are married (to each other or to other spouses), they must be married in the Catholic Church.

- Godparents must be at least 16 years of age
- Godparents must provide written proof of completion in a godparent program within the last 3 years or currently be participating in a godparent preparation program. If godparents are unable to find a godparent program, a written letter from their church stating that they are fully initiated and practicing Catholics is required.
- Godparents must complete and sign the “Covenant Form” that is available on the parish website.
- Godparents can register to attend the Godparent Class through St. Catherine of Siena on the parish website. If Godparents reside outside the Austin area, they may attend instruction at their local parish. The pastor of the parish where instruction is received must provide a letter to St. Catherine of Siena which includes the name of the child to be baptized and the date of the scheduled Baptism.