

Baptism Information

All Baptisms at St. Catherine of Siena will take place on the THIRD SATURDAY of each month. There will be no Baptisms during regular Masses or during Lent. *Only in extenuating circumstances, will this schedule be changed or adjusted.*

The following regulations MUST BE observed by parents and godparents:

1. Parents and Godparents must fill out and sign all forms in the information packet provided by the parish.
2. If godparents are from another parish, they must bring, send, fax or email a letter/document from their parish stating that they are active members and have met all the necessary criteria for being godparents.
3. **Requirements for godparents:**
 - Being over the age of 16 years and received all the Sacraments of Initiation (provide certificates).
 - If they are single, they must be living in a state of grace, not co-habiting as if married.
 - If married, they must be married in the Roman Catholic
 - They must be actively involved in Church and be participating actively in the sacraments.
 - They are the examples the parents choose to assist them in raising their child in the Catholic faith.
4. **Class.** Parents and Godparents are required to take pre-Baptismal classes and provide information stating the date they completed their instruction. These classes expire after two years and must be repeated for future Baptisms. If the class is taken outside of St. Catherine of Siena, a letter must be provided showing that they have taken the pre-Baptismal classes in a parish. Here at St. Catherine's, one class is required. These classes would be attended only after all the necessary paperwork has been turned in and approved by the Baptism Coordinator. Both classes and baptisms are available on the Third Saturdays of each month from 8:00am -12:00pm
5. **Class Fee.** There is a \$15.00 fee for materials to be turned with the application for Baptism. Traditionally, the godparents give a donation to the church on behalf of the child as an offering of thanksgiving. Customarily, a \$50 donation is given on the day of the baptism, however, please feel free to donate more if you can, however if you wish to contribute more St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church would appreciate it.