

**St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church**  
**Baptism Guidelines**  
**Infant and Children under age 7**

**THE RITE OF INFANT BAPTISM IS SCHEDULED AT 10:30 A.M. ON THE DATES SHOWN BELOW.**

Parents and Godparents should be in the Narthex of the church NO LATER THAN 10:15AM

To schedule a Baptism date, please call Jeanette at (512) 892-2420 ext. 321.

<u>2020 Baptism Dates</u>		<u>2021 Baptism Dates</u>		
August 15	October 24	January 9	May 29	September 18
August 22	November 21	January 16	June 12	September 25
September 19	November 28	February 6	June 19	October 16
September 26	December 12	February 13	July 10	October 23
October 17		April 10	July 17	November 20
		April 17	August 7	November 27
		May 15	August 14	December 11

**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: (If the child is not yet born, please contact Jeanette to discuss)**

- **Completed Baptism Registration Form.** Parents must have completed or be participating in a Baptismal Preparation Program
- **Parents must provide the church with a copy of the state-issued birth certificate for the child**
- **Godparents must complete and sign the Godparent Covenant forms.**

**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 of the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Eucharist (1<sup>st</sup> Communion) and Confirmation. If godparents are married (to each 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 preparation program within the last 2 years, or be participating in a godparent preparation program. If godparent is not able to find a godparent program, a written letter from their church stating 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 elect to 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.*