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St. Ignatius, Martyr Catholic Church welcomes with great joy your family for the preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism of your child. By baptizing your child, you are deciding that your baby will be a Christian, a member of the Body of Christ, the Church. By baptizing your child, you put your dear one in God's hands in this Sacrament, and commit your child to the loving care of Jesus Christ, God's Son.

In asking to have your child baptized, you also are accepting the responsibility of training your child in the lifelong practice of the Catholic faith. Those you select as godparents are to be prepared to help you in your duty as Christian parents, and be a trustworthy witness and example of the faith for your child.

Before completing the Registration Form, please read carefully the guidelines for the Sacrament of Baptism for Infants (children under the age of 7).

- To initiate the baptismal preparation process at St. Ignatius, a parent must 1) complete a Baptism Registration form (see attached), 2) make an appointment for Parent Orientation, and 3) pre-register both the parents and godparents for attendance at St. Ignatius' baptism class.
- Parent Orientation is usually held on the first Tuesday of the month (unless otherwise noted) from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in 30-minute increments in the parish Annex (2305 Euclid Ave.). One parent must attend this one-on-one appointment with a member of the baptismal preparation team. This 30-minute appointment will provide parents an opportunity to ask questions, and an opportunity for the baptismal team to review the Church's baptism formation program, qualifications for godparents, and required documents.
- Baptism class is held on the third Saturday of the month from 8:45 am to 12 pm, normally in the parish Annex, unless otherwise indicated. Both parents and godparents are required to attend and participate in the entire baptism class offered at St. Ignatius. Parents and godparents may also provide written proof of attendance at a baptismal preparation program at another Catholic parish within the past three years.
- We regret that childcare is *not* available on Tuesdays or Saturdays of baptismal preparation. We ask that parents and godparents make alternative childcare arrangements.

Parents

- Consent of at least one of the parents is required for a child to be baptized and there must be a "well-founded hope that the child will be brought up in the catholic religion" (Code of Canon Law 868).
- Parent(s) must live within the parish boundaries of St. Ignatius *or* be registered parishioners of St. Ignatius. If parents 1) do not live within the boundaries AND 2) 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. Ignatius.

- Parents must provide the Church office with a copy of the state-issued Birth Certificate or the Verification of Birth Fact of the child to be baptized
- A \$10 donation is requested to help defray the cost of baptismal preparation material. In the case of financial hardships, please contact the Church office for a waiver.

Qualifications for Godparents

- The child to be baptized is required to have a godparent. One godparent is sufficient; but there may be two godparents, one of each gender. (CCL 873)
- A godparent for a Catholic baptism must be a fully initiated, practicing Catholic. A “fully initiated, practicing Catholic” must have received all of the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Eucharist (First Communion) and Confirmation (CCL 874), and must attend Mass regularly.
- Godparents must be 16 years of age or older.
- Godparents may not be the mother or father of the child.
- Godparents must live lives of faith befitting the role of godparents.
- If godparents are married to each other or to other spouses, the marriage(s) must be recognized by the Catholic Church as valid.
- If the person selected as a godparent is not fully initiated into the Catholic Church, and/or is not in a Catholic marriage, he/she may be eligible to be a Christian Witness, but not a godparent.
- Godparents must complete and sign the *Baptism Sponsor Covenant Form* (see attached).
- Godparents must participate in a baptism class at St. Ignatius, *or* provide written proof of attendance at a baptismal preparation program at another Catholic parish within the last three years.

The Sacrament of Baptism will be scheduled after all requirements are fulfilled by the parent(s) and godparent(s). At St. Ignatius, infant baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 2:15 pm in Spanish, and 3:30 pm in English. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.

If there are any questions or concerns about baptismal preparation at St. Ignatius, please call the Church office at (512) 442-3602 or bring them to the Parent Orientation on the first Tuesday of the month.

We look forward to welcoming your child into the Catholic Church, and to you and your family’s commitment to this lifelong faith journey.

Attachments:

- Baptism Registration Form
- Sponsor Covenant Forms



REGISTRATION FOR BAPTISM OF INFANTS AND CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE 7

Both Parents and Godparents must attend the baptismal preparation program in order to have their child baptized. **We regret that childcare is not available** on Tuesday's Parent Orientation or Saturday's Baptism class. Parents and godparents are asked to make alternative childcare arrangements. A copy of the child's State-issued Birth Certificate or Verification of Birth Fact is required. A \$10 donation is requested.

Today's date _____ **Parent Orientation date** _____ **Class date** _____

- 1. Child's Name as it appears on Birth Certificate _____ Male Female
- 2. Child's Date of Birth _____ City/State of birth _____
or delivery date of the unborn child

PARENTS

3. **Father's name** _____ **Telephone number** _____ (cell/work/home)
 Current address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

4. **Mother's name** _____ **Telephone number** _____ (cell/work/home)
 Mother's maiden name (REQUIRED) _____
 Email: _____
 Current address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

- 5. Are you married? Yes No
 If yes, are you in a: valid Catholic marriage Civil marriage Common law marriage (living together)?
- 6. I / We are registered parishioners of St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church, Austin, Texas (city/state). **Parish ID #** _____
 I / We usually attend Mass/are registered at _____ Church, _____ (city/state).
 I / We do not attend Mass.

You will be required to obtain a letter of permission from the parish you are registered at or whose boundaries you reside within.

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7. **Godmother:** Name _____ Phone _____ Work
Home
Cell
 Is married? Yes No
 If yes, is in a: valid Catholic marriage Civil marriage Common law marriage (living together)?
 Has the Godmother received the Sacrament of Baptism? Y N First Communion? Y N Confirmation? Y N
 Does the Godmother attend Sunday Mass regularly? Y N If yes, which parish? _____

8. **Godfather:** Name _____ Phone _____ Work
Home
Cell
 Is married? Yes No
 If yes, is in a: valid Catholic marriage Civil marriage Common law marriage (living together)?
 Has the Godfather received the Sacrament of Baptism? Y N First Communion? Y N Confirmation? Y N
 Does the Godfather attend Sunday Mass regularly? Y N If yes, which parish? _____

FOR OFFICE USE

Celebrant:

Baptism date:

- Birth Certificate
- \$10 donation

- Father**
- Class or Certificate

- Mother**
- Class or Certificate

- Godmother**
- Class or Certificate
- Covenant form

- Godfather**
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I understand the requirements of being a Baptism sponsor and I state that I received:

the Sacrament of Baptism/Profession of Faith at:

Name of the Parish

City and State

the Sacrament of Confirmation at:

Name of the Parish

City and State

the Sacrament of Marriage (if married) at:

Name of the Parish

City and State

My Godchild’s name is: _____

The name of the Parish and the city where the **Sacrament of Baptism** is to take place:

St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church
Name of the Parish

Austin, Texas
City and State

I am active in the Catholic Church, fully initiated into the Catholic Church, regularly attend Mass on Sunday and strive to live my faith.

Name Please print.

Signature

Date



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