



# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

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## **Requirements for Infant Baptism**

1. Parents should make arrangements at the parish office to have their child baptized as soon as possible. Child's name **must** include at least one Saint's name.
2. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptism instruction class – if one has not been taken within the last three years.
3. Baptism instructions are offered on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays** of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Religious Education building located behind the church. Pre-registration is not necessary. Please bring a snack to share with 10-12 people. Please arrange for a babysitter if at all possible, you will be able to focus your attention and help others around you to participate more fully.
4. Godparents **MUST** be at least 16 years of age, be a **practicing Catholic** and be **confirmed**. Godparents must also complete and sign the attached Affidavit of Eligibility and have it signed and sealed at their parish.
5. The Sacrament of Baptism is administered every Sunday after the 12:30 p.m. Mass.
6. All the required paperwork is due in the parish office **on or before the Tuesday BEFORE** the Baptism.

## **CHECKLIST: Do you have ALL the paperwork completed?**

Registration form for child \_\_\_\_\_

Birth certificate or paternity papers \_\_\_\_\_ (only if parents are **not** married)

Affidavits of Eligibility for Godfather \_\_\_\_\_ Godmother \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism instruction certificates: Parents \_\_\_\_\_ Godparents \_\_\_\_\_

Letter of permission for parents \_\_\_\_\_ (only if not members of St. Thomas Aquinas)