

*“There fore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”*

*Matthew 28:19*

## **Congratulations!**

Whether you are expecting the birth of your child or your child has already been born, it is time to consider the gift of baptism for your child.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** for infants to age 7 is one of the Sacraments of Initiation by which your child becomes a member of the Body of Christ, the Church. In the waters of Baptism, your child participates in the dying and rising to new life with Jesus. It is through Baptism that your child begins a journey of faith with God, supported by the Catholic Christian Community.

St. Thomas More considers the Celebration of Baptism a special time for family, friends and the entire parish community. For this reason, we would like to help you prepare for your child’s baptism.



## **3 Steps Necessary for Baptism**

### **1. Gather the following:**

- Child’s long form birth certificate (copy)
- 4 X 6 photograph of the child
- \$20 to cover cost of materials

### **2. Attend Baptism Preparation**

Both parents and godparent(s) are required to attend.

### **3. The Baptism Celebration**

Baptisms are usually celebrated 3 times a month; during a Saturday Mass at 5pm, a Sunday Mass at 12pm; and a 2pm Sunday Baptism Liturgy.

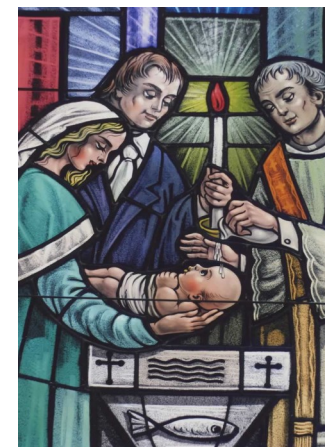
There are no baptisms during Advent or Lent. In July and August, baptisms take place one weekend a month at a Saturday Mass at 5pm and at a 2pm Sunday Baptism Liturgy.




In Baptism, the role of parents and godparents is important. Parents and godparents are representatives of God and the Catholic Church, serving as the primary teachers of the faith, and caring for the spiritual needs of the child throughout his/her life. Godparents also are asked to attend Baptism Preparation sessions and ideally it is best if they can attend the same class at St. Thomas More parish with the parents if possible.

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*Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?*

*Romans 6:3*

## Preparation for The Sacrament of Baptism

### Choosing a Godparent (Sponsor)

To be chosen as a Godparent (sponsor) is a special gift and responsibility. The Godparent(s) should be a faithful, practicing Catholic who will provide an example of a life of faith lived through word and action.

- **Godparents** must be at least 16 years of age.
- **Godparents** have received the 3 Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Communion and Confirmation and be practicing their faith (attend Sunday Mass, regular reception of the Sacraments, and active within their parish).
- **Godparents** set a good Christian example and support the parent(s) in raising the child in the Catholic faith.
- **By church law**, one Godparent, male or female is sufficient. If two are chosen, one must be female and the other male.
- **A maximum of 2 Godparents**  
OR 1 Godparent and 1 Christian Witness (remaining 1 male and 1 female).
- **A baptized** Christian may act as a Christian Witness but not as a Godparent. His or her role would be to witness to Christ for the sake of this newly baptized child. If you would like to choose someone as a Christian witness, the parents must still choose a Godparent. The Christian Witness' name is not entered on the baptism certificate.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

**Saturdays: 1 - 2:30pm**

Jan 11  
Feb 1  
Mar 7  
Apr 4  
May 2  
June 6

### BAPTISM CELEBRATION DATES

**Saturday  
5pm Mass**

Jan 18  
Feb 8  
Apr 18  
May 9  
June 20  
July 25  
Aug 15

**Sunday  
12pm Mass**


Jan 19  
Feb 23  
Apr 19  
May 24  
June 14  
July 26  
Aug 23

### BAPTISM LITURGY

**Sunday 2pm  
(no Mass)**

Jan 26      Feb 9  
Apr 26      May 31  
June 28      July 19

Aug 16



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