



## **St. Clare Catholic Church** **Baptism Requirements 0-7 age.**

Infants should be baptized soon after birth, but sufficient time is necessary for the proper instruction. Children who are seven years of age or older must receive instruction in the church before being baptized (adult baptism). The ordinary place for baptism is in the parish Church of the parents.

One of the parents or legal guardians must request baptism. There must be a founded hope that the child baptized will be brought up in the Catholic Religion. Godparents must have received Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist, should be at least 16 years of age, and should be practicing Catholics who are able to give the example of a good Catholic life. There are normally two godparents, one man and one woman.

Baptism is not to be conferred until parents and godparents have attended pre-baptismal instruction. The responsibilities of parents and godparents are to be reviewed, as well as preparation for the celebration of the rite of baptism.

**GODPARENT REQUIREMENTS: (If married)** Must be married in the Catholic Church and not living with someone outside of marriage. (If single) Single person cannot be living with someone outside of marriage. Godparents must be confirmed & must live within confines of the Catholic faith.

Baptismal preparation classes, held on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm call office for more info. Requirements: Birth Certificate. Date of Baptisms: Saturdays 10:30am or during weekend masses only.

1. Child's Birth Certificate from the State.
2. Parent(s) and Sponsors who do not reside within St. Clare Parish must obtain a letter of permission from the parish they attend to baptize their child or serve as sponsors as St. Clare Church.
3. Sponsors: Only one male or one female sponsor or one of each sex is to be chosen (Canon Law Chapter IV 873).
4. To be admitted to the role Godparent, a person must; be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and lead a life in harmony with the faith or in short, practicing Catholic (Canon Law Chapter IV 874,3). Godparent(s) must be at least sixteen years of age and not the parent(s) of the child.
5. Married sponsors should have received the sacrament of marriage through the Catholic Church.
6. Parents and Sponsors are required to attend baptismal instruction, which is held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Religious Education Room (Office Building). Parents are to must fill out the Baptismal Request Form one week prior to baptismal preparation classes
7. Baptism is on the 2nd or 4th Saturday of the month at 10:00am or during a mass (this has to be in agreement with the pastor). Please arrive at least 20 minutes before mass; the Sacristan will seat you and your family.



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9. Religious articles (white robe, candle, and medal) may be worn and blessed at time of baptism and are to be provided by the parents.

10. There is no Fee.

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### Spanish Version - Español

Bautismo de niños menores de 7 años: Los bebés deben ser bautizados poco después del nacimiento, pero se necesita suficiente tiempo para la instrucción adecuada. Los niños que tienen siete años o más deben recibir instrucción en la iglesia antes de ser bautizados (bautismo de adultos. Uno de los padres o tutor legal debe solicitar el bautismo. El niño bautizado debe ser educado en la religión católica. Los padrinos deben haber recibido el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Sagrada Eucaristía, deben tener al menos 16 años de edad, y deben ser católicos practicantes que puedan dar el ejemplo de una buena vida católica. Normalmente hay dos padrinos, un hombre y una mujer.

El bautismo no debe ser conferido hasta que los padres y los padrinos hayan asistido a la instrucción pre-bautismal.

**Requisitos de los Padrinos:** (Si está casado) Debe casarse en la Iglesia Católica y no vivir con alguien fuera del matrimonio. (Si es soltero) Una persona soltera no puede estar viviendo con alguien fuera del matrimonio. Los padrinos deben ser confirmados y deben vivir dentro de los confines de la fe católica. se realizan los martes a las 7:00 p.m. (sin excepciones).

Requisitos: Certificado de nacimiento (niño). Fecha de bautismos: sábados a las 10:30 am o durante las misas de fin de semana solamente (sin excepciones).