



Baptism Information

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at St. Jude on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 10 AM (English) and 11 AM (Spanish), unless otherwise stated. *There are no baptisms during the season of Lent.* For your child to be baptized, you must be the child's parent or legal guardian and be registered and active members of St. Jude for at least six months. **For children seven years or older**, you must contact the Faith Formation office to enroll them in OCIA Adapted for Children.

Requirements

For Parents:

- At least one parent should be a **registered, active member of St. Jude for at least six months** before the baptism date. Non-parishioners wishing to have their child's baptism at St. Jude must provide a formal written permission (with seal) from the Pastor of their parish that their mailing address belongs.
- **Both parents (even a non-Catholic parent) MUST complete a Baptismal preparation class.** Classes at St. Jude are online and can be completed at your own pace. Documentation of a preparation class done previously at St. Jude or another parish is acceptable.
- Provide a copy of **child's official (state-issued) Birth Certificate**. We cannot accept a Certificate of Live Birth instead.
- For a baptism date to be secured, **all payments and documents must be submitted two weeks** before the desired date.

For Godparents:

- At least **one Catholic "in good standing"** must serve as the child's Godparent.
 - o The mother or father of the child being baptized **cannot** serve as Godparent. *If two Godparents are chosen, one must be male and the other female.*
 - o Godparents must be at least **16 years of age** and have **completed all Sacraments of Initiation** in the Roman Catholic Church (Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation).
 - o **If the Godparents are married**, they must be married in the Catholic church. **If divorced**, they cannot have remarried without an annulment of the first marriage. **If unmarried**, Godparents cannot be cohabitating (living together without marriage).
 - o The Godparents **cannot** be someone who has been baptized a Catholic and joined another denomination or faith.

- **Complete a Baptismal preparation class.** Classes at St. Jude are online and can be completed at your own pace. Documentation of a preparation class done previously at St. Jude or another parish is acceptable.
- Fill out and sign the **Certification of Eligibility form** stating that they meet all qualifications to be a sponsor/godparent.
- Be a **registered, active member of St. Jude for at least six months**; or provide a **Letter of Good Standing or Certificate to Serve as a Godparent** (either must be marked with the parish seal).
- Provide copies of their sacramental certificates
 - o **If Married:** Catholic Marriage certificate, Confirmation certificates (for each person)
 - o **If Unmarried:** Baptism certificate, Holy Communion certificate, and Confirmation certificate

For Non-Catholic witness:

- Non-Catholics may serve as a *Christian witness when only one Godparent is chosen*. A person who has been baptized a Catholic but joined another denomination or faith **may not** be selected either as a Godparent or a Christian witness.
- They should understand the role of godparent and be able to fill a similar role in his/her church. A **letter of eligibility** from the church in which they are registered and participate is required.
- Any Christian witness chosen **will not be formally listed** as a Godparent in the official church record or on the Baptism Certificate.

Baptismal Preparation Class

- **Classes are online and at your own pace**, through the “REBORN” online program on Formed (<https://formed.org/signup>). The required videos are available in English and Spanish.
- Create an account on Formed and navigate to the “PROGRAMS” tab at the top. Click on “The Sacraments” and scroll down on the new page to the option for “REBORN.” You can also use the search function in the top right corner to find the “REBORN” program.
- **Watch the three videos:**
 1. A New Creation, The Mystery of Baptism
 2. Entering the Mystery: The Rite Explained
 3. Nurturing the Life of Grace: Called to a Mission
- **Each person** (Mother, Father, Godfather, Godmother) **for each video**, write a **short reflection** (summary paragraph with a minimum of 5 sentences), which describes what was the most important elements that caught your attention and have meaning to you – it’s what you “take with you” on the specific topic. **Each person should submit three responses.**
- **Submit your responses** via email or drop off at the Parish Office and make any required payments.
- You will be issued a **Certificate of Baptismal Catechesis**, which is valid in all Roman Catholic Churches in the world for a period of time of **3 years**, and can be used by parents who wish to baptize their children, as well as those who wish to be godparents of baptism. You will receive a phone call from the Parish Office when certificates are ready to be picked up, or they will be given out on the Baptism date with the child’s Baptism Certificate.

Baptism Ceremony:

- Dates for the current year are provided on the following page, as well as the due dates for required paperwork.
- You will receive a phone call from the Parish Office the week of the baptism date with reminders and to answer any last minute questions you may have.
- **Presider:** One of our priests and deacons will be the presider at the baptism. We cannot guarantee which one will be present, as last minute changes and emergencies can happen during the time leading up to the baptisms.
- **Attire:** All children getting baptized, **must wear white** (this symbolizes the cleansing of the soul from original sin and represents a new beginning in faith). There are not color requirements for parents or godparents, but they should be appropriately dressed for church (shoulders covered, nothing too short/tight, no rips/tears in clothing, etc.). This is an important event and should be celebrated as such.
- **Baptism Candle:** St. Jude provides a baptismal candle for each child, but you may bring your own to the ceremony.
- **Religious Items:** All religious items may be blessed after the celebration of Baptism.
- **Arrival:** It is important that families arrive before the time that the baptism is set to start (at least 15-30 minutes before the start time). *There can be up to 10 children being baptized*, and it is important that the coordinator is able to go over where to sit, the order of the ceremony, and any other information with each family before the start time.
 - o **If you arrive after the ceremony starts**, you will not be able to have your child baptized that day. You will need to reschedule your baptism through the Parish Office.
- **Photography/Video:** Photography and video are allowed, but must be discrete and may not distract during the ceremony. Please be mindful of the other families that might be present.
- **Certificates:** You will receive the child's Baptism Certificate after the ceremony, as well as any Certificates of Baptismal Catechesis not already picked up from the Parish Office.

Fees:

- Registration/Administrative fee: \$35 per child
- Baptismal Preparation class: \$25 per married couple / \$25 per single person
- Payments must be made in the Parish Office by cash, check, or card.

Communication for Baptismal Information

Inquiring about Baptism (dates, paperwork, and registration for baptisms and baptismal catechesis)

Parish Receptionist: Mrs. Gilda Casas | 817-473-6709 | g.casas@stjudemansfieldtx.org

Baptism List 2026

Unless otherwise stated, group baptisms are on the 2nd Saturday of the month, with English baptisms at 10 AM and Spanish baptisms at 11 AM. *There are no baptisms during the season of Lent.*

For baptisms starting at 10 AM, families may arrive as early as 9:30 AM and must be at the church by 9:45 AM. For baptism starting at 11 AM, families may arrive as early as 10:30 AM and must be at the church by 10:45 AM. If a baptism is at 12 PM, families need to arrive between 11:30 and 11:45 AM. **It is important that families arrive at the times stated, so that the baptisms may begin on time and do not conflict with other scheduled events happening in the church afterwards. If you arrive after the baptism starts, you will not be able to have your child(ren) baptized and will have to wait for the next available month.**

All documents and payments are due two weeks before the baptism. Some due dates are adjusted due to holidays and office closures. Documents may be dropped off at the office or emailed to our receptionist **Gilda Casas** (g.casas@stjudemansfieldtx.org). Payments (cash/check/card) must be made in the office.

Baptism Dates	Documents/Payment Due Date
August 8 th	July 24 th
September 12 th	August 28 th
October 10 th	September 25 th
November 14 th	October 30 th
December 5 th English at 10 AM Spanish at 12 PM	November 20 th
* The second Saturday of December is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will have both baptisms the first Saturday of the month due to the busyness of the feast day *	



BAPTISM REGISTRATION – REGISTRACIÓN DE BAUTISMO

Date of Baptism/Fecha de Bautismo: _____ ☐ English/Ingles ☐ Spanish/Español

CHILD INFORMATION/INFORMACION DEL NIÑO O DE LA NIÑA

First Name/Primer Nombre _____

Middle Name/Segundo Nombre _____

Last Name/Apellido _____

Date of Birth/Fecha de Nacimiento _____

Place of Birth (City, State)/Lugar de Nacimiento (Ciudad y Estado) _____

INFORMATION OF PARENTS/INFORMACION DE LOS PADRES

FATHER'S INFORMATION/INFORMACION DEL PADRE

First Name/Primer Nombre _____

Middle Name/Segundo Nombre _____

Last Name/Apellido _____

Father's Contact Number/Numero de Contacto del Padre: _____

Email/Correo electrónico: _____

MOTHER'S INFORMATION/INFORMACION DEL MADRE

First Name/Primer Nombre _____

Middle Name/Segundo Nombre _____

Last Name/Apellido _____

Mother's Contact Number/Numero de Contacto del Madre: _____

Email/Correo electrónico: _____

Address/Comicio: _____

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Family Registration ☐ St. Jude | Member ID # _____ ☐ Other Parish _____

Documents Received: ☐ Birth Certificate ☐ Parents Baptism Class

Godparent 1: Single/Married ☐ Baptism ☐ Holy Communion ☐ Confirmation ☐ Catholic Marriage ☐ Baptism Class
☐ Letter of Good Standing/St. Jude Registration Member ID # _____

Godparent 2: Single/Married ☐ Baptism ☐ Holy Communion ☐ Confirmation ☐ Catholic Marriage ☐ Baptism Class
☐ Letter of Good Standing/St. Jude Registration Member ID # _____

Payment: ____ \$35 Baptism Fee ____ \$25 Class (Parents) ____ \$25 Class (Godparents) | Total: _____

Initials of Baptism Coordinator _____ Date _____ Payment Received Date _____

Full legal name of child to be baptized:

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