



Baptism Protocols

Congratulations on the birth of your baby! We are grateful you have reached out to us to help you celebrate the first steps in a life of faith for your child.

- Baptisms take place with on **Saturdays** outside of a regular Mass. They are scheduled at the top of the hour beginning at 11:00am until 3:00pm. You may also choose a Sunday either during or following our 10:30 am Mass or following our 4:30pm Mass on Saturdays.
- Baptisms are not live streamed; however, you may record or live stream it yourself if you wish unless it is during a Mass.
- We ask that you first speak with your family to work out a date and time. Since the clergy are visiting people, presiding at wedding and funerals, and other baptisms, we would rather not reschedule multiple times. Due to the volume of baptisms at St. Louis, we are unable to hold a time slot.
- You will be asked to provide an unopened bottle of water to be blessed and used for your child's baptism.
- In choosing Godparents, one must be a fully initiated Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation in the Roman Catholic Church. If you choose one Godparent who has not received the sacraments above, they will be listed as your child's Christian Witness. Please note that any Godparents chosen must be of a Christian faith background.
- Your child's presider will either be Father Mitchell Zygodlo, Father Hoan Dinh or a Deacon. The presider's schedule for sacraments and masses are made up prior, therefore, choosing a particular presider is challenging.
- Please visit our website at: <https://stlouischurch.org/baptism-1> for the most up-to-date information regarding Baptism. Please feel out the fillable PDF Baptism Registration form to begin the process. Please email it back to me when it is complete.

Please reach out when you've had an opportunity to discuss possible dates and time frame with your family.