

Godparent Guidelines

When choosing a Godparent for your child please keep the following in mind:

1. The Catholic church prefers 2 Godparents. They must be one male and one female.
2. They must have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation).
3. They need to be practicing Catholics.
4. They must present a Sponsor Certificate from the church they attend. The certificate must be signed by the parish priest and have the church seal.
5. The original certificate must be given to the St. Thomas the Apostle office one week prior to the scheduled Baptism.
6. If either of the Catholic Godparents cannot meet the above requirements, they may not be a named Godparent.

If you are unable to meet the above criteria for both Godparents, then at least one must have all the above.

You may choose to have ONE Godparent be a non-Catholic CHRISTIAN (Not Jewish, not Muslim, not Buddhist, etc.). They will have a C.W. after their name on the Baptism Certificate and in the official Baptism Registry of the church which designates them as a Christian Witness. *Anyone who was baptized as a Catholic but is no longer practicing may NOT be a named Christian Witness.*