

**Welcome** to the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish family!

**Faith Begins with Baptism...**

**[Video Overview of Baptism](#)**

# Congratulations!



Baptism is a Gift  
and a Blessing  
Baptism is the  
Door to our Faith

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better understand Catholic Baptism



# 7 Sacraments of the Catholic Church

Quick Overview of Sacraments

Deeper Understanding-Sacraments

# Baptism Videos~



Actual Infant Baptism

Reborn in Baptism

The symbols of Baptism

Drawing a better Understanding



Sacrament = “a sign of the sacred.” “sacred” means (holy; from God).



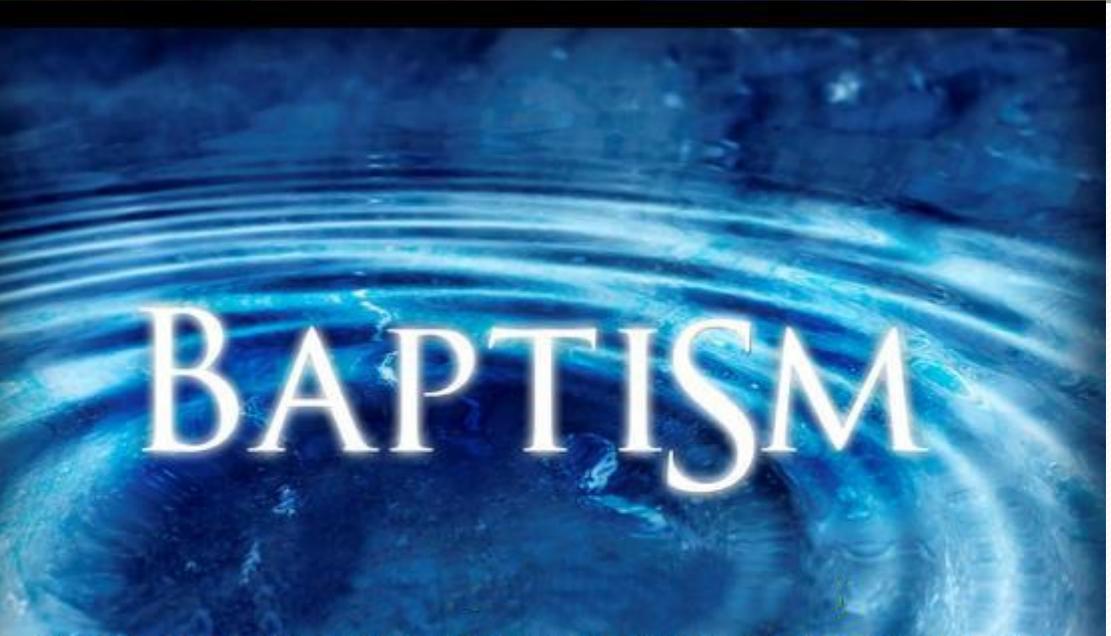
The Catholic sacraments are very special ways that God shows His love for us.



When we receive the sacraments, we receive grace, which is God’s life in us.



“Amen, Amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit” John 3:5



# Baptism

## Becoming Part of God's Family



The Sacraments of Initiation –Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist- are the foundations of the Christian life.

Baptism is the birth into new life in Christ. In accordance with the Lord's will, it is necessary for salvation, as is the Church herself, which we enter by Baptism.



- ~Makes us a member of God's family in the Catholic Church.
- ~Is the "door" that gives us access to the other sacraments.
- ~Is a Grace and gift from God
- ~A promise and guarantee of divine protection
- ~We receive remission of original and personal sin
- ~We begin a new life in Christ
- ~We receive the Holy Spirit
- ~Calls us to serve God as a disciple
- ~Baptism imprints a spiritual sign which is impossible to remove
- ~Baptism cannot be repeated

Source: Catechism of the Catholic Church



Baptism: The first Sacrament of Initiation by which we are freed from all sin and endowed with the gift of divine life, are made members of the Church, and are called to holiness and mission.

“By Baptism, we share in the redemptive act of Jesus’ death and Resurrection, are freed from Original Sin, and are strengthened against the power of sin and death.

We are reconciled to God and made members of His holy people, the Church.”

# Questions to Consider:

1. Why do you want your child to be Baptized?
2. What are your hopes for the faith of your child and your family?
3. How would you like the church to support your family?

Please let us know