

St. Joseph Catholic Church
P.O. Box 337 - 17 Church Street
Inez, TX 77968-0337
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Baptism Regulations

1. You must meet with the Pastor/Deacon before setting the date or time of the baptism.
2. If you are inviting an outside priest to perform the baptism, you must check with the Pastor at the time you book the baptism for St. Joseph Church.
3. A donation may be made to the officiating Priest/Deacon. Any amount would be greatly appreciated.
4. Turn in a copy of the **official state birth certificate** (Not the hospital certificate) to the office **at least 1 week prior** to the baptism along with the sponsors names. It can be emailed: stjosephchurch@tisd.net (If you would like your child's photo on the certificate please send a picture in jpeg format or a hard copy.)
5. Couples and sponsors are required to attend a Baptismal class with the Pastor prior to the baptism unless they have been a sponsor/attended a class within the last 3 years. A letter from the church where they attended the Baptismal class must be turned in **at least one week prior** to the baptism.
6. At least one of the sponsors is required to be a practicing Catholic.
7. The following guidelines concerning behavior and dress should be strictly adhered to:
 - a. Respectful behavior and dress in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament is required at all times.
 - b. Speak at a low voice level during the baptism/photo sessions.
8. Photographs are allowed during the baptism. Please remind your photographer that this is a Church and respectful behavior is required at all times when pictures are being taken.

Yours in Christ,

Father Barnabas Kyeah
Parochial Administrator, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Inez

St. Joseph Catholic Church Baptism Registration Form

Turn in a copy of the **official state birth certificate** (Not the hospital certificate) to the office **at least 1 week prior** to the baptism **along with this form**. It can be emailed: stjosephchurch@tisd.net

Today's Date _____

Date you would like to have your child's baptism _____

Email _____

Phone #1 _____ Phone #2 _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Child's Information

Child's Full Name _____
First Middle Last

Child's Date of Birth _____ Child's Gender: _____ Male _____ Female

Child's City of Birth _____ County _____ State _____

Parents of Child

Father's Full Name _____
First Middle Last

Mother's Full Name _____
First Middle Maiden Last

Father's Religion _____ Mother's Religion _____

Were parents married in the Catholic church? _____ Yes _____ No

If no, where were you married? _____

Are you registered at St. Joseph Parish? _____ Yes _____ No

If no, where are you registered? _____

If you are a member of another parish, why would you want your child baptized here?

Parents Mass Attendance

Father's Attendance

_____ Weekly _____ Twice a Month _____ Monthly _____ Seldom _____ Do not attend

Mother's Attendance

_____ Weekly _____ Twice a Month _____ Monthly _____ Seldom _____ Do not attend

Prospective Godparents – (Must be a practicing Catholic to be a Godparent in the Catholic Church but may be a Christian Witness if another religion.)

Prospective Godfather's name _____

Prospective Godfather's address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Is prospective Godfather Catholic? _____ Yes _____ No

Name of Parish he is a member of _____

City _____ State _____

Prospective Godfather's marital status:

_____ Single _____ Married _____ Married in Catholic Church _____ Living with someone

Prospective Godmother's name _____

Prospective Godmother's address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Is prospective Godmother Catholic? _____ Yes _____ No

Name of Parish she is a member of _____

City _____ State _____

Prospective Godmother's marital status:

_____ Single _____ Married _____ Married in Catholic Church _____ Living with someone