

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH
Building God's Kingdom

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YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM

Baptism is the beginning of the life of faith. Through the water of baptism your child will be “born again.” He/she will be set free from original sin and enter into eternal relationship with God the Father, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. He/she will also become part of the Roman Catholic Church.

Baptism, of course, is only the beginning of this new life. For infant baptism to make sense, parents must be committed to raise their child in the faith. A child needs to be nourished into Christian faith through weekly attendance at Mass, through religious instruction, through prayer and through the example of a Christian family life. This is the commitment the Church expects of every parent who brings in a child for baptism.

PARENTS' COMMITMENT

It is assumed that the parents of children to be baptized in the parish are: attending Sunday Mass regularly; married in the Catholic Church; and registered members of St. Joseph's Parish. If this is not your situation, special arrangements must be made with the priest.

MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS

After filling out the baptism form and returning it to the parish office, the pastor will contact you for an interview. Baptism dates will be arranged with the pastor.

SPONSOR

At least one of the baptismal sponsors must be a practicing Roman Catholic. A non-Catholic baptized Christian may stand a Christian witness. The responsibilities for the sponsor(s) for the baptized children are the same as for the parents.

BAPTISM DAY

Make it a big celebration! Invite family and friends. If you wish, take photos. Afterwards put on a party. Celebrate your child's baptismal anniversary every year. Use the baptismal candle at the celebration.

CHURCH DONATION

On the occasion of a baptism it is traditional to give a Stole Fee to the Church. The usual donation is \$50.00 which is given to the office before the day of the baptism or to the priest on the day of the baptism. In a separate envelope it is customary to offer something for the priest/deacon who is celebrating the child's baptism.

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Date of Baptism _____	Time: _____
Child's given names _____	(Last name) Surname _____
Date of Birth _____	City of Birth _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____
Home phone _____ Cell phone & Name _____
Email: _____ Cell phone & Name _____

Mother's First & middle names _____	(Surname at birth) Maiden name _____
Religion _____	Faith Life Describe _____
Father's First & middle names _____	(Last name) Surname _____
Religion _____	Faith Life Describe _____
Church and date of marriage: _____	

Have you attended a Baptism Preparation course? Yes No

For an infant to be lawfully baptized it is required that there be a well-founded hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic religion and tradition. **If such a hope is lacking, the Baptism is to be deferred.**

Will your child be brought up as a practicing Catholic? Yes No

By weekly attendance at Sunday Mass: Yes No

By preparation for reception of the other sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Faith: i.e. Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Yes No

GODPARENTS - SPONSORS

One sponsor, not less than sixteen years of age, male or female, is sufficient; but there may be two, one of each sex. The sponsors role is together with the parents, to present the child for Baptism and to help the child live a Christian life befitting the baptized and to fulfill the duties inherent in Baptism.

The sponsor(s) must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and received the Blessed Eucharist, and who live a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken.

Godfather's Name _____ Practicing Catholic: Yes No

Godmother's Name _____ Practicing Catholic: Yes No

Catholic Sponsors are required to fill out Godparent's form and return to St. Joseph's Parish office.

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GODPARENT'S FORM

(Please print clearly & legibly)

Child To Be Baptized: _____

Name of Godparent: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (home) _____ (Cell) _____

Name of Parish Attending: _____

Address of Parish: _____

This is to certify that _____ is a practicing member of the above named Parish Community and to the best of my knowledge and belief is qualified to act as a Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Pastor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

(Please return this form to St. Joseph's Parish no later than two weeks before the Baptism Date.)

GODPARENT FOR BAPTISM

A GODPARENT must be a baptized Catholic adult who has been confirmed and has received the Blessed Eucharist, and who lead a life in harmony with the faith, which befits the role to be undertaken.

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