

Application for Baptism

St. Joseph Church

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Today's Date _____

Preferred Month for baptism: December, January, April, May, June, July, August,

September, October, November

(Baptisms are scheduled for the 2nd Sunday of each month listed above at 1:00 pm)

CHILD'S INFORMATION

Child's Name _____

First,

Middle.

Last

- Male /Female
- Child's Birthdate _____
- Child's Birthplace _____
- Was the child adopted? Yes No
- If the child was adopted, please provide where/when.
- _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Are you and your family registered with our parish? Yes No
**(You must be registered in the parish before baptism takes place)*
- If you are coming from another parish, which parish are you registered with?

- Have you ever completed baptism preparation in the last 5 years? Yes No
- Are you attending Mass at St. Joseph on a weekly basis? Yes No

FATHER'S INFORMATION

Father's Name _____

First,

Middle.

Last

- Is the father baptized: Yes No Unsure
- If the father is baptized, where/when was the baptism?

- If the father is baptized, what is the religion?

(ex. Roman Catholic, Byzantine Catholic, Lutheran, etc.)

Statement of intent *(If the father is Catholic):*

I wish to have my child baptized in the Roman Catholic Faith. I will ensure my child fulfills their obligation to join the faith community weekly in worship and is raised in an environment that fosters my child's growth in the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism.

Father's signature

(Note: if you are not attending Mass regularly (which is required for appropriately raising your child in the faith) we will have to delay the baptism until such time as the issue(s) keeping you from attending Mass regularly have been resolved) The best way to prove your Mass attendance is by using your collection envelopes, even if empty.

MOTHER'S INFORMATION

Mother's Name _____

First,

Middle

Last

Mother's Maiden Name: _____

- Is the mother baptized: Yes No Unsure
- If the mother is baptized, where/when was the baptism?

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- If the mother is baptized, what is the religion?

(ex. Roman Catholic, Byzantine Catholic, Lutheran, etc.)

Statement of intent *(If the mother is Catholic):*

I wish to have my child baptized in the Roman Catholic Faith. I will ensure my child fulfills their obligation to join the faith community weekly in worship and is raised in an environment that fosters my child's growth in the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism.

Mother's signature

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COUPLE'S MARRIAGE INFORMATION

- Date and place of marriage _____
- Were you married by a priest or deacon? Yes No
- If you weren't married by a priest or deacon, by whom were you married? _____

****Parents please note:** Marriages that have taken place outside of the Catholic Church, should be "convalidated" / blessed by the church before baptism takes place or shortly after. You can make an appointment with Fr. Mike or one of our deacons to begin the process.

GODPARENT INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE: The role of Godparent is to take over or assist in the faith development of the person being baptized. This is especially important if the parents cannot or do not adequately raise their children in the faith. Godparents can also be helpful through their prayers and example even if the child's parents fulfill their own promise to raise the child in the faith. Therefore, the faith of the godparents is important in fulfilling the baptismal promise of being raised in the Catholic faith. **Choose your child's godparents carefully!** If no one in your family qualifies to be a godparent, there are people in the parish who would love to be your child's godparent and we can help arrange for that.

GODFATHER

Proposed Godfather's Name _____

First,

Middle

Last

- Is he a practicing Catholic? Yes No
- If not Catholic, which Christian denomination?

- _____
- *If Catholic, what is the parish to which they belong and attend Mass?

- _____
*A letter from the pastor of that parish verifying Mass attendance is required

GODMOTHER

Proposed Godmother's Name _____

First,

Middle

Last

- Is she a practicing Catholic? Yes No
- If not Catholic, which Christian denomination?

- _____
- *If Catholic, what is the parish to which they belong and attend Mass?

- _____
*A letter from the pastor of that parish verifying Mass attendance is required