

Godparent Form for Infant Baptism

CHILD'S NAME: First _____ Last _____

GODPARENTS PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY, TAKE IT TO YOUR PARISH OFFICE AND HAVE THE PARISH'S SEAL IMPRINTED ON THE BOTTOM OF THIS FORM. PARENTS MUST RETURN IT TO ST JOSEPH PARISH OFFICE 1 WEEK BEFORE SCHEDULED BAPTISM CLASS.

Dear Baptismal Sponsor:

When a parent chooses you as a Baptismal Sponsor (Godparent) that means you are thought of as a very special Catholic being called to be a Godparent is not merely a choice because of family ties or a reward of friendship. The call to be a sponsor bears the responsibility of giving spiritual witness to your Godchild of how to live out the Catholic faith in everyday life. By being faithful to God's law, being active in the life of the parish, participating in Mass weekly, and living Gospel values, you offer tremendous personal support to the parents who commit them-selves in Baptism to faithfully passing on the Catholic faith to their child. Therefore, it is important that you prayer-fully consider the serious responsibility, which you take on as a godparent. If you are unable to live up to these Catholic ideals, you must decline this responsibility. The sponsor, with the parents, presents the child for the sacrament and helps him/her live a life befitting a baptized Catholic Christian.

I verify that I am a practicing Catholic in both word and deed: [] Yes

I verify that I am a fully initiated Catholic (I have received Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation) [] Yes

I am [] Single [] Married – **I what Catholic Church** _____

If living with someone and not married by Church, you cannot be a Godparent at the moment.

I verify that I attend Sunday Mass weekly: [] Yes (Note: If you do not attend Mass regularly you are not eligible to be a Godparent/Sponsor)

***** I affirm that I am a baptized and confirmed Catholic, living my Catholic faith and in good standing with the Catholic Church. I understand that I am called to serve as a companion, guide and role model to my godchild especially by my own example and witness.**

Godparent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

~~~~~ **CERTIFICATION FROM GODPARENT'S HOME PARISH** ~~~~~

**Note to priest/deacon or Church representative:**

Please mark a Yes or No for the below statements. Do not leave any line blank.

This is to certify that

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Godparent Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ is in good standing in this parish and that s/he meets the requirements for being a Godparent.

\_\_\_\_\_ is registered in our parish as a practicing Catholic.

\_\_\_\_\_ lives in the territorial boundaries of this parish, but is not a registered parishioner.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signed (Pastor of prospective Godparent's parish)

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

(Church Seal)

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_