

Saints Joseph & Michael Parish Baptism Registration Form

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For office use only

Date of baptism class _____ Date of baptism _____

Donation _____ Sponsor forms ____/____ Birth certificate _____

Today's date _____

Child's Name _____

Child's Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Child lives with ☐ Both Parents ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ _____
(Check 1 box)

Mother's Name _____
First Middle Maiden Last Name

Mother's Address _____

Mother's Telephone Number (s) _____

Mother's E-mail address _____

Religious Background ☐ Roman Catholic ☐ Other Christian ☐ _____
If Catholic, is Mother ☐ Baptized ☐ First Holy Communion ☐ Confirmed

Father's Name _____
First Middle Last

Father's Address _____

Father's Telephone Number (s) _____

Father's E-mail address _____

Religious Background ☐ Roman Catholic ☐ Other Christian ☐ _____
If Catholic, is Mother ☐ Baptized ☐ First Holy Communion ☐ Confirmed

Are the Child's parents ☐ Married ☐ Unmarried ☐ Separated?

If married, ☐ In the Catholic Church (either from the beginning or "blessed" later within the Church) ☐ In another Church ☐ Civil?

The Roman Catholic Church baptizes children whose parents want what the Church has to offer and who demonstrate the willingness to assure that the child will be educated in the knowledge and practice of the faith. This would include, but is not limited to, regular Mass attendance with the child and religious instruction from grade one through First Communion and Confirmation.

If you, the parent(s) of this child, are willing to fulfill these minimal requirements, or to support your Catholic spouse as he/she fulfills them, please sign and place today's date in the spaces below.

Father's signature/date

Mother's signature/date

At this time, is there anything that the pastor or faith formation personnel of this parish can do to help you on your own relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ? For example: clearing up any problems with your marital status in the Church, helping you finish your sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation, first Holy Communion).

Parents and godparents will be scheduled for the required pre-baptismal instruction classes **after** the following documentation has been received:

- *Child's birth certificate
- * Baptism Godfather/Godmother Covenant form
- *This form completed including the signature of parents
- *Donation of \$50 materials fee for per child
- * Proof of registration at Ss. Joseph & Michael Parish

The Catholic Church requires the following of Godparents: (canon 874.1)

- * The godparents are to be chosen by the parents or guardians.
 - * They are to be at least sixteen years of age.
 - * They must be Catholics who have already been Confirmed, and have received the holy Eucharist.
 - * They should be leading a life in harmony with the faith; i.e., practicing Catholics (attending Mass), if married, in a valid Catholic Marriage, etc.
 - * They may not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.
 - * You may choose one or two godparents. If you choose two, one must be male and the other female.
 - * The godparents must have the qualifications for and intention of carrying out this duty.
- **Non-Catholic Witness** (Can.874.2) A **baptized** person belonging to a non-Catholic ecclesial (church) community may be admitted as a witness to baptism but only along with a Catholic Godparent. This person is not formally called a Godparent, but will be referred to as a Christian Witness.

Please Note: A baptism certificate is a genealogical document. The Church's custom is to list the father's full name and the mother's full maiden name, i.e., the name before marriage, on baptism certificates. This does not cast any judgment upon the marital status of the parents. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Because the godparent covenants are often turned in separately from this form, please give the name(s) of the godparent(s) here.

Godfather: _____

Godmother: _____

Baptism Godmother Covenant

Baptismal sponsors/godparents are expected to be the first helpers of the godchild's parents in rearing the child in the faith and practice of the Roman Catholic Church. Example is the most powerful teaching tool. If you fulfill the requirements for sponsors listed above and are willing to be actively involved in sharing your faith with this child, please sign and date in the space provided below.

Only one godparent is required, but two may serve as sponsors as long as one is a woman and the other a man. Sponsors are expected to be able to lead by example, to support the child's faith development, and to assist the parents in their task as primary educators of their children in the faith. Therefore, sponsors must be:

- *Fully initiated in to the Catholic Church-baptism, confirmation and first communion
- *Registered in a parish
- *Practicing their faith-regular Mass attendance, Easter Duty, etc.
- *Married in the Catholic Church if married

My godchild's name is: _____

I understand the requirements of being a Baptism godparent and I state that I was

Baptized at _____ Catholic Church

in _____ (City and State) on or about _____ (date)

Confirmed at _____ Catholic Church

in _____ (City and State) on or about _____ (date)

Married in the Catholic Church at _____

in _____ (City and State) on or about _____ (date)

Name of parish and city where the baptism is to take place:

I am active in the Catholic Church, regularly attend Mass on Sunday and strive to live my faith.

Godmother's signature/date

Godmother's printed name

Phone #

Baptism Godfather Covenant

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I am active in the Catholic Church, regularly attend Mass on Sunday and strive to live my faith.

Godfather's signature/date

Godfather's printed name

Phone #