



# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Parents,

Congratulations on the birth of your child! The parish family of Our Lady of Good Counsel joins the staff in asking God's blessings on you and your growing family and we look forward to celebrating your child's Baptism with you.

With the restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic now lifted, we are happy to let you know that masks and social distancing are no longer required in the Church. As such, we will now allow two families at each ceremony. In addition, there is no longer a limit on the number of guests that may attend. Baptisms will continue to be held on Saturdays and Sundays at 12:30pm on the first and third weekends each month.\*

We ask that you and your guests arrive **10 minutes** early to ensure that the ceremony can start on time.

In preparation for this joyous event, we also ask that you do the following:

***A Baptismal Preparation course is required for all first time parents.*** Also, those who are new to the parish, or who have been away from the faith are required to attend. Please contact Carla in the parish office to register for the class. The class, with our Deacon, Mr. Marc Mack, can be taken in person or over ZOOM.

***Please complete the enclosed Baptism Registration Form.*** We will need the full name, both first and last for both parents and God parents (*mothers, please provide your full maiden name*). The "place of birth" must include the city and state where your child was born – **NOT** the hospital. If your child has a middle name, please be sure to include it. We will use this information to complete the church's official documents for this occasion. **Please PRINT all information legibly.**

***A Letter of Good Standing*** must be provided for at least one of the Godparents, from the parish where they are currently a member. Please keep in mind that at least one of the Godparents must have completed the Sacraments of Initiation. (Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation)

***An offering of \$100 is suggested.*** If you are able to do so you may send your offering with your completed form. Paperwork should be returned to the office as soon as possible and once it is received we will contact you to confirm the date for your celebration. Please return your paperwork to the church at the above address in care of Carla Troast.

*\* In January, 2022 ONLY - we will celebrate baptisms on the 2nd & 4th weekends due to the holidays.*

If you have any questions or require special arrangements please feel free to contact Carla at the church office or via e-mail at [ministries@goodcounsel.org](mailto:ministries@goodcounsel.org).

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Rev. Darwin Lastra  
Pastor

# Baptism Registration Form

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth (City, State) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name (Maiden) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Godfather's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Godfather Catholic? \_\_\_\_\_

Godmother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Godmother Catholic? \_\_\_\_\_

Is either Godparent represented by a proxy? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Proxy \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first child? \_\_\_\_\_

Was the child privately baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

Was the child adopted? \_\_\_\_\_

**For office use only:**

Name of Celebrant \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism Preparation Appt: \_\_\_\_\_

Power Church \_\_\_\_\_ Register \_\_\_\_\_