

Baptismal Register Information

St. Mary's, Storm Lake; Sacred Heart, Early; St. Joseph, Schaller

Name of Child _____ Boy Girl

Date of Birth _____ City of Birth _____

Hospital _____

Dear Parents:

- ☞ If you have not yet had a child baptized at either St. Mary's, Sacred Heart or St. Joseph's, you are required to take a Baptism Preparation Class. English classes at St. Mary's are at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Please call the parish office at 732-3110 to RSVP.
- ☞ To assure all information corresponds with other records, you will need to bring the original or a copy of the **birth certificate** along with this completed form to the office **before** the baptism. (Copy may be emailed.)
- ☞ **If the child is 7 years old or older**, the Church instructs us that s/he is to be prepared for the baptism; s/he will need one year of religious education to prepare for baptism, which begins her/his faith formation.

Father's Name _____
First Middle Last

Religion of Father _____ Practicing? Yes No

Mother's Name _____
First Middle MAIDEN Last

Religion of Mother _____ Practicing? Yes No

Address _____ **City/Zip** _____

Phone(s) _____

Email Address(es): _____

Was your child privately baptized? Yes No
 If "yes", by whom, when, where & why? _____

Was your child adopted? Yes No
 If "yes", when was the adoption final? _____

In what language do you normally attend Mass? English Spanish Other _____

Baptism Dates/Times:

- ☞ We are born into a family, and baptized into the Church, "in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit." So, there is no "private" baptism *per se*; the fullest time to celebrate a baptism—really any sacrament—is during the Mass. **And most especially during the Mass that your family normally attends.**
- ☞ We do allow baptisms to be held after Masses, except the 7pm Saturday eve Mass (baptism after any particular 5:30pm Saturday Mass will be all be done in English or Spanish—the first language requested).
- ☞ Due to the many baptisms that we have, often there will be more than one baptism in a particular Mass or after a particular Mass. Scheduling depends on the first request—so, e.g., if the first request is for during a particular Mass, then there will be no baptisms after that Mass.
- ☞ You may request your preferred date and time, in or after Mass, but **we may ask you to adjust a bit** due to the above points. — You may wish to call the parish office to check on possible dates and times **before** filling out the information below and submitting this form.

Requested Date & Time of Baptism _____

Priest/Deacon: _____

Lastly, parents, are you, married in the Catholic Church? Yes No

If "No", please explain when and where you were married, and also indicate whether you would like to meet with a priest/deacon to discuss your marital status and what you might do to either to be married or to have your marriage "blessed" (convalidated):

Dear Parents and chosen Godparents (Sponsors): We wish to share with you what the Church, in the Code of Canon Law [CIC], asks of Godparents (Sponsors):

- ☪ The Godparent, “together with the parents, presents an infant for baptism. A sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it” (CIC 872);
- ☪ “There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each (CIC 873).
- ☪ “To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must: have completed the sixteenth year of age; be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on; not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized” (CIC 874 § 1). —E.g., if a Godparent is married, s/he should be married in the Catholic Church.
- ☪ A non-Catholic Baptized Christian can participate only “together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism” (CIC 874 § 2). — This is an official distinction, the family can, of course, refer to that Christian witness as Godmother/father. This witness is to be living a Christian life, of course!
- ☪ Attendance at the Baptism class is recommended for Godparents (see bulletin/website for days and times).

Godfather’s Name _____
 First _____ Middle _____ Last _____
 Religion of Godfather _____ Practicing? Yes No

Godmother’s Name _____
 First _____ Middle _____ Last _____
 Religion of Godmother _____ Practicing? Yes No

Is either or both Godparent represented by a proxy? Yes No

Name of Proxy _____
 First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Name of Proxy _____
 First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

By my signature below, I affirm that I have **read the policies and canons** provided, and that to the best of my knowledge **all the information provided is accurate** and **all requirements are being followed**.

Father’s Signature _____ **Date** _____

Mother’s Signature _____ **Date** _____

Godfather’s Signature _____ **Date** _____

Godmother’s Signature _____ **Date** _____