

# BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORMS

## SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parents,

Enclosed are the forms and guidelines for obtaining the Sacrament of Baptism for Infants (newborns-age 6) at St. John's.

We ask you to read it carefully and provide us with all information necessary as you prepare for the baptism of your child. All information needed is in conformity with the Guidelines for Infant Baptism for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Baptism is no mere social convention, but the Sacrament in which Christ Himself purifies, justifies and sanctifies (cf. 1 Peter 1:23) your child for eternal life. We rejoice with you in the birth of your child and look forward to welcoming him/her into the family of God and the communion of the Holy Catholic Church.

Please contact our Parish Office 734-241-8910 if you have any questions, and may God bless you and your child.

# CHECKLIST FOR BAPTISM OF INFANTS

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### FOR PARENTS:

- \_\_\_ Attend a Baptism Preparation Class, either at St. John's or another parish (if you have taken a baptism class within the past three years, you do not need to take another class).
- \_\_\_ Meet with the priest who will be celebrating the Baptism for your child.
- \_\_\_ Complete Infant Baptism Request Form and turn in to the Parish Office, **along with the following:**
  - ◆ Copy of your child's state-registered Birth Certificate.
  - ◆ **If you are not a parishioner of St. John's** - A letter from your parish pastor granting permission for your child to be baptized at St. John's.
  - ◆ Letters of Verification of Full Communion with the Church from the parish of each Godparent.
  - ◆ Completed and signed Godparent Certificates.

### FOR GODPARENTS\*:

- \_\_\_ Inform Godparents of their requirements to attend a Baptism Preparation Class (again, if they have taken one of these classes within the past three years, this will not be necessary).
- \_\_\_ Have each Godparent fill out and sign a Godparent Certificate.
- \_\_\_ Ask each Godparent to request a Letter of Verification of Full Communion with the Church from their parish. The letter must be signed by the pastor or delegate and stamped with the parish seal.

**\*For a person to stand as a Godparent or Sponsor, the following requirements must be met:**

- ◆ Be designated by the candidate, parents, guardians, or pastor
- ◆ Have the intention of performing the role of sponsor
- ◆ Be at least 16 years old
- ◆ Be a fully initiated Catholic (received Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation)
- ◆ Lead a life in harmony with the Faith and role of a sponsor (i.e. be a registered member of a parish, attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and faithful to the laws of the Church regarding marriage)
- ◆ Not bound by any canonical penalty
- ◆ Not the father or mother of the candidate

At least one of the persons you choose must fulfil these requirements. If you wish to honor a non-Catholic member of your family, they may stand as a Christian Witness to your child's Baptism, provided they have already been baptized.

# INFANT BAPTISM REQUEST FORM

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Please print all information clearly.

Male  Female

Name of Child: First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ City & State of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother: First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden \_\_\_\_\_

Church of Baptism (Mother) \_\_\_\_\_ Currently Practicing Which Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Father: First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Church of Baptism (Father) \_\_\_\_\_ Currently Practicing Which Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child been previously baptized? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Parish where you are registered \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you attend Mass (weekly, monthly, never or other)? Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_

How are you involved in parish life? \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Date of Baptism (choose two dates): \_\_\_\_\_

### Godparent Information

Name of Godfather \_\_\_\_\_ Church Where Registered \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Godmother \_\_\_\_\_ Church Where Registered \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions Regarding Marriage and Family

Are you married? \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ City & State \_\_\_\_\_

If not married in a church, where were you married? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you, as an individual/couple, decide to marry outside of the Catholic Church because of a divorce situation? \_\_\_\_\_

Were you given permission by the Catholic Diocese in which you were married to have your wedding at a place other than a Catholic Church? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Are the children enrolled in a religious education program or in a Catholic school? \_\_\_\_\_

We hereby request the Sacrament of Baptism for our child:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# GODPARENT/SPONSOR CERTIFICATE

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Please complete the appropriate portion below:

I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
a registered member of \_\_\_\_\_ Catholic Church,  
located in (City & State) \_\_\_\_\_,  
have been asked to be a godparent for (Child's Name) \_\_\_\_\_,  
Son/Daughter of (Parents' names) \_\_\_\_\_  
as he/she celebrates the Sacrament of Baptism.

### I AFFIRM THAT:

- ◆ I have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) in the Catholic Church and, if married, am validly married according to the norms of the Catholic Church.
- ◆ I participate regularly in Sunday Mass and am able to receive the Holy Eucharist.
- ◆ I actively witness to my faith in Jesus Christ by the way I live in service and love to the people with whom I come in contact daily.
- ◆ I shall give Christian witness and pray for my Godchild as his/her Godparent.
- ◆ I understand and accept the responsibility that I undertake as a Godparent.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Godparent*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

OR

I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Church,  
located in (City & State) \_\_\_\_\_,  
have been asked to be a Christian Witness for (Child's Name) \_\_\_\_\_,  
Son/Daughter of (Parents' names) \_\_\_\_\_  
as he/she celebrates the Sacrament of Baptism.

### I AFFIRM THAT:

- ◆ I have been Baptized in the Trinitarian Formula in a faith that is recognized by the Catholic Church.
- ◆ I actively witness to my faith in Jesus Christ by the way I live in service and love to the people with whom I come in contact daily.
- ◆ I shall give Christian witness and pray for my Godchild as his/her Godparent.
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\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Christian Witness*

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*