

Sacred Heart Church
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To the parents of the child to be baptized: Please fill out this form and return it to the parish office prior to the baptism.

Baptismal Information Form

Date of Baptism:

Name of Priest/Deacon:

Child Information:

Child's Full Name:

Date of Birth:

City of Birth:

Parent/Family Information:

Father's Full Name:

Religious Background:

- Catholic
- Christian
- Other

Mother's Full Name:

Mother's Maiden Name:

Religious Background:

- Catholic
- Christian
- Other

Family Address:

Family Phone Number:

Have you (the parents) taken a baptismal preparation class before?

Godparent Information:

Godfather's Name:
Religious Background: <input type="radio"/> Catholic: Parish Name/City: _____ <input type="radio"/> Christian
Godmother's Name:
Religious Background: <input type="radio"/> Catholic: Parish Name/City: _____ <input type="radio"/> Christian

Note: In choosing godparents, parents must remember that this is a duty for those chosen to be examples of faith for the child, therefore they:

- must be at least sixteen years old, be fully initiated in the Church (having been baptized, confirmed and received holy communion), must lead a life of example (they are practicing Catholics, leading a moral life and not in a marriage outside of the Church) and be under no canonical penalty.
- Parents may not be godparents to their children.
- At least one godparent must be Catholic. A baptized non-Catholic serves as what the Church calls a "Christian witness," but not as a godparent. Keeping in mind that a godparent is to be a witness to the faith, someone who is not baptized is not allowed to serve in any capacity.
- A non-practicing Catholic or Catholic who has sought membership in another Christian ecclesial community may not serve as a godparent or Christian witness.
- Proof of a godparent's parish membership in another place may be requested.