

COMMUNION OF SAINTS PARISH

BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM

Date of Baptism: _____

Note: Baptisms can be celebrated at any weekend Mass as the schedule allows (one child per Mass). Or they are celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month at 11:15AM at St. Philomena Church or at 12:45PM at St. Ann Church as the schedule allows. Multiple baptisms can be scheduled at those times outside of Mass.

Full Name of Child: _____

☐ male

☐ female

Date of Birth: _____ **City/State of Birth:** _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, and ZIP Code: _____

Father's Name: _____ **Religion** _____

First and Last

Mother's Name: _____ **Religion** _____

First and Maiden

Parent's Phone Number: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Date of Marriage: _____ **Place of Marriage:** _____

If your marriage took place outside the Catholic Church without permission from your parish, please contact one of our priests.

Are you a registered parishioner at Communion of Saints Parish? ☐ yes ☐ no

If not, written permission is needed from your parish for the baptism to take place here.

Date of Baptismal Class _____ **Place of Baptismal Class** _____

GODPARENT INFORMATION → See reverse side for more information regarding Godparents/Christian Witness. Sponsor certificates are not required.

Godfather's Name: _____ **Religion** _____

First and Last

If Catholic, what parish does he belong to? _____

Has he received the Sacrament of Confirmation? ☐ yes ☐ no

If Catholic and married, did his marriage take place within the Catholic Church? ☐ yes ☐ no

If not Catholic, is he baptized into another Christian faith? ☐ yes ☐ no

Godmother's Name: _____ **Religion** _____

First and Last

If Catholic, what parish does she belong to? _____

Has she received the Sacrament of Confirmation? ☐ yes ☐ no

If Catholic and married, did her marriage take place within the Catholic Church? ☐ yes ☐ no

If not Catholic, is she baptized into another Christian faith? ☐ yes ☐ no

Guidelines for Godparents/Christian Witness

Ordinarily, two persons are chosen as Godparents for a child to be baptized in the Catholic Church. These individuals are someone other than the parents. Only one male and one female, may be chosen. One must be a practicing Catholic, and have the qualities required by Can. 874, §1, 3° and 4°. Although it is preferred that both be practicing Catholics, one may be a baptized Christian of another faith as described below.

Catholic Godparent

Any Catholic acting as a Godparent for baptism must meet the following requirements:

- Must have received all the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, and lead a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
- Must be registered in a Catholic parish, and attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation;
- If married, the marriage must have taken place within the Catholic Church.

Christian Witness

Only a non-Catholic Christian may act as a Christian Witness, and he or she must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community;
- May only act as a Christian Witness together with a qualified Catholic Godparent;
- If married to a Catholic, the marriage must have taken place within the Catholic Church.

Some Common Questions

1) Must I have two Godparents? No, only one Godparent is required. If there is only one, the person must be a Catholic Godparent as described above.

2) May two men or two women act as a Godparents/Christian Witness for baptism? No, there must be only one male and one female Godparent/Christian Witness.

3) Can a Catholic be a Christian Witness? A Catholic can never be a Christian Witness even if there is another Catholic Godparent.

4) Can a former Catholic or non-practicing Catholic be a Godparent? No, any Catholic who has chosen to abandon the practice of their Catholic faith, for whatever reason, cannot act as a Godparent. Any Catholic acting as a Godparent must meet the above requirements. As the Godparent makes a promise to help the parents in those responsibilities, it would not be appropriate to ask someone who has abandoned the Catholic faith.

It is the hope of our parish community that the above guidelines will answer some of your concerns and help you in the important choice of Godparents for the baptism of your child. You are always welcome to address any further questions or concerns to one of the parish priests by calling (216) 321-0024.

Please return this form to **Communion of Saints Parish** as soon as possible.

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