



Baptism

Dear parents,

We are excited to be a part of this wonderful time in your child's life and are blessed to assist you in preparing to have your child receive the Sacrament of Baptism. As you know, Baptism is the first of the three Sacraments of Initiation.

Our Catholic community welcomes and rejoices with you in bringing your child into our Christian family. Through the mystery of Baptism your child is beginning a journey of faith, by entering into a spiritual relationship with our Heavenly Father and they will be receiving the Holy Spirit!

Baptism will not only help our children to become the disciples, and followers of Christ they are intended to be but also adopts them into God's family, the Body of Christ also known as the Church.

As you prepare to celebrate this beautiful Sacrament, may God bless you, your family and loved ones. May our Lord strengthen you in passing on to your child a strong, vibrant and fervent Faith that will be deepened with the reception of the future Sacraments of The Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

God Bless,
St. Patrick's – St. Joseph's

Instructions For Baptismal Preparation

1. Fill out Baptismal Packet

- A. Complete the Baptismal Packet please make sure you underline the Saint name you have chosen for your child.
- B. Become familiar with the Godparents eligibility form included with your packet, once you have chosen your Godparents have them sign the top portion of page.
- C. Godparents must provide a Baptismal Certificate with notations on the back to verify they have met the requirements.

2. Parish Membership (must be a registered parishioner)

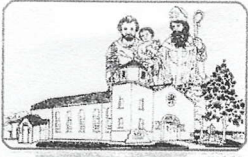
Our Church is the Family of God. The individual Parish is the basic family unit of the Church. Therefore, a child is usually baptized in the parish of the parents; we would like you to be part of our family by being a registered member of St. Patrick's – St. Joseph's Catholic Parish. If you are not registered, please do so;

- A. Complete a Parish Registration Form
- B. If you are member of another parish, you will need to obtain the permission of your pastor for the Baptism to take place here at St. Patrick's – St. Joseph's Catholic Church

3. Documents Needed

- A. If child lives with anyone other than both parents a notarized letter must be signed by parent or parent's child is not residing with giving permission to have child baptized into the Catholic faith here at St. Patrick's - St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.
- B. Baptismal Certificate for both Godparents with notations on the back showing record of all Sacraments and when they were received. This can be obtained through our office only if all Sacraments were received through our parish.
- C. If Godparent's attend another parish an affidavit of Eligibility must be signed from pastor of parish, they attend along with current Baptismal Certificate.

If you have any questions, please call or come by the office



St. Patrick's - St. Joseph's Parish

Application for the SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

NAME OF THE PERSON TO BE BAPTIZED

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Saint Name Chosen _____

Place of Birth _____ Date of Birth _____

PARENTAL INFORMATION

Father's Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____ Phone _____

Mother's Married Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

GODPARENT INFORMATION

Godfather's Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Godmother's Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Catholic Sacraments Received	Father		Mother		Godfather		Godmother	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Baptism	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
First Communion	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Confirmation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Matrimony	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

LITURGICAL INFORMATION

Will the Sacrament of Baptism be administered during the Mass? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, date and time the Sacrament of Baptism is to be administered:

Date	Time of Mass	
	☐ 5:30 pm	☐ 9:00am

If Baptism is not administered during Mass, when will it be administered? _____

Person who will administer the Sacrament of Baptism ☐ Pastor ☐ Deacon

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Certificate of Baptism issued _____

Date Certificate of Completion issued _____

COMMENTS:

Archdiocese of Santa Fe Godparent (Sponsor) Agreement

***Does it make any difference who you ask to be Godparents for your children?
It sure does!***

People often want to ask their best friends or favorite relatives to act as Godparents for their children; they usually do this as a way of honoring someone. Of course, we all would like to honor those who are dear to us, but the Baptism of your child may not be the right time to do so.

Would you ask your best friend to perform heart surgery on your child? Of course not, unless he/she were a competent heart surgeon. So, if the role of a Godparent is to help the parents to raise the child in the good practice of the Catholic faith, then it stands to reason that you should ask someone who shows by their own knowledge and practice that they can help someone else follow in their footsteps.

Helping a child to become a good Catholic Christian is an important undertaking; it is therefore, equally important to ask someone who regularly prays with the community at Sunday Mass and, who in other ways practices his/her faith and shows commitment to Christian values.

None of this is to suggest that your dear friends or relatives are not good people. They will surely be with you to help you in many other ways. But, a teacher of mathematics may not be a good teacher of English grammar and a good friend or close relative may not be the best model of Catholic Christian practice. If you value your faith, you will choose the best teachers to help you pass that faith on to your children.

September 2005.

**Archdiocese of Santa Fe
Affidavit of Eligibility for the Ministry of
Baptism or Confirmation Sponsor**

I, _____
(Please print complete name)

Swear to Almighty God that:

- I am a baptized member of the Catholic Church
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- I am at least 16 years old.
-
- I have made my First Holy Communion and received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
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- I am not married outside of the Catholic Church, nor am I cohabitating (living outside of marriage with someone).
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- I normally attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, receive the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) at least once a year, and go to Holy Communion at least once a year in the Easter Season.
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- I understand and accept the responsibilities which I undertake as a sponsor for this person. I will assist his/her parents in their Christian duty, and will help this person, by example, word and action, to live as a faithful Christian in communion with, and according to, the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church.

Signature of Sponsor

Date

This person is a member of this parish and has sworn that they fulfill the canonical requirements to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation

Signature of Pastor / or Delegate

Date

Parish Name / Location

PARISH SEAL

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and receive the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) at least once a year,
in the Easter Season.
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- I understand and accept the responsibilities of being a Godparent.
I will assist his/her parents in their Christian education,
word and action, to live as a faithful Christian,
and to follow the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church.