

Holy Cross/St. Joseph Olney & Stringtown CATHOLIC CHURCH
BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM

BAPTISM DATE REQUESTED _____

Parish: _____ after Mass or during Mass

CHILD'S INFORMATION

Child's Full Name _____
First Middle Last

Date of Birth _____ Gender Male Female
Month/Day/Year

City of Birth _____ State _____

Is this your first child to be baptized? Yes No

PARENTS' INFORMATION

Father's Name _____
First Middle Last

Is the child's father Catholic? Yes No If no, what religion? _____

Mother's **Maiden** Name _____
First Middle Last

Is the child's mother Catholic? Yes No If no, what religion? _____

Are parents married in the Catholic Church? Yes No

Home Address _____ Apt # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

E-mail Address _____

GODPARENTS

Godparents play an important role in the life of a child. A child's Baptism is a very special day. Baptism is the first of the seven sacraments in the life of the Catholic Church. As such, it is the gateway into the Christian life. This sacrament can only be celebrated once in a person's life, making it a day to be remembered.

The Church follows Canon Law for requirements regarding godparents. These are not a judgment on other people, but rather a way to ensure that a child baptized into the Catholic Church has a Godparent who can relate to their faith and help to pass it on.

Canon Law sections 872-874 state that Godparents for baptism are:

- at least 16 years old
- fully initiated into Catholic Church (have received sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist)
- not the child's mother or father
- in good standing with the Catholic Church; if married, then married in a Catholic ceremony or else have received a blessing of the marriage from the Church

Proof of sacraments may be requested. One Godparent is acceptable; if two Godparents are chosen, then one should be male and one female. No more than two Godparents (one male and one female) can be listed in the Church Register. As long as there is one qualified Catholic Godparent, the other can be a baptized non-Catholic, who will be known as a "Christian Witness."

I have read and understand the requirements for godparents set by Canon Law and provide the information below to the best of my knowledge. (Please initial:)

GODFATHER'S INFORMATION

Godfather's Name _____ Religion _____
First Last

Home Parish _____ Registered? Yes No

Is the Godfather: (please check all boxes that apply)

- At least 16 years old
- A Confirmed Catholic Christian Witness
- Single
- Married in the Catholic Church
- Married in Civil Ceremony

GODMOTHER'S INFORMATION

Godmother's Name _____ Religion _____
First Last

Home Parish _____ Registered? Yes No

Is the Godmother: (please check all boxes that apply)

- At least 16 years old
- A Confirmed Catholic Christian Witness
- Single
- Married in the Catholic Church
- Married in Civil Ceremony

If needed:

Proxy's Name _____ Religion _____

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Baptized by _____ Date of Baptism _____ Date Recorded _____ Recorded by _____
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