

BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORMS



St. Vincent de Paul

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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. Vincent de Paul.

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 Diocese of Saginaw.

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. Baptism also marks our entry into the communal life of the Church. We rejoice with you in the birth of your child and look forward to welcoming him into the family of God and the communion of the Holy Catholic Church.

Please contact our Parish Office (989) 828-5720 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. Vincent de Paul or another parish (if you have taken a baptism class within the past four years, **you do not need to take another class**).

_____ 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
- Certificates of attendance at a Baptism Preparation class within the past three years, for parents and Godparents
- **If you are not a parishioner of St. Vincent de Paul** - A letter from your parish pastor granting permission for your child to be baptized at St. Vincent de Paul.
- Completed and signed Godparent Certificates

For Godparents*:

_____ Have each Godparent fill out and sign a Godparent Certificate.

***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.

Name of Child: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Date of Birth _____ City & State of Birth _____

Name of Mother: First _____ Middle _____ Maiden _____

Religion of Mother _____

Name of Father: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Religion of Father _____

Mailing Address _____

Daytime Phone _____

Name of Godparent #1: _____ **Godparent #2:** _____

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 often do you receive the Sacraments? Mother _____ Father _____

How are you involved in parish life? _____

Requested Date of Baptism (choose two dates): _____

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? _____

We hereby request the Sacrament of Baptism for our child:

Father _____ **Date** _____

Mother _____ **Date** _____

GODPARENT CERTIFICATE

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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) _____

who resides at (Parents' Address) _____

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

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