

Form for Baptisms
Prepared for use in the Diocese of Fort Wayne – South Bend

TODAY'S DATE

BAPTISM DATE

CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH

NAME OF CHILD AS IT APPEARS ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE

CITY AND STATE OF BIRTH

HOME ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

FATHER'S FULL NAME

FATHER'S RELIGION

MOTHER'S FULL NAME (INCLUDING MAIDEN NAME)

MOTHER'S RELIGION

FULL NAME OF GODFATHER

DATE AND PLACE OF GODFATHER'S CONFIRMATION

IF MARRIED, DATE AND PLACE WHERE MARRIED IN THE CHURCH

FULL NAME OF GODMOTHER

DATE AND PLACE OF GODMOTHER'S CONFIRMATION

IF MARRIED, DATE AND PLACE WHERE MARRIED IN THE CHURCH

Have the parents received baptism classes? Yes___ No___ When and where? _____

Have the godparents received baptism classes? Yes___ No___ When and where? _____

Requirements to be a godparent*:

- Be at least 16 years old
- Received sacraments of Initiation (baptism, first communion and confirmation)
- Be practicing the Catholic faith (Sunday Mass, etc.)
- There can be one godfather, one godmother, or both (if there are both, must be a godfather and a godmother)
- Godparents can be two single people who are not cohabiting
- If they are married, they must be married in the Catholic Church
- If the godparents are living with a partner, they need to be married in the Catholic Church, even if only one of them will be godmother or godfather

Some parishes may ask for additional documentation such as:

- Copy of the child's birth certificate
- Copy of the confirmation certificate of godparents
- Copy of the church marriage certificate of the godparents
- Copy of certificate for pre-baptism classes for parents and godparents

*If the godmother or godfather cannot be present the day of the baptism, another person may be present in his or her place as "proxy."