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To prepare for the Baptism of a child please do the following:

- Review the requirements for parents and godparents, below; keep this as a reference sheet.
- Fill out (1) **Parent Background Information** & (2) **Baptism Request Form** and return the completed forms to the parish office.
- Attend a baptismal preparation class at St. Joseph Church.
- Schedule the baptism with the parish office.

Requirements for parents

- Parents must be members of Saint Joseph Catholic Church, registered at the parish, with their current address and contact information, on file.
- The parents' marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church.
- Parents must be practicing Catholics and intend to raise their children in the Catholic faith.
- Parents are to provide background information and attend a baptismal preparation class at St. Joseph Church within 3 years of the scheduled baptism.

Guidelines & requirements for godparents

- Parents are to choose one godfather and one godmother. (OR Godparents can be designated by the pastor.)
- Parents and grandparents cannot be a child's Godparent.
- Each Godparent selected is to be: (1) a practicing Catholic, (2) at least 16 years of age; (3) confirmed in the Catholic Church, (4) receiving holy communion, regularly; and (5) leading a life of faith in harmony with the duty of a godparent. (OR A baptized Christian leading a life of faith in harmony with the duty of a Christian Witness)
- Godparents cannot be under a canonical penalty (e.g., a Catholic who has formally left the Catholic Church and joined another faith community).
- Godparents that are members of another Catholic parish are to provide a letter (or email) of 'good standing' from the godparent's parish.

Please refer any questions regarding fulfillment of these requirements to Nancy Joseph at Saint Joseph Parish office. Phone: (989) 224-8994 or e-mail: adultfaith.stjoseph@gmail.com

Parent Background Information

Parents' Names: _____

Mom's occupation: _____

Dad's occupation: _____

Married in the Catholic Church? ____ Yes ____ No

Year married: _____

Church/City: _____

Registered at St. Joseph? ____ Yes ____ No

Do you have other children? ____ Yes ____ No

Names, & age of other kids (i.e, Tim (4)) :

Parent Acknowledgements

The following are part of my current
Catholic faith practice:

- Weekly Mass attendance
- Daily prayer/ Grace before meals
- Charitable giving
- Other: _____

Mother

Father

Please sign:

I have read and understand the requirements and guidelines for parents and godparents.

Mother _____

Father _____

Baptism Request Form

Parents: _____

Office Notes:

Address: _____

_____ Intv

City/State /Zip: _____

_____ Class

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Child's full legal name: _____

Date of Baptism

Sex: _____ Male _____ Female

_____ Minister

Date of Birth: _____

Birthplace (city/state): _____, _____

Mother's full maiden name:

Date of Birth: _____

Religion: _____

Baptized: _____ Yes _____ No

Communion: _____ Yes _____ No

Confirmed: _____ Yes _____ No

Father's full legal name:

Date of Birth: _____

Religion: _____

Baptized: _____ Yes _____ No

Communion: _____ Yes _____ No

Confirmed: _____ Yes _____ No

Godmother's full legal name:

Religion: _____

Baptized: _____ Yes _____ No

Communion: _____ Yes _____ No

Confirmed: _____ Yes _____ No

Godfather's full legal name:

Religion: _____

Baptized: _____ Yes _____ No

Communion: _____ Yes _____ No

Confirmed: _____ Yes _____ No