

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Baptism Information

Dear Parent,

Thanks so much for your interest in having your child baptized here at Sacred Heart! Baptism is the first of the Church's sacraments. By being baptized, we are incorporated into the Body of Christ. The Apostle Paul expressed it this way, "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body (1 Cor. 12:12-13a). So, having your child baptized is amazingly important!

Baptism can also be meaningful experience for you as parents or guardians – something more than just a gathering of family members. We hope that the preparation class you attend and the few additional things that need to be done will help make the baptism of your child a significant moment in their life and yours.

What follows are the instructions you'll need to arrange the baptism. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to the celebration of this sacrament with you.

In Christ,

Fr. Brad

Necessary forms and paperwork

Baptism Registration Form

Please fill in the Baptism Registration Form that is attached. This gives us the information we need to record the sacrament in the parish records. If you are not already registered here at Sacred Heart, and would like to do so, you can complete the second half of the form. We'll happily welcome you to our parish family!

An additional (and important) note about parish registration: If you live within the boundaries of our parish you do not need to formally register to have your child baptized. We would very much like you to register, but we leave that choice to you. If, on the other hand, you live closer to another parish, you should request baptism there. Families that live outside our boundaries should only request baptism for their child at Sacred Heart if they have been registered and attending our parish for some time.

Permission to Baptize the Child in the Catholic Faith

Civil law requires that we have the permission of both parents (or guardians) to baptize the child. The only exception to this is in the case where one parent no longer has parental rights. If this is your situation, we'll need documentation to this effect. We've included the permission on the Registration Form. The signatures must be notarized.

Birth Certificate

We are required by our Diocese to have a copy of the child's birth certificate.

Godparent Certification

Culturally, godparents are often picked because of family connections or as a way of honoring the person chosen. The Church, however, requires that at least one godparent be a Catholic, who has received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, is striving to live out their faith, and is willing to assist the parents / guardians in passing on the Catholic faith to the child. The Church recognizes and allows one male and one female godparent for each child. A godparent and a "Christian Witness" – a person who practices another Christian tradition – is also acceptable. We ask each of the Catholic godparents for a letter from their parish stating that they are a member of that parish and eligible to be a godparent. If a Christian Witness, they will need to complete a Christian Witness Form.

Baptism Preparation Class

Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to the baptism. These are offered once each month. The class will help you deepen your understanding of the sacrament as well as review what you'll need to do on the day of the baptism. The parish staff can give you the dates for the next few months.

Upcoming dates: _____

Godparent Preparation Class

Godparents must attend a special preparation class prior to the baptism that will help them fulfill their role. These are generally offered once each month. The parish staff can give you the dates for the next few months.

Upcoming dates: _____

Schedule the Baptism

Typically, we celebrate baptisms once each month following the 11:30am Sunday Mass. The parish staff can give you these dates as well.

Upcoming dates: _____

Fee

There is no fee for the baptism. However, we've attached an offertory envelope in the hopes that you'll want to assist the parish in its many ministries. Each day we offer the sacraments at the parish, in hospitals, and in homes. And, in keeping with Jesus' commands, we assist the needy in our community, our diocese, and the world. None of this would be possible without the support of many. Please know that any gift of thanksgiving you provide will be greatly appreciated.

Finally,

Please understand that, under no circumstances, can we administer the sacrament unless the paperwork listed above has been submitted and the parents and godparents have attended the baptism class.

Questions ?

Please direct any questions you may have to Lisa Gunnin at the parish office. She'll be happy to assist you.



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

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BAPTISMAL REGISTRATION

I. CHILD'S INFORMATION AND PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION

Child's Name: First _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth (City & State): _____

Was this child adopted: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Was this child privately Baptized: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Who does child live with: ☐ Both Parents ☐ Mom ☐ Father

Will both parents participate and be present at the Baptism? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If both parents WILL NOT be present, please explain why: _____

Please provide a copy of your child's birth certificate. Copy of Birth Certificate is attached ☐ Yes ☐ No

Contact Person ☐ Mother ☐ Father Phone _____ Cell _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____

Email (Please print clearly): _____

Preferred Communication Method: ☐ Phone ☐ Email

II. FATHER / GUARDIAN'S INFORMATION

Name: First _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Religion: _____ Church: _____

I give permission for my child named above to be Baptized in the Catholic faith. In addition, I certify that I know of no court order or other legal restriction that would prevent his/her Baptism.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

III. MOTHER / GUARDIAN'S INFORMATION

Name: First _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Maiden Name: _____ Religion: _____ Church: _____

I give permission for my child named above to be Baptized in the Catholic faith. In addition, I certify that I know of no court order or other legal restriction that would prevent his/her Baptism.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

III. MOTHER / GUARDIAN'S INFORMATION

GODFATHER:

NAME: First _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Godfather's Religion: ☐ Catholic ☐ Another Christian Denomination ☐ None

If Catholic, current parish (Name and City): _____

GODMOTHER:

NAME: First _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Godmother's Religion: ☐ Catholic ☐ Another Christian Denomination ☐ None

If Catholic, current parish (Name and City): _____

V. FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

☐ Copy of birth certificate submitted

☐ Parent class attended: _____

☐ Godparent class attended: _____

☐ Godfather—If Catholic, letter from the Church he attends. If Christian Witness, completed Christian Witness form.

☐ Godmother—If Catholic, letter from the Church he attends. If Christian Witness, completed Christian Witness form.

☐ Date Requested for Baptism: _____

Additional Notes:



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Parishioner #

PARISH REGISTRATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please print legibly)

Complete Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Address: _____

Home Ph.: _____ Cell Ph: _____ Work Ph: _____

Email: _____ Flocknote Preferred Method of Contact: ☐ Text ☐ Email

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Sacraments Completed: ☐ Baptism ☐ First Communion ☐ Confirmation

Winter parishioner: ☐ Yes ☐ No Ethnicity (Optional): _____

For stewardship, would you prefer using? ☐ Offertory Envelopes ☐ Electronic transfer through Online giving

Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Widow/er ☐ Divorced

Date of Marriage: _____ Catholic Church Wedding: ☐ Yes ☐ No

SPOUSE NAME (If applicable): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Sacraments Completed: ☐ Baptism ☐ First Communion ☐ Confirmation

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: _____ Phone # _____ Relationship: _____

CHILDREN LIVING WITH YOU (UNDER AGE 18)

Name: _____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth: _____

Relationship: ☐ Son ☐ Daughter Sacraments Completed: ☐ Baptism ☐ First Communion ☐ Confirmation

Name: _____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth: _____

Relationship: ☐ Son ☐ Daughter Sacraments Completed: ☐ Baptism ☐ First Communion ☐ Confirmation

Name: _____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth: _____

Relationship: ☐ Son ☐ Daughter Sacraments Completed: ☐ Baptism ☐ First Communion ☐ Confirmation

OTHER PERSONS LIVING WITH YOU

Complete Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Relationship to you: ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Other _____