

# St Mary of the Assumption

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Dear Parents:

The following information is important for our church records and is confidential. We ask that you complete these forms as fully as possible, and if you have any questions, please feel free to ask. We are delighted that you are choosing to have your child baptized and are making the vow and commitment to educate and mentor your child as a Catholic Christian. We will do all we can to assist you. You will be contacted after the forms have been reviewed.

**Parents** please fill out both sides of this form  
**Godparents** will each need to fill out one of the attached godparent eligibility forms  
Fax or mail completed forms to the parish office.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

The date you wish your child to be baptized \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mothers Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Religion of Father \_\_\_\_\_ Religion of Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Are you married? [ ] Yes [ ] No -- By a Catholic Deacon or Priest? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Are you a registered member of St Mary of the Assumption? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Are you registered at another parish? [ ] Yes [ ] No

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Name of Parish and Address

Do you actively participate in the Parish? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Do you use your offering envelopes? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Have you been to a Baptismal class before? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Was class led by a Catholic Deacon or Priest [ ] Yes [ ] No

Was your child previously Baptized privately? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Is your child adopted? [ ] Yes [ ] No

**Baptism Seminar:** St Mary Parish requires both mother and father to attend a baptism seminar. For families located in another city, you may attend a seminar in your local church parish and request that parish send a letter to St Mary stating your participation in their seminar.

### Regarding Godparents

**Number of Godparents:** Only one male or one female sponsor is to be used.

**Godparents' Qualifications:** The sponsor must not only have the intention of being a sponsor but also meet proper qualifications. The sponsor must have completed his/her sixteenth year unless the Bishop has established another age for sponsorship, or the pastor or minister judges that a just cause warrants an exception to the rule. The sponsor must be a Catholic who has received the sacraments of holy Eucharist and Confirmation, and "leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken." (Cf. Code of Canon Law, No. 874.1).

A Catholic who does not practice the faith by regularly attending Mass or who is in an invalid marriage disqualifies himself from being a godparent. Moreover, if a person is Catholic but antagonistic to the faith, i.e. has the attitude "I am a Catholic but...", and would not be a good example and witness to the faith also disqualifies himself. If a person is not striving to fulfill his own obligations of baptism and confirmation, he will not fulfill the responsibilities of helping another to do so.

Godfather's full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please note:** Godparents must obtain verification from their Pastor confirming their membership and participation in Parish life. (Forms to be completed by each godparent are attached.)

**Godparent by Proxy:** If the godparent cannot be present in person he or she may appoint another person to serve as a proxy, but the appointment must be made in such a way that there is certainty as to the person who takes the responsibility as godparent. Ordinarily the appointment of the proxy should be made by the godparent in writing

If you have not had your marriage witnessed by a priest or deacon, you are obliged to talk this matter over with our pastor before the baptism. It will be your obligation to call for an appointment as soon as possible.

### Statement of Intent

As parents, it is our wish and our intention to live up to our religious beliefs as Catholic Christian parents.

We will share in the life of St Mary Catholic Church and create an atmosphere that will encourage our family to appreciate and love their faith.

We knowingly make a mature decision to have our child baptized and will live our faith fully and share it with our family.

Signature of Father \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Godparent Eligibility Form

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print full name of person to be baptized*

Printed Name of Godparent \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM THE CODE OF CANON LAW:** Sponsors for the Sacrament of Baptism and/or Confirmation must be Catholics who have been confirmed and have received the Sacrament of Eucharist. They must be free from canonical penalty and must lead a life in harmony with the faith in keeping with the function to be undertaken. (*Canons # 874 & 893*)

**Please read and check the following affirmations:**

- I am** at least 16 years of age.
- I have celebrated** the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- IF MARRIED:** My marriage was celebrated in the Catholic Church.
- I participate** in Sunday Mass every week and on Holy Days.
- I Accept** the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- I understand** the responsibility I am undertaking by agreeing to guide and nurture the above mentioned person in the Catholic faith and have both the desire and intention to fulfill it faithfully.

**I am** a parishioner of \_\_\_\_\_ parish, located at

\_\_\_\_\_ since \_\_\_\_\_  
*Address, city and state of parish* *Date*

**I affirm that I meet all the necessary requirements to act as a sponsor/godparent.**

Signature of Sponsor/Godparent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Sponsor/Godparent.....Take this form to your parish for affirmation by your priest, a deacon, or a lay ecclesial minister designated by the pastor.**

**For use by the parish of the sponsor:**

To the best of my knowledge this person is able to fulfill the responsibilities involved in sponsoring the Catholic initiation of another.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ (*Please comment on reverse side.*)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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