

BAPTISM REGISTRATION

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: _____

City & State: _____

Main Phone: _____ Main Email Address: _____

Parish where you are registered: _____

Requested Date of Baptism: _____

We hereby request the Sacrament of Baptism for our child:

Father _____ **Date:** _____

Mother _____ **Date:** _____

Date of Baptism: _____ Mass Time: _____

Name of Priest: _____ Number in Attendance: _____

GODPARENT CERTIFICATE

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 am shall give Christian witness and pray for my Godchild as his/her Godparent.
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CHECKLIST FOR BAPTISM

For Parents:

_____ Attend a Baptism Preparation Class with Sr. Lucy (if you have taken a baptism class within the past three years, you do not need to take another class).

_____ Complete Infant Baptism Request Form and turn in to the **Parish Office Attn: Sr. Lucy**, along with the following:

- If you are not a parishioner of St. John Vianney - A letter from your parish pastor granting permission for your child to be baptized at St. John Vianney.
- Letters of Verification of Full Communion with the Church from the parish of each Godparent.
- Completed and signed Godparent Certificates

For Godparents:

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

_____ Ask each Godparent to request a Letter of Verification of Full Communion with the Church from their parish. The letter must be signed by the pastor and stamped with the parish seal.

***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 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.

Dear Parents,

Enclosed are the forms and guidelines for obtaining the Sacrament of Baptism for Infants at St. John Vianney. 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 Grand Rapids.

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. 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 Sr. Lucy in the Parish Office (616) 724-3128 or sphung@stjohnvianney.net if you have any questions, and may God bless you and your child.