

SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH  
BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM

Date of baptism \_\_\_\_\_  
**Note:** Baptisms take place on the **second** and **fourth** Sunday of each month at **12:30 pm** or at a weekend Mass if the schedule allows.

Full Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_  male  female

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ City/State of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
*First and Last*

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
*First and Maiden*

Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_  
*If your marriage took place outside the Catholic Church without permission from your parish, please contact one of our priests.*

Are you a registered parishioner at Saint Christopher Parish?  yes  no  
*If not, written permission is needed from your parish for the baptism to take place here.*

Date of Baptismal Class \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Baptismal Class \_\_\_\_\_

**GODPARENT INFORMATION** ► See reverse side for more information regarding Godparents/Christian Witness. Sponsor certificates are not required. **Please note:** A "NO" response to any of the below questions prohibits a person to be a Godparent or a Christian Witness.

**Godfather's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
*First and Last*

If Catholic, what parish does he belong to? \_\_\_\_\_

Has he received the Sacrament of Confirmation?  yes  no

If Catholic and married, did his marriage take place within the Catholic Church?  yes  no

If **not** Catholic, is he baptized into another Christian faith?  yes  no

**Godmother's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
*First and Last*

If Catholic, what parish does she belong to? \_\_\_\_\_

Has she received the Sacrament of Confirmation?  yes  no

If Catholic and married, did her marriage take place within the Catholic Church?  yes  no

If **not** Catholic, is she baptized into another Christian faith?  yes  no

## Guidelines for Godparents/Christian Witness

Ordinarily, **two** persons are chosen as Godparents for a child to be baptized in the Catholic Church. These individuals are someone other than the parents. Only **one** male and **one** female, may be chosen. One must be a practicing Catholic as described below. Although it is preferred that both be practicing Catholics, one may be a baptized Christian of another faith as described below.

### Catholic Godparent

Any Catholic acting as a Godparent for baptism must meet the following requirements:

- Must have received all the Sacraments of Initiation: **Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.**
- Must be registered in a Catholic parish and should attend Mass on a regular basis.
- If married, the marriage must have taken place within the Catholic Church.

### Christian Witness

Only a non-Catholic may act as a Christian Witness and they must meet the following requirements:

- Must be baptized in a Christian faith.
- May only act as a Christian Witness together with a qualified Catholic Godparent.
- If married to a Catholic, their marriage must have taken place within the Catholic Church.

### Some Common Questions

**1) Must I have two Godparents?**

No, only one Godparent is required. If there is only one, the person must be a Catholic Godparent as described above.

**2) May two men or two women act as a Godparents/Christian Witness for baptism?**

No, there must be only one male and one female Godparent/Christian Witness.

**3) Can a Catholic be a Christian Witness?**

A Catholic can never be a Christian Witness even if there is another Catholic Godparent.

**4) Can a former Catholic or non-practicing Catholic be a Godparent?**

No, any Catholic who has chosen to abandon the practice of their Catholic faith, for whatever reason, cannot act as a Godparent. Any Catholic acting as a Godparent must meet the above requirements. As the Godparent makes a promise to help the parents in those responsibilities, it would not be appropriate to ask someone who has abandoned the Catholic faith.

It is the hope of our parish community that the above guidelines will answer some of your concerns and help you in the important choice of Godparents for the baptism of your child.

You are always welcome to address any further questions or concerns to one of the parish priests by calling **(440) 331-4255**.

Please return this form to **Saint Christopher Parish** as soon as possible.  
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