



# Christ the King Catholic Church

## Sacrament of Baptism

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### PARENT INFORMATION SHEET

Our parish rejoices when a new member is added to our Catholic family through the sacrament of baptism! Child baptisms are a cause for celebration not only for the baby's family but for the parish and the Church as a whole. Parents should have their children baptized "shortly after birth" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1250). If your child is older than age seven and has not yet been baptized, please contact Krissie Lastovica in the parish office.

#### Parental Consent

Consent of at least one of the parents is required for a child to be baptized. There must be a "well-founded hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic religion" (Code of Canon Law 868).

#### Registered Parishioner vs. Outside CTK Boundaries

To have a child baptized at Christ the King, parents must be registered parishioners or live within Christ the King's parish boundaries. If parents live outside the parish boundaries, a permission letter from the pastor of the parents' home parish is required to have the child baptized at Christ the King.

#### Baptism Class

Parents and godparents must have completed a baptism preparation class within the last three years and provide a course completion certificate. Please call our parish to sign up for a baptism class. Details are listed on the Parent Checklist.

#### Godparent Requirements

A child should have at least one godparent. There may be two; one of each gender. If a person selected as a godparent is not fully initiated into the Catholic Church, and/or is not in a Catholic marriage, he/she may be eligible to be a Christian witness, but not a godparent. According to Canon Law, at least one godparent must:

- be 16 years of age or older,
- be a Catholic in good standing with the Church,
- be practicing their faith, including attending Mass every Sunday,
- have received the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation,
- complete the Sponsor Covenant Form,
- attend a baptism class,
- be living a Christian, moral lifestyle,
- NOT be a parent of the child being baptized,



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- if married, the marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church.

### PARENT CHECKLIST

Thank you for bringing your child to Christ the King to be baptized as a child of God! This is an important time in your lives and we are excited to share in this most holy sacrament. Please know that you and your family always have a place in our community.

Step	Description
1	Complete a Baptism Registration Form.
2	Select one or two godparents, one of which must be a Catholic in good standing.
3	Complete a Sponsor Covenant Form for each godparent.
4	Make a copy of the child's birth certificate.
5	Submit all completed paperwork to the parish office 2 weeks before the desired baptism date.
6	Submit the parents' and godparents' baptism course completion certificates to the parish office.
7	Schedule the baptism with the parish office. Children will not be listed for a date UNTIL the packet is submitted and complete.



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**BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM**

**Contact Information**

Father's Full Name:	
Mother's Full Name:	
Father's Cell:	Mother's Cell:
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Email address:	
Are you registered at CTK?      YES      NO	
If NO, what is your home parish?	
Are you married in the Catholic Church?      YES      NO	
If YES, church name and location:	

**Baptism Information**

Child's Full Name:	
Date of Birth:	
City of Birth:	State:
Desired Baptism Date:	
Name of Proposed Godfather:	
Is the Godfather Married?      YES      NO	
If YES, is he married in the Catholic Church?      YES      NO	
Name of Proposed Godmother:	
Is the Godmother Married?      YES      NO	
If YES, is she married in the Catholic Church?      YES      NO	
Desired Baptism Date:	

Parent Signature

Date





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I understand the requirements of being a Baptism sponsor and I state that I received the **Sacrament of Baptism** at

at \_\_\_\_\_ Church

in \_\_\_\_\_ (City and State).

I received the **Sacrament of Confirmation**

at \_\_\_\_\_ Catholic Church

in \_\_\_\_\_ (City and State).

I celebrated the **Sacrament of Marriage**

at \_\_\_\_\_ Catholic Church

in \_\_\_\_\_ (City and State).

My godchild's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am active in the Catholic Church, fully initiated into the Catholic Church, regularly attend Mass on Sunday and strive to live my faith.**

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Printed Name

Signature

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Date



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