

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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REGISTRATION for BAPTISM

COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED

Full name of the child: _____

Address (Street, City & Zip code): _____

Telephone: _____

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

Father's full name: _____ His Religion: _____

Mother's full *maiden* name: _____ Her Religion: _____

Sacrament of Marriage: _____

Name of the Priest or Deacon: _____

(If your marriage was not celebrated as a sacrament in the Catholic Church, please identify the place of the marriage, and who was the officiant at the marriage): _____

What is your relationship with the parish (how often do you worship with us or other parishes; are you registered in the parish, and if not, why not; why baptize your child in our faith, in our parish): _____

Godparent (the sponsor who is a practicing Catholic): _____

Address (Street, City & Zip code): _____

Godparent (sponsor, or witness if not a practicing Catholic): _____ Religion: _____

Address (Street, City & Zip code): _____

“Jesus said, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through me....’” and “Jesus continued to say, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, the one who believes in me will do the works that I do..’” (Gospel of John)

Our baptism preparation process seeks to deepen your faith to be faithful to these gospel words in and through the Catholic faith, which we celebrate in all of our sacraments—beginning with Baptism!

Church Baptismal Fee: \$50.00 (Made Payable to St. Teresa of Avila)

CK# _____ Date Paid: _____

Baptism Date Scheduled: _____ Time: _____

Priest Name: _____ Information Received By: _____

There is a Required Baptism Class for parents and godparents the Friday evening before baptism at 6:30PM in the Beatitude Room (located at the front of the parish hall)

Code of Canon Law (which govern the Catholic Church and Her Administration of the Sacraments) *selected codes*

Can. 774 §2 Before all others, parents are bound to form their children, **by word and example, in faith and in Christian living**. The same obligation binds sponsors (godparents) and those who take the place of parents. *(Emphasis added)*

CHAPTER I: THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Can. 851 --- The celebration of baptism should be properly prepared. Accordingly:
2° the parents of a child who is to be baptized, and those who are to undertake the office of sponsors, are to be suitably instructed on the meaning of this sacrament and the obligations attaching to it. The parish priest is to see to it that either he or others duly prepare the parents, by means of pastoral advice and indeed by prayer together; a number of families might be brought together for this purpose and, where possible, each family visited.

Can. 855 Parents, sponsors and parish priests are to take care that a name is not given which is foreign to Christian sentiment.

CHAPTER III: THE PERSONS TO BE BAPTISED

Can. 867 §1 Parents are obliged to see that their infants are baptised within the first few weeks. As soon as possible after the birth, indeed even before it, they are to approach the parish priest to ask for the sacrament for their child, and to be themselves duly prepared for it.

Can. 868 §1 For an infant to be baptised lawfully it is required:
1° that the parents, or at least one of them, or the person who lawfully holds their place, give their consent;
2° that **there be a well-founded hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic religion**. If such hope is truly lacking, the baptism is, in accordance with the provisions of particular law, to be deferred and the parents advised of the reason for this. *(Emphasis added.)*

CHAPTER IV: SPONSORS

Can. 872 In so far as possible, a person being baptised is to be assigned a sponsor. ... In the case of an infant baptism, the role is together with the parents to present the child for baptism, and to help the child to live a Christian life befitting the baptised and faithfully to fulfil the duties inherent in baptism.

Can. 873 One sponsor, male or female, is sufficient; but there may be two, one of each sex.

Can. 874 §1 To be admitted to undertake the office of sponsor, a person must:
1° be appointed by the candidate for baptism, or by the parents or whoever stands in their place, or failing these, by the parish priest or the minister; to be appointed the person must be suitable for this role and have the intention of fulfilling it;
2° be not less than sixteen years of age, unless a different age has been stipulated by the diocesan Bishop, or unless the parish priest or the minister considers that there is a just reason for an exception to be made;
3° be a catholic who has been confirmed and has received the blessed Eucharist, and **who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken** *(emphasis added)*;
4° not labor under a canonical penalty, whether imposed or declared;
5° not be either the father or the mother of the person to be baptised.

§2 A baptised person who belongs to a non-catholic ecclesial community may be admitted only in company with a catholic sponsor, and then simply as a witness to the baptism.