

VERY IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ BEFORE YOU SIGN!!!!

Baptismal Certificate is a legal document and the registration for such a document must be treated with the same level of importance. As regards the information of the child's name, it must be the same name as that of the Birth Certificate issued by the state of the child's birth. **A copy of the child's birth certificate** is also required.

Can. 872 A person being baptized is to be assigned a sponsor/godparent). In the case of an infant baptism, the role (of a sponsor/godparent) is together with the parents to present the child for baptism, and to help it to live a Christian life befitting the baptized and faithfully to fulfill the duties inherent in baptism.

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

Can. 874 To be admitted or to undertake the office of sponsor, a person must:

1. Be suitable for this role and have the intention of fulfilling it;
2. Be not less than sixteen years
3. Be a (practicing) Catholic who has been Confirmed and has received the blessed Eucharist, and who lives a life of faith which benefits the role to be undertaken.
4. Not be either the father or the mother of person to be baptized.
5. A baptized 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. He or she will only be recorded as a Christian Witness and also required to take the baptismal class, if he/she lives in town.

If the Godparents are not present at the Baptism then the parents will be required to obtain Proxies for the Baptism. **If the Godparents (or) the proxies do not show up for the Baptism - The Baptism will not take place.**

*** PARENTS AND GODPARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE A BAPTISMAL CLASS**

Godparents are also required to submit a sponsor certification form at the time of scheduling the Baptismal date - **if they attend another parish.** The sponsor certification must state that they are practicing Catholics.

- Our Godparents are members of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church
 Our Godparents belong to another Catholic Church
 We have one Godparent who is non-Catholic and will be a Christian Witness.

When all information is completed and turned in, the baptismal date can then be scheduled. If any information on this page is not complete, we cannot schedule the Baptism.

Priest or Secretary Signature _____ Date _____