

REGISTRATION FORM FOR BAPTISM at St. Stephen of Hungary Parish

FULL NAME OF CHILD: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: Day _____ Month _____ Year _____ Male () Female ()

CITY / TOWN OF BIRTH: _____

FATHER (Biological) : _____
Given Names Last (Surname)

FATHERS RELIGION: _____

MOTHER: _____
Given Names Maiden Name

MOTHERS RELIGION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY & POSTAL CODE: _____ **TELEPHONE#** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PARENTS DATE OF MARRIAGE: Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

CHURCH OF MARRIAGE: _____

MARITAL STATUS: () Catholic Marriage () Civil Marriage () Single () Divorced () CommonLaw

REGISTERED IN OUR PARISH? () Yes () No **If No, where are you registered?**

Name of Church: _____

*If you would like to register with our parish or you are not sure if you are registered, please fill out the **blue registration form** and **return it with this baptism registration**. We ask newly registered families to wait at least a month before requesting baptism. We found this to be a helpful time to allow new families to become oriented in our parish.*

PERMISSION FROM OTHER PARISH? () Yes () No

*If you are **not** a registered member of St. Stephen's Parish, you will need a letter of permission from your present parish priest or your neighbourhood parish priest. If we are your parish then we ask you to register with our parish by completing a blue registration form and allowing some time for us to get to know you.*

GODPARENT/SPONSER INFORMATION

Please note : At least one godparent must be a fully initiated, practicing Catholic (who has received Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation). Canon Law #837 one sponsor, male or female, is sufficient; but there may be two. Only two godparents can be registered.

NAME: _____ **Religion:** _____

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HAS THIS CHILD BEEN BAPTIZED ELSEWHERE? () Yes () No

If Yes, give details _____

DO YOU HAVE OTHER CHILDREN?

NAME: _____ **DATE OF BIRTH:** _____

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DATE REQUESTED? _____

Our celebrations take place at 12:30 p.m. the fourth Sunday of each month.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO FATHER OR PARISH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

OFFICE USE ONLY BELOW THIS LINE

BAPTISM PREPARATION: () Yes () No **PREP REMINDER:** () Email () Letter **ATTENDED:** () Yes () No

DATE OF PREP: _____ **BAPTISM REMINDER:** () Email () Letter

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

As a babe in arms, child or adult, Baptism is the beginning of one's life in Christ. Through this sacrament, we die to sin and are reborn as children of God, and as members of the Body of Christ, the Church. As followers of Christ, we are then challenged to share in His work, to minister to His people and to profess His love.

THE PARENTS

When parents present their children for Baptism, they show they want them to grow up as Catholic and that they assume the responsibility to give them a good Catholic upbringing. They lead them to knowledge of God and prepare them for sharing the Eucharist and for Confirmation. The liturgy of Baptism attaches considerable importance to the commitment of the parents to develop in their children's life of faith. You are obligated to attend Mass regularly with your children and raise them according to the ways of our Catholic faith. Mass times are Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 10am.

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

As a Christian community, we have a special role to play in Baptism. It is the responsibility of each of us to support, love and guide these children as they grow and mature in faith.

THE PRIEST

The priest is the ordinary minister for the Baptism of children in the parish. He prepares the parents for Baptism and is assisted in this by members of the congregation. He speaks in the name of the Church, welcoming and speaking to the parents. He marks each infant for the first time with the sign of the cross. He will be actively involved in encouraging and supporting the parents and the Christian community in their roles as the newly Baptised children grow in maturity in the faith.

THE GODPARENTS/SPONSORS

The godparents are spiritual representatives of the church, and as such, assist the parents in teaching the child to profess and express it in their lives. They should have the following qualities:

- 1) Be mature enough to undertake the responsibility
- 2) Must have received the three sacraments of initiation: - Baptism, Eucharist (First Communion) & Confirmation
- 3) Be active members of the church community

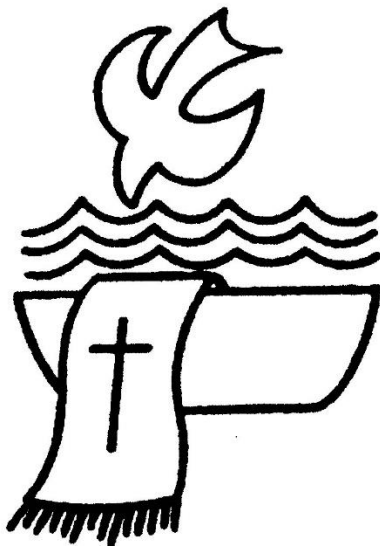
A baptised and believing member of another Christian tradition, along with a Catholic godparent, may act as a Christian witness.

One Sponsor, male or female, is sufficient; but there may be two, one of each sex. (Canon Law 873)

Celebration of Baptism: Celebrations usually take place on the FOURTH SUNDAY of each month at 12:30pm unless there is a conflict with parish holy days or special celebrations.

Offering: No collection is taken during the baptism, but it is customary to present an offering to the priest at the time of the baptism.

*******You will be contacted by letter, by phone or e-mail upon receiving this registration form.*******



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