



St. Mary's Catholic Church

CATHOLIC GODPARENT/SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY FORM

Being a godparent or sponsor is not just an honor given to a good friend or relative. The role of godparent is considered a ministry in the Church. It entails a faith commitment and calls for responsible participation in the life of the one to be baptized. Requirements for a Catholic godparent/sponsor include:

Canon Law 874: To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

1. be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;
2. have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;
3. be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
4. not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
5. not be the parent or guardian of the one to be baptized.
6. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.

I declare that I fulfill the above requirements to be a godparent/sponsor and have been asked to serve for: _____

Godparent/Sponsor name: _____

email: _____

To be signed by your pastor:

The above signed Catholic is an active member of our parish.

_____ Pastor

Please return this completed form to:

St Mary's Catholic Church

Attn: **Baptism**

406 E Savidge St

Spring Lake, MI 49456

Or email: parishoffice@stmarysl.org