

St. Luke Catholic Parish



Baptism Preparation Packet

Congratulations on the birth of your beautiful baby!

Now you have the joy of baptizing your child. We are absolutely thrilled to welcome your child into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Included in this packet are the required forms for baptizing your child at St. Luke's:

- Infant Baptism Request form
- Infant Baptism Checklist (for your use to make sure all the paperwork is completed!)
- Godparent Commitment Certificate (one for Catholic Godparents, and if necessary one for non-Catholic Christian Godparents). Each Godparent must sign a commitment certificate and scan/email to us.

In addition to these forms, a state-issued birth certificate copy must be scanned/mailed to us. If you are not a member of St. Luke Catholic Parish, you must obtain from your **home parish** a letter from your pastor granting us permission to baptize your child.

Both parents must complete a Baptism preparation class. If you have taken a Baptism preparation class within (3) years, there is no need to take another class. We offer classes in-person at our parish (by appointment), or many busy families choose to take classes online: www.catechismclass.com. Once you have completed the course, scan/email the certificate of completion to us. We do not require Godparents to take a course.

You can send in paperwork to us as it is completed; no need to wait until everything is completed. You can send everything to me, Kim Zarif, DRE: kzarif@stlukeoc.com. Once all the necessary paperwork is sent to me, we will schedule your child's Baptism.

As we get closer to the scheduled date of your child's Baptism, we will snail mail to you confirmation of the date, and instructions for you about the big day! Family and friends and guests are welcomed and encouraged to attend the Baptism. There is no limit to the number of guests you can invite!

If you have any questions, feel free to email me.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Kimberly Zarif

Dir, Faith Formation

St. Luke Catholic Parish



St. Luke Catholic Parish Infant Baptism Request

Please print all answers clearly

Name of Child: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Date of Birth: _____ City & State of Birth _____

Name of Mother: First _____ Middle _____ Maiden _____

Religion of Mother: _____

Name of Father: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Religion of Father: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone number to be reached during the day: _____

Has your child been previously baptized? If so, where? _____

Parish where you are currently registered: _____ How long? _____

How often do you attend Mass (weekly, monthly, never)? Mother: _____ Father: _____

How are you involved in parish life? _____

Requested Date of Baptism (choose two dates): _____

Questions Regarding Marriage and Family

Are you married? _____ Name of Church you married in: _____

Date of Marriage: _____ City & State: _____

If not married in a church, where were you married? _____

Did you, as an individual/couple decide to marry outside of the Catholic Church because of a divorce situation? _____

How many children do you have? _____ Ages: _____

Are your children enrolled in a Religious Education program or in a Catholic school? _____

We hereby request the Sacrament of Baptism for our child:

Mother: _____ **Date:** _____

Father: _____ **Date:** _____



St. Luke Catholic Parish Infant Baptism Checklist

FOR PARENTS:

___ Attend a Baptism Preparation class, either at St. Luke's or another parish. (If you have taken a baptism class within the past three years, **you do not have to take another.**) Classes can also be taken online: <https://www.catechismclass.com/godparentclass.php>

___ Complete an Infant Baptism Request form and turn this into the parish office, along with the following:

- A copy of your child's State-registered Birth Certificate
- Certificates of attendance at a Baptism Preparation class within the past three years, for both parents and Godparents.
- **If you are not a parishioner of St. Luke's**, a letter from your parish pastor granting us permission for your child to be baptized at St. Luke's
- Letters of Verification of Full Communion with the Church from the parish of each Godparent.

FOR GODPARENTS*:

___ Understand the responsibility of their role, and sign a Godparent Commitment letter.

___ Each Godparent must request a Letter of Verification of Full Communion with the Church from their parish. The letter must be signed by the pastor and stamped with the parish seal.

*The requirements for a person to stand as a Godparent, the following requirements must be met:

- Be at least 16 years old, and is a fully initiated Catholic (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation.)
- Understand this important role and have the intention of carrying it out.
- Cannot be the mother or father.
- Lead a life in harmony with the Faith and role of a Sponsor (i.e. be a registered member of a parish, attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, and faithful to the laws of the Church regarding marriage.)

At least one of the people you choose must fulfil these requirements. If you wish to honor a non-Catholic member of your family, they may stand as a Christian Witness to your child's Baptism, provided they have already been baptized.



St. Luke Catholic Parish
Godparent Commitment Certificate

I, _____

a registered member of _____ Catholic Church,

located in (City & State) _____, have been asked to be a

Godparent for (Child's name) _____,

Son/Daughter of (Parents' names) _____

who reside at (Parents' address) _____ as

he/she celebrates the Sacrament of Baptism.

I affirm that:

- I have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) in the Catholic Church and, if married, am validly married according to the norms of the Catholic Church.
- I participate regularly in Sunday Mass and am able to receive the Holy Eucharist.
- I actively witness to my faith in Jesus Christ by the way I live in service and love to the people with whom I come in contact daily.
- I shall give Christian witness and pray for my Godchild as his/her Godparent.
- I understand and accept the responsibility that I undertake as a Godparent.

Signature of Godparent

Date



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