



## Sacrament of Baptism

*“Go and make disciples of all the nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you, and know that I am with you always until the end of the world. Matthew 28:19-20*

First of all welcome!! It is with great joy we celebrate with you the birth and baptism of your child.

Since the end of the first century, the Church has baptized children based on the active faith of the parents, so that their entire family might also be members of the family of God. Parents should keep in mind their responsibility for their children’s formation in the faith and their own personal commitment to God as they make a Baptismal commitment for their children

### Requirements for Child Baptism at St. Pius V

You must be registered members at St. Pius V or present a letter from the pastor where you are members, giving permission to have your child baptized at St. Pius V.

You should be regular participants at Sunday Mass at St. Pius V.

If this is your first child, the baptism class is required. If you haven't attended a class in the last 5 years, the baptism class is required.

When choosing Sponsors (Godparents ), Church law asks that a godparent be at least 16 years of age and have received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) in the Catholic Church. He or she should lead a life of faith in harmony with the duty undertaken.

Only one sponsor is required, and the maximum number of sponsors is two, in which case they must both be Catholics, and one male and one female.

A Christian witness may be designated as such, but only if a Catholic who meets the requirements outlined above has been designated as the sponsor.

Pre-Baptismal Classes will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at St. Pius V Church in Cannon Falls led by Deacon Kevin Downie. (Please enter church on the south side, by the rectory garage).



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## Baptism Information

Please print this page, fill out and give to Deacon Kevin at the baptism class if attending. If not attending the class, please email or mail to the parish office. Baptismal certificates and recording of the Baptism will be done at the parish office.

Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Celebrant \_\_\_\_\_ During Mass? \_\_\_\_\_



Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Private Baptism (hospital or home - explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Complete Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zipcode)

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church Married at \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Godfather \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Godmother \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Christian Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_



Date Baptism Class was attended \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Godparent Form

You have been asked to serve as godparent(s) by the parents whose names appear below on the occasion of the Baptism of their child. Catholic teaching requires that at least ONE godparent must be a **practicing Catholic**. Please read the godparent qualifications VERY CAREFULLY.

If you are able to serve as godparent, based upon these church guidelines, please SIGN and DATE this paper and mail or fax it back to the Church office before the date of Baptism.

### Qualifications for godparents:

1. A godparent must be a practicing Catholic who is at least 16 years of age and has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
2. A godparent must be in communion (lives a lifestyle not contrary to the teachings of the Church) with the Catholic Church.
3. There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.
4. A godparent may not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.
5. A baptized person who is not Catholic can be a witness, but only if the other Godparent meets the criteria of a sponsor.
6. If a godparent is not a parishioner of St. Pius V, a note from your pastor is requested stating that you are a Catholic in good standing.

### Responsibilities of godparents:

1. In the baptism of children, a godparent is to be present in order to represent the expansion of the spiritual family of the one to be baptized and the role of the Church as Mother.
2. As occasion offers, the godparent helps the parents to lead the child to profess the faith and to show this by living it.
3. In the ritual, the godparent's role is, together with the parents, to profess the Christian faith in which the child is being baptized.
4. The role of godparents in Baptismal ceremonies and subsequent responsibilities are secondary to the role of the parents.
6. The godparent is encouraged to celebrate the anniversary of the child's baptism each year with a visit, a call or a card. The godparent should also encourage a consistent life of faith through special cards, letters or gifts which celebrate holy events. Godparents should participate in the child's First Communion and Confirmation.

***I have read and understand the qualifications for a godparent and the subsequent responsibilities, and I solemnly affirm my adherence to all of these by my signature below:***

Signature of godparent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of godparent: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of child to be baptized: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of child's parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of anticipated baptism: \_\_\_\_\_