

Parish: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Why do you wish to have your child baptized at St. Monica?

Preparation: The pastor or deacon will contact you to schedule a preparation meeting prior to the baptism. If already chosen, godparents are encouraged to attend the preparation session as well.

Scheduling: The date and time for the baptism will be agreed upon by the parents and the minister. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sunday either during or outside of Mass. Except in emergencies, baptisms are not celebrated during the season of Lent.

Requested Baptism date(s): _____

GODPARENTS

Each child to be baptized must have either one or two Catholic godparents. Godparents represent “the wider spiritual family of the Church” and “help the parents so that the infant will come to profess the faith and to express it in life” (*Order of Baptism of Children*, Christian Initiation: General Introduction, 8). To be a godparent is more than a ceremonial or honorary role; a good godparent is committed to helping the child grow in faith through his or her own prayer, encouragement, and good example.

Individuals must satisfy the following minimum requirements to serve as godparents:

- member in good standing of the Catholic Church
- at least 16 years of age (unless waived by the pastor)
- received all three sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist)
- living in a way that is consistent with the Catholic faith

If two godparents are chosen, one must be male and the other female. At least one godparent must be present at the Baptism. Please give each godparent a copy of the included affirmation verifying that they satisfy these qualifications.

If desired, a *Christian witness* may take the place of a second godparent. A Christian witness is a baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic Christian community. No affirmation is required for a Christian witness.

Name of godparent: _____

Parish: _____ City/State: _____

Second godparent (optional): _____

Parish: _____ City/State: _____

OR

Christian witness (optional): _____

Church/parish: _____ City/State: _____

Is there anything else the clergy or parish staff should be aware of?

At least one parent is asked to affirm the following statement:

I desire for my child to receive Baptism in the Catholic Church. I intend to raise my child in the Catholic faith and will do my best to guide my child to a knowledge of God through a relationship with Jesus Christ. I intend to prepare my child to complete his/her Christian initiation by receiving Confirmation and regularly participating in the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

Parent Signature

Date

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Date

FOR PARISH USE

Preparation

Date: _____ Time: _____ Minister: _____

Baptism

Date: _____ Time: _____ Minister: _____

During Mass / Outside Mass

Office

_____ Recorded in baptismal register

Notes:

_____ Recorded in database

_____ Certificate mailed

_____ Congratulations in bulletin

GODPARENT'S AFFIRMATION

Name of Godparent: _____

Godparent's Parish, City, State: _____

Child to be Baptized: _____ Date of Baptism: _____

I affirm that I satisfy the requirements of canon 874 of the *Code of Canon Law* for the role of godparent:

- I am a member of the Catholic Church;
- I am at least 16 years of age (unless the pastor has waived this requirement);
- I have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist;
- I am not bound by any canonical penalty; and
- I am living in a manner consistent with the Catholic faith and the responsibility of a godparent.

In accepting the responsibility of godparent, I affirm that I am ready and willing to assist the parents by my prayers, encouragement, and good example in their responsibility of raising their child in the Catholic faith.

Signature

Date

Please bring this affirmation to the baptism or return it before the baptism to:

St. Monica Church, 407 S. 3rd Street, Bardstown, KY 40004
saintmonicabardstown@gmail.com / 502-348-5250

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