

St. John Vianney Catholic Community

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Dear Parents,

Congratulations! We are happy that you have expressed a desire to have your child baptized into the Catholic Community at St. John Vianney. To help you prepare for your child's initiation into God's family, our parish offers a pre-baptismal process.

- 1) Please complete the attached *Pre-Baptism Interview Form* and return it to the Corpus Christi Center (Parish Office), along with a **copy of your child's official birth certificate**. At that time, you will schedule your Pre-Baptism Interview.

- 2) **Begin to think about the persons you will invite to be godparents for your child.** Remember you are inviting this "special person" to walk with your child on his/her spiritual journey. The godparents you choose must be good Christian role models, consistently active in their own parish. At least **one godparent must be a practicing Catholic** who:
 - a) has received the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation;
 - b) be over the age of 16;
 - c) if married, be married in the Catholic Church;
 - d) be a practicing member in good-standing in the Catholic Church, who lives a life in harmony with the faith.
 - e) If you choose two godparents – they must be one female and one male.The other godparent, if not a Catholic who meets the above requirements, must be a **baptized Christian**. Only one godparent is necessary.
To help you in choosing godparents this will be discussed at the Interview.

- 3) Upon conclusion of the Pre-Baptism Interview, the parents register to attend the **required Pre-Baptism Session**. This session is held on a Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 9:15 approximately every six weeks. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide babysitting. Since the Pre-Baptism Session requires your full involvement, we ask that you **not** bring children with you to this session.

- 4) Parents will be given a schedule of available dates for Baptism at the Interview. Parents will be able to sign up for a baptism date at the Pre-Baptism Session. **NO DATE FOR BAPTISM IS GUARANTEED** until the Pre-Baptism Session is attended.

Godparents may attend a class in their own parish if this is more convenient. A letter or certificate of attendance is required from the other parish. This certificate or letter should be brought or mailed to St. John Vianney church as soon as possible.

We know God will bless you and your families as you prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism for your child.

St. John Vianney Priests and Staff

**Saint John Vianney Church
Pre-Baptism Interview Form**

Attach a copy of child's Birth Certificate.

Date & Time of Interview: _____

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY, Thank you!

The CHILD to be BAPTIZED

Full Name: _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Date of Birth: Month _____, Day _____, Year _____ **City and State of Birth:** _____

Was this child adopted? _____ Adoption Registration Number: _____

Was this child previously baptized? _____ (If yes), When, where, circumstances _____

The PARENTS of the CHILD

Father's Full Name: _____ **Religion:** _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Mother's Full Maiden Name: _____ **Religion** _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Address: _____
(number & street) (Apt. #) (City & State) (Zip)

Home Phone: _____ **Father's Cell Phone:** _____ **Mother's Cell Phone:** _____

E-mail: _____

Are you formally registered in this parish? Yes ___ No ___ **New Registration?** ___ **ID#** _____

MARITAL STATUS: (Please answer all questions.)

How long have you been married? ___ years __ months **Married in the Catholic Church?** Yes ___ No ___
Married in a non-Catholic church? Yes ___ No ___ Civil marriage? Yes ___ No ___ Living together but not married? Yes ___ No ___
One of us (or both) had a previous marriage(s) Yes ___ No ___ One of us (or both) is younger than 18 years old. Yes ___ No ___
I am a single parent. Yes ___ No ___ Do either of you have children from a previous marriage? Yes ___ No ___

How many children do you have? _____ What are their ages? _____
Are all children over 5 years of age enrolled in the Parish Religious Formation Program or do they attend a Catholic School? Yes ___ No ___

MOTHER'S FAITH (Check all that apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/> I participate weekly in the celebration of Mass.	<input type="checkbox"/> I was baptized Catholic.
<input type="checkbox"/> I attend Church, but not regularly.	<input type="checkbox"/> I made my First Communion.
<input type="checkbox"/> I rarely go to Church.	<input type="checkbox"/> I have been Confirmed.
<input type="checkbox"/> I go to Confession and receive Holy Communion at least once a year.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a non-practicing Catholic.
<input type="checkbox"/> The last time I went to Confession was more than two years ago.	<input type="checkbox"/> I belong to a different Christian denomination or religion.

Have you attended any Pre-Baptismal class? Yes ___ No ___ **If yes, when & where?** _____

FATHER'S FAITH (Check all that apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/> I participate weekly in the celebration of Mass.	<input type="checkbox"/> I was baptized Catholic.
<input type="checkbox"/> I attend Church, but not regularly.	<input type="checkbox"/> I made my First Communion.
<input type="checkbox"/> I rarely go to Church.	<input type="checkbox"/> I have been Confirmed.
<input type="checkbox"/> I go to Confession and receive Holy Communion at least once a year.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a non-practicing Catholic.
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