

# Baptismal Information Sheet

St. Mary's Catholic Church

220 2nd St.

Paragould, AR

Church Office: 870-236-2568

## Background Information

The circumstances of every family are different. Background information helps the priest understand the dynamics that exists within each family. This information enables the priest to prepare the parents for the responsibility God will entrust them with at Baptism. Please complete the following questions.

01. Name of the child the parent(s) ask to be baptized:

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First

Middle

Last

02. Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

03. Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

04. Mother's Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

First

Middle

Last

Maiden

05. Mother's Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

06. Father's Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

First

Middle

Last

07. Father's religion: \_\_\_\_\_

08. Name(s) of the parent(s) requesting their child be baptized?

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09. What is the status of the parents?

\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_ Single parent \_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_ Divorced

10. Were parents married in the Catholic Church? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

11. Do the mother and father both invest their time fully in the welfare of the child?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

A. If **No**, which parent is responsible for the child? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Was the child privately baptized? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

13. Was the child adopted? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

## Practice of Faith

It was God's expectation the children of Adam and Eve first know about Him from the parents. All parents share this responsibility.

Canon (Church) Law #868 states, "There must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion." Normally, this hope is grounded in the sincerity of the parents' own practice of their faith.

It is important to remember baptism is not to be looked upon as a mere social exercise. Your child will be introduced to Jesus Christ for the very first time. It is through you that your child will first come to know God and his Son.

Please answer the following questions. Father will then know how to prepare you for the responsibility God has given you.

01. Are you a member of St. Mary's Parish, Paragould, Arkansas?  Yes  No

(If **No**, please answer Parts A and B.)

A. What parish did you practice your faith in?

Name of Parish \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_

Name of priest \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time at this parish \_\_\_\_\_

Were you an active member of the parish?  Yes  No

Are you still an active member of the parish?  Yes  No

B. If you are still a member of the above parish, have you informed your priest of your wish to have your child baptized at St. Mary's Church, Paragould, Arkansas?

Yes  No

02. Attendance at Mass: Do you (mother) attend Mass weekly?  Yes  No

A. If not, please give an explanation.  Not Catholic

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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03. Attendance at Mass: Do you (father) attend Mass weekly?  Yes  No

A. If not, please give an explanation.  Not Catholic

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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04. If not a member of St. Mary's Church, Paragould, Arkansas, why do you wish to have your child baptized here? \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Baptismal Information

Please supply the following information for your child's baptism. Parent(s) must present proof they are baptized Catholic(s). All godparents not from St. Mary's Church, Paragould, will need a letter from their parish priest verifying their status as a Catholic in good standing.

01. Godfather's name:

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First	Middle	Last
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02. Is Godfather Catholic?  Yes  No

02. Godmother's name:

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First	Middle	Last
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04. Is Godmother Catholic:  Yes  No

05. Is either Godparent represented by a proxy?  Yes  No

Name of proxy: \_\_\_\_\_

06. Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ **(Baptisms are conducted on the last weekend of each month.)**

07. Name of priest/deacon to perform Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Contact Information

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form to the Church Office. Father will contact you. Thank you.*