

Requirements for Sponsors of Baptism

1. Sponsors must be Catholic with the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Communion).
2. Age: at least 16 years old.
3. Practicing Catholic (attending church on Sundays, your children attend faith formation, etc).
4. If married they must be validly married in the Church.
5. A minimum of one sponsor is required, maximum two. (Either married or single persons).
6. If members of St. Mary's Catholic Church you must:
 - a. Be registered in the parish.
 - b. Attend the preparation session with the parents before baptism.
 - c. Be approved by the pastor.
 - d. If new in this parish a letter from the previous Pastor is required.
7. If not members of this parish:
 - a. A letter from their pastor giving permission is required.
 - b. Proof of preparation classes needs to be brought to the office before baptism.
8. If it is difficult for the sponsors to be present at the baptism, with the proof of their preparation classes, their consent and permission of their pastor one or two persons can serve as proxy representing them in the celebration.
9. If you are going to be sponsors in another parish and you are members of St. Mary's, you will need a letter from the Pastor's for approval and proof of the preparation classes to present to the other parish.
10. Non Catholics cannot be sponsors, only witness.
11. You may only choose 2 godparents, one male and one female.