



# BAPTISM preparation

- 1) We expect those who believe the Good News of Jesus Christ and who seek baptism for their family will **attend Sunday Mass weekly**. **Prayerfully read through the Parent Covenant**.
- 2) **Baptism Registration Form**, please use full legal names for this information.
- 3) **Godparent letter**. This should be completed by each practicing Catholic Godparent (there must be at least one), signed by their pastor, & returned to St. John's Parish  
*A quick note about Godparents, according to Church Law (Canon 872-874):*
  - ~ at least one Godparent must be an active, practicing Catholic;
  - ~ the second may be Baptized into any Christian faith but they must be Baptized;
  - ~ there may be one male or one female or one of each gender;
  - ~ they must be over 16 years of age and Confirmed; and
  - ~ Godparents cannot be the biological/adoptive parents or current legal guardians.
- 4) With the Godparents that you have chosen, **view the three-part video series called REBORN**. This is REALLY terrific!
  - Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)
  - Create a log in.
  - Find THE **SACRAMENTS** scrolling banner.
  - Find the **REBORN** series.
  - Watch videos & complete the **reflection pages** with the Godparents.
- 5) **Meet with our Director of Faith Formation, Todd Gale or the Administrator of Faith Formation, Angel Koerkel**.
- 6) ALL paperwork returned no less than **10 days before the Baptism**, please.
- 7) Baptisms usually on the **third Sunday of the month**, your choice of time. We cannot guarantee a particular priest for a Baptism.

**REBORN**  
YOU, YOUR CHILD, AND THE HEART OF BAPTISM



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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

## Parents' Covenant Agreement:

At a child's Baptism they are brought into covenant relationship with God, made an adopted son or daughter in His family. Covenants are unbreakable, lifelong bonds that form a family where one did not exist before; they are an exchange of persons that come with both rights and responsibilities.

### PARENTS

When you bring a child to be Baptized, you agree to enjoy the rights (ie: salvation) of being a part of the family of God while also accepting responsibilities in the form of a Baptismal Promise asked of parents at every Catholic Baptism: *"You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so **you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her in the practice of the faith...**Do you clearly understand the commitment you are undertaking?"* \*

To raise a child in the practice of the Catholic faith means that you:

- **Attend Mass every Sunday** and on Holy Days
- Receive the Sacrament of **Reconciliation at least once a year**
- **Provide for the needs** of the parish (by giving of my time & treasure)
- **Receive ongoing Catholic formation** (Catholic school/parish religious education for children; adult formation opportunities for parents)
- **Pray** for and with each other daily

I promise that I do fulfill, or intend to begin living out, the above responsibilities of my child's Baptismal covenant.

### PARISH TEAM

The staff and volunteers of the parish clergy and formation team promise to:

- **Support & encourage** individuals and families preparing for sacraments
- **Be faithful witnesses** to Christ
- **Hold to the teachings** of the Catholic Church
- To **pray for all** those preparing and their families

\*emphasis added



BAPTISM DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
MASS TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

## BAPTISM REGISTRATION

Internal Confidential Information

### CHILD

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE of BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

PLACE of BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ EMERGENCY BAPTISM?: ( ) Yes ( ) No  
(City) (State)

### MOTHER

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MAIDEN: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

#### RELIGION:

- ( ) Catholic  
( ) Latin Rite ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Baptism ( ) Eucharist ( ) Confirmation  
( ) Registered ( ) Active

Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- ( ) Christian, denomination: \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Non-Christian, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

### FATHER

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

#### RELIGION:

- ( ) Catholic  
( ) Latin Rite ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Baptism ( ) Eucharist ( ) Confirmation  
( ) Registered ( ) Active

Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- ( ) Christian, denomination: \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Non-Christian, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARISH of FAMILY REGISTRY

(parish where family is currently attending Mass & registered)

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if other than St. John): \_\_\_\_\_

### CHILD'S RESIDENCE/CONTACT INFO

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street)  
\_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(city, state, zip)

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**GODMOTHER**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MAIDEN: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

**RELIGION:**

- Catholic
- Baptism  Eucharist  Confirmation
- Registered  Active
- Verification Letter Received

Baptism Church: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Christian, denomination: \_\_\_\_\_
- Non-Christian, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**GODFATHER**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

**RELIGION:**

- Catholic
- Baptism  Eucharist  Confirmation
- Registered  Active
- Verification Letter Received

Baptism Church: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Christian, denomination: \_\_\_\_\_
- Non-Christian, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERMISSION TO PUBLISH**

(please check only ONE)

- I give permission for pictures of my child's Baptism to be published on parish media (website, bulletin, Facebook, etc) **with names** included
- I give permission for pictures of my child's Baptism to be published on parish media (website, bulletin, Facebook, etc) but **no names** may be used
- I give permission for my child's Baptism to be published on parish media (website, bulletin, Facebook, etc) but **only names—no images/pictures—**may be used
- I do **NOT** want any kind of notification of this Baptism to be published (no pictures, names, or family information of any kind) in any kind of media (website, bulletin, Facebook, etc).

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOR OFFICE USE:**

Notes:

**Baptism Prep Meeting:**

- Attended, date: \_\_\_\_\_
- Attended w/ previous children

**Baptism COMPLETED**

**Info sent to school for follow-up**

**Baptism RECORDED** in Registry and electronically

By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Registry book and page: \_\_\_\_\_



# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

COME AND SEE

711 N. Martin Luther King Dr.  
Jackson, MI - 49201  
517-784-0553

**Name of Person to receive sacrament:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Sacrament:     Baptism  
                   Confirmation

## Godparent/Sponsor Letter

(This letter must be completed and signed by the Godparent/sponsor, and then signed and sealed by a Priest or authorized delegate at the parish where the Godparent/sponsor is registered and attending)

### Godparent/Sponsor:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Code of Canon Law #872-4 (summary): "To be permitted to take on the function of a sponsor a person must: ... have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function; have completed the sixteenth year of age; be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on; not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared."*

### By my signature, I am testifying under oath in the Divine Name that:

- **I am a Roman Catholic** and have celebrated all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation)
- **I participate regularly in Sunday Mass** and Holy Days of Obligation
- **I give witness** to my faith in Christ Jesus **by receiving** Him in **Holy Communion** at Mass and **celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation** at least once a year
- If married, **I am married according to the laws of the Catholic Church**
- **I am at least 16 years of age** or will be by the date of Baptism/Confirmation for which I will be a sponsor
- **I am aware that I am assuming a serious, lifelong responsibility** to be a good role model in the Catholic faith by my life and my prayer

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**To the Godparent's Pastor:**

*The above named person is a registered member of the parish listed below.*

Pastor's/approved delegate's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Address of parish: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARISH SEAL**

Please return to:

St. John the Evangelist  
attn: Faith Formation Dept  
711 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.  
Jackson. MI 49201

# SESSION 1

## A NEW CREATION

REBORN  
YOU, YOUR CHILD, AND THE HEART OF BAPTISM



1. Have you ever attended a Baptism? What details do you remember

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2. Which type of baptism in the Old Testament caught your attention the most? Why? Did any of those types of baptism come as a surprise to you? Explain?

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3. Ezekiel 36:25–26 says, “I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you.” What do you think it means to have a new heart and a new spirit through Baptism?

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4. Why do you desire Baptism for your child or godchild? What is your deepest desire for your child or godchild in Baptism?

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## FINAL THOUGHTS:

What will you do to help your child walk in the freedom of his or her identity as God’s child? How will you help him or her resist the temptations of the world and the devil’s cunning? How can you start fulfilling this mission even now?

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## SESSION 2

# ENTERING THE MYSTERY: THE RITE EXPLAINED

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1. What are some choices you have already made for your child (or that you have observed parents making for their children)? What would be the potential consequences of delaying these decisions until the child is old enough to make those decisions for him/herself? Why do you think it is important for you to choose Baptism for your child (or to support the parents in choosing for their child)? What are some of the reasons you are choosing Baptism for your child or godchild?

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2. Baptism brings us into the family of God, the Church. This means so much more than just being welcomed into the local parish. The family of God stretches across time and culture. What does it mean to you to be a part of the family of God? How will you help your child or godchild understand and live out his or her identity as part of the family of God?

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3. The *Catechism* states, "Incorporated into Christ by Baptism, the person baptized is configured to Christ. Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark (character) of his belonging to Christ" (CCC 1272). This indelible seal marks us as belonging to God, and nothing can change or erase the seal of Baptism. What does it mean to you to be marked as belonging to Christ? Why is it important to you that your child or godchild be marked by this seal now?

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## FINAL THOUGHTS:

Consider the effects of your Baptism and your own life of faith, the faith you will profess at your godchild's Baptism. What is going well in your spiritual life? Where could you use some improvement to be the best possible model and guide for your godchild?

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# SESSION 3

## NURTURING THE

# LIFE OF GRACE

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1. Why is the Christian life meant to be lived out in community? What effect has th faith had on you?

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2. Which aspect of the threefold mission of Priest, Prophet, and King do you think is easiest to live out? Which do you think is hardest? Why?

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3. Who are your godparents? How have they impacted your faith? How do you see them impacting the faith of your child?

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## FINAL THOUGHTS:

By virtue of your own Baptism, you are a little “christ,” anointed with the same Holy Spirit in whom Jesus accomplished his mission. What your child needs from you is for you to let the Holy Spirit do his work that you may faithfully live out your part of the mission of Christ as Priest, Prophet, and King. It is simple, though not easy. What can you start doing now to live your baptismal mission more faithfully? What can you begin doing as a family now and in the years to come to teach your child about his or her priestly, prophetic, and kingly calling?

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