

When you have your child baptized you are promising to raise them in the Catholic faith. The St. Mary Queen of Creation Parish Family is here to support you in that responsibility. The best way to keep this promise is to be actively involved by participating in volunteer opportunities, ongoing faith formation for all ages, and most importantly worshipping regularly with our parish family. Being actively involved helps the parish and is also a great opportunity to grow in your faith and put it into practice.

CHOOSING GODPARENTS

The responsibility assumed by a Godparent is not one to be taken lightly, and parents are encouraged to choose carefully. Parents may not be Godparents for their own children. There may be one or two Godparents. When there are two, one is to be male and the other female.

Who may be a Godparent?

A practicing Catholic who is in good standing with the Church.

- Received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation (fully initiated Catholic)
- Completed their sixteenth (16th) year
- Registered in a Catholic parish
- Actively practicing their Catholic faith (weekly Mass attendance and reception of the sacraments)
- Living an upright life (not cohabitating or married outside the Catholic Church)
- Not formally left the Catholic Church and joined another faith community

Ideally, both Godfather and Godmother should be Catholics. On a practical level, sometimes there is only one Catholic who must fulfill all of the above requirements. If the other sponsor is not a Catholic, he or she will be listed as a Christian Witness. Anyone who was baptized a Roman Catholic but has joined another Christian church may **not** serve as a Christian Witness.

Who may be a Christian Witness?

- A baptized Christian
- Completed their sixteenth (16th) year
- Actively participates in their church community