



BAPTISM



“I have called you by name.
You are mine.” ~Isaiah 43:1



In the Catholic Church, infant (age 6 and under) baptism is a sacrament that welcomes a baby/child into the Church by cleansing them of the stain of original sin and uniting them with Christ through water and the Holy Spirit. Parents make a commitment to raise the child in the Catholic faith, and the ceremony involves the pouring of water while using the baptismal formula: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit".

Age of discretion: Older children who have not been baptized go through a different process, contained in the Order of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children. Please contact our Faith Formation Office for more information.

INFANT BAPTISM REQUIREMENTS

These requirements apply to parents wishing to have their child, who is less than 7 years old, baptized at St. Hedwig. Parents should familiarize themselves with these requirements and then call the Faith Formation office.

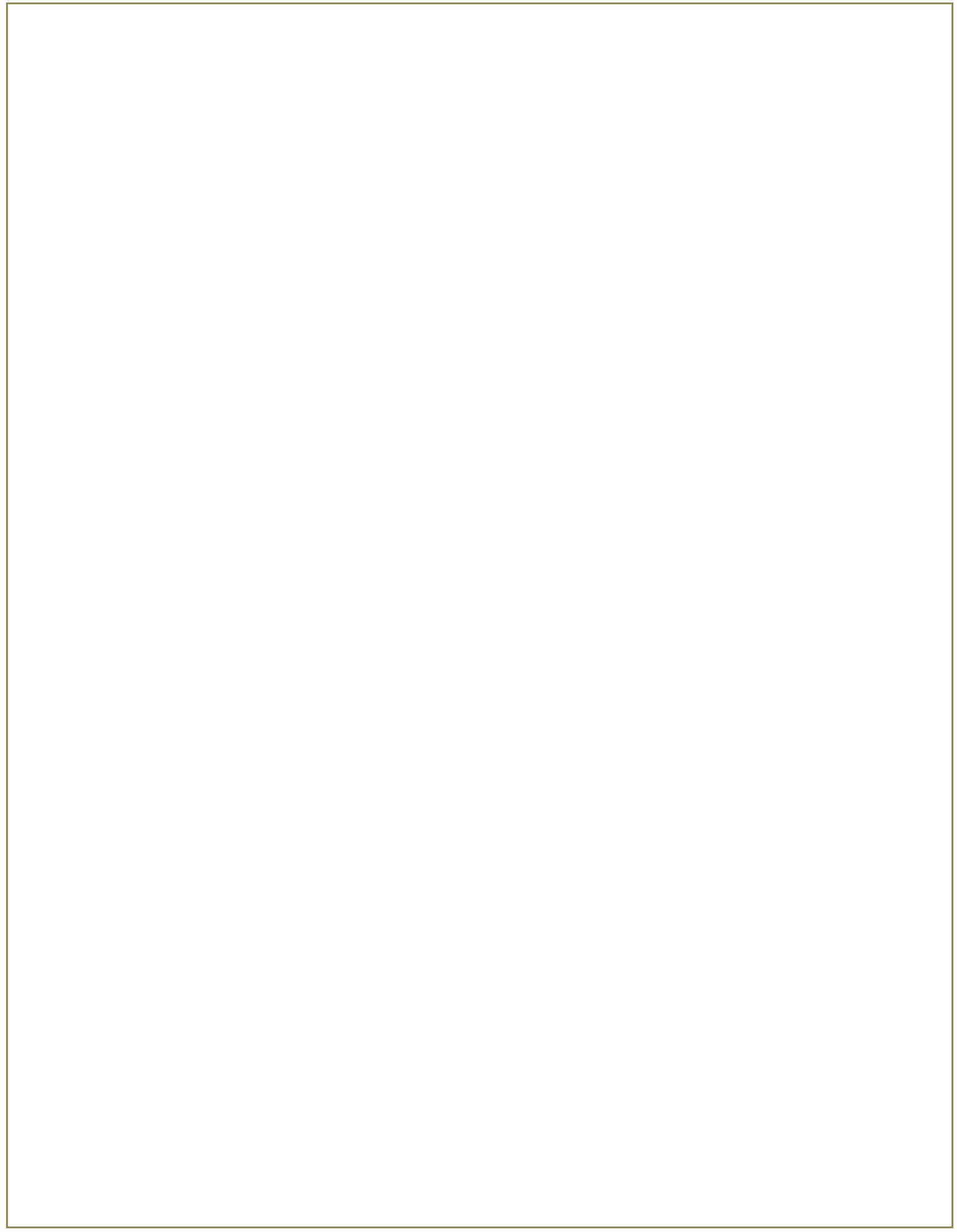
1. St. Hedwig registered parents, please provide your parish I.D. (envelope No.) on the Baptismal registration Form.
2. Unless otherwise determined by St. Hedwig Church, parents are required to attend an "In-person" baptism preparation class. The class may be attended at St. Hedwig or at another Catholic Church. If the class is not attended at St. Hedwig, you must provide the Faith Formation Office with a copy of *proof of attendance* from that Catholic Church. Baptism preparation classes at St. Hedwig are usually held once a month on a Monday evening. The date for class attendance should be scheduled with the Faith Formation Office. Please check the current Baptism Prep Class Schedule on the website. NOTE: (*We will honor classes taken up to two years prior, provided you have the certificate or documentation of attendance. No Online Class Certificate will be accepted.*)
3. Parents will need to bring a copy of the child's government-issued birth certificate. The baptismal record is the primary record of the person's status within the Church, and the birth certificate is to be used as supporting documentation for the baptismal record.
4. The **Catholic Church requires** that there be at least one practicing Catholic godparent. If the parents would like to have two godparents, one must be male and the other female. Godparent(s) must be a fully initiated (baptized, confirmed, and first Eucharist), a practicing Catholic at least 16 years of age. If married, the godparent must be married in the Catholic Church. Copies of their sacramental documents or a Certificate of Baptism with Notations to be submitted. The godparent(s) must be a practicing member(s) of a Catholic faith community. Godparent(s) are required to attend an "In-person" baptism preparation class.
5. Parents selecting only one godparent may have a "Christian Witness" serve with the godparent. A Christian witness must be a baptized Christian of a denomination recognized by the Catholic Church. Baptized **Catholics cannot serve as a Christian witness.** A Christian Witness is highly encouraged to attend an "In-person" baptism preparation class.
6. The suggested stipend is \$100.00 per child. We accept cash, check or credit card.



BAPTISM SCHEDULE 2026

(Ages 6 and under)

MONTH	BAPTISM CLASS AT 7 PM	BAPTISM CEREMONY AT 10 AM
January	1/26/2026	1/31/2026
February	2/23/2026	2/28/2026
March	3/23/2026	3/28/2026
April	4/20/2026	4/25/2026
May	5/18/2026	5/23/2026
June	6/22/2026	6/27/2026
July	7/20/2026	7/25/2026
August	8/24/2026	8/29/2026
September	9/14/2026	9/19/2026
October	10/19/2026	10/24/2026
November	11/16/2026	11/21/2026
December	12/14/2026	12/19/2026





Faith Formation Office 562-296-9023 or FaithFormation@SaintHedwig.Org

Please complete the fields below and return the completed form to the parish office, along with a copy of the Government issued birth certificate, copies of Preparation Class certificates.

BAPTISM CEREMONY DATE: _____

BAPTISM CLASS PREP DATE: _____

CHILD'S INFORMATION

Male Female

Full Legal Name: _____
First _____ Middle _____ Last, (And Suffix if Applicable) _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
MM/DD/YYYY _____ City, State (Country if not in the US) _____

Address: _____
Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Was this child adopted? Yes No
(Please provide documents) Was there an emergency baptism? Yes No

Child resides with? Both Parents Father Mother Other: _____

PARENTS INFORMATION

Fam. Parish ID: _____

Father's Full Legal Name: _____
First _____ Middle _____ Last, (& Suffix if Applicable) _____

Contact Number: _____ Religion: Catholic Other: _____

Email Address: _____

Mother's Full Legal Maiden Name: _____
First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Contact Number: _____ Religion: Catholic Other: _____

Email Address: _____

Are parents married in the Catholic Church? No Yes Name of Church: _____

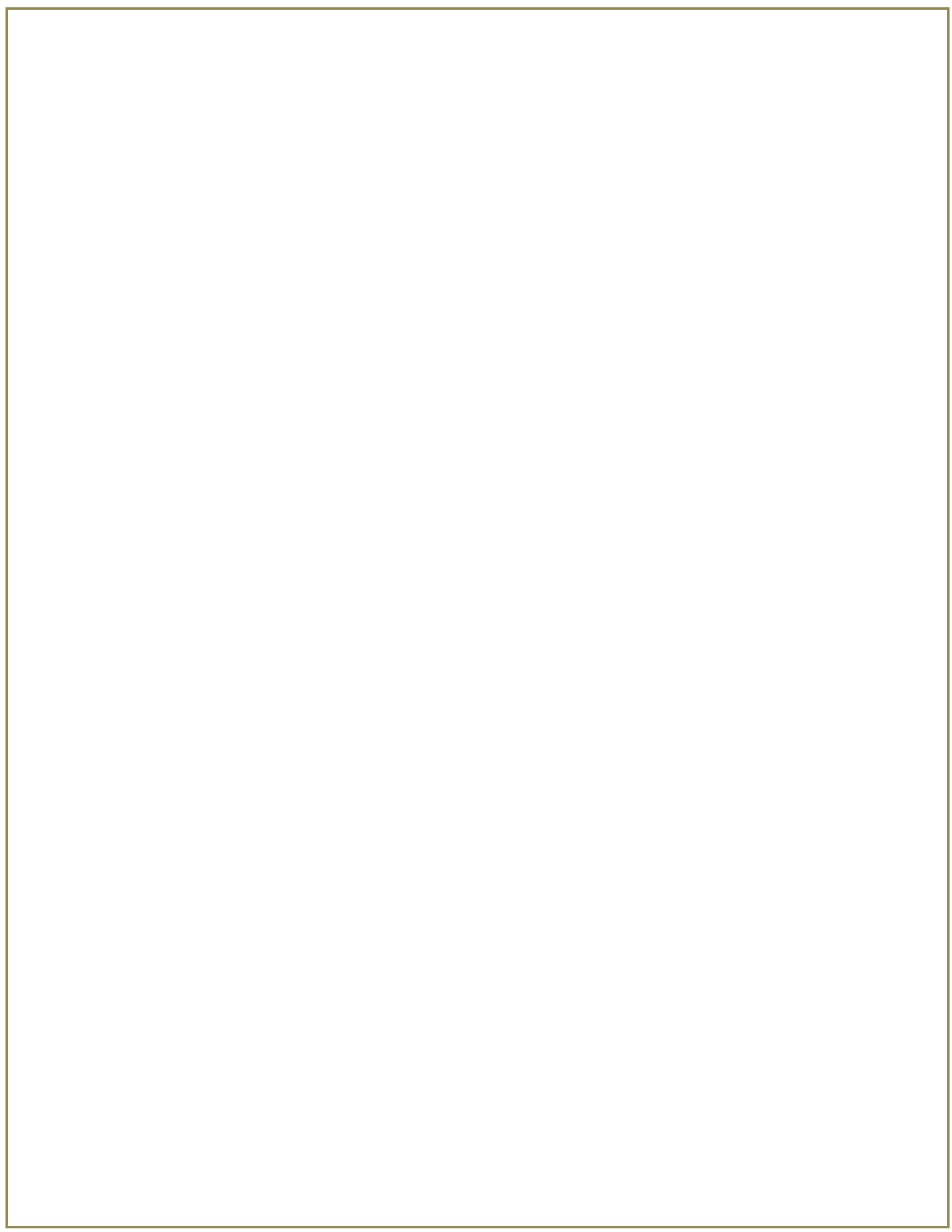
STEP-PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S INFORMATION

Step-parent or Guardian's Full Legal Name: _____
First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Contact Number: _____ Religion: Catholic Other: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____





GODPARENT(S) / SPONSOR(S) INFORMATION

Please note: **One** Godparent is required and must be a practicing Catholic and have received Sacraments of Initiation, and Matrimony if applicable. A **second** Godparent of the opposite gender **or** a Christian Witness is acceptable.

God Father's Full Legal Name:

Relation to Child: _____

First _____ Middle _____ Last, (& Suffix if Applicable) _____
Contact Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Is 16+ years old and **currently a Participating Catholic of:** _____
(Name, City, and State of Church)

Please check all Sacraments that apply

Received Baptism at: _____
(Date & Name, City, and State of Church)
 Received Eucharist at: _____
(Date & Name, City, and State of Church)
 Received Confirmation at: _____
(Date & Name, City, and State of Church)
 Received Matrimony at: _____
(Date & Name, City, and State of Church)

I hereby attest that the information provided is true and accurate.

Godfather's Signature _____ Date: _____

God Mother's Full Legal Name:

Relation to Child: _____

First _____ Middle _____ Last, (& Suffix if Applicable) _____
Contact Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Is 16+ years old and **currently a Participating Catholic of:** _____
(Name, City, and State of Church)

Please check all Sacraments that apply

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 Received Matrimony at: _____
(Date & Name, City, and State of Church)

I hereby attest that the information provided is true and accurate.

Godmother's Signature _____ Date: _____

Christian Witness Full Legal Name: One Practicing Christian (Baptized Non-Catholic)

Relation to Child: _____

First _____ Middle _____ Last, (& Suffix if Applicable) _____
Contact Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Please check all that apply

Is 16+ years old and currently a Practicing Christian of: _____
(Name, City, and State of Church)

Baptized Christian: _____
(Date & Name, City, and State of Church)

I hereby attest that the information provided is true and accurate.

Christian Witness Signature: _____ Date: _____



SAINT HEDWIG CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOR OFFICE STAFF OR CLERGY USE ONLY

Remarks:

Presider/Administer:

Form Rec'd:

Form Complete:

Copy of Birth Cert.

Copies of Bapt. Prep. Class

Bapt. Date:

Admin. Initials