## St. Ambrose Parish

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## **GODPARENT FORM**

To be completed by the proper pastor of the Godparent for baptism at St. Ambrose Church.

Dear Father,

The following member of your parish has been asked to serve as a Godparent for the Rite of Baptism at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey, IL. It is expected that the Godparent be a fully initiated and practicing Catholic to assume this role.

If you can personally attest that the following person meets the criteria as determined by the Code of Canon Law, please sign the form and return it to the address above. It is important that this form be returned no later than two weeks before the scheduled baptism.

Rev. Steven A. Janoski
Pastor

Name of Godparent
Name of child

Parents of the child

Date of Baptism at St. Ambrose Church

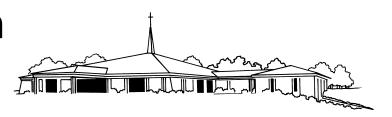
Signature of Pastor of Godparent

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A Message from Father Steve:

## **GODPARENTS**

A word about the role of **godparent and/or sponsor for Baptism and/or Confirmation**: One of the expectations is that the one chosen is living a life in harmony with the Church. The one chosen is expected to a fully initiated Catholic (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Further, and this one is very important, the one chosen as a godparent or sponsor MUST be registered and participating in a parish. The **Pastor of this parish** is expected to attest that the one chosen to serve as godparent or sponsor meets all the criteria. I take this responsibility very seriously. Sometimes I get requests to attest to someone's practice of the Catholic faith who doesn't currently belong to any Church...but maybe went to St. Ambrose School or used to go to St. Ambrose Church or whose parents are current members of St. Ambrose. I cannot in good conscience attest to their suitability. **ANYONE OVER THE AGE OF 18 SHOULD REGISTER IN A PARISH OR NEWMAN CENTER AS SOON AS THEY LEAVE HOME**. This will make the process much easier. Bottom line: Make sure you are registered in a parish or Newman Center AND truly living your Catholic faith.