Godparents must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Must NOT be the parents of the child being baptized, however, the child's Grandparents are eligible (if they meet all the other requirements).
- 2. Must be at least 18 years old.
- 3. Must be a practicing Catholic and be fully initiated into the Catholic Church by having received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion. A practicing Catholic implies that they attend Sunday mass and they participate regularly in receiving the Eucharist and Reconciliation sacraments. An unbaptized or Non-Catholic may not be a Godparent for Baptism.
- 4. Be leading a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken; therefore, if married, marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church. If they are married civilly or in another Christian tradition, they are not eligible to serve as a Godparent until their marriage is recognized. If single, must be striving to live a chaste life and therefore cannot be living with a person outside of marriage.
- 5. Sponsors for Baptism who are not members of your parish MUST provide a certificate of eligibility from their parish. Sponsors MUST be 18 years of age, Confirmed, and in good standing with the Catholic Church.