

SPONSORS

The sponsor must be a practicing Catholic who has already been confirmed, and **should be at least 21 years old**. It is desirable that the one who undertook the role of Godparent at baptism be the Sponsor at Confirmation. The sponsor is a role model for the candidate and will need the time to be involved with the candidate in offering guidance and support, not just during preparation for Confirmation, but for life. For this reason, older brothers and sisters in high school do not represent the best choice as sponsors, as they are still developing their own faith life. According to Canons 893.1 and 874.5, **PARENTS CANNOT BE SPONSORS**, although they can be a proxy for a sponsor that lives a great distance away. Please think about what the role of the sponsor entails---can someone your child has minimal contact with be a strong mentor to them? The sponsor need not be a relative or someone of the same sex.

MENTOR in place of SPONSOR

Candidates, if your sponsor cannot carry out the duties listed above, with the help of your parents you are asked to choose a mentor, an adult practicing Catholic who has already been Confirmed and is an active member of the Catholic Christian community. Your mentor will walk with you offering guidance and support as you grow in your understanding of the Catholic Faith. Please note that it is up to you, the candidate, to choose a mentor. Your parents are not to choose someone they have had in mind for years, because this person is meant to be a member of faith that YOU are comfortable with.

Sponsors/mentors are required to be involved in the following:

- Rite of Enrollment - Saturday, November 2nd at the 5:00 PM Mass
- Five meetings with the candidate – all at 1:30 PM in the Parish Center – 3430 Dover St. – Dexter, MI
 1. Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 1:30pm
 2. Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 1:30pm
 3. Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 1:30pm
 4. Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 1:30pm
 5. Sunday, April 6, 2025 at 1:30pm
- 5 hours of service with the candidate
- Rehearsal and the Rite of Confirmation in September/October/November 2025. Dates to be announced by the Bishop's Office in July.2025.

Sponsor/Mentor Information and questions (yellow sheet) are due at the Rite of Enrollment
Mass on:

November 2nd at the 5:00PM Mass

Please give your sponsor, including those from St. Joseph Parish, the "Permission to be a Sponsor" letter. They need to complete it and have the pastor of their home parish sign it and bring to the Rite of Enrollment. *If your sponsor is a St. Joseph Parishioner, please arrange to meet Fr. Brendan along with your sponsor so that Fr. Brendan can sign it.*

Bring the completed "Permission to be a Sponsor" letter to the Rite of Enrollment

November 2nd at the 5:00PM Mass

PLEASE FILL OUT BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM AND BRING TO THE RITE OF ENROLLMENT
November 2nd at the 5:00PM Mass

CANDIDATE'S NAME: _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION

SPONSOR'S NAME: _____
(Last) (First)

HOME ADDRESS: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

EMAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO CANDIDATE: _____
(i.e. Friend, Aunt, Uncle, etc.)

MEMBER OF: _____ PARISH in CITY: _____ STATE: _____

MENTOR INFORMATION *(If someone other than sponsor)*

SPONSOR'S NAME: _____
(Last) (First)

HOME ADDRESS: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

EMAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO CANDIDATE: _____
(i.e. Friend, Aunt, Uncle, etc.)

MEMBER OF: _____ PARISH in CITY: _____ STATE: _____

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