## **Preparing for Baptism Questionnaire**

We're grateful to hear that you desire baptism for your child! As we prepare for baptism, please take some time to respond to the following questions. Your responses will help us prepare for a life of growth in Jesus Christ after your child's baptism.

Parent name	Paren	t name				
Email #1	Email #2					
Cell #1	Cell #2					
Child's Name	Child's Date of Birth					
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Are you a Christian?	YES	NO	NOT SURE			
If "YES", what does it mean to be a Christian?						
If "NO" or "NOT SURE," what do you believe?						
What do you believe about Jesus Christ	?					
Are you a member at Holy Cross?	YES	NO	NOT SURE			
If you answered "NO", are you open to to of Holy Cross?	aking o	our H3 o NO	class to become an active member NOT SURE			
If you indidacted "NO" or "NOT SURE,"	please	share v	why.			

How often do you worship at Holy Cross?	
3-4 times per month	
1-2 times per month	
Once a quarter	
Once a year	
Not recently	
Never	
I'm new to Holy Cross/looking for a church	
Which service do you worship at or plan to worship at?	
How often do you plan to worship at Holy Cross? Why?	
Why do you desire baptism for your child?	
In your words, what is baptism, and why is it important?	
How do you plan to help your child grow in his/her Christian fait	h after baptism?
Would you be interested in being part of a small group with other children baptized at Holy Cross?  YES NO	er families who have had
Do you know any active members of Holy Cross who would serv	e well as sponsors?
Who would you consider asking to be your child's sponsor? Wh	ıy?

Will your sponsor(s) be able to confidently respond to and fulfill the following vows spoken at the baptism service?

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<u>Pastor</u>: Is it your intention to serve <u>name of child(ren)</u> as sponsors in the Chrisitan faith?

Sponsor(s): Yes, with the help of God.

(Lutheran Service Book, pg. 269)

## YES NO NOT SURE

If you did not answer "YES," please share why.

Do you have any questions about the Christian faith?

Do you have any questions about faith formation after baptism at Holy Cross?

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YES NO

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