



The experience of giving life to a child and bringing that child to receive new life in God can be a powerful and grace-filled time for parents. Taking time out to reflect on the importance of Baptism and passing on the faith is one of the best gifts you can offer your child.

We offer an evening Baptism preparation program, **which is held the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Rectory basement at 6:30 p.m.** You must call the Rectory at **831-3874** to set the date for the class you will be attending. This session is **required** for parents **who have never attended a Baptism preparation session.** For those who have attended a preparation session for one of your older children, you are still welcome and encouraged to attend. You may, however, prefer to borrow the videotape "Your Baby's Baptism" and use it at home with your family and your child's godparents. If this is your preference, please call the rectory to borrow one of the tapes.

St. Norbert's Baptism Preparation Program is designed to help parents reflect on the gift of your own faith and how to nurture that faith in your child. Team couples may reflect on their experiences. A priest or deacon will also be present to speak on the theology of baptism.

Enclosed you will find two forms.

- One is the **Sacristy Record** form which we will use to officially record your child's baptism. Please print or type your responses to assure accuracy and **mail back to the Rectory as soon as possible**, so we know which preparation session you will be attending and the date of baptism you request.
- The second form is an **Understanding and Agreement for the Godparent** (one copy for each godparent). **Please note at least one godparent must be a practicing Catholic.** One godparent must be a **female** and one godparent a **male**. Please forward this to the godparents and ask them to fill it out, **have their parish priest sign it and return the bottom portion to St. Norbert before the preparation session you plan to attend.** Baptisms are usually held on the **last** Sunday of the month.

Again, we offer you our congratulations and our prayers. We look forward to journeying with you and your child.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Jim Mitulski

Deacon Bill Twellman

Deacon Dave Felber

Baptism Team Couples