



*Guided by the Holy Spirit, Sacred Scripture, Roman Catholic tradition, and the Norbertine ideal of *communio*, St. Norbert College Parish is dedicated to maintaining a welcoming, caring and nurturing faith community grounded in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

Baptism - St. Norbert College Parish

Congratulations! It is our great joy and privilege that you are considering St. Norbert College Parish for your child's Baptism. A Catholic Baptism at St. Norbert College Parish is a celebration of a new Christian in the world. The normative is that Baptism is celebrated *in* a community of believers and *with* a community of believers. Therefore, when parents chose to have their child baptized at our parish we assume that they share the values and beliefs of the community. In the Catholic Sacrament of Baptism, you are making a commitment to raise your child in the Catholic faith, which means active participation in a parish. All couples that are not current members of SNC Parish will need a letter of good standing from their current parish.

Church Requirements for Parents

- One parent must be a practicing Catholic:
 - Someone who accepts and strives to live the teachings and commandments of Jesus and His Church
 - One who regularly participates in the worship of the Church. This means receiving the Sacraments regularly and supporting the parish financially and through volunteering – sharing time, talent and treasure.
- One or both parents must be registered members of a Catholic parish. Consider membership at SNC Parish (details: <https://www.snc.edu/parish/membership.html>).
- Parents must attend a baptismal preparation class prior to their first child's Baptism.

Church Requirements for Non-Parishioners

- Members of another Catholic parish wishing to have a Baptism at St. Norbert College Parish must have a "Letter of Delegation" from the pastor of the parish they attend. This letter tells us that they are active, registered members in that parish.

Church Requirements for Presiders

- A Catholic priest or deacon that is in good standing within their diocese and home parish

Church Requirements for Godparents

- At least one godparent is required.
- A godparent must be at least 16 years old and have received Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation – this is a law of the Church with no exceptions.
- Godparents must be practicing the Catholic faith – living a life consistent with the faith and morals taught by the Roman Catholic Church; participating in the Sacraments.
- If there are two godparents, they may not be of the same gender (so the child has both a male and a female role model).
- There may be no more than two godparents on the baptismal certificate, however additional persons will be considered witnesses.
- A non-Catholic may witness a baptism as a “Christian Witness” (not a godparent). If you have a non-Catholic for a witness you still need a Catholic godparent.

Cost

- There is \$25 fee that covers the cost of training materials and books that you will receive during the baptism preparation class.
- It is customary to offer the presider a stipend at your discretion.

Questions?

- Contact St. Norbert College Parish
 - Phone: (920) 403-3010
 - Email: parish@snc.edu
- Further resources: Catholic Diocese of Green Bay - www.gbdioc.org