



The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. NORBERT & OUR LADY OF THE BROOK YOUTH MINISTRY

February 2012



BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN FAITH & EVERYDAY LIFE WITH TEENS



Selected Sunday Evenings – 6:30-7:30

Hosted by St. Norbert Church, we have a wonderful program for high schoolers. Once a month on Sunday evenings, following the 5:30 mass, we will join together in St. Norbert Church Basement in the Vineyard for dinner and discussion. We have pizza and soda, and we discuss things that affect your everyday life and how your faith builds your world views. The evenings are scheduled to last about an hour, but we will continue longer if it seems appropriate. We have already enjoyed sharing seven evenings together, and we look forward to three more evenings in this second semester. Come enjoy some fun and exciting conversation and help decide what topics you are interested in discussing. Jimmy Thomas, a young adult, has facilitated the BTG discussions since 2005. Teens relate well to his style of asking questions that are thought provoking, enlightening, and often challenging. Please respond to our Facebook Group Events so we know how many to expect for dinner!

Please come join us and help us all Bridge the Gap Between Faith & Everyday Life!!!

February 12

March 11

April 15

**Permission Slips Due
February 13th!**

2012 YOUTH MINISTRY SNOWBOARD/SKI TRIP TO ALPINE VALLEY

Sunday, February 19, 2012 – 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

This ALL-DAY trip to Alpine Valley in East Troy, Wisconsin, will be departing from St. Norbert's gym parking lot at 8:30 a.m. (following 7:30 Mass) and will return at approximately 7:30 p.m. This trip is open to anyone in 7th – 12th Grades. Plan on waxing your snowboards or skis and hitting the SLOPES!!! Friends are welcome! The cost is \$70 for non-rentals and \$90 for rentals, and forms and payment are due Monday, February 13th. In case the trip cancels for any reason, no checks will be cashed until the day after the ski trip! Further information and Permission Slip can be accessed at <http://www.stnorbertparish.org/pages/documents/AlpineValley2012.pdf>.

HIGH SCHOOL DRAMATIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS

OUR LADY OF THE BROOK

Friday, March 2, 2012

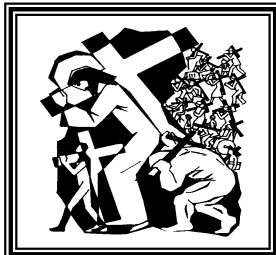
6:00 p.m. Supper / 7:00 p.m. Stations

With the Lenten season fast approaching, we're on the way to another evening of Soup and Bread, followed by our dramatic re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross. Last year we had a lot of fun with it, and this year will be no different; so please come and have fun with us this year! We will serve a meal to any who wish to attend, and we will then "perform" the Stations of the Cross. It's a very low-key event, so we'll only need to meet once before the event to briefly rehearse.

(Rehearsal date TBD)

Please contact Paul Tzirides

ASAP if you would like to participate:
paultzirides@me.com – (847)877-0231



ST. NORBERT

Friday, April 6, 2012

7:00 p.m. Stations

SNYM invites you to be the actors for the Dramatic Stations of the Cross! On Good Friday, April 6th, we will have a rehearsal from 5:30 until 6:45; and then we will lead everyone through the Dramatic Stations of the Cross at 7:00. This was a wonderful event last year; and everyone who attended, both actors and audience, loved it! What an awesome way to live out our faith during Holy Week!!! Please sign up through the event post on our Facebook Group or call Maggie at (847)687-7696 and let her know you will be there. Make it a good Good Friday and take part in this powerful experience of the Stations of the Cross!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Tuesday, March 13, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Feed My Starving Children is a non-profit organization that creates and packages nutritious meals (chicken, vegetables, soy, rice) to be sent to starving children all over the world. We have the privilege of working with them on Tuesday evening, March 13th, from 8:00 to 9:30 preparing meals and joining in their mission of "Feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit." We will meet at St. Norbert Church steps at 7:00 p.m.; drive to 1072 National Parkway in Schaumburg; prepare meals from 8:00 to 9:30; and then return back to St. Norbert. While there, we begin by watching a quick video describing the organization and who it reaches; then we are shown how to pack the meals; and then the race is on! We spend the next hour-and-a-half packing meals, competing against other tables to see who can pack the most meals. This is a wonderful experience, and we can accomplish so much. St. Norbert Youth Ministry is signed up to bring 20 participants, so it is imperative you sign up through the event post on our Facebook Group or call Maggie at (847)687-7696 and let her know you can come.

"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." Proverbs 22:9

HILDA'S PLACE SOUP KITCHEN

02/21/12 – 03/20/12 – 04/17/12 – 05/15/12 – 5:00-8:30

Hilda's Place is the northern suburbs' only year-round, permanent facility serving 24 homeless women and men ages 18 and over. We need your help in providing, preparing, and serving dinner at the shelter. Please consider bringing something to share for dinner (salad, rolls, dessert, or drinks). We leave from St. Norbert Church steps at 5:00 p.m. and return at 8:30 p.m. It is helpful if you sign up a week before so we know the meal is covered and that we have enough drivers. Please sign up through the event post on our Facebook Group or call Maggie at (847)687-7696 and let her know you can come. This is a great way to provide a very important service for those less fortunate than us; and it is fun, too!

Permission Slips Due
February 27th!



SPRING KAIROS

Friday, March 16, 2012 – Monday, March 19, 2012



If you are a Junior or a Senior and have not yet attended Kairos, save these dates for the retreat of a lifetime! We leave for Kairos Friday, March 16th, 5:00 p.m.; and we return Monday, March 19th, 4:30 p.m. Kairos is a peer-run retreat. It allows you a unique opportunity to step back from the daily routine and everyday pressures and spend some time checking-in with yourself and sorting through what really matters to you. Permission Slips are being mailed to all St. Norbert and Our Lady Of The Brook Juniors and Seniors at this time, and the Permission Slip can be accessed at http://www.stnorbertparish.org/pages/documents/March_2012_KairosXVIII_Permission_Slip.pdf. Get your form and payment in ASAP because Kairos fills up fast!!! Questions? – Call Maggie Bruce (847)687-7696



SPECIAL MEETING FOR SUMMER SERVICE PROJECTS

February 28, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ST. NORBERT CHURCH

Interested In Our
Summer Service Trips?
Don't Miss This Meeting!!!

Please join us for this very important informational meeting regarding our summer service projects!!! We will discuss Teen Service Week and Habitat for Humanity, two wonderful opportunities to help those less fortunate than us. Read on for more information about the various trips, and then come to the meeting on February 28th from 7:00 to 8:00 in St. Norbert Church to hear more about these summer service trips, to meet people who went last year, and to receive Applications and Permission Slips. Please sign up through the event post in our Facebook Group so we know who will be attending the meeting. Feel free to call Maggie at (847)687-7696 or e-mail mbruce@stnorbertparish.org if you have any questions; otherwise, just come to the meeting and get your questions answered there.

TEEN SERVICE WEEK

June 17-June 23, 2012

TEEN SERVICE WEEK
A Faith-Based Service Opportunity ...
Peace, Justice, And Community Living

Every summer for more than 20 years, churches all over the Chicagoland area have been getting together to plan a week-long service project that serves the needy in city shelters and social service agencies. Five students from each St. Norbert and Our Lady Of The Brook will get the chance to join forces with over 30 other teens to effect changes in poverty by helping at places such as the Tree House Humane Society, 8th Day Center for Justice, and The Port. Since SN and OLB are allowed to send only five teens from each parish on this service week, you must contact Maggie Bruce at (847)687-7696 and/or Paul Tzirides at (847)877-0231 immediately to get on board.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 2012 TRIPS

July 9-July 15 & July 30-August 5 (German Participants)



We will be working for Habitat for Humanity on two separate week-long trips this year. The first week is for our general Youth Ministry, and the second week will include five German Visitors as we continue our cultural exchange with our German friends. We are still looking into all of our options for Habitat 2012, and we will know more about our plans at the February meeting. This is an excellent service trip that provides a wonderful mix of hard work, prayer, recreation, and friendship building. No construction experience is necessary, and teens who have attended at least one year of high school can apply to participate in this week-long service trip. The Habitat team has foremen who instruct us in the trade. We need hardworking and enthusiastic teens who want to make a difference!!! Come to the meeting on February 28th to get more specific details and to get Applications/Permission Slips for Habitat 2012. Priority for the choice of which week will be given to the most active participants in the Youth Ministry and to St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook Parishioners.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

March 11, 2012

8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Have you ever flipped pancakes or fried sausages for a couple hundred people?? Well, I have; and it goes very smoothly with a lot of help from several enthusiastic teens!! We will serve breakfast in the gym following the Sunday 7:30 and 9:30 masses during the St. Patrick's Day Family Fun Fest. This is a fun and easy service project, and a great way to help raise some money for the Youth Ministry. The proceeds from the breakfast help fund our Summer Service Trips. PLEASE SIGN UP to help through the event post in our Facebook Group or by calling Maggie at (847)687-7696 and letting her know that you want to help serve after the 7:30 or the 9:30 mass, or both! (Come after Communion)

WHALE OF A SALE

Friday, May 18th – 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 19th – 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Whale of a Sale is a great fundraiser for St. Norbert Parish as a whole, and it is an excellent vehicle for the Youth Ministry to raise some funds also. Friday night from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., we sell hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, chips, and soda to our Parishioners who are shopping. Saturday morning, we begin selling doughnuts and coffee at 7:00 in the morning to the people waiting in line; and then from 10:00 on, we sell hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, chips, and soda. Please consider donating your time and service in order to raise funds for the Youth Ministry Summer Service Trips. PLEASE SIGN UP to help through the event post in our Facebook Group or by calling Maggie at (847)687-7696 and letting her know what times you are available to help.

Another opportunity is to clean up on Sunday after the Whale is over. Please let Maggie know if you can help!

What's the key word in
"St. Norbert & Our Lady Of The Brook Youth Ministry"?
"YOUTH" – And That Means YOU!!!



**ST. NORBERT & OUR LADY OF THE BROOK YOUTH MINISTRY
FEBRUARY – MAY 2012**

FEBRUARY



- 02/12/12 Bridging The Gap Between Faith & Everyday Life With Teens – 6:30 to 7:30
- 02/19/12 Junior High and High School Ski Trip At Alpine Valley – SN Website For Info
- 02/21/12 Hilda's Place Soup Kitchen – 5:00 to 8:30
- 02/22/12 Ash Wednesday †
- 02/28/12 Special Meeting Discussing Service Projects – St. Norbert Church – 7:00 to 8:00



MARCH

- 03/02/12 Dramatic Stations Of The Cross At OLB – 6:00 Soup & Bread / 7:00 Stations
- 03/11/12 Pancake Breakfast – Volunteers Needed After 7:30 & 9:30 Masses
- 03/11/12 Bridging The Gap Between Faith & Everyday Life With Teens – 6:30 to 7:30
- 03/13/12 Feed My Starving Children – 7:00 to 10:00
- 03/16-03/19 Spring Kairos Retreat – Juniors & Seniors
- 03/20/12 Hilda's Place Soup Kitchen – 5:00 to 8:30



APRIL

- 04/06/12 Good Friday † Dramatic Stations Of The Cross By SNYM – St. Norbert Church – 7:00
- 04/05-04-08 Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday † Good Friday † Holy Saturday † Easter Sunday)
- 04/15/12 Bridging The Gap Between Faith & Everyday Life With Teens – 6:30 to 7:30
- 04/17/12 Hilda's Place Soup Kitchen – 5:00 to 8:30

Happy Easter!

MAY

- 05/13/12 Happy Mothers' Day!
- 05/15/12 Hilda's Place Soup Kitchen – 5:00 to 8:30
- 05/18/12 Whale of a Sale – Volunteers Needed – 5:00 to 9:00
- 05/19/12 Whale of a Sale – Volunteers Needed – 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



SUMMER SERVICE TRIPS

- 06/07/12 Habitat For Humanity – Final Meeting For Participants & Parents
- 06/17-06/23 Teen Service Week
- 07/09-07/15 Habitat For Humanity
- 07/22-07/29 German Visitors In Northbrook
- 07/30-08/05 German Exchange Habitat For Humanity



If you ever have questions about the events scheduled, extra service opportunities or just general questions about St. Norbert & Our Lady Of The Brook Youth Ministry, please feel free to call or e-mail:

**Maggie Bruce – (847)687-7696 (OUR-SNYM)
mbruce@stnorbertparish.org**

YOUTH MINISTRY FACEBOOK
Search for St. Norbert & Our Lady Of The Brook Youth Ministry on Facebook,
and you will get a wealth of information on upcoming events.
Join the group to keep informed!