



# The Grapevine

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

February 2010



## **BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN FAITH & EVERYDAY LIFE WITH TEENS**



**Selected Sunday Evenings – 6:30-7:30**

Hosted by St. Norbert's Church, we have a wonderful program for high schoolers. Once a month on Sunday evenings throughout the year, following the 5:30 mass, we will join together in St. Norbert's 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 helps you with these challenges. The evenings are scheduled to last about an hour, but we will continue longer if it seems appropriate. We have already enjoyed sharing six evenings together, and we look forward to three more evenings in this second semester. Come enjoy some enlightening conversation and help decide what topics you are interested in discussing. Maggie Bruce and Judy Klein are the adults facilitating the program, with the awesome help and guidance from a young adult, Jimmy Thomas.

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

**February 28**

**March 14**

**April 11**

**Please watch the bulletin for updates & topics!**

## **HIGH SCHOOL DRAMATIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



**Friday, March 19, 2010, At Our Lady Of The Brook**

4:00 p.m. Gather and Rehearse

6:00 p.m. Bread and Soup Supper

7:00 p.m. Stations

Enter into Jesus' Way of the Cross like you never have before: become the people of the Stations of the Cross! All in one evening: rehearse, eat, and lead our churches in this powerful and creative prayer experience. Please contact Justin Huyck ASAP if you would like to participate: [justin@olbparish.org](mailto:justin@olbparish.org); (847) 272-5131.

## **HELP RAISE MONEY FOR SUMMER SERVICE TRIPS!**



### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**March 14, 2010**

**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. 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. So PLEASE SIGN UP to help by e-mailing [maggiebruce@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maggiebruce@sbcglobal.net) or calling Maggie at (847)687-7696 and letting her know if you want to help serve after the 7:30 or the 9:30 mass, or both! (Come after Communion)

**WE NEED YOU!!!**

### **WHALE OF A SALE**

**May 15, 2010**

**8:00 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 make some money also. 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, chips, candy, and soda. Please consider donating your time and service in order to raise money for the Youth Ministry Summer Service Trips. E-mail [maggiebruce@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maggiebruce@sbcglobal.net) or call Maggie at (847)687-7696 and sign up for an hour or two of helping out with this fun(d)raiser!!!

If you would like to help clean up on Sunday after the Whale is over, please let Maggie know!



### **UNCOMMON GROUND**

**April 25, 2010 – 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

Join Maggie Bruce on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, for Uncommon Ground, an awesome coffeehouse in Chicago where art and music abound!!! Dinner entrees range from \$9 to \$16. Go to [www.uncommonground.com](http://www.uncommonground.com) for more information. We will be leaving from St. Norbert's Church following the 5:30 mass with a group of the first 6 high schoolers that sign up. A reservation is preferred for groups, so call Maggie at (847)687-7696 now to get in on this uncommon event!!!

**This is about way more than just coffee!**



## SPECIAL MEETING FOR SUMMER SERVICE PROJECTS

March 4, 2010 – 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ST. NORBERT'S 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!!! There are many 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 March 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:00 in St. Norbert's Church to hear more about these summer service trips, to meet people who went last year, and to receive Applications and Permission Slips. Please call Maggie at (847)687-7696 or e-mail [maggiebruce@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maggiebruce@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions; otherwise, just come to the meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> and get your questions answered there.

### TEEN SERVICE WEEK

June 20-June 26, 2010

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

Every summer for the past 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. Four 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 Howard Area Community Center, Misericordia, and The Port. Since SN and OLB are allowed to send only four teens from each parish on this service week, you must contact Maggie Bruce at (847)687-7696 and/or Justin Huyck at (847)272-5131 immediately to get on board.



### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 2010 TRIPS

July 5-July 11 & August 2-August 8

We are returning to Benton Harbor, Michigan, for our Habitat for Humanity Trip this year. It is shocking to see the desperate need for help with affordable housing just two hours away from us and just miles from beautiful vacation spots that many of our parish families enjoy retreating to during the summer. Last year we worked in the Crystal Estates Subdivision on several houses that were in various stages of construction; and this year we are going to branch out into the Benton harbor community and do some painting and rehab, some new construction, and help out at the Habitat ReStore as well. We will continue our outreach to the local community and play with the African American kids of Berrien Homes who live in low-income housing. This is an excellent service trip that provides a wonderful mix of hard work, recreation, prayer, and friendship building. The Harbor Habitat for Humanity Chapter is excited for our return for our fifth year; and our Volunteer Coordinator, Brianna Bloom, is already planning our work schedule for the three weeks we have scheduled this year (see the special trip listed below). If you want to look into the work they are currently doing in this Chapter, just go to [www.harborhabitat.org](http://www.harborhabitat.org) and check out their website. No construction experience is necessary, and all teens who have attended at least one year of high school are welcome on this week-long service trip. The Habitat team has foremen who instruct us in the trade. We will be staying at a high school that is just five blocks from downtown St. Joe. We need hardworking and enthusiastic teens who want to make a difference!!! Come to the meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> to get more specific details and to get Applications/Permission Slips and your name on the Habitat for Humanity 2010 list of participants. Priority for choice of week will be given to the most active participants in the Youth Ministry.



### ST. NORBERT PARISH'S GERMAN VISITORS – July 18-July 25 GERMAN EXCHANGE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TRIP – July 26-August 1

“Güte Reise”  
“Safe Travels”

Fr. Johannes Arntz is a priest from Germany who has visited St. Norbert Parish as part of the “Crossing Over” program. He is bringing 26 teens from 16 to 19 years old and 4 adult leaders from Germany to Northbrook on July 18<sup>th</sup>. The first week of their stay, they will be staying at Parishioners' homes, seeing the sites of Chicago, and spending some time with the teens of St. Norbert & Our Lady Of The Brook Youth Ministry. The second week of their stay, they will be working for Harbor Habitat for Humanity in Benton Harbor, MI. We have already invited 20 of our teens, 16 to 19 years old, who are most active in the Youth Ministry and who have already attended our Habitat Trips to join us for this special German Exchange Habitat Trip. We are sorry if you were not one of those teens who were invited, but this is an example of what exciting opportunities can arise for those who participate in the Youth Ministry all year round. The best part is the entire Youth Ministry is welcome to join our German friends for a few events the week of July 18<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>! We are looking for families who would like to host two teens and/or adult leaders from Germany in their homes. Please contact Maggie Bruce right away if this opportunity interests you. We are hoping to prepare a German feast on July 19<sup>th</sup> to be served at Hilda's Place the next night. We are holding our annual St. Norbert & Our Lady Of The Brook Youth Ministry Mass and Barbecue on Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. We do not want to take up too much of their time as they will want to see the sites of Chicago, but we may plan a special Mass on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> with a gathering afterwards. As with every Habitat Trip, we return for the 11:30 Mass on Sunday following our work week for a special closing Mass. This will be on August 1<sup>st</sup> for our German Trip, and we welcome all of the Youth Ministry to gather to say farewell to our German visitors. We will keep everyone posted on our final plans in our Summer Grapevine as well as on our “St. Norbert & Our Lady Of The Brook Youth Ministry” Facebook Group. This is an awesome opportunity for our Youth Ministry to be hosting, entertaining, and working with these German students; and we are so thankful to Fr. Arntz for coming up with such a great idea!!!

### HILDA'S PLACE SOUP KITCHEN

SN – 02/16/10 – 03/16/10 – 04/20/10 – 05/18/10 – 5:00-8:30

OLB – 02/23/10 – 03/23/10 – 03/30/10 – 04/27/10 – 05/25/10

Hilda's Place is the northern suburbs' only year-round, permanent facility serving 24 homeless women and men ages 18 and over. Our Parishes 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). For St. Norbert's, we leave from the Church steps at 5:00 p.m. and return at 8:30 p.m. For Our Lady Of The Brook's, please contact Justin for more information. It is necessary you sign up a week in advance so we know what items of the meal are covered and if we have enough drivers. Please call Maggie at (847)687-7696 or Justin at (847)272-5131 and let them 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!





**ST. NORBERT & OUR LADY OF THE BROOK YOUTH MINISTRY  
FEBRUARY – MAY 2010**



**FEBRUARY**



- 02/14/10 Junior High and High School Ski Trip at Alpine Valley – Access On-Line!
- 02/16/10 SN – Hilda’s Place Soup Kitchen – 5:00 to 8:30
- 02/17/10 Ash Wednesday †
- 02/23/10 OLB – Hilda’s Place Soup Kitchen – 5:00 to 8:30
- 02/28/10 Bridging the Gap Between Faith & Everyday Life With Teens – 6:30 to 7:30

**MARCH**

- 03/04/10 Special Meeting Discussing Summer Service Projects  
St. Norbert’s Church – 7:00 to 8:00
- 03/14/10 Pancake Breakfast – Volunteers Needed After 7:30 & 9:30 Masses
- 03/14/10 Bridging the Gap Between Faith & Everyday Life With Teens – 6:30 to 7:30
- 03/16/10 SN – Hilda’s Place Soup Kitchen – 5:00 to 8:30
- 03/19/10 Dramatic Stations Of The Cross – Our Lady Of The Brook – 4:00 to 8:00
- 03/23/10 OLB – Hilda’s Place Soup Kitchen – 5:00 to 8:30
- 03/30/10 OLB – Hilda’s Place Soup Kitchen – 5:00 to 8:30



**APRIL**

*Happy  
Easter!*

- 04/02/10 Good Friday †
- 04/01-04-04 Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday † Good Friday † Holy Saturday † Easter Sunday)
- 04/11/10 Bridging the Gap Between Faith & Everyday Life With Teens – 6:30 to 7:30
- 04/20/10 SN – Hilda’s Place Soup Kitchen – 5:00 to 8:30
- 04/25/10 Uncommon Ground – 1214 West Grace Street, Chicago – 6:30 to 10:00
- 04/27/10 OLB – Hilda’s Place Soup Kitchen – 5:00 to 8:30



**MAY**

- 05/09/10 Happy Mothers’ Day!
- 05/15/10 Whale of a Sale – Volunteers Needed – 8:00 to 1:00
- 05/18/10 SN – Hilda’s Place Soup Kitchen – 5:00 to 8:30
- 05/25/10 OLB – Hilda’s Place Soup Kitchen – 5:00 to 8:30



**SUMMER SERVICE TRIPS**

- 06/20-06/26 Teen Service Week
- 06/10/10 Habitat For Humanity – Final Meeting For Participants & Parents
- 07/05-07/11 Habitat For Humanity – First Week
- 07/26-08/01 Habitat For Humanity – Second Week – German Participants
- 08/02-08/08 Habitat For Humanity – Third Week



**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:**

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**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!

# ST. NORBERT YOUTH MINISTRY GRADES 7<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> SNOWBOARD/SKI TRIP

## 2010 Youth Ministry Snowboard/Ski Trip

Sunday, February 14, 2010



**WHAT A GREAT WAY TO SPEND VALENTINE'S DAY!!!**



This ALL-DAY trip to Alpine Valley in East Troy, Wisconsin, will be departing from St. Norbert's gym 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 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades. So plan on waxing those snowboards or skis and hitting the SLOPES!!! Friends are welcome!

See details below. SEE YOU SOON!!!



**CALL Maggie at (847)687-7696 with questions!**

- \* **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2010**
- \* **7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Norbert**
- \* **Depart from St. Norbert Gym  
At 8:30 a.m. SHARP;**
- \* **Arrive St. Norbert Gym  
At approximately 7:30 p.m.**
- \* **Bring extra money for food!**
- \* **NO-RENTAL COST is \$65.00  
Transportation, Lift, Lesson**
- \* **SNOWBOARD COST is \$85.00  
Transportation, Lift, Snowboard  
Rental, Lesson**
- \* **SKI COST is \$85.00 Transportation  
Lift, Ski Rental, Lesson**

**\* MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:  
St. Norbert Church**

**IF INTERESTED – ACCESS PERMISSION SLIP ON LINE AT  
<http://www.stnorbertparish.org/pages/documents/AlpineValley2010.pdf>  
OR E-MAIL [maggiebruce@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maggiebruce@sbcglobal.net)**

**PAYMENT AND COMPLETED PERMISSION AND RENTAL FORMS  
DUE NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>!  
RETURN TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE OR PARISH OFFICE  
(**\$5 LATE FEE FOR ALL FORMS SUBMITTED AFTER FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>**)**

**DON'T MISS THE FUN!**