



The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE VINE YOUTH MINISTRY

DECEMBER 2019



Kairos XXXII was awesome!!!

The Leaders did a great job and were so kind to share their faith, hope, and love.

The Retreatants were amazing and so open-minded.

Live the Fourth; and we will keep in touch!

Maggie Bruce and the Kairos XXXII Team are thinking of you and praying for you!

Wishing everyone in
The Vine Youth Ministry a
Very Merry Christmas,
A Happy New Year,
And a fun-filled Winter Break!
God Bless,
Maggie Bruce



Make a wish, take a chance, make a change and breakaway!
Know that God is always with you and
that your Kairos XXXII family is here for you too!!

“May we be in this world a ray of that light which shown forth from
Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women.”
Pope Francis



CYO BASKETBALL UPDATE

We have 1 Boys Senior Varsity Team and 1 Boys Sophomore Prep Team entered in this year’s CYO Basketball League. A big thank you to our coaches, Mr. Jim McMahon and Mr. Michael Daly, who make it all possible! Games begin December 7. Players, check your emails for up-to-date information regarding games and practices. Remember to have appropriate behavior at the games and when you are using St. Norbert’s Gym! Good luck on the court, be nice to your coaches, and have a great season!!!

TEEN MASS FOR DECEMBER 2019

Sunday 12/01/19 - 5:30 Mass / 6:30 Compass

Sunday 12/15/19 - 5:30 Mass / 6:30 TVYM Christmas Party

Teen Mass this month at St. Norbert Church is December 1 and December 15 at 5:30 p.m.!

We want to **PACK THE PEWS!** Following Teen Mass we have Compass on December 1; and we have TVYM Christmas Party on December 15, so plan to come hungry and bring your friends!! Whether as a greeter, musician, lector, Usher, or as one sharing mass in the pew, please help us Pack The Pews! If you are a teen who comes to mass regularly, invite your friends; and if you are a teen who doesn’t normally come to mass, take a chance and come to a mass designed especially for you.

Please help Pack The Pews at the 5:30 Teen Mass!

St. Norbert



TEEN MASS
Sunday 5:30 pm

Get the Spirit!



COMPASS

Sunday 12/01/19 - 6:30-7:30

Compass is the name of our Sunday night gatherings in the Vineyard after Teen Masses.

“Compass” is an instrument that gives us direction, and this program is designed to point teens in the direction of God and their faith. “Compass” is also the beginning of the word “Compassion” which is a virtue rooted in love and put into action by The Vine Youth Ministry through our retreats and service to others. High schoolers will continue to join together in St. Norbert Church Basement in the Vineyard for activities and faith discussions led by Steve Pett. Pizza and refreshments will be served.

Compass is scheduled to last an hour but will continue a bit longer if the teens want to visit a little more.

Please join us in the Vineyard after Teen Masses and let God be your “Compass”!

GIVING TREE SORTING

Thursdays: 12/05/19 & 12/12/19 - 7:00-9:30

St. Norbert has their Giving Tree for parishioners to donate gifts to those less fortunate. Dates for sorting the gifts are two Thursdays, December 5 and December 12 from 7:00-9:30 p.m. This is a huge project, so we need all the help we can get! This is an excellent way to give a gift to Jesus through doing things for others. Please sign up through the event post in our Facebook Group or contact Maggie at 847-687-7696 and get your name on the list to be one of Santa's Helpers!!! If you and/or your parents are able to help with delivery of the gifts, please let Maggie know.

**TVJYM - 7th & 8th Graders
High School Helpers Needed!**

There are three upcoming events where the Women's Counsel and TVJYM could use high school helpers. Please consider helping with the younger kids!

12/06/19 - 6:00-7:30

Ginger Bread House Decorating

12/09/19 - 6:30-7:45

Fleece Tie Blankets For The Elderly

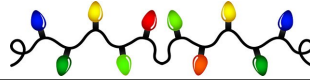
12/14/19 - 2:00-4:30

Christmas Caroling At Crestwood Place

Sign up with Maggie at 847-687-7696!



Christmas Caroling - December 2018



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday 12/08/19 - 6:30-8:00



TVJYM Christmas Caroling around the neighborhood following the 5:30 Mass on December 8! We will have a snack in the Vineyard at 6:30 as we gather, and then we will go out knocking on doors and caroling until about 8:00. All are welcome!

HILDA'S PLACE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Tuesday 12/17/19 - 5:00-8:30

The Vine Youth Ministry prepares and shares dinner with the residents of Hilda's Place the third Tuesday of every month!

This month Hilda's Place is on December 17, and we will have a Holiday Celebration filled with delicious food, Christmas desserts, and caroling. Even if you cannot come to the celebration, you could perhaps cook part of the meal and send it along with us. Anyone who wants to take part in this either reply to the event post in our Facebook Group or contact Maggie at 847-687-7696 and let her know you want to participate in this awesome event!!! First come, first served since there is a limit to what our needs are. It is a wonderful thing to spread holiday cheer at this time of year!

**It's the most wonderful
time of the year!!!**

Giving Tree Sorting - December 2018



**CHRISTMAS PARTY
VINEYARD (CHURCH BASEMENT)**

Sunday 12/15/19 - 6:30-7:30

Please join us for delicious food, music, and visiting with friends!!! It is a great opportunity for us to gather before 2019 comes to an end. All are welcome! Marcello's chicken fingers, mac 'n' cheese, and salad will be served. Please RSVP so we know how many will be joining us for dinner. See the event post in our Facebook Group and "Join" there or contact Maggie at mbruce@northbrookcatholic.church or 847-687-7696 and let her know if you are attending. We hope to see many of you there to celebrate the Christmas cheer!

There are many opportunities during Advent to get involved with The Vine Youth Ministry. Teens who are active in the community not only benefit others, but they also enrich their own lives. It is important that you are active in The Vine Youth Ministry throughout the year if you want to participate in Habitat 2020 because there is an application process for the Habitat Trips where priority is given to the most active participants who are Parishioners. The best way to assure a place in Habitat 2020 is to be involved! Please help us out by sorting the gifts under the Giving Tree or by preparing and serving dinner at the Hilda's Place Soup Kitchen Holiday Celebration! We would also love to see you at Teen Mass and TVYM Christmas Party as well!!! The Freshman & Sophomore Winter Lock-In at the end of January is a great way to enjoy all that our Youth Ministry has to offer!

Have a blessed Advent, and join The Vine Youth Ministry in preparing for the Christmas Season!!!

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and to sign up for events!**

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