The Grapevine
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE VINE YOUTH MINISTRY January 2020

TEEN MASS - LET’S PACK THE PEWS
The 5:30 Teen Mass at St. Norbert takes place twice a month, once in April, with our final Teen Mass for this year on May 3. At those 5:30 Masses, teens greet you at the door, lead the music, cantor, proclaim The Word, serve as Ushers and pass the baskets, and serve as Eucharistic Ministers. Whether as an usher, lector, musician, greeter 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 worship service designed especially for you.

Please help Pack The Pews at the 5:30 Teen Mass!
2020: 01/12 - 01/26 - 02/09 - 02/23 - 03/03 - 03/15 - 04/05 (Palm Sunday) - 04/19 - 05/03 (Senior Blessing)

COMPASS
Sundays - 6:30-7:30 p.m.
“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 join together in the Vineyard in St. Norbert Church Basement 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 more.

Join us in the Vineyard after Teen Masses and let God be your “Compass”!
2020: 01/12 - 01/26 - 02/09 - 02/23 03/01 - 03/15 - 04/05 - 04/19 - 05/03 (End Of Year Celebration)

THE VINE YOUTH MINISTRY WELCOMES EVERYONE!!!
My prayer and hope for 2020 is that more and more teens become involved in The Vine Youth Ministry (TVYM)! There are so many great ways to put your love in action and to live out your faith in our Catholic Community while giving service to others. Teen Mass is a vibrant liturgy for teens, and you can become a more active participant in the community. Compass following the Teen Masses is always fun as we share dinner and conversation. Lock-Ins are a great way to have fun while sharing our faith. Hilda’s Place on the third Tuesday of every month is a consistent way to give to those who are less fortunate. Pancake Breakfast allows us to sell food to Parishioners while raising money to support TVYM events. Sharing the Dramatic Stations Of The Cross with our Parish is an amazing way to bring this devotion to life as we lead everyone through Jesus’ walk to Calvary. The presence of teens in St. Norbert Church practicing their faith and out in the community giving service to others is a very powerful expression of Christ alive and active in this world. TVYM welcomes everyone! Take a leap of faith and immerse yourself in TVYM!!!

Join The Vine Youth Ministry (TVYM) Flocknote, Facebook Group, and Instagram to keep up to date on upcoming events and to enjoy photos of the fun! If you ever have any questions about our youth ministry, call/text Maggie at 847-687-7696!

The Vine Youth Ministry is now a part of our Parish Flocknote! Text CCN to 84576 or connect with us online at northbrookcatholic.flocknote.com. You must select the groups Teen Mass and TVYM to keep informed this year!

Dramatic Stations Of The Cross
Good Friday, April 10, 2020
7:30 p.m. Stations
TVYM invites you to be the actors for the Dramatic Stations of the Cross! On Good Friday, April 10, we will have a rehearsal in Church from 5:45 until 7:15; and then we will lead everyone through the Dramatic Stations of the Cross at 7:30. 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 “Join” the event post on our Facebook Group or call/text Maggie at 847-687-7696 and let her know you will be there. Make it a good Good Friday and take part in a powerful experience: Stations of the Cross!
HILDA'S PLACE SOUP KITCHEN 2020
01/21/20 - 02/18/20 - 03/17/20 - 04/21/20 - 05/19/20 - 5:00-8:30
Hilda's Place is a transitional shelter that houses between 15 and 20 young men 18 and older, and The Vine Youth Ministry has the privilege of sharing dinner with the residents at Hilda’s Place the third Tuesday of every month. 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. Please “Join” the event post on our Facebook Group or text/call Maggie at 847-687-7696 and let her know you will be participating and/or if you are going to donate part of the meal. This is a great way to provide a very important service for those less fortunate than us; and it is fun, too!

HABITAT MEETING
February 20, 2020 - 7:00-8:00 p.m.
St. Norbert Church
Please join us for this important informational meeting regarding TVYM Habitat for Humanity 2020 summer service trips! Volunteering for Habitat for Humanity is a wonderful opportunity to help those less fortunate than us. TVVM will be working for Habitat on two separate week-long trips this year as listed above. These are both excellent service trips that provide 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 one of these week-long service trips. Space is limited, and those who are under 16 must be active participants in TVYM. The Habitat team has foremen who instruct us in the trade. We need hardworking and enthusiastic teens who want to make a difference! Teens and/or parents are encouraged to attend the meeting on Thursday, February 20, from 7:00 to 8:00 in St. Norbert Church to hear the details about our Habitat trips and to receive information about registration. If you have any questions, contact Maggie at 847-687-7696 or email mbBruce@northbrookcatholic.church; otherwise, just attend the meeting and get your questions answered there. Habitat 2020 online registration will begin the morning after the meeting on February 21 at 9:00 a.m. Priority for the choice of which week is given to active participants in TVYM and Parishioners, and then all others will be considered in dated order.

FRESHMAN & SOPHOMORE WINTER LOCK-IN
01/24/2020 - 8:00 p.m. - 01/25/2020 - 8:00 a.m.
Freshmen and Sophomores have been gathering for a winter overnight for years, and it is fun for everyone! Finals will be finished and you can finally relax!! Juniors and Seniors lead while sharing their faith!!! Contact Maggie if you want to join us:

JUNIOR & SENIOR SPRING LOCK-IN
03/13/2020 - 8:00 p.m. - 03/14/2020 - 8:00 a.m.
Juniors and Seniors gather at St. Norbert for an overnight! It is going to be a great chance to kick back, relax, and do some faith sharing with friends of all religions!! All Are Welcome!!! Contact Maggie if you want to join us:

Adult Leaders Needed! Must be positive role models and must complete the Protecting God’s Children program. Please contact Maggie if interested.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST & ST. PATRICK’S FAMILY FUN FEST
March 8, 2020 - 8:00-11:30 a.m.
Have you ever worked to serve breakfast for a couple hundred people? Well, I have; and it goes very smoothly with a lot of help from many enthusiastic teens! We will serve breakfast in the gym following and in between the Sunday 7:30 and 9:30 Masses. This is a fun and easy service project and a great way to raise money for the Youth Ministry to help fund our Habitat Trips. Please “Join” the event in our Facebook Group or contact Maggie at 847-687-7696 and let her know that you want to help serve Parishioners breakfast and/or help clean up afterwards! Please specify the time you will be there.
THE VINE YOUTH MINISTRY
JANUARY – MAY 2020

JANUARY
01/12/20 Teen Mass – 5:30 / Compass – 6:30-7:30
01/21/20 Hilda’s Place Soup Kitchen – 5:00-8:30
01/24-01/25 Freshman & Sophomore Winter Lock-In
01/26/20 Teen Mass – 5:30 / Compass – 6:30-7:30

FEBRUARY
02/09/20 Teen Mass – 5:30 / Compass – 6:30-7:30
02/18/20 Hilda’s Place Soup Kitchen – 5:00-8:30
02/20/20 Habitat 2020 Meeting & Sign Up – SN Church – 7:00-8:00
02/23/20 Teen Mass – 5:30 / Compass – 6:30-7:30
02/26/20 Ash Wednesday †

MARCH
03/01/20 Teen Mass – 5:30 / Compass – 6:30-7:30
03/08/20 Pancake Breakfast & St. Patrick’s Family Fun Fest
Volunteers Needed After 7:30-9:30 Masses
03/13-03/14 Junior & Senior Spring Lock-In
03/15/20 Teen Mass – 5:30 / Compass – 6:30-7:30
03/17/20 Hilda’s Place Soup Kitchen – 5:00-8:30

APRIL
04/05/20 Palm Sunday – 5:30 Mass – The Passion
Compass – 6:30-7:30
04/10/20 Good Friday † Dramatic Stations Of The Cross – SN Church – 7:30
04/09-04/12 Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday † Good Friday † Holy Saturday † Easter Sunday)
04/19/20 Teen Mass – 5:30 / Compass – 6:30-7:30
04/21/20 Hilda’s Place Soup Kitchen – 5:00-8:30
04/22/20 “The Hunting Ground” – 7:00-9:00 – Seniors & Juniors Only (Tentative)

MAY
05/03/20 Teen Mass & Senior Blessing – 5:30 / Year-End Celebration – 6:30-7:30
05/10/20 Happy Mothers’ Day!
05/19/20 Hilda’s Place Soup Kitchen – 5:00-8:30

SUMMER SERVICE TRIPS
06/11/20 Habitat For Humanity – Final Meeting For Participants & Parents – 7:00-8:00
06/20/20 Happy Fathers’ Day!
07/06-07/11 Habitat For Humanity – Iowa Valley Habitat
07/20-07/25 Habitat For Humanity – Cedar Valley Habitat

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Thank you to all of our helpers who spread holiday cheer during Advent 2019!!!