

# St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook Mini-Catalog 2021

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Wherever you are on your own spiritual journey, we invite you to join us. We commit to building a welcoming, faith-filled community with a strong focus on fellowship and family. We will develop a relationship with Christ, celebrate God's presence, foster compassion for all, and share our God-given gifts by serving one another and taking the Good News into the world.

### How do we do that? Where do we go? How do we connect with others?

This directory was developed as a mission implementation initiative by our 2017-18 Parish Pastoral Council as they strived to catalog all the beautiful ministry work ongoing in our Catholic Community of Northbrook at both of our sites, St. Norbert Church and Our Lady of The Brook Worship Center. It is a resource to help connect with the ministry leaders or staff members who would enthusiastically welcome your time and talents. It provides both existing and new parishioners a glimpse of the variety of ministries, both within the church and outreach. We have aligned the profiles in the categories of

*Faith Formation, Faith Sharing, Liturgy, and Mission, Service & Outreach*

Please consider re-energizing your faith journey with new or expanded roles in these ministries. I assure you that you will get far more back than you will give! If you have new ideas for endeavors or need some additional guidance connecting with people, please feel free to email the Parish Council or Outreach Ministry Coordinator Amy Principi [amy@northbrookcatholic.church](mailto:amy@northbrookcatholic.church). This document is available at [northbrookcatholic.church](http://northbrookcatholic.church).

Fr. Chris Gustafson, Pastor

## FAITH FORMATION

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Adult Faith Formation</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Dev Kennedy ( <a href="mailto:Dev@northbrookcatholic.church">Dev@northbrookcatholic.church</a> ) (847) 513-6702
<b>Description/History</b>	Periodic small group faith sharing meets throughout the year. Call for details.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Baptismal Preparation</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Dev Kennedy ( <a href="mailto:Dev@northbrookcatholic.church">Dev@northbrookcatholic.church</a> ) (847) 513-6702
<b>Description/History</b>	Baptismal Preparation for first time Parents/Godparents who have not experienced this Rite as an adult. Classes meet monthly.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Rite of Christian Initiation RCIA</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Dev Kennedy ( <a href="mailto:Dev@northbrookcatholic.church">Dev@northbrookcatholic.church</a> ) (847) 513-6702
<b>Description/History</b>	To bring people to full initiation into the Catholic Faith
<b>Meetings?</b>	Twice a week, for 5-6 months. Tuesday evenings and Sunday mornings
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Mary Cooke ( <a href="mailto:aacooke@comcast.net">aacooke@comcast.net</a> ) (847) 989-6797
<b>Requirements, Skills, restrictions?</b>	Some prior experience in working with children. All catechists have to be certified by Protecting God's Children, with background check and VIRTUS training.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>SPRED (Special Religious Development) An Archdiocesan Program for all age groups )</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Donna Birren (847) 431-5340 Suzanne Noonan: (847) 509-0629 Ron Hartzer: (847) 564-5493 Mary Beth Manso: (847) 409-7918
<b>Goals/ Objectives</b>	A small faith community that works to bring God's word, love and understanding to those with developmental disabilities. Catechists form unique friendships with their friends to help build their faith and grow their spirit.
<b>Training?</b>	Training required. Required background check, Protecting God's Children program/VIRTUS training

## FAITH SHARING

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Friends of St. Francis DeSales Spirituality</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Mary Delaney (847) 229-1509, ( <a href="mailto:m.delaney1@sbcglobal.net">m.delaney1@sbcglobal.net</a> )
<b>Description/History</b>	Deepens personal relationships with God through exploring the joy and optimism of Salesian spirituality.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Men Encountering Christ (Formerly Man 2 Man)</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Tony Broccolo ( <a href="mailto:tonyb2613@comcast.net">tonyb2613@comcast.net</a> ), Daniel O'Keefe ( <a href="mailto:daniel.s.okeefe@gmail.com">daniel.s.okeefe@gmail.com</a> ), Jerry Zinkula ( <a href="mailto:jerzink5@gmail.com">jerzink5@gmail.com</a> )
<b>Description/History</b>	The MEC ministry is a community of Catholic men united with God and striving to be more spiritually and actively engaged in today's challenging world. Speaker series monthly September through April featuring excellent presentations on many topics.

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## LITURGY

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Altar Servers (Youth &amp; Adult)</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Michael Ward: (847) 513-6734; ( <a href="mailto:Mike@northbrookcatholic.church">Mike@northbrookcatholic.church</a> ) Fr. Ismael Garcia ( <a href="mailto:frismael@northbrookcatholic.church">frismael@northbrookcatholic.church</a> ) Joanie Gilbert, ( <a href="mailto:liturgy@northbrookcatholic.church">liturgy@northbrookcatholic.church</a> )
<b>Ministry Name</b>	<b>Arts and Environment/ Church Decorating</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Jill Ernst for SN, ( <a href="mailto:Jill@northbrookcatholic.church">Jill@northbrookcatholic.church</a> )
<b>Description/History</b>	The Art & Environment committee provides a meaningful and unique atmosphere in keeping with the Liturgical Calendar.
<b>Ministry Name</b>	<b>Eucharist Adoration</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Leadership Open
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Michael Ward: (847) 513-6734; ( <a href="mailto:Mike@northbrookcatholic.church">Mike@northbrookcatholic.church</a> ) Joanie Gilbert, ( <a href="mailto:liturgy@northbrookcatholic.church">liturgy@northbrookcatholic.church</a> )
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Hospitality Ministry (formerly Greeters &amp; Ushers)</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Michael Ward: (847) 513-6734; ( <a href="mailto:Mike@northbrookcatholic.church">Mike@northbrookcatholic.church</a> ), Michael Nees: OLB ( <a href="mailto:mwnees@gmail.com">mwnees@gmail.com</a> ), SN: David Clemens (312) 599-0119 <b>COVID</b> Volunteers (Mass, Confession, other services) Jill Ernst <a href="mailto:jill@northbrookcatholic.church">jill@northbrookcatholic.church</a>
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Michael Ward: (847) 513-6734; ( <a href="mailto:Mike@northbrookcatholic.church">Mike@northbrookcatholic.church</a> ) Joanie Gilbert, ( <a href="mailto:liturgy@northbrookcatholic.church">liturgy@northbrookcatholic.church</a> )

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<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Ministry of Bereavement</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Michael Ward, ( <a href="mailto:Mike@northbrookcatholic.church">Mike@northbrookcatholic.church</a> ), (708) 466-2339 (847) 513-6734 Joanie Gilbert, ( <a href="mailto:liturgy@northbrookcatholic.church">liturgy@northbrookcatholic.church</a> )
<b>Goals/ Objectives</b>	Ministers of Bereavement offer caring support to parishioners and others who have suffered the loss of a loved one through death. They guide the family in preparation of a meaningful funeral Mass or memorial service.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Ministry of Care</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Mona Lukas (847) 513-6708, ( <a href="mailto:mona@northbrookcatholic.church">mona@northbrookcatholic.church</a> )
<b>Description/History</b>	The Ministry of Care, begun in 1983, is composed of parishioners who bring their presence, prayers and Christ in Holy Communion to those unable to attend Mass.
<b>Training needed?</b>	At the present time, the 12 hour training is required. There are six 2 hour sessions (for CCN ministers) held at St. Norbert where the presentation on the protocol of our parishes is taught by the Director of the Ministry of Care.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Music Ministry</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Michael Ward: (847) 513-6734; ( <a href="mailto:Mike@northbrookcatholic.church">Mike@northbrookcatholic.church</a> )
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Sacristan</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Michael Ward ( <a href="mailto:Mike@northbrookcatholic.church">Mike@northbrookcatholic.church</a> )
<b>Description/History</b>	Get Church ready for all liturgies, such as Host, Wine, Chalice, Linens, Water, Incense, Holy Water, and other things for Baptisms, Funerals, Feast Days, etc.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>St. Clare Stitchers</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Maureen Garrity
<b>Description/History</b>	We embroider Baptism Bibs for the newest members of our Faith.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Teen Mass</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Susan and Bryan Schueler (847) 721-7860, ( <a href="mailto:susanschueler95@gmail.com">susanschueler95@gmail.com</a> ) and Laura and Matt Callahan. Also, staff members Maggie Bruce and Michael Ward
<b>Description/History</b>	To assist with the planning and implementation of the teen Mass which takes place approximately 2 times per month during the school year

## MISSION, SERVICE and OUTREACH

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Maria Doughty, (847) 877-8558, <a href="mailto:bmdoughty@comcast.net">bmdoughty@comcast.net</a> Karla Irving, (847) 513—6754, ( <a href="mailto:karlairving@gmail.com">karlairving@gmail.com</a> ) Fr. Chris Gustafson, (847) 513—6710, ( <a href="mailto:FrChris@northbrookcatholic.church">FrChris@northbrookcatholic.church</a> )
<b>Description/History</b>	The St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is made of up 9 <i>at large</i> parishioners who serve 3 year rotations, and our Pastor, & Fr Chris
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>BASH</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	New chair every year. Call the parish office for more.
<b>Description/History</b>	The BASH is a new event. The first one attracted 600 attendees with music, food, drink, auction and more. It helped raise funds for all purposes.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Block Party</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Michael Daly ( <a href="mailto:MTD1730@sbcglobal.net">MTD1730@sbcglobal.net</a> )
<b>Description/History</b>	The Block Party is held in early June and includes a 5K walk/run, inflatables, food and beverages and live music. The party attracts approximately 2,000 guests each year.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Bread Brigade (OLB)</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Susan Eimerman, (847) 867-0322, ( <a href="mailto:susan.eimerman@att.net">susan.eimerman@att.net</a> )
<b>Description</b>	Pick up, pack and deliver food donations weekly to distribute to the needy.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Catholic Charities Parish Outreach</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Amy Zahorik, (847) 533-1428, ( <a href="mailto:amyzahorik5@comcast.net">amyzahorik5@comcast.net</a> ), Karen Rechteris, ( <a href="mailto:knrechteris@gmail.com">knrechteris@gmail.com</a> )
<b>Description/History</b>	Key Contacts attend quarterly Parish Outreach meetings for Catholic Charities. They share what our parish is doing as far as Catholic Charities ministry work and bring information about Catholic Charities programs back to the parish.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Fr. Valker Coat and Sweater Drive</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Karen Nelson, (847) 303-6926, ( <a href="mailto:nellie93448@sbcglobal.net">nellie93448@sbcglobal.net</a> )
<b>Goals/ Objectives</b>	To provide coats and sweaters to the needy at Advent and Epiphany
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Christmas Sharing</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Ron & Ginny Hartzler, (847) 564-5493, <a href="mailto:vmhartz@aol.com">vmhartz@aol.com</a>
<b>Goals/ Objectives</b>	We provide new gifts of women and children's clothing, toys, linens, household goods, personal items at Christmas time to WINGS, a shelter for women and children.

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<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Family Promise</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Karen Nelson, 847-303-6926, ( <a href="mailto:nellie93448@sbcglobal.net">nellie93448@sbcglobal.net</a> )
<b>Goals/ Objectives</b>	Temporarily housing families (and feeding) until they can find permanent lodging. One to two weeks at a time, usually twice per year.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Helping Hands</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Mona Lukas, (847)513-6708, ( <a href="mailto:mona@northbrookcatholic.church">mona@northbrookcatholic.church</a> )
<b>Goals/ Objectives</b>	The Helping Hands Ministers are available to drive parishioners to Mass, Doctor's or Physical Therapy appointments, make meals for parishioners newly discharged from the hospital who are alone, house sit during funerals, visit parishioners in nursing homes or rehab centers, etc. A single 2-hour training required.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Hilda's Place</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Mary Volkommer, (847) 272- 5964, ( <a href="mailto:vollkommer@msn.com">vollkommer@msn.com</a> )
<b>Description/History</b>	The 4th Tuesday of every month the group provides a meal for the residents at Hilda's Place, a homeless shelter. Ministry is currently paused due to COVID 19.
<b>Ministry Name</b>	<b>Jamaica School Project/Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Connie Zinkula ( <a href="mailto:conzinkula@gmail.com">conzinkula@gmail.com</a> )
<b>Description/History</b>	In 2014 Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters reached out to St. Norbert for assistance in collecting items needed for a school in Jamaica. The school continues to grow and another shipment was sent in July 2018. We continue to support the Sisters and their Mission at the school on an as needed basis.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Knights of Columbus, Council 7331</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Mike Berg, 224-477-3509, <a href="mailto:michael.berg@abbott.com">michael.berg@abbott.com</a>
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Men's Club</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Michael Daly, President, ( <a href="mailto:MTD1730@sbcglobal.net">MTD1730@sbcglobal.net</a> ) James Shults, Secretary Randy Romei, Treasurer
<b>Description/History</b>	The mission of the Men's Club is to provide men of the parish an opportunity to meet in faith and friendship, building community, and providing support to the parish and its ministries.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Military Outreach USA</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Jack Clarey, (847) 421-2870, ( <a href="mailto:jack@clarey-a-klein.com">jack@clarey-a-klein.com</a> )
<b>Description/History</b>	Military Outreach USA is a Christian organization that helps homeless veterans transition to simple living quarters by providing personal care items, bedding, household items, such as cleaning supplies as well as personal care products like toothbrushes. They conduct programs to address PTSD, Moral Injury and suicide prevention

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<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Nourish</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Mona Lukas, (847) 513-6708, ( <a href="mailto:mona@northbrookcatholic.church">mona@northbrookcatholic.church</a> )
<b>Description/History</b>	Nourish is a new group to provide Christ-centered program and resources to support family caregivers (Currently suspended. Seeking volunteer leadership.)
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Respect Life Committee</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Adele Stocco, Respect Life Coordinator, ( <a href="mailto:AK9Stocco@stoccoinc.com">AK9Stocco@stoccoinc.com</a> )
<b>Description/History</b>	Their Mission is to acknowledge and support the worth of a human person from conception to natural death.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Rice Bowl</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	LEADERSHIP OPEN
<b>Description/History</b>	A Lenten collection, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. Funds help the hungry both locally and throughout the world. Seeking Leadership.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Senior Club of the Catholic Community of Northbrook</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Mary Morris, (847) 204-2155 Mona Lukas, (847) 513-6708, ( <a href="mailto:mona@northbrookcatholic.church">mona@northbrookcatholic.church</a> )
<b>Goals/ Objectives</b>	The ministry is to gather seniors of the parish regularly for social activities, prayer, education and socialization. A nutritional breakfast is always provided.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Sharing Ministry</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Connie Zinkula ( <a href="mailto:conzinkula@gmail.com">conzinkula@gmail.com</a> )
<b>Description</b>	Collect food, school supplies and more throughout the year for the needy.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Silent No More - Domestic Violence Outreach</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Peery Duderstadt, (708) 494-9254, Ginny Hartzler, (847) 650-5493, ( <a href="mailto:vmhartz@aol.com">vmhartz@aol.com</a> )
<b>Goals/ Objectives</b>	"Silent No More" is the combined Domestic Violence Ministry of St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook parish. Our mission is to serve as a resource to promote and provide awareness, education, referral, and community outreach to those affected by domestic violence.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Turkeys for the Poor</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Bryan Schueler, (847) 975-4821, ( <a href="mailto:beshoe95@gmail.com">beshoe95@gmail.com</a> )
<b>Goals/ Objectives</b>	Deliver turkeys and grocery certificates to approximately 28 soup kitchens and shelters in the Chicagoland area. The ministry raises money and coordinates the purchase and commercial delivery every year at Thanksgiving and Christmas. This ministry has been serving those in need for over 40 years.

## MISSION MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Women's Club of the Catholic Community of Northbrook</b>
<b>Goals/ Objectives</b>	Its purpose is to encourage the spiritual growth of its members through participation in Parish Activities, to become involved in service opportunities, to create opportunities to grow in friendship, to re-energize their spirituality and to provide financial assistance to the Parish. Membership in any one of a dozen guilds, with average size 20, ensures a feeling a belonging and fellowship.
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Mary Vollkommer, Presdient: <a href="mailto:Vollkommer@msn.com">Vollkommer@msn.com</a> Jill Ernst ( <a href="mailto:jill@northbrookcatholic.church">jill@northbrookcatholic.church</a> ), mentor Camille Trunkett, VP <a href="mailto:Camille@trunkett.net">Camille@trunkett.net</a> Membership: CeCe Patsch ( <a href="mailto:cecilia1898@hotmail.com">cecilia1898@hotmail.com</a> ).
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>The Vine Youth Ministry (TVYM)</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Maggie Bruce, (847) 687-7696, ( <a href="mailto:mbruce@northbrookcatholic.church">mbruce@northbrookcatholic.church</a> )
<b>Description</b>	Teens enjoy the multitude of opportunities we offer them through our High School Youth Ministry. <a href="http://www.northbrookcatholic.church/youth-ministry">www.northbrookcatholic.church/youth-ministry</a>
<b>Training needed?</b>	There is no training required for our teens, but Virtus Training and Protecting God's Children requirements must all be completed to volunteer as an Adult.



## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NORTHBROOK

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