They prostrated themselves and did him homage

January 2, 2022
Epiphany of the Lord
Mass Intentions

Monday, January 3, 2022 (ONLINE and in SN church)*
8:15 AM † John Kempel

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 (ONLINE and in SN church)
8:15 AM † Norma Grothus, † Barbara Pintz, † Carole Boldt,
† John Biagini, † Carolyn Schildgen

Wednesday, January 5, 2022
8:15 AM † John Hurley (ONLINE)
12:00 PM † John Hurley, † Stanley Osman (in SN church)

Thursday, January 6, 2022 (ONLINE and in SN church)
8:15 AM † Paul Miller

Friday, January 7, 2022 (ONLINE and in SN church)
8:15 AM † Mary Lou Colfer

Saturday, January 8, 2022
8:15 AM (ONLINE and in SN church) † Mary Anna Micili
5:00 PM (ONLINE and in SN church) † John Hurley, † Len O’Connor, † Joan “Babe” O’Hara,
† Joan Karwoski, † William Kelly, Intentions of Patti Lechner, † Suzanne Kohn

Sunday, January 9, 2022 (In SN church)
7:30 AM † Len O’Connor
9:30 AM † Joan “Babe” O’Hara, † Joan Karwoski, † William Kelly, Intentions of Patti Lechner
5:00 PM † Suzanne Kohn

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Or * www.northbrookcatholic.church/livestream.html
Or northbrookcatholic.church and click on the link for Live Streams

Please Pray for Our Sick

Vincent Sansonetti  Al Pisterzi  Hope McGowan
Barbara Kaplan  Cathy Kalina  Gerald Byrne

All the Homebound

Contact Amy at amy@northbrookcatholic.church (847) 513-6715 to have a name added to or removed from the list. When calling, please leave your contact information and relationship to the sick person. You may call to renew if needed.

Rest in Peace

We assure the families of Richard Jawgiel (husband of Teri), Shirley Sullivan (wife of Matt Sullivan), Jesus Ivan Orosco Villagomez and our departed loved ones of our prayers and support at this difficult time. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.
Easy and yet so difficult

Praying is so simple that a young child can do it. But sometimes it seems so difficult that millions of people are unable to lift their hearts to God and communicate with Him. The main difficulties are well known.

Pray? For what? This is the typical objection of our western pragmatism. The first thing that springs from that person who moves between self-sufficiency and utilitarianism: What do I want God for? Is He going to solve my problems? Is He going to feed me? Is He going to provide me with work, money, security? How am I going to address someone who is of no use to me? And yet, it remains true that "man does not live by bread alone." Or do people today no longer need inner peace, forgiveness, hope?

Pray? I have no time. It's another very general reaction. Many say it today. There is no time to pray. We have a totally busy day, and yet we always have time for what really interests us.

If a believer does not find time to be with God, that person will not have time to be with him— or herself, to be in depth with others or to grow internally. Where will faith be nourished?

Pray? I just don't know how to do it. What can I say to God? Many people speak in similar terms. They don't know exactly why, but they feel blocked inside. They fail to get in touch with God.

The reasons may be different, but many times, behind all the reasoning lies a pure and simple truth. We are afraid of prayer. We are afraid to see ourselves as we are. Fear of entering within ourselves and discovering how fragile we are, before God. It is difficult for us to find ourselves alone and face to face with God. Saint Teresa herself said: "I am shocked to see so many and clear truths in prayer."

What can we do? Keep running away from God and from ourselves? The episode of the Magi is not just a tale full of charm. These men search until they fall on their knees before the Child in an attitude of adoration; it is a call that is made to all of us. The most important and decisive thing is to open ourselves up to God with a simple and sincere heart. This is how the wise men seek the Lord. The star is hidden from them again and again. It is easy then to fall into doubt, uncertainty or hesitation, but they keep looking and the star appears again.

God always allows Himself to be found by those who seek Him with a sincere heart. In Him we find our truth, forgiveness and peace.

Fr. Ismael
This Week’s CCN Calendar

**Monday, January 3**
8:15 AM  Mass Online and in SN church*
OFFICE CLOSED

**Tuesday, January 4**
8:15 AM  Mass Online and in SN church
7:00 PM  Women’s Club

**Wednesday, January 5**
8:15 AM  Mass Online (School in session)
12:00 PM  Mass in SN Church

**Thursday, January 6**
8:15 AM  Mass Online and in SN church

**Friday, January 7**
8:15 AM  Mass Online and in SN church
First Friday Adoration at Noon

**Saturday, January 8**
8:15 AM  Mass Online and in SN church
12—1 PM  Reconciliation
5:00 PM  Mass Online and in SN

**Sunday, January 9**
7:30 AM  Mass in SN
9:30 AM  Mass in SN
11:30 AM  Baptism: Coppin
5:00 PM  Mass in SN

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” (Mt 2:1-12).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

**Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus

**Tuesday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

**Wednesday:** St. John Neumann

**Thursday:** St. André Bessette

**Friday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Friday Julian Calendar Christmas

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**COMMUNION IN YOUR CAR**
We offer Communion in your car for those who are uncomfortable attending Mass in church. **It is after SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass**, in the school parking lot. Please line up at 10:30 am and remain in your car

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**Our facility is hearing loop equipped.**
As a reminder, please turn on your t-coil to access, or find a volunteer to grab a receiver to listen in to the loop.

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**Sunday Offertory**
Dec. 19, 2021

St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook *
$12,938

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our parish!

- Does not include electronic giving; reported once a month.

**Giving is even easier! Text to Give!**
1-847-558-7333

Text SUNDAY to make weekly offering

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www.northbrookcatholic.church
**Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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**Sharing Ministry**

The Magi brought unexpected gifts to Bethlehem, and our parishioners have been doing exactly that: helping with the collection of food, coats, sweaters, and prayers for people whose lives have been upended by Covid and other difficulties. This year the Sharing Ministry asked again for gift cards for people in need at St. Margaret of Scotland, our sister parish. This was the response:

Just want you to know that gift cards totaling $1,965 were delivered to Pete Doyle at SMOS this morning - that’s a record high! He was very, very happy and told us that just this past weekend he had a few people ask him if he thought we would be doing it again this year. He, of course, knew that we would be but played it very cool by saying “we’ll just have to see.” He can’t wait to pass them out - makes him feel like Santa Claus! He is very grateful.

Thank you—and Happy New Year!

If not us, who? If not now, when?

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**Save the Date**

**Women’s Day of Reflection**

**Saturday, February 26**

9:00 am to noon

The presenter for this half day of reflection is Anne Madsen, Teacher, Scripture Scholar, Theologian and Speaker. She has been teaching scripture for the past two years in the Adult Education Program at Holy Family Parish in Inverness. The cost is $10 for pre-registration for the morning and includes refreshments.

This day of reflection is sponsored by Guild 77 and is for the purpose of bringing women together to get to know one another and to bond. More details as it gets closer.

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**“The Book of Job: Lessons of Faith & Suffering”**

[A joint project of St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook Parish Adult Faith Formation and Shir Hadash Synagogue Adult Education programs]

Join us as we take a look at the Book of Job from a Jewish-Catholic perspective…the same book but also a different book… what we learn, why we study it, and how we can share it as a Book of the Bible.

The course will be taught by Deacon Peery Duderstadt of St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook Parish and Rabbi Eitan Weiner-Kaplow of Shir Hadash. Classes will meet on Tuesday afternoons 1:00 PM at on Zoom, beginning January 11 and ending March 8.

Interested? Email Deacon Peery at peery@northbrookcatholic.church or Rabbi Eitan at rabbi@shir-hadash.org by January 4. We’ll send out the ZOOM link at a later date. Register here: https://sh.shulcloud.com/event/book-of-job-class#


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**Fr. Valker Coat & Sweater Drive**

**January 1/2**

Did you get a new coat for Christmas? Or a beautiful sweater? Bring your new or gently used coats and sweaters to church THIS weekend to help those in need. We had a great response to the ‘first round’ collection—can we beat it? THANK YOU for your continued generosity to our brothers and sisters.
PRAYER OF THE WEEK
The Epiphany of the Lord

At the Mass during the Day
O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Simbang Gabi

Simbang Gabi was held at St. Norbert/OLB last Dec. 18, 2021. St. Norbert/OLB parish joined some 60 archdiocesan parishes all over Chicagoland in celebrating this centuries-old tradition of observing novena masses in preparation for Christmas. A simple reception was held in the Parish Hall featuring Filipino food and music. It was a lovely evening of prayer, fellowship and celebration.

Left: a great crowd attended the Simbang Gabi Mass. Above: the ‘parol’ was centrally displayed during Mass in St. Norbert Church. Above Left: Fr. Chris greets some of the Simbang Gabi guests as they enjoyed wonderful Filipino foods.
Bible Study
Scripture Study groups are open and available!!

Give yourself the gift of increased Faith. Start the New Year right by drawing closer to God with others.

We have a group meeting on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm, and Thursday afternoons at 1:00 pm.

Please contact Dev Kennedy at dev@northbrook-catholic.church for details.

Meetings take place on Zoom.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Prayer Breakfast
Tuesday, January 18

Every year for 35 years, Church Women United (CWU) and Archdiocesan Council for Catholic Women (ACCW) have come together in a joint Prayer Breakfast to celebrate in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Please join us for this special event at the Holiday Inn Northshore, 5300 W. Touhy in Skokie. It runs from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, with breakfast at 10:15. The theme is “We Saw the Star in the East and Came to Worship Him”.

Contact Georgina Winters at (847) 498-0558 for tickets, by January 10. Tickets are $30. We encourage women from ALL guilds to attend, to help build unity in our parish.

Georgina T. Winters
Church Women United and Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women serving the parish on both Boards.

THANK YOU!
Thank you, thank you, to our CCN parishioners who sent gifts, monetary donations and gift cards to the "Christmas Sharing" program for WINGS. This year, due to the closing of the OLB worship site, our opportunity to support WINGS was different. You came through and exceeded our expectations, due to your generosity to the needy families at WINGS.

Their needs are, and continue to be, great and we have significantly reduced their needs this Christmas time. You have helped to make it the true spirit of what "Christmas Sharing" is really about.

With heartfelt appreciation to you for all that you did.

May God bless all of you this Christmas Season and the coming New Year!

The Christmas Sharing Committee

Save the Date
Caregiver Seminar: Dementia Symptoms and Resources
Wednesday, January 19
at 7:00 pm in Grace Hall

Parishioner John Higgins will discuss the symptoms of, resources for, and journey of those within the Dementia spectrum. This is an opportunity for those who are caregivers or who may become one to listen to John’s experiences—both personal and professional—and be better prepared for what may come.

John’s presentation will provide caregivers with information so that they can be aware and prepared for the elements of the disease, and discover resources available to provide loving, Christian care for our loved ones.

No reservations are required.
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2022
SUNDAY JANUARY 30, 2022 - February 5, 2022

OPEN HOUSE:
Sunday January 30, 2022 | 10:30 AM
Take a tour, meet our staff, and experience for yourself the advantage of a small school.

CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE!
www.stnorbertschool.org
admissions@stnorbertschool.org
847.272.0051

Catholic Schools
CINCO de BINGO
Hosted by St. Norbert Women’s Guild 213

Thursday, January 27
7:00pm Grace Hall

Bring your friends for a lot of fun!

Entrance fee: $10 in advance or $15 at the door plus a wrapped White Elephant prize
Includes 2 game cards, Margaritas, wine, soft drinks & snacks
Extra cards available for $1 each

Make check payable to Guild 213 and mail with form below to:
Kathy Patelski, 3060 KayJay Dr., Northbrook, IL 60062.

Questions: Email to mschnurr2@gmail.com, or text 224-522-3855

Rsvp by January 22 – Yes, I will attend Cinco de Bingo on January 27. Enclosed is my $10 check made out to “Guild 213.”

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Saturday/Sunday Masses
5:00 PM ONLINE and in St. Norbert
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 5:00 PM in St. Norbert

Daily Masses
8:15 AM Monday through Saturday ONLINE, and in
SN church. Wednesday 8:15 am Mass is NOT open to
the public during the school year.
Noon Mass Wednesday only.

Reconciliation
Saturday 12-1 pm

Baptisms
Sunday at 11:30 AM. To register, contact the parish office.
(Baptism Preparation Class for first-time parents is
the 4th Thursday of every month at 7 PM in parish office).

Marriages
Arrange with priest at least six months in advance

Funerals/Bereavement
Call 847-272-7090, Fr. Ismael and Mike Ward will assist
your family

New Parishioner Registration
All new families can register by calling the parish office
or by going to our website at www.northbrookcatholic.church
under the “About> Welcome” tab.

Communion for the homebound
For homebound, please call 847-272-7090 and they will
contact the Ministry of Care.

Liturgy & Devotions
A Prayer Ministry of
St. Norbert & Our Lady of the Brook

♦ Rosary: Available after Daily Mass
♦ Eucharistic Adoration First Fridays, 12 to 1 pm,
♦ 1st Saturday: Devotion to Immaculate Heart of
Mary; Rosary and 15 minute meditation
after 8:15 am Mass.

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