My kingdom does not belong to this world

November 21, 2021
Christ the King
Mass Intentions

Monday, November 22, 2021 (ONLINE and in SN church)*
8:15 AM † Paul Miller

Tuesday, November 23, 2021 (ONLINE and in SN church)
8:15 AM † Nancy Schweitzer, † Kathi Clarey, † William McIntosh

Wednesday, November 24, 2021
8:15 AM † Francesco & Clorinda Mazzetta (ONLINE)
12:00 PM † Francesco & Clorinda Mazzetta (in SN church)

Thursday, November 25, 2021 (ONLINE and in SN church)
9:00 AM † Juliana Bolsinger

Friday, November 26, 2021 (ONLINE and in SN church)
8:15 AM † Paul Miller, † Philomena D’Souza, † Kazmir Baginski

Saturday, November 27, 2021 (ONLINE and in SN church)) † Anita Brady
5:00 PM (ONLINE and in SN church) † Marie & Julian Podraza, † Lena Peuvion,
† Robert Biagini, † Diosdado Momongan, † Paul Miller, † Gregorio Alzona

Sunday, November 28, 2021 (In SN church)
7:30 AM † Lena Peuvion
9:30 AM † Robert Biagini, † Diosdado Momongan, † Gregorio Alzona
5:00 PM † Paul Miller

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

Please Pray for Our Sick

Richard Jawgiel  Dale Duda  Loretta O’Donnell
Charles Winters  Gerald Byrne  Fr. Joseph O’Donnell CSC
Hope McGowan  Lois Graham  Jim Avena
Cathy Kalina  Al Pisterzi  Barbara Kaplan

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 Patricia Bear (Mother of Greg/Robin) 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.
Dear Parishioners,

At this time of year when we pause as a nation to “give thanks” for our many blessings, it seems especially appropriate to share with you our annual parish stewardship report. While it has been another challenging year on many levels, by the grace of God and your generosity we are surviving. We have continued to endure restrictions and yet have embraced new opportunities and found new ways to extend our outreach and ministries. This past Saturday we gathered in-person and virtually for the Bash fundraiser, which was incredibly successful. Thank you for your faithful perseverance.

You have shown the depth of your faith by your participation in our various Masses: online, parking lot and socially distanced in person. As we learned how to manage and improve live-stream Masses, you were there with us. You helped our community stay engaged with the hundreds of cards and letters sent to the homebound. You donated to remotely feed, clothe and encourage those less fortunate. Our school safely protected our children who were able to continue with in-person classes throughout the entire pandemic. Our wonderful volunteers created a fabulous Virtual Bash, raising parishioners spirits along with $100,000 for the parish. Our hope and faith have grown with all the parish’s accomplishments this year in spite of the pandemic. Thank you for your devotion to our community.

In the face of the COVID stress, we managed to cover costs via cutbacks, help from the Government Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) funds and most thankfully, your financial giving. Your continued generosity allowed the parish to remain fiscally sound this year. So many of you signed up for GiveCentral, faithfully mailed in your weekly envelopes and sent in donations. I am so grateful for your support, your love of the parish and your commitment to making the sacrifices we needed to stay united.

The following are highlights from the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 7/1/20 - 6/30/21 and a projection for our current year.

**Fiscal Year 20-21**

- Financially, COVID has impacted our income. Restricted Mass attendance, limited fundraising social engagements, cancelation of in-person Faith Formation classes, and the loss of lease contracts resulted in a 10.2% average decline in total income over the past three years. Thankfully, we are “reopening” and slowly rebuilding our community. Your continued support and sacrifices are needed to sustain our parish for the future.
- We managed to control expenses this year with a reduction to prior year expenses of $62,066. We delayed repairs, froze wages, reduced fringe benefits and closed buildings, while maintaining essential programs and events.
- Our expenses have increased over the past 3 years by 2.4%. The average annual inflation rate for this same period was 5.3%. We are carefully managing our stewardship.
- COVID has not impacted our cash reserves to date. The PPP helped stabilize our finances this year and allowed us to keep our financial cash reserves. This government program has been discontinued. It is now more important than ever that all our parishioners experience the joy of contributing to our offering.

**Projection for Fiscal Year 21-22**

We began this 2021-2022 fiscal year with greater optimism for the days ahead. While some COVID restrictions remain, there is renewed promise of hope for our parish community. While we were able to contain expenses during COVID, these will increase as we resume more activities. We will be using more heat, electricity, hospitality, other ministerial items and returning to normal salary/benefits. Necessary roof repairs and tuckpointing projects have already taken place at the school and the rectory. The parish office roof has started to leak and this must be addressed soon.

We are currently projecting expenses to exceed income by $130,000, causing a deficit this year. Our Sunday Offering remains much lower than our historical Stewardship and we are not seeing an upward trend. I pray as we fully reopen, our financial needs can be met. The eventual sale of the Our Lady of the Brook worship site will provide some financial relief in the future. However, our offer-tory provides over 85% of our church’s income. Your financial support and stewardship remain one of our greatest blessings.

After reviewing the Annual Report, we hope that you are more informed about our financial status. Key takeaways are how we positively managed through COVID, and how important your faithful commitment is going forward.

Thank you to the many, many parishioners who contribute to our parish in so many ways, and thank you to our staff and parish leadership for directing our parish efforts. St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook Parish is truly blessed to have committed and gifted parishioners. I would especially like to thank our parish Finance Committee Members: Anne Martin (Chair), Jeff Stuart, Mary Vollkommer, Paul McAllister, and Jim Kritek for all of their hard work and expertise in managing our financial resources.

We have a great parish because of all of you. Thank you to everyone who shares their gifts of time, talent and treasure so generously. May this year bring our parish more restoration, more health and more discipleship.

Sincerely and Gratefully in Christ,

Father Chris
### This Week’s CCN Calendar

**Monday, November 22**
- 8:15 AM Mass Online and in SN church*

**Tuesday, November 23**
- 8:15 AM Mass Online and in SN church

**Wednesday, November 24**
- OFFICE CLOSED
- 8:15 AM Mass Online
- 12:00 PM Mass in SN Church

**Thursday, November 25**
- OFFICE CLOSED
- 7:30 AM Turkey Trot
- 9:00 AM Mass Online and in SN church

**Friday, November 26**
- OFFICE CLOSED
- 8:15 AM Mass Online and in SN church
- 1:00 PM Baptism
- 4:00 PM Marriage Validation

**Saturday, November 27**
- 8:15 AM Mass Online and in SN church
- 12—1 PM Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM Mass Online and in SN Church

**Sunday, November 28**
- 7:30 AM Mass in SN
- 9:30 AM Mass in SN
- 5:00 PM Mass in SN

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### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

**Psalm** — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

**Second Reading** — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

**Gospel** — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).


### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- **Sunday**: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- **Monday**: Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Cecilia
- **Tuesday**: St. Clement I; St. Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro
- **Wednesday**: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions
- **Thursday**: Thanksgiving Day; St. Catherine of Alexandria
- **Saturday**: Blessed Virgin Mary

### 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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**Sunday Offertory**

Nov. 14, 2021

St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook *

$12,315

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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Join our weekly E-Newsletter mailing list! Just send your request to Amy@northbrookcatholic.church and we’ll get you started! Our Website:

**www.northbrookcatholic.church**

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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.
# Saint Norbert & Our Lady of the Brook Parish

## Annual Finance Report

**Fiscal Year 20-21**

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### Saint Norbert & Our Lady of the Brook Parish

## Cash Flow Statement

For the Fiscal Year Ending 06/30/21

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Dollars (000's)
Ways to Give

- Sunday & Holy Days Envelopes
- GiveCentral for Electronic Bank Transfers or Credit Card Processing
- Establish a Charitable Gift Fund
- Set up an IRA Distribution
- Mail a check to the Parish Office
- Text “SUNDAY” to 847-558-7333
- Coming soon – QR Code on Church Pews

Sharing Ministry

The work of the Sharing Ministry depends on the efforts of a lot of St. Norbert/Our Lady of the Brook parishioners:

Everyone who donates food and other supplies to the bins and baskets
Anyone who helps carry the food from the baskets and bins to the Sharing Pantry
The volunteers who pack the bags to be delivered to Catholic Charities
The drivers who load up their cars and make those deliveries
The people who, instead of shopping themselves, contribute financially
Father Chris for encouraging this ministry to continue in spite of—and because of—COVID
Thank you! And Happy Thanksgiving!

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

An Advent Evening: “Closeness & Watchfulness”

All members of the parish are invited to an Advent Faith Sharing evening on Thursday, December 2, at 7 pm in St. Norbert Church. Advent begins Nov. 28! Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for “Closeness and Watchfulness”, with words from Pope Francis and a reflection from Fr. Chris. All are welcome for this parish-wide event. Sponsored by the Men Encountering Christ Ministry.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, Nov. 24 at 7:00 pm

This annual event will take place at Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Road in Northbrook. Also Livestreamed at http://www.facebook.com/TempleBethElNorthbrookIL
Save the Date for Simbang Gabi

The Catholic Community of Northbrook will be celebrating Simbang Gabi at the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, December 18, at St. Norbert Church. All are welcome!

Simbang Gabi (which means Night Mass) is centuries-old Philippine Advent tradition of nine days of novena masses in honor of the Blessed Mother and in anticipation of Christmas. Traditionally, it is observed as a series of dawn masses by Filipino Catholics around the world. In Chicago, Filipino Catholics have organized evening novena Masses since 1986. This year, Simbang Gabi Masses will be celebrated by some 40 archdiocesan churches including St. Norbert/OLB. Simbang Gabi was celebrated for many years at Our Lady of the Brook and we hope to continue this tradition this year.

A simple reception featuring a sampling of Filipino food and music follows after the Mass. Please contact Kevin and Carroll Henning (henning.kevin@gmail.com) or Rhoda and Miguel Gonzalez (rhodacg11@gmail.com) for more information.

Simbang Gabi Trivia:
The tradition of celebrating pre-Christmas Masses before daybreak became known by the popular Spanish name "Misa de Gallo" or "Rooster Mass." Simbang Gabi culminates with the Misa de Gallo on Christmas Eve to welcome the birth of Jesus Christ.
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**Turkeys for the Poor:** For the 45th year monetary donations will provide turkeys and grocery gift cards for the needy in many locations for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Online gifts can be made here: [https://www.givecentral.org/location/155/event/3191](https://www.givecentral.org/location/155/event/3191) or text TURKEY to 847-558-7333. The Men’s Club is also contributing a portion of the Turkey Trot to this mission; please support that event on Thanksgiving Day.

**Giving Tree/The Grove—through Dec. 14:** The Grove of Northbrook is a home for the elderly and they are hoping for 140 wrapped gifts, dropped off at church by **Dec. 14**. Tags with ideas will be available when it is closer.

**Fr. Valker Coat & Sweater Drive—January 1/2:** We will collect coats & sweaters for the second time to help those in need. Collection will be Epiphany weekend, January 1/2. Online gifts can be made here: [https://www.givecentral.org/location/155/event/21794](https://www.givecentral.org/location/155/event/21794) Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the first Father Valker Coat and Sweater Drive.

**Christmas Sharing – through Dec. 15**
During the Christmas season the Sharing Ministry of St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook helps the needy families from St. Margaret of Scotland (SMOS). Due to the pandemic, and the pantry remaining closed at SMOS, their clients/parishioners are having to spend much of their own money on food. Consequently there is an even greater need this year. There are many who need our assistance. Please consider buying gift cards and dropping them off at the parish office attn: Sharing Ministry or donating online gifts here: [https://www.givecentral.org/location/155/event/4064](https://www.givecentral.org/location/155/event/4064) If you have questions contact Renée at rpwochner@aol.com.

**Christmas Sharing - "WINGS" through Dec. 4**
Our Christmas opportunity for stewardship at OLB in past years has been supporting WINGS, a shelter providing help to women and children who are victims of domestic violence. These women and children leave their abusive homes often with everything left behind, seeking shelter and safety for themselves and their children. Because of Covid, WINGS has seen a dramatic increase in demand for their services. This year, due to the closing of the OLB worship site, our opportunity to support WINGS will be different. All donations will be through the mail, or selected from stores you choose online, e.g. Amazon, Kohls, etc. and sent to WINGS directly. See addresses below for the proper address to send your gifts. **All gifts are due by Dec. 4th.**

**Gift Cards:**
Used in many ways such as helping clients get to interviews and appointments as well as helping to feed over 100 people within their safe homes.
- **Gas cards:** any kind; **Grocery cards:** Jewel, Aldi, Meijer, Walmart

**Monetary Donations:**
Checks: to WINGS PROGRAM and on memo line OLB/CCN

**Mailing address for both Gift cards and Monetary donations:**
WINGS Program, Inc – Attn: Holiday Program, P.O. Box 95615, Palatine, IL 60095

**WINGS Wish List for gifts you choose from online stores:**
- **Children’s Gifts:** Play-Doh, toys, craft kits, painting kit
- **Personal items:** body lotion, body wash
- **Adult Gifts:** Robe, purse, craft kit, large throw blanket
- **Linens:** twin bed sheets, twin comforter, bath and hand towels

**Shipping Address for Gifts that are sent from online stores:**
WINGS Program, Inc - Attn: Tabitha Nilson/Holiday Program, 5104 Tollview Dr., Suite B, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
Thank you in advance for again supporting our parish’s Christmas Sharing program for WINGS. Your help is appreciated!!! Their needs are great...
The Christmas Sharing Committee

Catholic Charities—through Dec. 6:

Join Catholic Charities for our 74th annual Celebration of Giving Program! Each holiday season, Catholic Charities provides Christmas joy to more than 25,000 individuals. Though we are navigating through a second season of the pandemic, we need your support in providing holiday gifts for those in need!

Ways to Help:
Sponsor-A-Family
• Sponsor a family in need by buying gifts that fulfill their basic needs and wishes. Family sponsorship packages include age, gender, ethnicity, and a wish list. We request that you spend $50-75 per family member to make their holiday wishes come true.
• Host a sponsor-a-family drive to collect gifts for multiple families in need. A great way for groups to give back to your community. We have more than 400 families needing to be matched! To get matched with a family, fill out an SAF interest form and send to Emily Lewis at elewis@catholiccharities.net.

Donate Toys
• Host a toy drive in your church group to collect new, unwrapped toys.
• Donate toys online by shopping from one of our gift registries. Order from the list and the toys will ship directly to us. Visit our website for details on where you can donate!

Shopping Spree
• Sponsor a shopping trip to help us start this year’s Celebration of Giving with a Santa’s Workshop full of toys to deliver to kids. We provide the wish list, and you provide the funds and shoppers! This is a charitable opportunity for your church group to bring Christmas to those in need!

Drop Off Site:
Nov. 29 through Dec. 6 at Catholic Charities, 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm M-F. (847) 376-2100.

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.
**CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

Dear Parishioners,

Last year, our parishioners—adults, students and young children—created Christmas cards, letters and drawings wishing our 53 homebound parishioners a beautiful Christmas. Each homebound person received a Christmas bag with 60 individual greetings. The recipients were amazed at the beautiful wishes, stories, and were so appreciative at being remembered.

We would like to repeat this beautiful outreach to those who are homebound. Would you be willing to write a card, letter or drawing this year? We will photocopy each greeting so that every person will receive it. Your greeting (signed or unsigned) can be dropped in the collection basket in the narthex of the church, deposited in the outdoor mailbox of the Parish Office or emailed to mona@northbrookcatholic.church by Friday, December 10.

Wishing you a Blessed Thanksgiving

Mona Lukas, Director Ministry of Care

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**FEAST OF FAITH**

**Procession**

“The Mass is ended, go in peace.” At the beginning of Mass, the ministers entered in solemn procession, an emblem of the diverse community that comes together around the altar each week to celebrate the Eucharist. As Mass ends, another procession forms, and the ministers go forth from the church. This concluding procession also acts as an emblem of the entire assembly, who, nourished by the Eucharist, will now go forth to our scattered homes and places of work to be a transforming leaven of the gospel in the world. At the beginning of Mass, the priest kissed the altar as a sign of greeting, a gesture of reverence for Christ. Now, the priest reverences the altar again, this time in a gesture of farewell. We gather our things and go forth as we entered—but not quite. Through our celebration of the Eucharist, we have renewed our commitment to service of Christ our King, and we go forth nourished, strengthened, renewed—changed.

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The Illinois **Invest in Kids Act** helps children from lower income households with tax credit scholarships to private schools. Thanks to this program, thousands of students, including St. Norbert School students, are building on their faith in Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools. They could use your support during these challenging times helping to educate the next generation of Catholic student leaders while building a brighter future for all.

**What is a tax credit scholarship?**

Tax Credit Scholarships can cover up to 100% of tuition and fees for the 2022/23 school year. Students can qualify for tax credit scholarships if their family income is less than $72,900. More than 9,000 students qualified for a scholarship last year and 6,300 were left on the waiting list.

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Log on to [www.mytax.illinois.gov](http://www.mytax.illinois.gov) to setup your donation.

**Cookie Walk 2021**

Sunday, December 5  
8:30am - 1:00pm in the Gym

Price: $10 small box or $20 large box

Bakers: Drive up & Drop off cookies outside the Gym on Saturday, December 4 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Attention Bakers: Boxes are available in the Parish Office. Mark the side of the box with **Cookie Type** & whether they contain **nuts**. We will also be accepting breads, pies and additional baked goods that will be sold whole. Pricing TBD.

Guild Members: Put your Guild # and Name on the box. Cash, Checks and Credit Cards will be accepted.

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**Have a broken rosary in need of repair?**
- Put the pieces in a sealed envelope.
- Put your name/contact info on the envelope.
- Drop off at the parish office or in the night-drop slot.
- We will contact you when it’s ready to pick up!
*There is no cost for this service.*

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**The St. Norbert School Annual Book Fair is coming!**

**Save the dates!**

- Thursday, December 2nd—3:00-6:00pm
- Friday, December 3rd—3:00-6:00pm
- Saturday, December 4th—10:00-3:00pm
- Sunday, December 5th—10:00-3:00pm  
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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**
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- Rosary: Available after Daily Mass  
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- 1st Saturday: Devotion to Immaculate Heart of Mary; Rosary and 15 minute meditation after 8:15 am Mass.

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