ST. NORBERT AND OUR LADY OF THE BROOK

Prepare the way of the Lord

December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent
**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, December 6, 2021 (ONLINE and in SN church)**
8:15 AM † John Hurley

**Tuesday, December 7, 2021 (ONLINE and in SN church)**
8:15 AM † John Formica, † Caroline Murray, † Vern & Catherine Jones, † Elaine Hogarty
7:00 PM † Florentino J. Pamintuan

**Wednesday, December 8, 2021 Immaculate Conception**
8:15 AM † Joan Karwoski, † Kathi Clarey (ONLINE)
12:00 PM † Joan Karwoski, † Kathi Clarey (in SN church)

**Thursday, December 9, 2021 (ONLINE and in SN church)**
8:15 AM † Jack Gustafson

**Friday, December 10, 2021 (ONLINE and in SN church)**
8:15 AM † Edward Gregory, † Paul Miller, † Linda Misch, † Marion Ciechanowski

**Saturday, December 11, 2021**
8:15 AM (ONLINE and in SN church) † Daniel Monzo
5:00 PM (ONLINE and in SN church) † Gigi Bialko, † Edward Gregory,
† Vivian Cielak, † Linda Misch

**Sunday, December 12, 2021 (In SN church)**
7:30 AM † Edward Gregory
9:30 AM † Vivian Cielak, † Linda Misch
5:00 PM † Collette Festa

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**Please Pray for Our Sick**

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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 Mary McKeon, Rev. Joseph O’Donnell CSC (brother of Mary Kusswurm), Robert Schumacher, Thomas Blim 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.
THE VIEW FROM THE BENCH

One of my favorite parts of our Sunday experience is hearing how our celebration of the Eucharistic impacts you personally each week. Whether it is in a passing comment after Mass, an email or phone call later in the week, or an impromptu conversation while somewhere in the neighborhood, I love the feedback and suggestions many of you share with me. Recently, I enjoyed hearing a number of the comments along the lines of, “Wow! You really got that organ going this weekend” after the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe liturgies on November 21st. Yes, I realize that some of them were coming from a place of “Michael, you got a little carried away on the organ again,” but I could not help but smile because of course the organ would be loud and full as we conclude the liturgical year and celebrate our Lord, the King of the Universe. However, there was more to it than simply playing a loud hymn followed by a big, loud arrangement of Now Thank We All Our God as the postlude while people leave church.

My goal was both to capture the joy of the solemnity that concludes the liturgical year, and to prepare us for what is to come the following week as our Advent journey begins. Throughout the month of November, we heard readings that were calling us to prepare for the endtimes. Again last week on the First Sunday of Advent, we were reminded to be vigilant at all times. If we still have yet to get the message, John the Baptist calls on us to prepare the way of the Lord and make straight His paths in this weekend’s Gospel. Are you catching the hint yet? As the sacred scriptures call us to prepare, my hope is that the music will help catch our attention and call us to be attentive to something new. We concluded Ordinary Time with the robust hymn, To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King. Then, on the First Sunday of Advent, we arrived at church to find it decorated differently, with the Advent wreath out, with purple in the sanctuary and on the vestments. Mass started without any introduction or greeting, and a softer musical selection of Paul French and Alan Hommerding’s Advent Entrance Rite began our time of prayer. The striking differences are all intentional as a way to stop us in the midst of the chaos of life around us, truly capture our attention, and help us fully prepare for the coming of Christ again in our lives both this Christmas and at the end of times. Are you feeling any more ready?

God Bless,
Michael Ward
Director of Music & Liturgy

Retirement Fund for Religious
December 12

Elderly religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes—often for little to no pay. Now, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift in next week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous. Envelopes and brochures are available in the church entrances.
This Week’s CCN Calendar

Monday, December 6
8:15 AM  Mass Online and in SN church*

Tuesday, December 7
8:15 AM  Mass Online and in SN church
7:00 PM  Women’s Club
7:00 PM  Holy Day Mass

Wednesday, December 8  Holy Day of Obligation
8:15 AM  Mass Online (school)
12:00 PM  Mass in SN Church
7:00 PM  Knights of Columbus

Thursday, December 9
8:15 AM  Mass Online and in SN church

Friday, December 10
8:15 AM  Mass Online and in SN church

Saturday, December 11
8:15 AM  Mass Online and in SN church
12—1 PM  Reconciliation
5:00 PM  Mass Online and in SN

Sunday, December 12
Archdiocese Collection: Retirement for Religious
7:30 AM  Mass in SN
9:30 AM  Mass in SN
11:30 AM  Baptism: Paredes
5:00 PM  Mass in SN

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TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).
Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).
Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).
Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday:  Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:  Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:  Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:  Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:  Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:  Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:  Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday:  Second Sunday of Advent
Monday:  St. Nicholas
Tuesday:  St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance
Wednesday:  The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday:  St. Juan Diego
Friday:  Our Lady of Loreto
Saturday:  St. Damasus I

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.

Join our weekly E-Newsletter mailing list! Just send your request to Amy@northbrookcatholic.church and we’ll get you started! Our Website:
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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.
Baptisms November 21 & 26, 2021


(Below Right) Life in Christ through Baptism began for Murphy Breck Caruso, daughter of Patrick and Lauren (Breck) Caruso. Godparents: Daniel Caruso and Stephanie Tack Illikainen.

The Parish Family wishes to congratulate the parents and godparents. We as a parish family pledge our support and prayers as they grow with us in living out the Christian message.
“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 on Zoom, beginning January 11 and ending March 8.

1/11 We’ll start with the historical/geographic/cultural setting and background for the Book of Job. When do Catholics read it? When do Jews read it? How is the text used? What are the themes to watch for? What makes this Biblical book holy, engaging, unusual, and at times uplifting – all at the same time? This introduction is designed to bring the Catholic and Jewish participants up to speed with what is going to be studied, why and how.

1/18 Part 1: Prologue – Job is Tested (Chapters 1-2).
1/25 Part 2: Job’s Soliloquy (Chapter 3)
2/1 Part 3: The Great Debate: 1st Cycle of Speeches (Chapters 4-14)
2/8 Part 4: The Great Debate: 2nd Cycle of Speeches (Chapters 15-21)
2/15 Part 5: The Great Debate: 3rd Cycle of Speeches (Chapters 22-31)
2/22 Part 6: Young Elihu Speaks (Chapters 32-37)
3/1 Part 7: God Speaks to Job (Chapters 38-42:6)
3/8 Part 8: Epilogue – Job is Blessed (Chapter 42:7-17)

Interested? Email Deacon Peery at peery@northbrookcatholic.church or Rabbi Eitan at rabbi@shir-hadash.org by January 4. Or Register here: https://sh.shulcloud.com/event/book-of-job-class#


CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Five Days Left!

Last year, our parishioners—adults, students and young children—created Christmas cards, letters and drawings wishing our 53 homebound parishioners a beautiful Christmas. The recipients were amazed at the beautiful wishes and stories and were so appreciative at being remembered. The response was wonderful—each homebound parishioner received a Christmas bag with 60 individual greetings! (A total of over 3,180 greetings delivered!)

We would like to repeat this beautiful outreach to our 51 homebound parishioners. I am inviting every parishioner to please consider writing a Christmas greeting, by card, note, or drawing with words of cheer and hope and perhaps your favorite prayer. Greetings are addressed to “Dear Parishioner” or “Dear Friend” and you have the option of including your name or not. You may want to include a little about yourself; how long you have been in the Parish, your favorite hobby, movie, or book; how you are currently preparing for Christmas, how you celebrated Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, what rituals, food, gifts have been very meaningful to you. Sharing your story and mentioning that you are remembering them in your thoughts and prayers is a precious gift. If you would write just one note, we will photocopy it 51 times, in color!

Christmas Greetings must be returned to the church by Friday, December 10 so they can be delivered by the Ministers of Care the following week. They can be 1) deposited in the Christmas Card bin located in the church narthex 2) dropped in the outdoor mailbox by the parish office or 3) emailed to mona@northbrookcatholic.church.

Thank you so very, very much for making a homebound parishioner’s heart swell with joy, peace and hope this Christmas. Matthew 25:40 “Amen I say to you whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me”.

Peace and Blessings, Mona Lukas, Director Ministry of Care
This year, our holiday giving will continue to look a little different. Some of our recipients are not comfortable with actual gifts. So please continue to be as generous as always this year, but in a different way!

**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 are available on the Giving Tree in the narthex.

**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)

**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.

**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:**
- 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.

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**THANK YOU**

Dear St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook:

On behalf of the St. Agnes of Bohemia families, I would like to sincerely thank all the parishioners of St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook for donating 60 ALDI gift cards, $10 each, for the St. Agnes of Bohemia community. This donation represents a help for families who are struggling to make ends meet, especially this holiday season.

May God bless you.

Sincerely,
Rev. Donald J. Nevins, Pastor

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**Raffle**

Are You In?

You should have received a Raffle Form in the mail, but stop by the parish office if you need one. Get your tickets before the end of January. More details to be found in next week’s bulletin.
Sharing Ministry

With Christmas in mind, the Sharing Ministry is asking for gift cards in any amount to department stores (such as Kohl’s, Target, etc.) and grocery stores (Jewel, Aldi’s). For some parishioners at St. Margaret of Scotland and for clients of Catholic Charities, the ability to purchase gifts and favorite foods for their families at Christmas is a genuine luxury.

If you have returned to Mass in person, you may notice after Mass that people are collecting the bags from the baskets at the entrances to take to the Sharing Pantry in the Parish Office. They will also be collecting donations from the bins, so if you have time, please offer to help them. Sometimes the bins are very full, which is wonderful but a helping hand is always welcome. Thank you.

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

Please join us 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 a 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 and OLB parish. Simbang Gabi was celebrated for many years at Our Lady of the Brook and we are happy to continue this tradition this year.

Come a few minutes before the start of the Mass and be greeted by the warm voices of carolers singing some traditional Filipino Christmas songs. Additionally, 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 (rhodacq11@gmail.com) for more information.

Simbang Gabi Trivia: The Simbang Gabi originated in the early days of Spanish rule over the Philippines as a practical compromise for farmers, who began work before sunrise to avoid the noonday heat out in the fields. Priests began to say Mass in the early mornings (before the rooster crowed) instead of the evening novenas more common in the rest of the Hispanic world. This eventually became cherished Advent custom in the Philippines.
Senior Club

There were 33 members in attendance this month, with lots of camaraderie, laughter and surprise treat bags.

Fr. Larry Dunn gave a wonderful presentation on “From Trust to Gratitude”.

Next meeting will be February 14 at 12:30 pm in the church hall.
JOIN US!

“The Vine Youth Ministry News

TEEN MASS & COMPASS
Sunday 12/05/21
5:00 Mass / 6:00 Compass

Teen Mass is this Sunday at 5:00, and Compass follows in the Vineyard at 6:00!! Advent is a great time for faith discussion as we allow God to be your Compass!!

CHRISTMAS PARTY
Sunday 12/12/21 - 6:00

Join TVYM next Sunday for our Christmas Party in the Vineyard following Teen Mass!! As always, all are welcome!! This is a great opportunity for high schoolers to celebrate this blessed season together! In order to help us plan the celebration, text Maggie at 847-687-7696 if you will be joining us.

THE VINE YOUTH MINISTRY
ADVENT
12/05/21 Teen Mass - 5:00-6:00 / Compass - 6:00-7:00
12/07/21 Giving Tree Sorting - 7:00-9:30
12/12/21 Teen Mass - 5:00 / TVYM Christmas Party - 6:00
12/14/21 Giving Tree Sorting - 7:00-9:30
12/19/21 Christmas Caroling - 6:00-7:30
12/21/21 Hilda’s Place Soup Kitchen - Deliver 5:00-5:30

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ …” Philippians 1:9,10

GIVING TREE SORTING
Tuesdays: 12/07/21 & 12/14/21 - 7:00-9:30
Join TVYM sorting The Giving Tree gifts that our generous parishioners have donated! We will meet in the vestibule of Church at 7:00, and when the project is done you can either go home or stay and make a fleece blanket. 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.

HILDA’S PLACE
Tuesday - 12/21/21 - Deliver 5:00-5:30
Hilda’s Place looks different since March of 2020, but TVYM takes pride in providing 30 individually packaged dinners for the residents the third Tuesday of every month. This is a wonderful opportunity just before Christmas to serve those who are less fortunate. Contact Maggie at 847-687-7696 if you are interested in helping prepare and/or deliver the meal on Tuesday, December 21. Keep the residents and staff of Hilda’s Place in your prayers!

FLEECE TIE BLANKETS
All are welcome to make single-layer fleece tie blankets and put them under The Giving Tree before December 14! TVYM uses the blankets as gifts for the elderly residents at The Grove of Northbrook at Christmastime!! Any leftover blankets are given to the kids and parents we host for Family Promise!!!
DEAR SANTA, 
I WANT IT ALL!

It’s Christmas shopping time and if you’re shopping for gift cards please use the St Norbert’s Shop with Scrip program. There are over 700 top brands on the list. You buy a gift card, the brand gives back a percentage to the school, and another percentage as tuition rebate at no extra cost to you!

Please contact Linh Lawler at linpham411@yahoo.com to purchase or to answer any questions. All Christmas orders need to be in by Dec 10th.

Happy shopping from the Home & School Association.

The Christmas Story: An Evening of Scripture and Traditional Christmas Carols

Tuesday, December 14 at 6 pm in the Church
Light refreshments will follow in the Church Narthex.
This event will also be livestreamed. Link below.

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Due to the holidays, we have many early deadlines. Please pay attention to the dates below!

For the bulletin of Dec. 19: Submissions due by 9:00 am on Tuesday, Dec. 7

For the bulletin of Dec. 26: Submissions due by 9:00 am on Monday, Dec. 13

For the bulletin of Jan. 2: Submissions due by 9:00 am on Tuesday, Dec. 14

For the bulletin of Jan 9: Submissions due by 9:00 am on Tuesday, Dec. 28

Submissions for Enews are Wednesday mornings before the Thursday Enews. (There will NOT be Enews during the last two weeks of December.)

Submissions are to be sent to amy@northbrookcatholic.church. THANKS!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Second Sunday of Advent
Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Bread Brigade – Drivers Needed

The Bread Brigade, a mission of the Catholic Community of Northbrook, has been rescuing food from local Panera Restaurants and Deerfield Bakery for many years. There is a continual need for drivers to assist in the pickup and transport of the food donations. Sign up for once a month or once a week – whatever time will fit into your schedule.

Sundays, 3:00 PM, pickup from the Bannockburn Panera at the corner of Rt 22 and Waukegan Road.

Mondays, 8:30 PM pickup from the Deerfield Panera, 385 Lake Cook Rd, Deerfield.

Tuesday morning delivery to Mt. Prospect

Fridays, 8:30 PM pickup from the Deerfield Panera, 385 Lake Cook Rd, Deerfield.

We hope that you will consider joining this group of dedicated people. For more details, contact Susan Eimerman, at susan.eimerman@att.net

Live Nativity: December 20 at 6:30 pm

Come celebrate the birth of Jesus through our Live Nativity event, with geese, goats, sheep & a donkey! Please join us on the front steps of St. Norbert Church for singing, sweets and the story of Jesus birth.

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Daily Masses
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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
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Communion for the homebound
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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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