The Vine Junior Youth Ministry for our 7th and 8th Grade Parishioners offers a variety of service projects! Part of our faith formation and journey to Confirmation involves volunteering with an open heart while helping others without expecting anything in return. Your parents will receive email reminders of TVJYM events, and they can reply for you if you want to get on the list of helpers. Our purpose is to provide activities focused on your age group that are fun, spread God’s love to others, and build a sense of community. Please come join us for TVJYM events, and bring a friend to enjoy an experience that is truly different!

We are also looking for high school helpers and Virtus trained parents to help with organizing and chaperoning the events.

**Feeding My Starving Children**

- **Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2019
- **Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Libertyville (Meeting On Church Steps At 5:00 p.m.)

Our Youth Ministry loves this awesome organization dedicated to preparing dry manna packs for children around the world! We are signed up for 20 people to go and need a 1 to 4 ratio of adults to teens. 7th and 8th Graders and/or parents interested in helping on November 14 at Feed My Starving Children, contact Maggie at 847-687-7696 or mbruce@northbrookcatholic.church. Go to [http://fmsc.org/about](http://fmsc.org/about) to learn more about this organization’s mission of “Feeding God’s starving children hungry in body and spirit.”

“We can do no great things, only small things with great love.”

Mother Teresa

**Fleece Blankets**

- **Date:** Monday, December 9, 2019
- **Time:** 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
- **Location:** St. Norbert Church Basement - Vineyard

Join in on making fleece blankets to be presented as Christmas presents to nursing home and Hilda’s Place residents. We will be making single-layer tie blankets with many different patterns. Yard-and-a-half fleece material is welcome. Hot chocolate and dessert will be served to put us all in a wintry mood! If you want to take part in this service project, contact Maggie at 847-687-7696 / mbruce@northbrookcatholic.church.

**We Scare Hunger**

Sunset bags will be distributed to K-5th Graders Tuesday, October 15, and 6th-8th Graders Sunday, October 20, for our annual We Scare Hunger food drive kick off! We are asking students and families to distribute bags to neighbors with the goal of collecting food for our Sharing Ministry which provides food to the St. Margaret Of Scotland Food Pantry, Catholic Charities, and the Northfield Township Food Pantry. Please get your food donations to Grace Hall by Friday, November 1, from 3:30-6:00 p.m., and Saturday, November 2, from 8:30-12:00 p.m.! Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2, during the drop-off times, expiration dates will be checked and the food will be sorted; on Saturday, November 2, from 2:00-3:00 p.m., the food will be moved into the Church for display at the Sunday Masses; and on Sunday, November 3, following the 5:30 p.m. Teen Mass, it will all be loaded into vehicles to be brought to the pantries. If your child and/or you can help at any of these times, contact Sharon Cuncannan at 847-366-6535 and arrange to meet her at St. Norbert to take an active role in We Scare Hunger!

**Share The Holiday Cheer!**
HOLIDAY SONGS/TREE DECORATING/SNACKS AT CRESTWOOD PLACE
Saturday, December 14, 2019 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(Meet In St. Norbert Church)

This is a wonderful opportunity to share your time and talent with the elderly residents at Crestwood Place in Northbrook. We will meet in St. Norbert Church on Saturday, December 14, at 2:00 for a little singing practice; and then we will go to Crestwood Place at 3:00 to sing holiday songs, to help decorate their Christmas tree, and to share snacks with them. What a nice way to celebrate the holiday season by giving of yourself, and we welcome you to bring a friend and/or your family along to add to the festivities. Contact Maggie Bruce at 847-687-7696 or mbruce@northbrookcatholic.church to get your name on the list for this holiday event of sharing and caring! If you want to contribute snacks, let Maggie know that as well.

“O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant”
and join us for Christmas caroling at Crestwood Place!

HILDA’S PLACE SOUP KITCHEN
Tuesday, January 21, 2020 - 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Hilda’s Place is the northern suburbs’ only year-round, permanent facility serving 15 to 20 homeless men ages 18 and over. The High School Youth Ministry serves dinner at Hilda’s Place Soup Kitchen the third Tuesday of every month. TVYM has opened up the January Hilda’s Place to include the TVJYM so our 7th and 8th Graders can enjoy preparing and serving dinner for Hilda’s Place this month!!! There are two ways for you to get involved in this exciting venture while providing an important service for those less fortunate than us:

Food & Donations For Hilda’s Place: Food and donations are needed for Hilda’s Place, and you could help by providing them. You will receive an email in early January with the details of the dinner and other donations that are needed, so please consider donating at that time and/or signing up to volunteer to serve.

Serve Dinner: About 10 or 12 helpers are needed to serve dinner at Hilda’s Place the night of January 21. We leave from the Church steps at 5:00 p.m. and return at about 8:30 p.m. It would be appreciated if a few parents could come along as drivers and chaperones.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
Wednesday, January 29, 2020 - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Libertyville (Meeting On Church Steps At 5:00 p.m.)

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“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.” Matthew 25:35

THE VINE JUNIOR YOUTH MINISTRY - CALENDAR OF EVENTS
We Scare Hunger: 11/01 - 3:30-6:00 / 11/02 - 8:30-12:00 & 2:00-3:00 / 11/03 - After 5:30 Mass
11/14/19 Feed My Starving Children - Libertyville - 5:00-8:00
12/09/19 Fleece Tie Blankets For Nursing Home Residents - Vineyard (SN Church Basement) - 6:30-7:45
12/14/19 Holiday Songs/Tree Decorating/Snacks At Crestwood Place - 2:00-4:30
01/21/20 Hilda’s Place Soup Kitchen - 5:00-8:30
01/29/20 Feed My Starving Children - Libertyville - 5:00-8:00