

# St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook Mini-Catalog 2024

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Baptismal Preparation  
Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
SPRED

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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 Parish Pastoral Council as they strived to catalog all the beautiful ministry work ongoing in our Catholic Community of Northbrook. 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. This document is available at [northbrookcatholic.church](http://northbrookcatholic.church).

Fr. Chris Gustafson, Pastor

## FAITH FORMATION

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Adult Faith Formation /Scripture Study</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Dev Kennedy ( <a href="mailto:Dev@northbrookcatholic.church">Dev@northbrookcatholic.church</a> ) (847) 272-7090
<b>Description/History</b>	Periodic small group scripture study 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) 272-7090
<b>Description/History</b>	Baptismal Preparation for first time Parents/Godparents who have not experienced this Rite as an adult. Classes meet individually.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Order of Christian Initiation OCIA</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Dev Kennedy ( <a href="mailto:Dev@northbrookcatholic.church">Dev@northbrookcatholic.church</a> ) (847) 272-7090
<b>Description/History</b>	To bring people to full initiation into the Catholic Faith
<b>Meetings?</b>	As arranged.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Jackie Heim ( <a href="mailto:Jackie.ann.heim@gmail.com">Jackie.ann.heim@gmail.com</a> )
<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 (Age 22+ Catechist) Ron Hartzer: (847) 564-5493 (Age 22+ Activity chair) Mary Beth Manso: (847) 409-7918 (Age 22+ Chair)
<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>Men Encountering Christ</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Dev Kennedy (dev@northbrookcatholic.church), Tony Broccolo ( <a href="mailto:tonyb2613@comcast.net">tonyb2613@comcast.net</a> ), Jerry Zinkula ( <a href="mailto:jerzink5@gmail.com">jerzink5@gmail.com</a> ), Dan O'Keefe ( <a href="mailto:daniel.s.okeefe@gmail.com">daniel.s.okeefe@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. Past programs have had a Speaker series featuring excellent presentations on many topics.

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## LITURGY

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Michael Ward: (847) 272-7090; ( <a href="mailto:Mike@northbrookcatholic.church">Mike@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 ( <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>	Offered on the First Friday of each month from noon to 1:00 pm.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Michael Ward: (847) 272-7090; ( <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) 272-7090; ( <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>Lectors</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Michael Ward: (847) 272-7090; ( <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> ), (847) 272-7090 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 greet the family and guests arriving for Mass, assist with set up and clean up, and are present during the Mass for any needs that arise.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Ministry of Care</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Mona Lukas (847) 272-7090, ( <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, a 12 hour training is required. There are five 2 hour sessions (for CCN ministers) at St. Benedict in Nilens, and one session held at St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook 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) 272-7090; ( <a href="mailto:Mike@northbrookcatholic.church">Mike@northbrookcatholic.church</a> )
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>St. Clare Stitchers</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Maureen Garrity ( <a href="mailto:MoeGarrity@gmail.com">MoeGarrity@gmail.com</a> )
<b>Description/History</b>	We embroider Baptism Bibs for the newest members of our Faith.

## MISSION, SERVICE and OUTREACH

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Fr. Chris Gustafson, (847) 272-7090, ( <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 wonderful event. The evening includes music, food, drink, auction and more. It helps 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 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 in the fall and at 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>Hilda's Place</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Maggie Bruce
<b>Description/History</b>	Every month the group provides a meal for the residents at Hilda's Place, a homeless shelter.
<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 shipments were sent in July 2018 and fall of 2023. 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, ( <a href="mailto:MTD1730@sbcglobal.net">MTD1730@sbcglobal.net</a> ) James Shults
<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.

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<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Respect Life Committee</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	JoEllen Cattapan, 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>Friendship Club of the Catholic Community of Northbrook</b> (formerly Senior Club)
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Mona Lukas, (847) 272-7090, ( <a href="mailto:mona@northbrookcatholic.church">mona@northbrookcatholic.church</a> ) Co-Chairs: Julie and Dennis Dudzik
<b>Goals/ Objectives</b>	The ministry is to gather seniors of the parish regularly for social activities, prayer, education and socialization.
<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>	The purpose of the ministry is to collect food, school supplies, clothing, gift cards and more throughout the year for our two sister parishes, St. Simon of Cyrene and Sts. Martha and Mary & Lazarus, and to Catholic Charities as well.
<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 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 Holidays</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.
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Turkey Trot</b>
<b>Key Contacts</b>	Mike Daly ( <a href="mailto:MTD1730@sbcglobal.net">MTD1730@sbcglobal.net</a> )
<b>Goals/ Objectives</b>	This is a family "fun" 5K, held on Thanksgiving morning. Come burn off calories before the Big Meal. Kids are welcome, dogs are welcome, it's fun for all!

## 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>	Elisa Glass, President: <a href="mailto:elisa.m.glass@gmail.com">elisa.m.glass@gmail.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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