


Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A new year, a fresh start - 2011 brings us so much opportunity. We have the opportunity to reflect and restart or even recharge some elements of our lives that need a little adjustment, tweaking or renewal. And some of us need a milestone to do that. The New Year is a perfect opportunity to keep the joy of the Christmas Season alive and to make some necessary changes. What changes do you need to make? We get in the habit of doing "good" or the habit of doing "bad." Vices and virtues come in all forms! What habits do you need to break? What habits can you celebrate (meaning, what virtues do you possess that you can celebrate and thank God for)? In what ways do you need more balance? Is God your God? Or has the computer, work, sports, technology, food, etc etc. become your God? Deliberately set goals for yourself in 2011 and see how God wants to work miracles for and through you.

This year is undoubtedly going to be full of new beginnings for me, personally. With the birth of our first child, a baby boy, on the horizon, Zach and I could not be reminded more about God's beautiful blessings and graces. We are so grateful to be a part of such a loving Parish community and are looking forward to our own little angel being born next month. With every new beginning in each of our lives, may we turn to God for all strength, hope, courage, love and joy!

God bless all of you! Happy New Year!

In Christ's Love,



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You ask... Questions & Answers

Question: Is there really a God?

Answer: Yes. God is the ultimate reality. He is actually holding all things in existence (Col 1:17; Heb 1:3). If God stopped doing so, we would cease to exist, but He would continue to exist (Ps 90:1-10).

We know God exists through revelation (Heb 1:1-2), which comes to us through Scripture and Sacred Tradition, and by our own intellects (Rom 1:19-20; Ps 19:2-5; CCC 31, 34). Sacred Tradition includes the Truths of the Catholic faith passed on by the apostles, which were not necessarily committed to writing. It is the common life, worship, and teaching of the Body of Christ, in union with the successors of the apostles, the bishops, and the successor of Peter, the Pope.

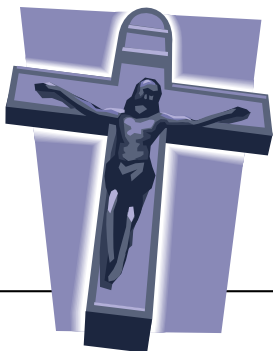
In the Bible, God reveals: "I Am" (Ex 3:14) and "I am the Alpha and the Omega" (Rev 1:8), which means He is the beginning and end of all things. God also has some harsh words for those who deny He exists: "The fool says in his heart that there is no God" (Ps 13:1, 53:2).

First Friday Adoration!

Friday, January 7th—Teen Adoration Hour: 7—8:15 p.m.

Join us for Evening Prayer, Meditations and Reflections and Music... Spend Some Quality Time With Jesus and other Catholic teens in our Parish community!

**Confirmation Students— don't forget that you are required to attend *at least one Teen Adoration Hour* between *January and March*. Don't wait until the last minute! Please remember to sign in, in the Log at the table in the center aisle!



*...seek Him and
you shall find peace.*



What's to Come in February 2011

Youth Day Registration
(Weekend of Congress in March)

Baby Ryder Dean King!

WYD Team Meeting

Adoration

**Confirmation I Teen/
Sponsor Event**

Cosmic Bowling!

Vision Leadership Team Updates

Vision Meeting
Wednesday, January 5, 2011

At 7:00 p.m.

In the COUCH ROOM!



The Vision Leadership Team is made up of Juniors and Seniors in High School who are interested in serving in a leadership capacity within the Youth Ministry and Confirmation Program at St. Norbert. If you are a Junior or Senior in high school and are interested in being a part of this developing ministry, please contact Kirsten King to get more information on how you (or your teen) can get involved! We will be doing leadership development over the summer and the Vision Team will have the opportunity to co-teach Confirmation with Young Adult and Adult teachers next year. Feel free to join us at any of our meetings if you are a Junior or Senior in High School!



Stay connected! Join us for updates, fellowship and a leadership development!

Vision Sweatshirts are in! Come by the YM Office and pick yours up so you can wear it with pride!

YM WISH LIST ... Interested in Donating something to Youth Ministry?

The following are our needs::

Tempera Paint (for painting posters) - ALL COLORS (Available at Michaels)
Flats of Bottled Water Poster Board
Retreat Scholarships (\$175 is what one weekend retreat costs)



Happy January Birthdays!
From our YM Staff

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Find us on
Search for the Group
“St. Norbert Youth Ministry”
on Facebook.

Find us and add us!

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This will help us keep you in
the loop and give you
reminders about events! You
also will be able to post and
tag pictures from Youth
Ministry events! Don’t waste
another minute.

Johnny Alvarez—1/4
Marty Palad—1/4
Rodrigo Irineo—1/6
Vicki Tawil—1/6
Sammy Sosa—1/11
Jesse Chavarin—1/12
Briant Razo—1/12
Ryan Loughran—1/13
Magdalena Ocampo—1/14
Joshua Honikel—1/15
Jacob Scavuzzo—1/15

Keith Schram—1/15
Jessica Espitia—1/18
Andrea Berumen—1/22
Carlos Ramirez—1/22
Jesse Verde—1/24
Maura Toohey—1/27
Jose Juarez—1/29
John John Baguio—1/30
Davis Brady—1/31
Kelsey Hughes—1/31

Monthly Confirmation Updates!

Class #4 at CHURCH
Tuesday, January 11, 2011
7:30-9:00 p.m.
(Parent Prayer Night too!)

CONFIRMATION
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Class #5 in HOMES
Tuesday, January 25,
2011
7:30—9:00 p.m.

If you do not know which home you are going to, please contact Youth Ministry immediately!

Sponsor Forms are PAST DUE! If you have not already submitted your Sponsor Form, you can turn them in at Class #4 to either to Kirsten or Christina. Thank you! We appreciate your help with this matter.

Class #5 in HOMES
Tuesday, January 11, 2011
7:30—9:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION
2

Class #6—Parent/Teen
Retreat Meeting
In the GYM
Tuesday, January 25, 2011
7:30—9:00 p.m.

The Parent/Teen Retreat Mtg is a MANDATORY event. Kirsten will be handing out paperwork and collecting payments for the upcoming CII retreat. See the flyer in this newsletter for more info!

At least one parent is required to attend this meeting with your teen.

CII Teen/Sponsor Event #2
Sunday, January 9, 2011
3:30—6:30 p.m. (includes attending 5:30 p.m. Mass together)

First Communion Classes + First Communion Classes

First Communion Classes for those enrolled in Confirmation who have not received their First Communion, are beginning this month.

**Our first MANDATORY Class will be on:
on Sunday, January 23, 2011 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the Youth Ministry Room**

You *must* be currently enrolled and active in the Confirmation Program in order to attend these classes. And in order for your teen to receive First Communion in May, ALL of the five classes must be attended that are offered between now and May. If you have any questions, please call our office as soon as possible at 714-637-4360 x210.



Service Opportunities

Thomas House Birthday Party!

Thomas House is a non-profit, temporary shelter available to homeless families of diverse cultural and religious backgrounds. Located in an apartment complex in Garden Grove, the Thomas House Program assists families to become self-sufficient.

St. Norbert Youth Ministry is hosting a birthday party for all the children at the Thomas House who have birthdays in January! We will be leading them in fun games and crafts, and providing lunch for the kids as well.

Let's make their special day something to remember!

We need 15 teens to help us host the party on

Saturday, January 29 from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.!

We are meeting at St. Norbert on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. and car-pooling to the Thomas House. Parents, please plan on driving your teen (although we will do our best to coordinate rides based on our RSVP's).

A permission slip and RSVP is required. Please RSVP to Helen at hbaehner@stnorbertchurch.org

If you are interested in donating food, a birthday cake, or gifts for this event, please let us know when you RSVP. We would greatly appreciate it!



And.....

Christian Services Service Project

St. Norbert Christian Services is an inspiring ministry that reaches out to our local community each Saturday. They help local families by providing food, clothing, and supplies to those who seek them. Youth Ministry is assigned one Saturday out of the month to help set up, distribute food and clothing, & clean up. This month we will be working with Christian Services on

Saturday, January 8 from 9:00a.m. to 2:30p.m.

Arrive ready to work and open to help. We recommend wearing clothes you don't mind getting dirty. An RSVP to Helen is required! 15 teens is our capacity, so make sure to RSVP early!

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION II PARENTS and TEENS!!!

The Confirmation II Class #6 on 1-25-11 has been changed to the:

CII Parent/Teen Retreat Meeting!

Please save the date for

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

From **7:30-9:00p.m.** for this event.

This meeting will be in the F&YC Gym

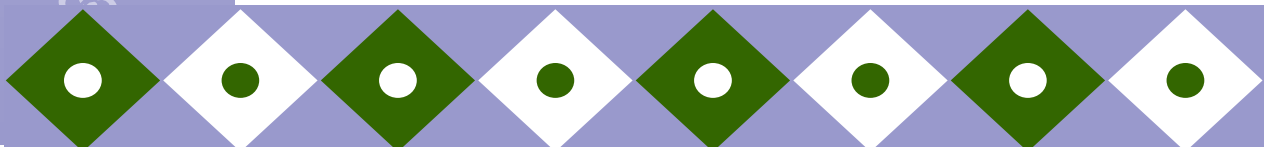
All CII teens and at least one parent must be present at this meeting.

We will be discussing all the ins and outs of our upcoming Confirmation 2 Retreat at the end of April! Even though the retreat is a couple months away, we are preparing early because Kirsten will be leaving on Maternity leave in a few short months and we'd like to take care of all the administrative aspects of retreat planning in a timely manner.

At the meeting...

- Retreat Paperwork will be distributed, filled out and re-collected
 - All details for the retreat will be covered
(a great chance to ask questions and get your answers)
- If you are in a position to pay for the retreat (\$175), you can get **EVERYTHING** you need done by the time you leave this meeting.
- You can help our office out tremendously by making sure you are there!!



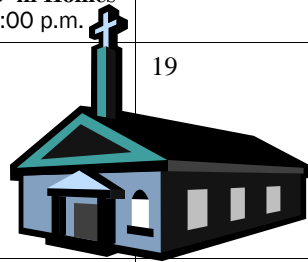
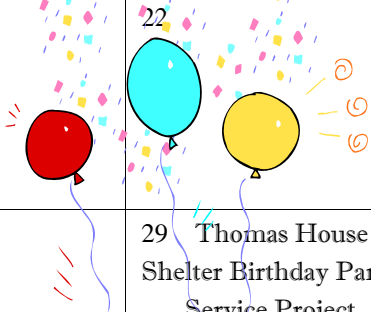
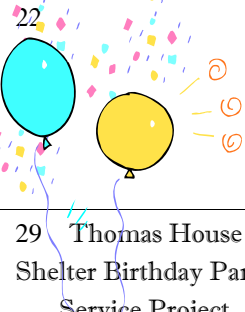
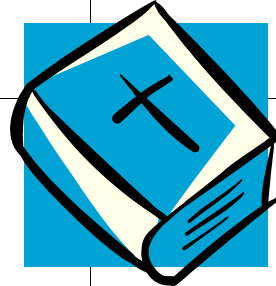
(This meeting is in lieu of the class. The CII Schedule has not changed and an additional class will not be added to the calendar.)



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January 2011

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>Happy New Year! From YM Staff</i>					1  Mass is at 9:00 a.m. New Years Day 2011
2	3 Office Closed for New Years Holiday	4	5 Vision Meeting 7:00 p.m. YM Room	6	 7 First Friday Adoration "Praise Him!" Holy Hour 7:00 —8:15 p.m.	8 Christian Services YM Saturday Workday 9:00—2:30 p.m. RSVP to Helen!
9 CII Teen/ Sponsor Event 3:30—6:30 p.m. In the Gym	10	11 CI Class #4 at Church (Parent Prayer Night in YM) 7:30-9:00 p.m. CII Class #5 in Homes 7:30-9:00 p.m.	12	13		14
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23 First Communion Class 4:00—5:30 p.m. YM Room 	24	25 CI #5 in Homes 7:30—9:00 p.m. CII #6 at Church Parent/Teen Retreat Mtg. 7:30—9:00 p.m.	26	27	28	29 Thomas House Shelter Birthday Party Service Project 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. RSVP to Helen!
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