

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

March and April mark my absolute favorite Liturgical Season - Lent! This year, Easter Sunday falls much later on the calendar than usual pushing Ash Wednesday back too! What does this mean to us? There are so many levels to understanding what the Lenten Season can mean for each one of us...

Symbolism...

The forty days of Lent (the forty days do not include the Sundays during Lent) recall the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert before beginning His public ministry. In our Lenten journey, what will these 40 days represent? What desert are we experiencing in our spiritual journey right now, and how can He help us understand that this "desert" is preparing US to be His hands and face to this world? Praise God for our time in the desert this Lent! May we use this time to allow God to teach us. The only way He can do that is if we LISTEN - spend more time in prayer listening to God!

On **Ash Wednesday** (which is not a Holy Day of Obligation but is a VERY great day to be a part of our Parish community by attending Mass), we come to church to receive ashes on our foreheads. Why? To symbolize that without God, we are simply dust. Take this one step further and use your mark during the day to evangelize to others about your need for God in your daily life. Then take that one step further this Lent in terms of your evangelization - spend time in service to others in ways that make you uncomfortable this Lenten Season!

Reflection...

It means that we have a deliberate time set to discern what it is that God is calling us to refine in our daily lives. As Catholics, we have this very special season to prepare us to understand God's great love for us. And the reason why we focus on our need for penance and change during this season is that humility will draw us into understanding God's great mercy and grace. As Catholics, we are not supposed to be spectators of our faith. We are called to be active participants. At times, we will fail. But learning how our great examples in the apostles and the saints overcame their limitations and how God used their gifts to glorify Him is a great goal for this Lenten Season. Fasting is an incredible way to realize our abilities and limitations.

Leading into Renewal...

There is no greater celebration in the church than Easter. Jesus rising from the dead is the central mystery of our faith. It is a time of joy and hope, for death has been overcome. And on a personal level, if you really stretch yourself and commit yourself to prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, you will undoubtedly experience the joy and hope on your personal faith journey.

You will all be in my thoughts and prayers. I hope that this Lenten and Easter Season can be full of so much growth in all of our lives!

Yours In Christ,



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**The Official Youth Ministry
Newsletter**

You ask... Questions & Answers

Question: Why be a Catholic?

Answer: Being a Catholic is how you fulfill the purpose of your existence: to know God and to be united with Him (Jn 15:1-7; CCC 737). This means that God has given us to enter that relationship with Him in faith and obedience to His Son, Jesus (Jn 14:15). This obedience includes following Jesus' commands, including being baptized (Jn 3:3-5; CCC 782) which makes you a part of His Body, the Church.

The way we know and love Jesus is through His Church, which He established to teach, sanctify, and shepherd people in His name (Mt 16:16-19; Lk 10:16; Eph 4:11-12; CCC 552, 794, 869). That means He wants you to belong to the Catholic Church. Why else would He go to the trouble of establishing it?

Through the teaching of the Church, Christ gives us His truth infallibly, which means it is handed on to us without error (Mt 16:19, 18:18; 1 Tm 3:15; CCC 171, 553). Through the sacraments and prayer of the Church, Christ gives us His grace and sanctifies us (Eph 4:7; 1 Cor 6:11; CCC 913, 1695, 2813). Through the pastoral authority of the Church, Christ governs and shepherds us as His people (1 Pt 5:1-4; CCC 893, 1551).

By the way, the world *catholic* is from the Greek word *katholikos*, meaning "universal." This is the Church you belong to, the "universal" Church. This means that the gospel of truth Jesus entrusted to his Church is to be preached to all people throughout the entire world, to people of every nation, race, and time. The Church is to exist everywhere (CCC 831).

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Vision Leadership Team Updates

Vision Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, March 9th & April 6th
at 7:00 p.m. (March 9th will begin with Mass!!)

in the COUCH ROOM!

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

**on April 6th, our meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and then we will transition into the skit practice for the CII Retreat from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.! **

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!



**Search for the Group
"St. Norbert Youth Ministry"
on**

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.

Happy March & April Birthdays! From our YM Staff

James McGuine—3/1
 Bryce Rugh—3/3
 Jacob Hohn—3/5
 Garrett Corcoran—3/8
 Sean Meeder—3/8
 Paul Vasquez—3/14
 Rebecca Vasquez—3/14
 Natasha Calilung—3/15
 Kathrine Schiller—3/15
 Ryan Allen—3/16
 Riley Boulger—3/17
 Ana Munoz—3/20

Chad Stuetzel—3/20
 Janet Juarez—3/25
 Austin Cardenas—3/26
 Christina Mojica—3/28
 Rachel Sosnowski—3/29
 Danny Gonzalez—3/31
 Kelly Reta—3/31
 Angel Martinez—4/3
 Kathie Turner—4/4
 Sandra Mendoza—4/6
 Megan Carver—4/7

Celina Chang—4/7
 Kirstie Mostero—4/8
 Jorge Munoz—4/8
 Marco Munoz—4/8
 Cody Abitong—4/11
 Blake Pfeiffer—4/11
 Christina Ziegler—4/11
 Michael Such—4/12
 Elizabeth Villamil—4/13
 Dallas Engler—4/14
 Nicholas Friebert—4/15

Justin Stream—4/15
 Joe Hurwitz—4/17
 Emilina Li—4/17
 Nikki Vega—4/17
 Jessica Kveen—4/24
 Temo Rodriguez—4/24
 Jenny Terando—4/26
 Brittany Siguenza—4/29
 Andrew Torres—4/29
 Dania Torres-Navarro—4/22
 Josh Leith—4/30

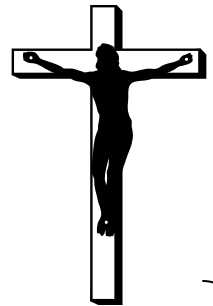
"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

- Mother Teresa of Calcutta



And save the date for....

CI & CII Teen/Sponsor Event:
Stations of the Cross



First Friday Adoration!

Friday, March 4th—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. Please remember to sign in, in the Log at the table in the center aisle, and that your sponsor needs to come with you!**

Stations of the Cross will be held on **Friday, April 1st** from **7:30—9:00 p.m.**

Also, if you would like to come donate and support to wonderful ministries within our parish, there will be a **Fish Fry Dinner** at **6:00 p.m.** in the **Ministry Center** prior to Stations of the Cross!

****Please remember that this does not count as a First Friday adoration. Stations of the Cross is a mandatory Youth Ministry Event for both CI & CII teens.****

Confirmation Updates

Class #8 in HOMES
Tuesday, March 8th
7:30—9:00 p.m.

Confirmation I
dates:

Class #10 at CHURCH

Potluck BBQ!
Tuesday, April 12th
6:00—8:30 p.m.

*Keep an eye out for the flyer that tells you what to bring!

Class #9 in HOMES
Tuesday, March 22nd
7:30—9:00 p.m.

First Communion Class #3 & #4
for those enrolled in Confirmation who have not received their First Communion, is Sunday, March 20th (Class #3) and Sunday, April 10th (Class #4) from 4:00-5:15 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.

ATTENTION ALL
CI & CII
TEENS!!

Teen/Sponsor Event:
Stations of the Cross
on Friday, April 1st
from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
**There will be a fish Friday dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center if you would like to come support the 8th graders fundraising efforts from St. Norbert's Parish School.
Stations of the Cross will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary and will end by 9:00 p.m.

Class #9 in HOMES
Tuesday, March 8th
7:30—9:00 p.m.

Confirmation II
dates:

Class #10 in HOMES

Tuesday, March 22nd
7:30—9:00 p.m.

****ALL SAINT REFLECTIONS ARE DUE AT THIS CLASS.****

SAVE THE DATE!!

CII Retreat 2011!!!

...and we meet again! What better way to end a great year together than with the YEAR 2 RETREAT!

All paperwork for the Confirmation II Retreat is due by March 1, 2011 (\$25 late fee will be enforced after this date).

Our faith and fellowship weekend will take place on

Friday, April 29th thru Sunday, May 1st!!!

It is imperative that our office is able to get the paperwork out of the way so we can focus on the important planning of the content of the retreat!!

Please do not make us chase you down!

We will be going to the Thomas House Temporary Shelter to serve their teens and children on

Thursday, March 3rd & Thursday, April 7th

5:00—8:30 p.m.



Thomas House
Temporary Shelter

The evening will begin by meeting in the YM Couch Room at 5:00 p.m.

From there we will carpool over to Thomas House in Garden Grove.

Unfortunately this event will not include time for dinner (you'll have to eat later, when you get home). We'll be helping the children do their homework and playing with them while their parents actively participate in life skills training, job training and parenting skills to help them successfully transition out of the shelter with their families. Return time to church should be between 8:15 –8:30p.m. **TEEN RSVP's ARE REQUIRED, AS SPACE IS LIMITED!!** Parents, if you can assist in driving, please let us know.

Upcoming Service Projects!



Christian Services YM Help Day!

**Is Saturday March 12th & April 9th
from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**An RSVP to Helen is required! 15 teens is our capacity, so make sure to RSVP early!
Please bring \$3-\$5 to help offset the cost of lunch that we will provide.**

**Arrive ready to work and open to help.
We recommend wearing clothes you don't mind getting dirty.**

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.

The Corporal Works of Mercy

We will need no more than 10 teens to serve and clean at the Catholic Worker Homeless Shelter on **Thursday, March 31st from 4:00—7:30 p.m.**

We will be meeting at St. Norbert Church at 4:00 p.m. in the Couch Room.

Once everyone arrives, we will carpool over to the Catholic Worker House in Santa Ana. Parents, if you can assist in driving please let us know.

Permission Slip and RSVP is required—space is limited! Download a blank permission slip off of our website today at: www.stnorbertchurch.org/youthministry.html

CATHOLIC WORKER



How to make a Good Confession

Five Steps For a Good Confession

1. Examine your conscience.
2. Be sincerely sorry for your sins.
3. Confess your sins to a priest.
4. Resolve to amend your life.
5. After your confession, do the penance the priest assigns.

Procedure in the Confessional

You say:

“Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been - (state the length of time) – since my last confession. These are my sins.”

Then tell your mortal sins and the number of times committed. If you have no mortal sin to confess, then confess the venial sins you have committed since your last confession. When you have finished telling your sins, you should say:
“For these and all the sins of my past, I am truly sorry.”

The priest now gives the necessary advice, assigns your penance and asks you to say the Act of Contrition (in some form). Then wait and listen as the priest gives the absolution

Then say ***“Thank you, Father”***, then leave the confessional and then perform the penance assigned by the priest.

The Differences in sins

There are two kinds of actual sin, **mortal** and **venial**.

Mortal sin is a horrible offense against God, so horrible that it destroys the life of grace in the soul. Three simultaneous conditions must be fulfilled for a mortal sin: (1) the act must be something very serious; (2) the person must have sufficient understanding of what is being done; (3) the person must have sufficient freedom of the will. So I cannot commit a mortal sin if the matter is not serious (e.g., if I stole a small amount of money from my employer), or if I did not know what I was doing (e.g., if I were to hurt someone accidentally or unthinkingly), or if I did not act with full freedom (e.g., I was under physical or emotional pressure).

A Catholic should know well the difference between mortal and venial sins. Deliberately missing Sunday Mass without sufficient cause is to be considered a very serious mortal sin.

Examination of Conscience

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

Do I give God time every day in prayer?
Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart?
Have I been involved with superstitious practices (horoscopes or ouija boards) or have I been involved with the occult?
Do I seek to surrender myself to God's Word as taught by the Church?
Have I ever received Communion in the state of mortal sin?
Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly?
Have I been angry with God?
Have I wished evil upon any other person?
Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation?
Have I not kept Sunday as a family day and a day of rest?
Do I do needless work on Sunday?
Do I make others work on Sunday?

4. Honor your father and your mother.

Do I honor and obey my parents?
Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children?
Have I given my family good religious example?
Do I try to bring peace into my home life?
Do I care for my aged and infirm relatives?
Do I respect my elders?
Do I respect my pastor, bishop, and the Pope?

5. You shall not kill.

Have I had an abortion or encouraged anyone to have an abortion?
Have I physically harmed anyone?
Have I abused alcohol or drugs?
Did I give scandal to anyone, thereby leading them into sin?
Have I been angry or resentful?
Have I harbored hatred in my heart?
Have I been sterilized for reasons of birth control?
Have I encouraged or condoned sterilization?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

Have I been faithful to my marriage vows
In thought and action?
Have I engaged in any sexual activity before marriage or outside of marriage?
Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control?
Has each sexual act in my marriage been open to the transmission of new life?
Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as objects?
Have I been guilty of any homosexual activity?
Do I seek to be pure in my thoughts, words and actions?
Am I careful to dress modestly, so as not to tempt others?
Have I been guilty of masturbation with myself.

7. You shall not steal.

Have I stolen what is not mine?
Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen?
Do I waste time at work, school or at home?
Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs?
Do I pay my debts promptly?
Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?

8. You shall not bear false witness.

Have I lied?
Have I gossiped?
Have I harmed someone's reputation?
Have I spoken behind someone else's back?
Am I critical, negative, or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?
Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential?

9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.

Have I consented to impure thoughts? Have I caused them by impure television, movies, books, magazines or internet?
Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations?
Do I listen to, or engage in, impure conversations or jokes?

10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.

Am I jealous of what other people have?
Do I envy other people's families or possessions?
Am I greedy or selfish?
Are material possessions the purpose of my life?
Do I trust that God will care for all of my material and spiritual needs?

An Act of Contrition

“O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all My love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.”



Internet and Technology Safety Workshop

“What Every Parent Needs to know
to Keep Our Teens (and children) Safe”

St Norbert Youth Ministry’s Parent Ministry is pleased to present a

Parent Education Night

with Sergeant Steve Wolf of the Irvine Police Department

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 from 7:00—9:00 p.m.

in St. Norbert Church Family & Youth Center Gym

To benefit all parents who are interested in understanding what access our teens and children have at their fingertips!

The Web and smart phones be a dangerous place for anyone. Join us for this “must attend” seminar on internet safety. Sergeant Wolf has been a police officer for 19 years and has given over 300 internet safety presentations all over the west coast. His internet experience has taken him to many of the places your children have been, will be in the future, or may even be right now. Learn from this dynamic speaker how we can work together to keep all of our children safe from the dangers and issues on the internet.

**Kindly RSVP to our Youth Ministry
Secretary, Helen Baehner at**

714/637-4360 X 215

**or hbaehner@stnorbertchurch.org so we
can have adequate seating and
refreshments for all of our guests!**

**This evening is open to all St. Norbert
Confirmation, School and SRE Parents.**

**(Due to the nature of the presentation, this
is for parents only — NO children please.)**

Topics discussed will include:

**IM’s, Texting, ‘Sexting’, Cyberbullying,
Smart Phones (the new computers?),
Trends, New Websites of concern,
Prevention Strategies for Parents, and
we will end with a Q & A opportunity!**

*“Train up a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”*

Proverbs 22:6



Each generation has its own challenges, strengths and motivation for change and growth. As parents, sometimes we can be confused about how to adapt and parent with things being so different from “back when we were growing up...”

A term has been coined for children born after 1982 – “Millennials.” As parents of Millennials, we generally devote more time and attention to our children than our

parents gave us. So why do they tend to not appreciate it as much compared to what we knew of, growing up? What is so different and how do we adapt and learn about their learning habits while instilling them with what we know is important? Have you ever wondered how teens can be so stimulated and entertained but then get so bored so quickly? How they are so filled with information sources but so unwise? How they can be so pampered but so untrusting of authority?

Join us for an interactive discussion and presentation led by Pam Hurwitz of “Called By Name” that will explore these (among many other) concepts. As members of this wonderful Parish community, we can all work together and learn from each other in an effort to understand parenting our Millennial teens in this culture.

St. Norbert Youth Ministry’s Parent Prayer Ministry Presents...

Understanding Our Millennial Teens

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

St. Norbert Youth Ministry Room

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Please R.S.V.P. to Helen Baehner at hbaehner@stnorbertchurch.org or leave a voice mail message at (714) 637-4360 x 215 so we can adequately prepare for seating and refreshments. Feel free to invite other parents whom you may think would benefit from this evening!

Lastly, in order to allow as much candidness and confidentiality as possible, please find childcare for your children!







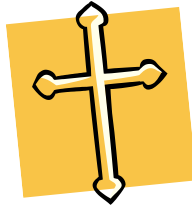
This event is for *parents only*.

...Pray with us, for our teens!...

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Gracious and Merciful is the Lord; Let us turn to Him with our whole heart during Lent!</i></p>		<p>1 ALL CII Retreat Paperwork and Fees are due by today!</p> <p>Help our office out and avoid late fees by getting them in by today!</p>	2	<p>3 Thomas House Service Opportunity 5:00-8:30 p.m. <u>RSVP & Permission Slip Required!</u></p>	<p>4 First Friday Adoration <i>"Praise Him!"</i> Holy Hour 7:00-8:15 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary</p>	<p>5 Confession 3:30-4:30 p.m.</p>
6	7	<p>8 CI Class #8 in Homes CII Class #9 in Homes 7:30-9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>9 Ash Wednesday Mass and <i>Vision</i> Mtg. 7:00 p.m. (Mtg. will be after we go to Mass together!)</p>	<p>10  ASH WEDNESDAY</p>	11	<p>12 Christian Services Saturday 9:00-2:30 p.m. <u>RSVP Required</u></p>
<p>13 </p>	<p>14 </p>	<p>15 Parent Ministry Night! Internet & Technology Safety Workshop F&YC Gym 7:00 -9 :00 p.m. ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>16  Godbook</p>	<p>17 RE CONGRESS YOUTH DAY 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Anaheim Cnvt. Ctr. \$25 **RSVP EARLY Space is limited!</p>	<p>18 </p>	<p>19 Confession 3:30-4:30 p.m.</p>
<p>20 First Communion Class #3 4:00 p.m. YM Room</p>	21	<p>22 CI Class #9 in Homes CII Class #10 in Homes 7:30-9:00 p.m.</p>	23		25	<p>26 Confession 3:30-4:30 p.m.</p>
<p>27 Teen Social MOVIE NIGHT 7-9:00 P.M. Bring \$5 for pizza & snacks</p>	<p>28 </p>	29	30	<p>31 <i>Catholic Worker</i> <i>Service Project</i> 4:00-7:30 <u>RSVP & Permission Slip Required!</u></p>	<p><i>Stations of the Cross</i> Teen/Sponsor Event (See April Calendar)</p>	<p></p>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Fish Fry from 6—7:30 ...then Conf. I and II Teen/Sponsor Event: <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 7:30—9:00 p.m. ...then we have: Broomball 10-11:11:30p.m.	2  Confession 3:30-4:30p.m.
3 		5 Parent Ministry Night CI & CII Parents "Understanding Our Millennial Teens" 7:30-9:00 p.m. YM Couch Room	6 <i>Vision</i> Meeting 7:00 p.m. YM Room SKIT PRACTICE afterwards (from 8-9)	7 <i>Thomas House</i> <i>Service Opportunity</i> 5:00—8:00 p.m. <u>RSVP and Permission Slip Required!</u>	8 	9 Christian Services YM Help Day 9:00—2:30 p.m. <u>RSVP is required!</u> Confession 3:30-4:30p.m.
10 <i>First Communion</i> Class #4 4:00 p.m. YM Room	11 	12 CI Class #10 Potluck BBQ at church 6:00—8:30 p.m. Keep an eye out for the flyer that tells you what	13 <i>Parish Reconciliation Service</i> 7:00 p.m.	14 	15	16 Confession 3:30-4:30p.m.
17 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 	18	19	20	21 <i>Holy Thursday</i> Youth candlelight Procession After the 7:30 p.m. Mass	22  Good Friday	23 HOLY SATURDAY "Jesus, have mercy on us!"
24 EASTER SUNDAY  <i>Christ has Risen!</i>	25	26 <i>Vision</i> SKIT PRACTICE 7:00 p.m. YM Room	27 	29 Confirmation II Retreat! Check-In 3:00p.m. Basketball Court <i>Alpine Christian Conference Ctr., Blue Jay</i>	30 Confirmation II Retreat! Pray for our teens!	