



**A CATHOLIC FAITH-BASED APPROACH TO ADDICTIONS**

**GETHSEMANI MINISTRY**

**Gethsemani Ministry for Addictions** is our newest St. Norbert effort to meet the needs of our parishioners, their families and our community at large.



St. Maximilian Kolbe  
Patron of Drug  
Addiction

With Gethsemani Ministry, we intend to reduce the stigma associated with addictions while raising awareness and providing a Catholic faith-based approach to recovery, healing and support to those in need.

The name Gethsemani comes from Our Lord's trial in the Garden of Gethsemani:

*"Father, if you are willing, remove this chalice from me; nevertheless not my will, but yours, be done."* –Luke 22: 42

Christ's agony in the Garden of Gethsemani is well known to Catholics. On the faith journey, Gethsemani signals the beginning of the Passion and, at the same time, the promise of redemption.

To those with addictions and to their loved ones, "Gethsemani" evokes both the agony and hope on The Way before them that leads to recovery and new life. Join us for:



St. Monica  
Patroness of  
Alcoholics

**Gethsemani Prayer Evenings for Addictions** are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7 PM in the St. Norbert Oratory. These prayer meetings are open to all for communal prayer and to offer intentions for those struggling with addictions, loved ones supporting them and workers involved in recovery (e.g., counselors, rehab programs, and others). Adoration, Reconciliation and fellowship offered. Come to pray or just to talk.

**Gethsemani 12 Step Spirituality Faith Sharing Group** meets on the second Sunday of the month at 7:30 PM in the St. Norbert Parish Oratory. This group is open to all people in 12 step programs (AA, Al-Anon, Gamblers Anonymous, etc.).  
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