

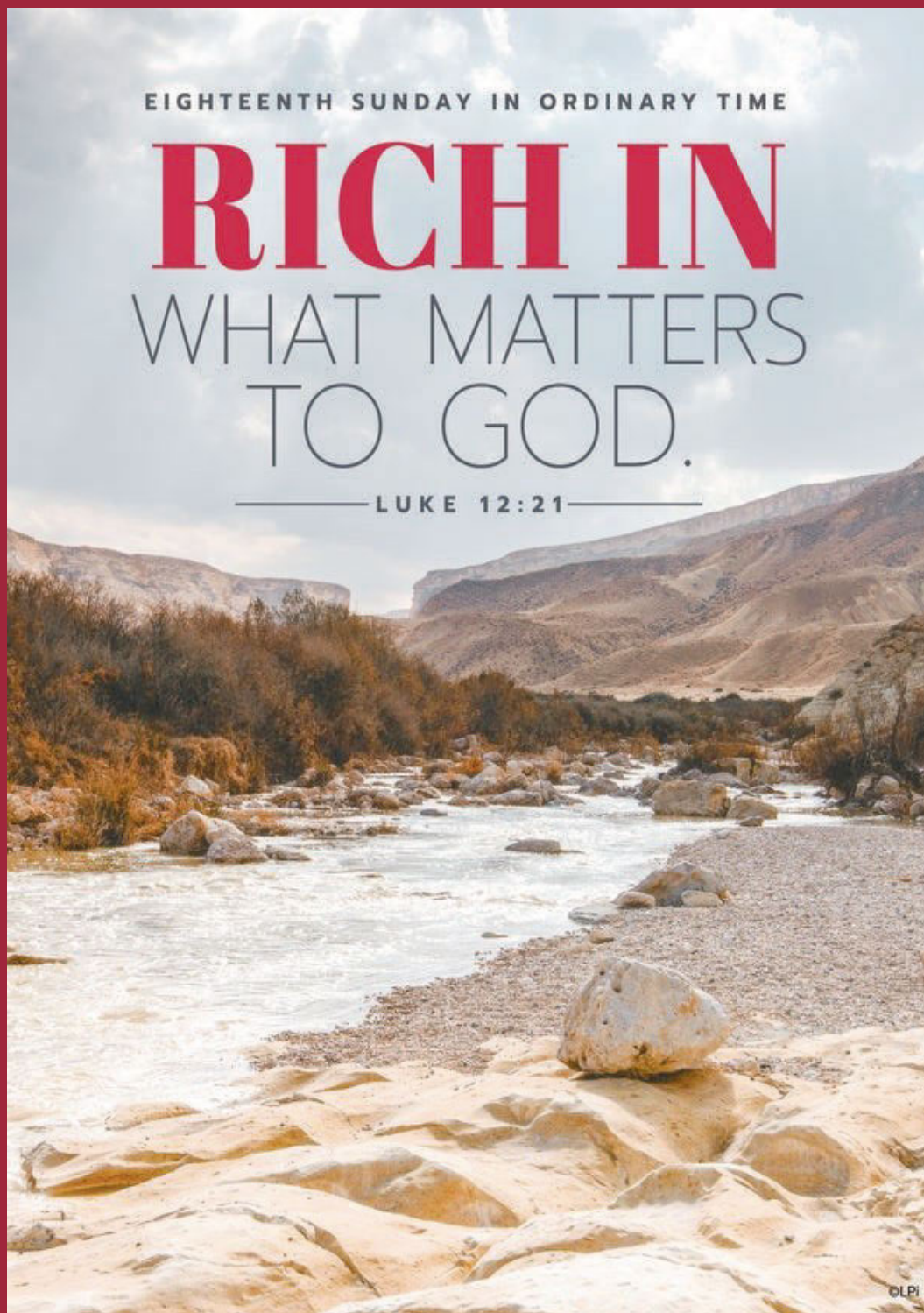
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a people of
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Baptismal
call to holiness
by caring for
one another
and journeying
together with
Christ through
prayer,
sacraments,
lifelong
formation and
service in light
of the Gospel
and Catholic
Tradition.





August 3, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 | Col 3:1-5, 9-11 | Lk 12:13-21

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

A few years ago, I heard this witty but thought-provoking phrase: "You never see a U-Haul attached to a hearse" – a reminder that we don't get to take our physical belongings with us when we die. This phrase came to mind as I read today's Gospel. Jesus offers us a parable about the perils of placing our ultimate hope in amassing possessions. In our own lives, we might be challenged or inspired by the quiet example of people around us who demonstrate that material things aren't what matter most. From individuals who lose their possessions but express gratitude for their physical safety to the child who hears about others in need and gathers up items from their own room to share, we glean gentle reminders that in the end, stuff is just stuff. Pondering this, what we're left with is an invitation from Jesus to look inward: Where are our hearts in relation to our material possessions? Do we cling to them tightly, or do we hold them lightly? What does it mean to be "rich in what matters to God"?

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The antidote to our disordered attachment to material things is to cultivate Gospel simplicity. In sending his disciples out to spread the Gospel, Jesus often instructed them to "pack light": "Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money ..." Jesus told his disciples (Lk 9:3). Instead, they were to go into the surrounding villages and rely on the hospitality of those they encountered to provide for all their needs. By carrying nothing with them, they learned to rely on God's providence and to intentionally reach out to others from a place of vulnerability and humility, both necessary in sharing the Gospel. While we aren't necessarily called to be itinerant preachers as the disciples were, we can take up Jesus' call to "pack light" as we strive to share the Gospel with others in our daily lives.

REFLECT

What can we learn from the disciples about overcoming the temptation to think that we are self-sufficient, as if sharing the Gospel depends entirely on us, rather than his grace? How might we adopt a simpler lifestyle, so that others see in us a living witness to the fact that our hope is not here in this world, but in the life to come? Reflect about how to live Gospel simplicity more intentionally in your life this week, and what that might offer for your efforts to share the Gospel with others.



A NOTE FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR...

Dear friends,

To the man who came to Jesus and asked him to settle a dispute with his brother over inheritance Jesus said, "Take care to guard against all greed". Why should Jesus warn this man rather than settling the matter at hand. In his request Jesus sees an evil that plagues his heart- an excessive and selfish desire for material possessions; a harmful desire for more than what is needed or rightfully his own; a desire that leads to other sins and spiritual disaster. Then Jesus told them the Parable of the Rich Fool. It speaks directly to the human heart and its desires, especially in a world that often measures success by possessions, wealth, and power. We are reminded of the fact that everything we have is a gift from God and is to be used for the good of all, and for the glory of God. Then will we be truly rich before God and will have true peace in our hearts. The rich man, in his abundance of wealth, forgot God.

This story warns that greed blinds us to the truth of who we are and what truly matters in life. The rich man was not condemned for being wealthy. His life revolved around accumulation, comfort and security. He forgot that everything he had was a gift — something not to be hoarded, but to be shared with others.

The man thought he was in charge, planning for many years ahead, believing he had time. But none of us knows how much time we have. Life is fragile. We are not the masters of our days. "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?"

Jesus ends the parable with this punchline: "So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." What does it mean to be rich toward God? It means to invest in love, justice, mercy, generosity and trust in God; to see our resources — time, talents, and treasures — as opportunities to serve others, and to glorify God.

In our world today, it's easy to fall into the trap of the rich fool. Success is often defined by how much we own, how comfortable our lives are, or how much we have saved. But the Gospel asks us a deeper question: What are we living for? Are we storing up treasure in heaven or simply building bigger barns on earth?

Let us not be fools in the eyes of God. Let us be wise stewards of the gifts entrusted to us. Let us be rich not in things, but in love. Not in wealth, but in faith. Not in possessions, but in good work. Because in the end, when we stand before God, He will not ask how much we earned or saved, but how much we loved, how much we gave, and how well we lived in relationship with others for His kingdom. God bless you! *Fr. Paul*

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. Whether you are visiting for the first time, worship with us occasionally, or join us every Sunday, we welcome you to St. John Brebeuf Parish. If you do not have home, or if your church is not home to you, we invite you to become part of our parish family. Please call or stop by our parish office to register 847-966-8145. Visit our website <https://www.sjbrebeuf.org> for additional information on parish and community programs for prayer, faith formation, community outreach and information about St. John Brebeuf School. We are glad you are here and hope you will join us.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is private prayer and time before Jesus, really present in the Blessed Sacrament displayed on the altar 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The chapel is located at Fr. Thomas May Parish Ministry Center (8305 N. Harlem Ave.) and is open to all visitors during office hours: Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM – 7:00pm // Friday from 9:00am – 5:00pm // Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm. After Hours the chapel is only keycard accessible. Please call the Parish Office (847) 966-8145 if you wish to obtain one.



DEVOTIONS

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

every Wednesday after 8:30 am Mass

SACRED HEART OF JESUS — 1st Friday of the Month

In English: after 8:30am Mass / In Polish: after 7:00 pm Mass

OUR LADY OF FATIMA — 1st Saturday of the Month

In English: after 8:30am Mass / In Polish: after 6:30pm Mass

MARIAN PRAYER GROUP in English:

Every Monday 7:00pm Adoration Chapel

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

OBSERVANCES:

Monday: St. John Vianney, Priest

Tuesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Wednesday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Thursday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, ; St. Cajetan, Priest

Friday: St. Dominic, Priest

Saturday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

PRO-LIFE CORNER:

Let us continue to pray daily:

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



LITURGY SCHEDULE – MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 3 – AUGUST 10

**Monday, August 4th****8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

† Mary Cay Westphal
 † Daniel and Barbara Bartnicki Anniversary Remembrance
 † Leonor Salvador Death Anniversary

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Jason

† Patrick Gościński
 † Monika Wykurz
 † Stanisław Dzik

Tuesday, August 5th**8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

† Deceased Members of Maleta Family
 † Igmidio Zabala
 † Fermina Zabala

7:00 pm English Fr. Paul

† Christine Rother
 † Monika Wykurz

Wednesday, August 6th**8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

For new Vocations to the Priesthood

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O uzdrowienie z choroby nowotworowej dla Janiny Galica
 O powrót do zdrowia dla Elżbiety Kapałka i potrzebne łaski dla niej i jej Rodziny
 Dziękczynna za otrzymane łaski dla Rodziny Wójtowicz
 † Maria i Stanisław Skura
 † Joanna i Franciszek Kania
 † Zbigniew Ciołek 4th year Death Anniversary
 † Monika Wykurz
 † Leszek i Jadwiga Łopatka
 † Stanisław Dzik

Thursday, August 7th**8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

† Chester Kapustka
 † Anna Grzęda

7:00 pm English Fr. Paul

† Bienvenido Dela Cruz, Silverio Amatong

Jr. and Francisca Amatong

† Monika Wykurz

Friday, August 8th**8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

For new Vocations to the Priesthood

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

† Katarzyna i Józef Dąbek
 † Karol Słowikowski 6 miesięcy po śmierci
 † Bogusław Czosnek w 19 rocznicę śmierci

† Monika Wykurz

† Janina Medygrał i Grzegorz Maciołek w rocznicę śmierci

† Stanisław Dzik

Saturday, August 9th**8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

† Virginia Ryan

4:00 pm Confession**5:00 pm English Fr. Paul**

† Verene Schoenmann Birthday Remembrance † All Deceased Members of the extended Meury Family
 † Stella Zalewski-Bandola
 † John Jerome Arenó
 † Christopher Chek 15-year Death Anniversary

6:30 pm Polish Fr. Jason

O bezpieczną podróż, szczęśliwy pobyt w Polsce i pozytywne załatwienie spraw
 † Za Duszę śp. Radosława w 26 rocznicę śmierci

† Ferdynand i Maria Wojcik

† Jan Pondo

† Włodzimierz Jaromin

† Monika Wykurz

† Tomasz Ptasznik

† Stanisław Kotyński w 25 rocznicę śmierci oraz zmarli z rodziny Kotyńskich

† Andrzej Franaszczak

† Adrian Cholewa

† Zdzisław Sokół oraz zmarli z rodziny Szeszko

† Wojtek Maciołek w 2 rocznicę śmierci

Sunday, August 10th**7:00 am Polish Fr. Jason**

† Christopher Rywak

† Katarzyna i Wacław Malewski

† Za wszystkich zmarłych z rodziny

Poborca i Babiarz

† Alfreda Łopatka

† Jadwiga i Leszek Łopatka

8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian

† Ceferina Lascano 19th year Death Anniversary

† Janice Crowley

10:00 am English Fr. Sebastian

Dr. Eva Chomka Birthday God's Blessings
 Good health and Birthday blessings for Kristen Mae Sadorra & Ethan Lee

† Dr. Christina Chomka Leya Birthday Remembrance

† Maria and Ignacy Chomka Birthday Remembrance

† Wesley Dworakowski

† Jeanette Komorowski 27th Death Anniversary

† Marcelino DeLara Sr. Birthday Remembrance

† Linda Ann Lanaski

11:30 am Polish Fr. Jason

O szczęśliwą podróż i pobyt na Alasce dla Barbary z rodziną

O Boże Błogosławieństwo i opiekę Matki Bożej dla Józefa Tadmowskiego z okazji 95 urodzin, z prośbą o dalszą opiekę Matki Bożej

† Władysław Dziedzic w rocznicę śmierci

† Stefan Grochowski

† Maria Wojdyła

† Czesława Leśniak

† Stanisław Sak

† Helena Jachna i zmarli z Rodziny Jachna

† Mieczysław Myśliwiec

† Eugene Mikowski

† Monika Wykurz

† Daniel Szaciłowski w rocznicę śmierci

† Janina Medygrał i Grzegorz Maciołek w rocznicę śmierci

† Jan Chowaniec 30 dni po śmierci

† Stanisław Dzik

† Andrzej Tomaszewski w 22 rocznicę śmierci

† Jan Piechowicz we wspomnieniu Urodzin

† Za Dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące, które najbardziej potrzebują pomocy

6:00 pm English Fr. Paul

† Josephine Spedali 11th month Death Anniversary



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK IS OFFERED FOR:

† In Memory of Stella Zalewski-Bandola

PLEASE PRAY:

OUR SICK:

Martha Gfesser	Nanette Sadorra
Maureen Polcyn	Isabel C. Villarroel
Fely Ranjo	Luke Kowalski
Millet Beltran	Joanna Oliwa
RJ Calisura	Tom Leonard
Anne Marie Guerrier	Francisco & Luz Atienza
Betty Bukraba	Maureen Nathan
Elizabeth Marrinan	Charlotte & Carl Lindquist
C. Kozeny	Rose Manio
Mario Brancato	Casey Sergot
Pamela Triplitt	Teresa Parcianny
Patricia	Junver Isuga
Lourdes Loraya	Lois MacAdam
Leonard Kadzielawski	Chef Raul Arreda
Marian i Maria Dzieciuch	Baby Joseph Palmert
Barbara Witkos	Concepcion Ponte
Rosetta Bizzotto	Hedy Sancho
Harry Largent	Charles Stephen Collins
Toni Kilroy	Ben & Linda Caldea
Caridad M. Altares	Robert F. Adams, Jr.
Alina Gawlik	Bienvienido Costes
Dolores Motto	Mahmoud Srour
Brooke Johnson	Salvatore (Sam) Zumpano
Silverio Fernandez	Cindy Strong
Alice Parinas	Araceli Madridejos
Jannette Mendoza	Aileen Sancho
Mario Loraya	
Vivian Daoud	

OUR BELOVED DEPARTED:

Daniela Stanik
Stefan Hebal



OUR MILITARY: Please pray for those serving in the military, and for a peaceful and just solution to conflict and violence.

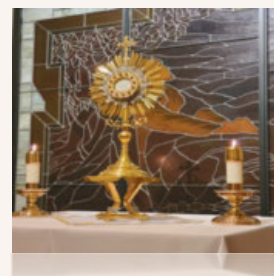
Timothy Casey
Thomas Neuhengen
Mark Honsa
Pvt. James Cunningham
CDR John Tutwiler
SSGT Michael J. Archam
A2C Andrew T. Perkins
Susanne Connolly Tutwiler
Pieter Venter
Jacob Allen

Robert Monaco
Scott Rodberg
Sgt. Daniel Cunningham
CW4 Louis Haberkorn
Marian Niemotko
PFC Seth D. Perkins
Sgt. Ramiro Cadena
Lt. Joseph Disclafani
Joshua Clavel Ramos
Chief Ryan Morrow

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES OFFERED THIS WEEK FOR:

Candle 1 Intencja dziękczynna dla Janiny i całej Rodziny Sadłowskich

Candle 2 O zdrowie i zgodę między Synem a Córką



SUNDAY OFFERINGS

JULY 27, 2025 – \$15,066



Your faithfulness and generosity are both greatly appreciated and critical to maintain and operate all we do. May God Bless you for your kindness and generosity!

Bóg zapłać za wsparcie naszej parafii !

NO ENVELOPE? Use GiveCentral

Sunday Offertory and Second Collection. Point your phone camera at QR Code and scan.

Jeśli nie masz koperty to użyj GiveCentral z telefonu. Skieruj kamerę na QR kod i otwórz aplikację.



MASS INTENTION REQUESTS –

Internet: www.sjbrebeuf.org (click the yellow box labeled "Mass Intentions" to fill out the online form)

Mail: Please mail your offering to: *Mass Intentions, St. John Brebeuf, 8305 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, IL 60714*. Include the name, date, time, and what the intention is for. Also, please include the name and phone number of person requesting the intention. Phone: 847-966-8145. *Please make your request 2 weeks in advance so we have time to receive it and place it in the bulletin*

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE REMEMBRANCE

Remember a deceased relative or friend in a special way by donating the altar bread and wine that are used at Mass each week. Suggested donation is \$50. Please

contact the parish office to select a date. The Holy Mass in the person's intention is celebrated every Sunday at 6:00pm.

WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM / JULY

We joyfully welcome the following children who were baptized in our parish during the month of July:

*Sofia La Marca
Josie Samson Lestina
Owen Xavier Early*



WEDDING BANNS:

III Michael Varshavsky & Monika Mroczkowska



Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord / August 6

On August 6, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, a moment of divine revelation and glory.

The Transfiguration is described in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, traditionally believed to be Mount Tabor, where He is transfigured before them. His face shines like the sun, His clothes become dazzling white, and Moses and Elijah appear beside Him. A voice from the cloud says,

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him” (Matthew 17:5).

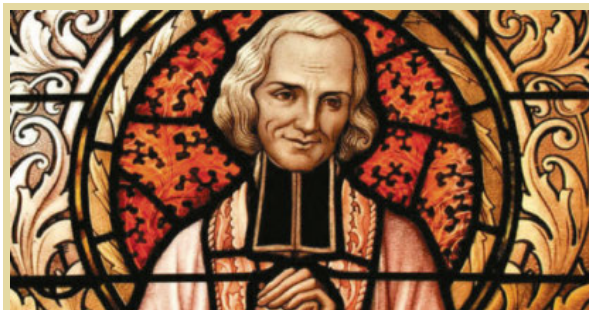
This profound event gives the disciples, and all of us, a glimpse of Christ’s divine glory and a preview of the resurrection. It strengthens their faith as they prepare for the suffering to come, and it reminds us that beyond the cross lies the promise of eternal life.

The Feast of the Transfiguration invites us to contemplate the glory of Christ and to remain attentive to His voice, especially during times of doubt, struggle, or change. It is a call to transformation, of our hearts, minds, and lives, so that we too may reflect the light of Christ to the world.

Prayer for the Feast of the Transfiguration

Lord Jesus,
You revealed Your glory to the disciples on the mountain.
Help us to listen to Your voice and follow You with faith.
Transform our hearts, so that we may reflect Your light
in all we do and say.

Amen.



Memorial of St. John Vianney, Patron Saint of Parish Priests August 4

On August 4, the Church celebrates the Memorial of St. John Vianney, the humble and holy priest known as the Curé of Ars and honored as the Patron Saint of Parish Priests.

Born in 1786 in France, St. John Vianney overcame great obstacles to become a priest, including academic struggles and the turmoil of the French Revolution. Assigned to the small village of Ars, he lived a life of deep prayer, sacrifice, and pastoral dedication. Through his witness, preaching, and especially the sacrament of Reconciliation, he transformed his parish and touched the hearts of thousands. People traveled from all over to seek his counsel and confession, often waiting for hours. He sometimes spent 12–16 hours a day in the confessional.

St. John Vianney remains a shining example of what it means to be a faithful priest—devoted to the Eucharist, Our Lady, and the spiritual care of souls.

As we honor him, let us pray for all priests and for new vocations to the priesthood.

Prayer for Priests

Lord Jesus,
You chose St. John Vianney as a faithful servant of Your Church.
Bless all priests with wisdom, strength, and holiness.
May they be instruments of Your grace and faithful shepherds of Your people.
Raise up new vocations filled with zeal for Your Gospel.
Amen.



OUR TOWER SHINES WITH THE LITURGICAL COLORS OF THE CHURCH YEAR

We are happy to share that our newly renovated church tower will now be illuminated in colors that reflect the seasons of the Church's Liturgical Year. This visible sign will serve as a reminder of the sacred rhythm that guides our worship and spiritual life throughout the year.

In the liturgical calendar, the color for each day corresponds to that day's main liturgical celebration, even though Optional Memorials (perhaps with a different color) might be chosen instead. The four main colors shown are:

White – Christmas Time and Easter Time; celebrations of the Lord (except of his Passion), of Mary, of the Angels, and of Saints who were not Martyrs; solemnities of the Most Holy Trinity (Sun. after Pentecost), of All Saints (Nov. 1), and of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24); feasts of the Conversion of St. Paul (Jan. 25), of the Chair of St. Peter (Feb. 22), and of St. John (Dec. 27); also permitted in the United States at Masses for the Dead

Red – Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Pentecost Sunday; celebrations of the Lord's Passion, of Apostles, and of Evangelists; celebrations of Martyrs

Green – Ordinary Time

Violet – Advent and Lent; Masses for the Dead
Other liturgical colors not represented on this calendar include rose (Third Sun. of Advent and Fourth Sun. of Lent), black (Masses for the Dead), and gold or silver (permitted in the United States for more solemn occasions).

As you pass by the church, may the colors of our illuminated tower remind you of the sacred time we share as a parish family and draw you deeper into the mystery of God's presence in every season.

JOIN THE 38TH ANNUAL WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO MERRILLVILLE! ALL ARE WELCOME!

We are still encouraging you to take part in the 38th Annual Walking Pilgrimage to Merrillville, which will take place August 9–10, 2025.

The pilgrimage will begin at Immaculate Conception Church (2944 E 88th St.) with Holy Mass at 7:30 AM on Saturday, August 9, followed by the start of the walk.

Buses will depart from our parish parking lot at 6:00 AM that morning. Return transportation from Merrillville to our church is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Sunday, August 10.

Cost:

- Adults: \$50
- Children (up to age 10): \$30

Registration:

- Online:

<https://polonijnapielgrzymka.com/en/>

In our parish: until August 8

Pilgrims are encouraged to purchase and wear T-shirts with our Parish Logo to represent our community. For more information, please contact Deacon Krzysztof Słowikowski or visit <https://polonijnapielgrzymka.com/en/>

SAINT JOHN BREBEUF CHURCH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2025/26 SCHOOL YEAR ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN



GRADES 1-8
CLASSES ON THURSDAYS | 6:00 - 7:30PM
BEGIN SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

LAST DAY TO ENROLL IS SEPTEMBER 5



Mark your calendars and "Save The Dates" for upcoming Holy Name Men's Club events.

August 22nd – Annual Smoker

September 8th – Chicago Bears viewing Party

September 21st – Golf Outing

Watch for further information to be published in the bulletin and Weekender.

ATTENTION DJ'S: YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED

The Parish Carnival/Oktoberfest Committee is looking for a volunteer DJ for the final day of the Parish Carnival and Oktoberfest, Sunday, September 21st (1 PM - 8 PM). All proceeds raised this year will be for a new section of School Roof.

If you are able to lend a hand, please contact, Deacon Andy at ajbeierwal@aol.com or (847) 966-6961. May our Lord Bless you abundantly for your efforts!



ST. JOHN BREBEUF ALL — SCHOOL REUNION

September 20 at 5 p.m.

Mass at St. John Brebeuf Church, 8305 N. Harlem Ave., Niles; 7 p.m. to midnight, all class reunion in the Parish Ministry Center; contact Shelley Fallon (847) 774-8159M for details.

ATTENTION ST. JOHN BREBEUF SENIORS

We invite you to join our group, and become members of our "GOLDEN AGERS CLUB". We meet every Tuesday morning, Room C in the Ministry Center from 9:45 am til 1:30 pm. If you enjoy socializing and playing some BINGO, our club is the place to meet. So please consider visiting us soon!

THE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled to be held **Sunday, September 14, 2025** at 2:30 p.m. The mass will be celebrated at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60654. Please register by September 8, 2025. There are several ways for a couple to register for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass: online at <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding> or contact your parish and ask the parish secretary to register you for the Mass.




Admission Free

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CARNIVAL & Oktoberfest

September 18th-21st



Food



Music



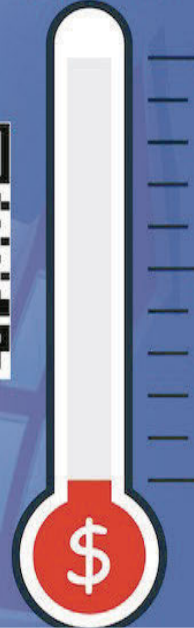
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St. John Brebeuf School
*"Over Our Heads, In Our Hearts:
 A Roof for Our School!"* **\$180,000**

St. John Brebeuf School needs your help! The southwest side of our school building needs a new roof, and we are launching this fundraiser to ensure a safe and secure environment for our students. We invite anyone with a connection to our school—past or present—to contribute to this vital project.

As a token of our gratitude, all donors will be honored on a special plaque proudly displayed in the school building. Your generosity will make a lasting impact on our school community for years to come.

*Thank you for your kindness and support in
helping us Raise the Roof!*



ST. VINCENT DE
PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who selfishly stored all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God.

This week, as you give your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are realizing that in giving you indeed receive.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor, the suffering, and the deprived.

All information will be
strictly confidential.
Please call Parish Office
(847) 966-8145

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a Catholic lay organization that serves the poor and those in need. Its members offer practical assistance, such as food, clothing, shelter, and financial help, while also providing emotional and spiritual support—always with compassion, respect, and dignity.

BACK TO SCHOOL Drive

Uncle's Pete Ministry is collecting supplies for the school we support.

We plan to donate to: Some local SJB Families, St. Malachy, Marillac Social Service and St. Sylvester. Please help us continue this great tradition started by Uncle Pere Zonsius and Clem Juris.

Please mark your calendars for this collection dates:

In Church lobbies Saturdays & Sundays: August 9, 10, 16 & 17, 2025.

Following items would be appreciated:

Back-packs, pens, pencils, colored pencils, crayons, erasable markers, 2-pocket folders, 3-hole lined wide notebook paper, spiral notebooks (wide-ruled), construction paper, Elmer's Glue or glue sticks, pink pearl erasers, mesh pencil pouches, pencil sharpeners, calculators, scissors (5" and 7"), rulers.



Filipino American Association – Hawaiian Summer Dance





Z biurka księdza wikariusza...

Drodzy przyjaciele,

Człowiekowi, który przyszedł do Jezusa i poprosił Go o rozstrzygnięcie sporu z bratem o spadek, Jezus powiedział: „Uważajcie, strzeżcie się wszelkiej chciwości”. Dlaczego Jezus miałby go ostrzegać, zamiast rozstrzygnąć sprawę od razu? W jego prośbie Jezus dostrzega zło, które dręczy jego serce – nadmierne i egoistyczne pragnienie dóbr materialnych; szkodliwe pragnienie posiadania więcej niż potrzeba lub co mu się słusznie należy; pragnienie, które prowadzi do innych grzechów i duchowej katastrofy.

Następnie Jezus opowiedział im Przypowieść o bogaczu i głupcu. Przemawia ona bezpośrednio do ludzkiego serca i jego pragnień, zwłaszcza w świecie, który często mierzy sukces majątkiem, bogactwem i władzą. Przypomina nam to, że wszystko, co posiadamy, jest darem od Boga i powinno być wykorzystywane dla dobra wszystkich i na chwałę Bożą. Wtedy będziemy prawdziwie bogaci przed Bogiem i będziemy mieli prawdziwy pokój w naszych sercach. Bogacz, w swoim ogromie bogactwa, zapomniał o Bogu. Ta historia ostrzega, że chciwość zaślepia nas na prawdę o tym, kim jesteśmy i co naprawdę liczy się w życiu. Bogacz nie został potępiony za to, że był bogaty. Jego życie kręciło się wokół gromadzenia, wygody i bezpieczeństwa. Zapomniał, że wszystko, co posiadał, było darem – czymś, czego nie należy gromadzić, lecz dzielić się z innymi.

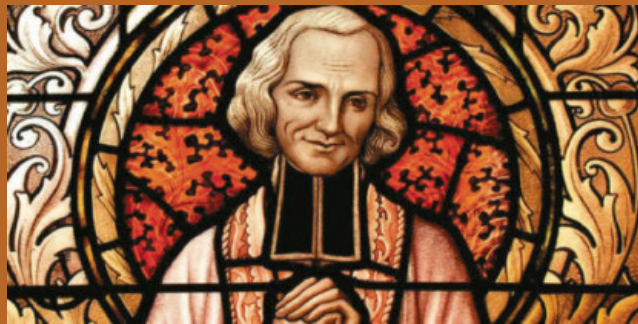
Człowiek ten myślał, że ma wszystko pod kontrolą, planując na wiele lat naprzód, wierząc, że ma czas. Ale nikt z nas nie wie, ile czasu nam pozostało. Życie jest kruche. Nie jesteśmy panami swoich dni. „Głupcze, tej nocy życie twoje zostanie ci odebrane; i to, co przygotowałeś, komu będzie należeć?”

Jezus kończy przypowieść taką puentą: „Tak dzieje się z tymi, którzy skarby gromadzą dla siebie, a nie są bogaci przed Bogiem”. Co to znaczy być bogatym przed Bogiem? Oznacza to inwestowanie w miłość, sprawiedliwość, miłosierdzie, hojność i zaufanie Bogu; postrzeganie naszych zasobów – czasu, talentów i skarbów – jako okazji do służenia innym i wychwalania Boga.

W dzisiejszym świecie łatwo wpaść w pułapkę bogatego głupca. Sukces często definiuje się tym, ile posiadamy, jak wygodne jest nasze życie lub ile zaoszczędziliśmy. Ale Ewangelia stawia nam głębsze pytanie: Po co żyjemy? Czy gromadzimy skarby w niebie, czy po prostu budujemy większe stodoły na ziemi? Nie bądźmy głupcami w oczach Boga. Bądźmy mądrymi szafarzami powierzonych nam darów. Bądźmy bogaci nie w rzeczy, ale w miłość. Nie w bogactwo, ale w wiarę. Nie w dobra, ale w dobre uczynki. Bo ostatecznie, kiedy stanimy przed Bogiem, On nie zapyta, ile zarobiliśmy lub zaoszczędziliśmy, ale ile kochaliśmy, ile daliśmy i jak dobrze żyliśmy w relacjach z innymi dla Jego królestwa. Niech Bóg Was błogosławi!

Ks. Paul

W TYM TYGODNIU WSPOMINAMY:



Święty Jan Vianney, Patron Kapłanów Wspomnienie liturgiczne: 4 sierpnia

Święty Jan Vianney, znany jako Proboszcz z Ars, jest patronem kapłanów i wzorem gorliwości duszpasterskiej. Urodził się we Francji w 1786 roku i mimo wielu trudności na drodze do kapłaństwa, został wyświęcony na księdza. Przez wiele lat posługiwał w małej parafii w Ars, gdzie dzięki jego modlitwie, pokucie i oddaniu Eucharystii nastąpiło duchowe odrodzenie całej wspólnoty.

Słynął szczególnie z posługi w konfesjonale, codziennie spędzał wiele godzin, słuchając spowiedzi wiernych, którzy przybywali do niego z całej Francji.

Z okazji jego wspomnienia zachęcamy do modlitwy za kapłanów, o świętość, siłę i wytrwałość w ich posłudze, oraz o nowe powołania do kapłaństwa.

Święto Przemienienia Pańskiego / 6 sierpnia

6 sierpnia, Kościół obchodzi Święto Przemienienia Pańskiego. Tego dnia wspominamy wydarzenie z Góry



Tabor, kiedy Jezus ukazał się uczniom – Piotrowi, Jakubowi i Janowi – w swojej boskiej chwale. Jego twarz zajaśniała jak słońce, a szaty stały się lśniące białe. Obok Niego ukazali się Mojżesz i Elias, a z nieba rozległ się głos: „To jest mój Syn umiłowany, Jego słuchajcie”.

Przemienienie Pańskie jest zapowiedzią zmartwychwstania i przypomnieniem, że Jezus jest prawdziwym Bogiem i Zbawicielem. To również wezwanie do naszej wewnętrznej przemiany i do życia w świetle Jego nauki.



NASZA WIEŻA JAŚNIEJE LITURGICZNYMI KOLORAMI ROKU KOŚCIELNEGO

Z radością informujemy, że nasza odnowiona wieża będzie teraz podświetlana kolorami odpowiadającymi poszczególnym okresom roku liturgicznego. Ten widoczny znak ma nam przypominać o świętym rytmie, który prowadzi nasze życie modlitewne i duchowe przez cały rok.

W kalendarzu liturgicznym kolor danego dnia odpowiada głównemu świętu liturgicznemu obchodzonemu w tym dniu, choć czasami można wybrać wspomnienie dowolne (które może mieć inny kolor). Cztery główne kolory to:

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Czerwony – Niedziela Palmowa, Wielki Piątek, Niedziela Zesłania Ducha Świętego; uroczystości Męki Pańskiej, święta Apostołów i Ewangelistów oraz męczenników.

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Przechodząc obok kościoła, niech kolory podświetlonej wieży przypominają nam o szczególnych okresach, które będziemy dzielić jako wspólnota parafialna, i prowadzić nas głębiej w tajemnicę obecności Boga w każdej porze roku liturgicznego.

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