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a people of
faith who
respond to our
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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ALREADY BLAZING!

— LUKE 12:49 —



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“
*I have come to
 set the earth on
 fire, and how
 I wish it were
 already blazing!*
 ”

LK 12:49

August 17, 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 | Heb 12:1-4 | Lk 12:49-53

Written by
 THE
 FAITHFUL
 DISCIPLE

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

Today's readings acknowledge the real challenges of living our faith. Following Christ will sometimes put us at odds with others – an uncomfortable reality that many will face in our broken and divided world. Yet we can find strength knowing that Jesus understands the constant opposition (both inward and outward) that we face. The second reading says, “Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners.” Jesus knows what it's like to face opposition, but he endured it “for the sake of the joy that lay before him.” That is our calling too. We are made to know the joy that awaits us beyond our crosses. We find the strength to persevere through our trials by “keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.” Keeping Christ as our focus, we will be able to overcome any obstacle we may face and run toward the goal of heaven.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today's Gospel, Jesus said, “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing.” Jesus' desire is that the whole world be set aflame with his love, and yet, he knows that this will not come easily. The good news is that Jesus is with us in the midst of the struggle. He too knows the deep longing and even anguish (the Gospel today uses that word!) that we experience as we work so that others may come to know God's love. We can take comfort in the fact that as much as we want to see others come to faith, God desires it even more than we do, and he is also pouring out his grace continually upon us. In the midst of any discouragement we may feel about those who seem opposed to God and to faith, may we remember the burning love that Christ has and his immense desire to draw all people to himself.

PRAY

Pray for those whom you may know who seem closed to the Gospel, or who are away from the Church. Invite the Holy Spirit to touch your heart with a particular love and zeal to pray for them, that those who may seem the most opposed to faith might come, one day, to embrace it.



Fr. Jason's Corner..

Running Towards God

Being consistent in the faith and defending Christian values are now met with resistance, and believers are often pushed out of public life. In many television stations and Internet portals, a model of progressive people who treat faith marginally is created. Most often, such an attitude is personified by attractive, young people. Religious attitude is often shown, using images of elderly people, tired of life, as a thing of the past. It can therefore be said that faith is not fashionable today!

Reflecting on the passage from today's Gospel, an important conclusion can be drawn: it happens that religious choices divide even the closest ones. Problems of faith, religious practice, sacramental life or ethics can become a source of conflicts in the family. In many homes you have to fight for the religiosity of the household. In many homes, mother or father, grandmother or grandfather deplores the atheism or religious indifference of their children and grandchildren. Jesus calls us anew today, giving us his constant strangeness, to fight for this faith, to undertake such an effort.

The Gospel makes great demands of every disciple of Jesus. Since Baptism we have taken part, as the author of the Letter to the Hebrews writes, in the professions assigned to us. These competitions will last for our entire lives. The author reminds us that in these competitions we should *"run persistently"*. Persistently, that is, every day, regardless of the circumstances, regardless of the weather around us. This run takes place throughout our lives. In this race, we are assured of God's support.

God, like over the prophet Jeremiah, watches over us; He rushes to our aid, bends over us, listens to our cry, strengthens our steps, puts our feet on the rock... But this run is not about relaxation or maintaining a good body shape; it's about cultivating the good form of the soul. That is why the experiences of *"fire"* are necessary, which Jesus mentions in today's Gospel: all kinds of obstacles, difficult moments, sometimes painful moments of failure. In this fire of adversity we know the degree of our love for the Gospel, that is, the teaching of Jesus. This race to the finish line in the kingdom of God is a constant struggle. It's not blissful peace – it is a struggle between life and death. God knows this; therefore He constantly encourages us to fight against our sins that deceive us.

May the flame of God's word burn in us what hinders our journey toward God. Let our sins and our desires to build a life according to our own ideas burn. Only then will there be peace in our hearts, the source of which is not the world, not man - but only God.
God bless you!

Fr. Jason

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: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

OBSERVANCES:

Tuesday: St. John Eudes, Priest

Wednesday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Pius X, Pope

Friday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

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 18 – AUGUST 24

**Monday, August 18th****8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

† Julianna Rebis

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Jason

† Stanisław Dzik

† Maria Widacha 2 rocznica śmierci

† Janina Subkowski

† Jadwiga, Józef, Zygmunt, Antoni, Aleksander, Stanisława Rutkowski

Tuesday, August 19th**8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

† Mateusz Górski

Health and God's Blessings for Christopher and his Family

7:00 pm English Fr. Paul

† Maria Widacha 2 rocznica śmierci

† Janina Subkowski

Wednesday, August 20th**8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

† Robert & Sandra Galassi Anniversary Remembrance

Health and Birthday Blessings for Jessica Shah

Thanksgiving Birthday Blessings for Mario Gotanco

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Marcina

O powrót do zdrowia dla Elżbiety Kapałka i potrzebne łaski dla niej i jej Rodziny
O szczęśliwy przebieg operacji dla Gabrieli

† Emil Brzostowski w rocznicę śmierci

† Stanisław Dzik

† Maria Widacha 2 rocznica śmierci

† Janina Subkowski

† Irene, Bill Uminowicz

† Bolesław Gancarz

† Zdzisław Zięba oraz Czesława Zięba w 10 rocznice śmierci

Thursday, August 21st**8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian****8:45-10:45 am SJB School Confession**

† John Walsh 4th year Death Anniversary

† In Memory of Henryk Stankiewicz

† The Soul of Sister Mary Rosalita

7:00 pm English Fr. Jason

† Maria Widacha 2 rocznica śmierci

† Janina Subkowski

Friday, August 22nd**8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

† Robert E. Galassi Birthday Remembrance

Health and Birthday Blessings for Dr. Andy Beierwaltes

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O pełne wyzdrowienie i Bożą mądrość

† Stanisław Dzik

† Maria Widacha 2 rocznica śmierci

† Janina Subkowski

† Czesława, Ryszard Wiszowaty

Saturday, August 23rd**8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

Thanksgiving Birthday Blessings for David Deano

† Mary Jessy Brito

† Stanisława Borek

† Eternal repose of the Souls of Bienvenido Dela Cruz, Silverio Amatong Jr. and Francisca Amatong

† Mark "Miko" Cablayan Birthday

Remembrance

† Maria Widacha 2 rocznica śmierci

5:00 pm English Fr. Sebastian

Tyler Silvestre-Barrios Birthday Blessings

† In Memory of Stella Zalewski-Bandola

† Matthew, Bernice & Matt Jr. Wojtaszek

† Mark "Miko" Cablayan Birthday Remembrance

† The Soul of John Jerome Arenó

† Tristan Joseph Balura

6:30 pm Polish Fr. Jason

O Boże Błogosławieństwo i opiekę Matki Bożej dla Janiny Małacha i Jej Rodziny

† Józef Lis 25 rocznica śmierci

† Katarzyna Malewska 2 rocznica śmierci

† Patryk Branka we wspomnieniu Urodzin

† Włodzimierz Jaromin

† Adrian Cholewa

† Stanisław Dzik 8 miesięcy po śmierci

† Janina Subkowski

† Wojciech i Adolfa Ostrega

† Mary, Serafina, Antoni, John, Henry Grygorcewicz

Sunday, August 24th**7:00 am Polish Fr. Jason**

† Za wszystkich zmarłych z rodziny Poborca i Babiarcz

† Majka Pikul oraz zmarli z Rodziny Pikul,

Kalata, Bajko i Wołyńskich

† Leon, Janina, Krystyna Groman

† Wacław Gonder 1 rocznica śmierci

8:30 am English Fr. Mike Solazzo

Health and Birthday Blessings for Michelle Grzęda

† Arthur & Dorothy M. Kapchinski

† Teresa Kelly Death Anniversary

† Anna Kozma Eternal Rest

† The Soul of Lois Ostrega

† The Soul of Teresa Kelly

† The Soul of Anna Kozma - Birthday Remembrance

† The Soul of Chieko Shito

10:00 am English Fr. Paul

For Sick & Suffering

† All Souls in Purgatory

11:30 am Polish Fr. Jason

O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Alicji Giżyńskiej z okazji Urodzin

Health & God's Blessings for Kowalczyk & Kowalski Family

Health & God's Blessings for Krystyna Fijor

† Maria Wojdyła

† Czesława Leśniak

† Stanisław Sak

† Wesley Gizynski, Zdzisław i Michael Puacz

† Mieczysław Myśliwiec

† Eugene Mikowski

† Benedykt Pacyna

† Stanisław Dzik

† Emilia Boksa we wspomnieniu Imienin

† Tadeusz Domagała 8 rocznica śmierci

† Janina Subkowski

† Antonina Michniak

† Tadeusz Zurowski

† Józef Gnatek 8 rocznica śmierci

† Anastazja Kaczuk 33 rocznica śmierci

† Grażyna Duniecki 72 rocznica śmierci

† Władysława, Kazimierz Urbaś oraz Jan Błoniarz

† John Stepp, Mariusz Kurski

† Maria Drozd

† Wacław Gonder 1 rocznica śmierci

6:00 pm English Fr. Sebastian

All SJB Volunteers



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK IS OFFERED FOR:

† In Loving Memory of Felicidad M. Beltran and Andres S. Beltran

PLEASE PRAY:



OUR SICK:

Martha Gfesser	Vivian Daoud
Maureen Polcyn	Nanette Sadorra
Fely Ranjo	Isabel C. Villarreal
Millet Beltran	Luke Kowalski
RJ Calisura	Joanna Oliwa
Anne Marie Guerrier	Tom Leonard
Betty Bukraba	Francisco & Luz Atienza
Elizabeth Marrinan	Maureen Nathan
C. Kozeny	Charlotte & Carl Lindquist
Mario Brancato	Rose Manio
Pamela Triplitt	Casey Sergot
Patricia	Teresa Parcianny
Lourdes Loraya	Junver Isuga
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	Cindy Strong
Silverio Fernandez	Araceli Madridejos
Alice Parinas	Aileen Sancho
Jannette Mendoza	Alan Enzbogilis Sr.
Mario Loraya	

OUR BELOVED DEPARTED:

Jean M. Stanley



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

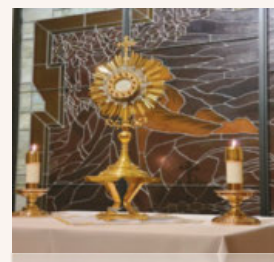
Timothy Casey
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Pvt. James Cunningham
CDR John Tutwiler
SSGT Michael J. Archam
A2C Andrew T. Perkins
Susanne Connolly Tutwiler
Pieter Venter
Jacob Allen

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 † For the Soul of Philip Grossman & all deceased Members of Grossman Family

Candle 2 † For the Soul of Philip Grossman & all deceased Members of Grossman Family



SUNDAY OFFERINGS

AUGUST 10, 2025 – \$16,233



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.

WEDDING BANNS:

II Paul Sliwka & April Flood



Beautiful Mass cards featuring the image of St. John Brebeuf, the patron saint of our parish, are available for an additional charge from the parish office. These cards are a thoughtful and prayerful way to let someone know a Mass is being offered for them or their loved one.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK:



Feast of St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church – August 20

St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090–1153) was a Cistercian monk known for his deep love of Christ, devotion to Mary, and gift for drawing others to

holiness. His preaching inspired the Second Crusade, reformed monasteries, and guided popes. St. Bernard reminds us: “In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary.”

May we, like him, seek God with a burning heart and lead others to the peace of Christ.

Feast of St. Pius X – August 21

St. Pius X (1835–1914), Pope from 1903 to 1914, was a shepherd devoted to the renewal of the Church and the spiritual lives of the faithful. He encouraged frequent reception of the Eucharist, promoted sacred music in the liturgy, and worked tirelessly for catechesis and the reform of Church practices. Known for his humility, simplicity, and love of the poor, St. Pius X reminds us to place Christ at the center of our lives and to grow in holiness through prayer and the sacraments



The Queenship of Mary – August 22

On this feast, we honor Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth, recognizing her unique role in God’s plan of salvation. Through her faith, obedience, and motherly love, she draws us closer to her Son, Jesus.

May we turn to Mary for guidance, inspiration, and intercession, asking her to help us follow Christ faithfully in our daily lives.

Feast of St. Rose of Lima – August 23

St. Rose of Lima (1586–1617) was the first saint of the Americas, known for her deep love of God, prayerful life, and care for the poor and sick. She lived a life of humility and penance, offering her daily sacrifices for the salvation of souls. May her example inspire us to serve others with charity and devotion, and to seek holiness in the ordinary moments of our lives.



Jubilee Year 2025: “Pilgrims of Hope”

INDULGENCES & PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Jubilee Year of Hope, inviting all Catholics to a time of spiritual renewal, mercy, and conversion.

Although the traditional Holy Doors in Rome remain the primary portals of grace, the Archdiocese of Chicago has opened 24 local pilgrimage sites, holy doors in spirit where plenary indulgences may be obtained. The Jubilee runs from December 29, 2024, through December 28, 2025.

What Is a Plenary Indulgence?

A plenary indulgence fully remits the temporal punishment owing to sin. To receive it, a Catholic must:

- Be in a state of grace (i.e., repentant and free from attachment to sin).

Complete the following during a pilgrimage to a designated site:

- Make Sacramental Confession (before or after the visit).
- Receive Holy Communion (before or after the visit).
- Offer a profession of faith and pray for the Pope’s intentions

Engage in one or more devotions during the visit, such as:

- Attending Holy Mass or celebrating the Liturgy of the Word
- Praying the Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, or Stations of the Cross
- Spending time in Eucharistic adoration and concluding with the Our Father, Profession of Faith, and invocations to Mary

Those who cannot physically visit, such as the homebound, sick, or elderly, can still receive the indulgence by uniting spiritually with pilgrims, praying the Our Father, a Profession of Faith, and invocations to Mary.

Official Pilgrimage Sites



Vicariate I

- Santa Maria del Popolo
- Prince of Peace
- Holy Cross
- St. Anne
- Our Lady of the Wayside
- St. Joseph the Worker
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Vicariate II

- St. Clement
- St. Hyacinth Basilica
- St. Mary of the Lake

Vicariate III

- Holy Name Cathedral
- St. Mary of Czestochowa
- St. Rita of Cascia

Vicariate IV

- St. Hubert
- St. Matthew
- St. Francis Borgia
- St. Francis of Assisi (Kostner)
- St. John Vianney

Vicariate V

- St. Cletus
- St. Michael
- Our Lady Mother of the Church Polish Mission

Vicariate VI

- St. Gianna Molla
- St. Thomas the Apostle
- St. Veronica

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC LEAGUE FOR RELIGIOUS ASSISTANCE TO POLAND AND POLONIA August 23/24

P raise be to Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

Since its creation in 1943, the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland and Polonia has been helping the Church in Poland. In addition to that commitment, the League is reaching out to communities across the U.S. where Polonia is present.

The League's mission proclaims: "Keeping in mind the future of our Polish-American heritage, we cultivate the gift of unity with the Roman Catholic Church, and we promote a transformed Polonia - informed, united, involved, and active." In accordance with its mission, St. John Paul the Great

Formation and Education Scholarships are awarded to priests from Poland studying in Rome and to college students of Polonia, as well as donations to other qualified charities. Your donations made that possible!

Bishop Andrew Wypych, National Executive Director, and Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Chicago, encourages you to join the many generous people who support the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland and Polonia. You may go to the website and click on "Donate" to make your contribution. The annual collection takes place close to August 26, the Feast day of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the patroness of the League.

We ask for the intercession of Our Lady of Czestochowa and our beloved St. John Paul the Great. May they bless the work that is done and beseech Our Lord to bless all who support the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland and Polonia. Thank you and Bóg Zapłać!

For more information please visit: www.catholicleaguepolonia.org



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.

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.




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BEGIN SEPTEMBER 25, 2025
LAST DAY TO ENROLL IS SEPTEMBER 5

SPRED: A WELCOMING PLACE FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS & GIFTS TO GROW IN FAITH – TO FIND GOD IN THEIR MIDST.



We are on the threshold of forming a community of volunteers who are happy to bring the SPRED ministry to this parish. St. John Brebeuf will work in collaboration with surrounding parishes to provide a special process of faith formation for our friends with variety of special needs and gifts.

This is an exciting time as volunteers are at the point of looking at training opportunities in September & October. They will then be ready to prepare the special meeting space and put together a calendar that works for everyone. If you are interested in being a part of this much needed and deeply appreciated community, please gather with us for the next planning session. This meeting is essential to attend to guarantee the reality of this blessed endeavor.

Mark your calendar:

Date/Time: **August 20th at 7:00 pm**

Place: St. John Brebeuf Parish Conference Room

Contact Information: Julia Hess

j_hess@archchicago.org or call 773-539-7510

Jeannette Yambot j_eanfadyam@yahoo.com

Visit: www.spred@archchicago.org or

www.queenofangelsspred.org



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it be accomplished! Your gift to the Society to assist those suffering in poverty will help set the earth on fire with the of God's love. 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. Contact the Parish Office at (847) 966-8145

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!



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call for an appointment

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Friday, August 22, 2025

St. John Brebeuf Ministry Center Parking Lot
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 „Under a Tent Party”

MEMEBERSHIP DRIVE

New or Renew 2025/26 Membership
 @ \$15 for FREE Admission
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 Must Be Age 21 & over to Attend

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from 6:30pm-10:00pm

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For further Information contact:
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 Andy Beierwaltes (847) 507-5995
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ADULT CONFIRMATION

Fall 2025

The Adult Confirmation Process of the Archdiocese of Chicago is a pre-sacramental program for adults (18 and older) who have already received the Catholic sacrament of Baptism and First Holy Communion and are seeking to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Adults who have not received the Catholic sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion should contact their local parish to join the OCIA process.

The Adult Confirmation sessions are offered on Zoom in English and Spanish (Flyer).

Preparation Class Dates

Wednesdays: September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 19. | 7 – 9 p.m.

English Adult Confirmation Mass

To Be Announced.

Registration Process

1. Registration opens on June 20, 2025
2. **Register here** or by scanning the QR code
3. Pay \$100 fee (due at the time of registration)
4. Registration closes September 5, 2025 at 6 p.m.
5. You will receive the Zoom meeting link the week classes start.

For more information, please **visit our website**.

For questions, please email

adultconfirmation@archchicago.org, or call 312.534.8351.



HURTING FROM ABORTION?

There are people who understand and can help. Are you hurting emotionally and spiritually after an abortion? There is hope for your future! If you're suffering because of an abortion, you may feel alone. But you are not. Call 1-888-456-HOPE. www.hopeafterabortion.com

WILL YOU HELP SAVE UNBORN BABIES?

NorthWest Families for Life **invites you to pray and save lives** outside of the Des Plaines abortion facility. One of the main reasons women give for changing their mind is the presence of someone outside the clinic praying for them. That someone could be YOU! Free training available.

Where:

American Women's Medical

110 S. River Rd, Des Plaines, IL

When:

Every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 9:00 -10:30 am

Could you be there one day a month? One hour a week?

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Just show up on any of the above days and times.

For more information and more ways to be involved in this pro-life ministry, email

Maria at NWFL526@gmail.com or

call Laura 847-651-4877.

www.NorthWestFamiliesforLife.weebly.com



Uncle Pete's Sack Meal
Ministry
2025 Service Dates

Thank You from Uncle Pete Ministries!

A heartfelt thank you to all SJB parishioners who supported our July sack meal ministry. Thanks to your generosity, **370 sack meals** were donated by parish families and delivered to the Our Lady of Angels Food Pantry. An additional **300 meals** were assembled by *Covenant for the Hungry Ministry* and delivered to the Franciscan Shelter. SJB's *St. Vincent de Paul Society* also held a sack meal-making event, preparing **600 meals** that were distributed to the Franciscan Shelter, Marillac Food Pantry, and IWS Family Health—an incredible collective effort.

We're also grateful for the monetary donations we received, which will help fund future sack meal events. Every contribution matters.

Those who received the meals were truly grateful to be remembered with such care and kindness. Your compassion continues to make a real difference in the lives of others.

For August, bag distribution will be **August 16–17**, and meal drop-off is **August 23–24**. This is a simple but powerful way to serve others, and we welcome all who can take part.

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

— Uncle Pete Ministries

Weekend Sack Distribution	Weekend Sack Collection	
	Saturday	Sunday
August 16 - 17	August 23 4:30 – 6:45PM	August 24 6:30 – 11:45AM
September 20 - 21	September 27 4:30 – 6:45PM	September 28 6:30 – 11:45AM
October 18 - 19	October 25 4:30 – 6:45PM	October 26 6:30 – 11:45AM
Please Note: There is no Sunday 6:00PM Mass Sack Collection		

COUNSELING SUPPORT LINE

If you feeling anxious or depressed and you'd like

to talk with a counselor, please call the Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line at (312) 948-6951 anytime M-F from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Spanish speaking counselors are available. If you leave a message after hours, a counselor will call you back.



LEGAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department has attorneys and volunteer attorneys available to provide advice in numerous areas of law. If you are unsure about your legal rights or lost in the legal system, they can help. Services include in-depth advice and possible direct representation on many issues, including landlord/tenant disputes, family law, consumer and debtor rights, foreclosure, employment issues, orders of protection, power of attorney, and more. CCLA provides free to low-cost legal services to eligible low-income individuals. For help and more information, contact the legal advice line at (312) 948-6821.



Z biurka ks. Proboszcza...

Bieg ku Bogu

Bycie konsekwentnym w wierze i obrona wartości chrześcijańskich napotykają dziś na opór, a osoby wierzące często zostają wypchnięci z życia publicznego. W wielu stacjach telewizyjnych i portalach internetowych kreuje się model postępowego człowieka, który wiarę traktuje marginalnie. Najczęściej taką postawę uosabiają atrakcyjni, młodzi ludzie. Postawę religijną ukazuje się często, wykorzystując wizerunki ludzi starszych, zmęczonych życiem, że to jakiś przeżytek. Można zatem powiedzieć, że obecnie wiara nie jest w modzie!

Rozważając fragment dzisiejszej Ewangelii, można wyciągnąć ważny wniosek: zdarza się, że religijne wybory dzielą nawet najbliższych. Problemy wiary, praktyk religijnych, życia sakramentalnego czy etyki mogą stać się zarzewiem konfliktów w rodzinie. W niejednym domu trzeba walczyć o religijność domowników. W niejednym domu matka czy ojciec, babcia czy dziadek ubolewa nad ateizmem czy obojętnością religijną swoich dzieci i wnuków. Jezus na nowo wzywa nas dzisiaj, zapewniając nas o swojej ciągłej obecności, aby o tę wiarę walczyć, aby podejmować taki trud.

Ewangelia stawia wobec każdego ucznia Jezusa duże wymagania. Od Chrztu świętego bierzemy udział - jak pisze autor listu do Hebrajczyków - w wyznaczonych nam zawodach. Te zawody będą trwały przez całe nasze życie. Autor przypomina, że powinniśmy w tych zawodach *"biec wytrwale"*. Wytrwale, czyli każdego dnia, bez względu na okoliczności, bez względu na panującą wokół nas pogodę. Ten bieg odbywa się przez całe nasze życie. W tym biegu mamy zapewnione wsparcie od Boga.

Bóg - podobnie jak nad prorokiem Jeremiaszem - czuwa nad nami; spieszy nam z pomocą, pochyla się nad nami, słucha naszego wołania, umacnia nasze kroki, stawia nasze stopy na skale... Ale ten bieg nie jest relaksem, tu nie chodzi o zachowanie dobrego wyglądu ciała, tu chodzi o dobrą formę duszy. Dlatego konieczne są doświadczenia *"ognia"*, o którym w dzisiejszej Ewangelii wspomina Jezus: wszelkiego rodzaju przeszkody, chwile trudne, niekiedy bolesne, chwile porażek, niepowodzeń. W tym ogniu przeciwności poznajemy stopień naszego umiłowania Ewangelii, czyli nauki Jezusa. Ten bieg ku mecie w królestwie Bożym to ciągła walka. To nie błogi spokój - ale walka na śmierć i życie. Bóg o tym wie, dlatego nieustannie zachęca nas do walki z naszymi grzechami, które nas zwodzą.

Niech płomień słowa Bożego spala w nas to, co przeszkadza w naszym biegu ku Bogu. Niech spalają się nasze grzechy, nasze pragnienia budowania życia według własnego pomysłu. Dopiero wtedy w naszym sercu zagości pokój, którego źródłem nie jest świat, nie jest człowiek - ale tylko Bóg.

Szczęść Boże!

Ks. Zdzisław

DRUGA KOLEKTA NA RZECZ LIGI KATOLICKIEJ POMOCY RELIGIJNEJ POLSCE I POLONII

23/24 sierpnia

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wieki!



Już od 1943 roku, założona przez duchowieństwo polonijne i świeckich, Liga Katolicka Pomocy Religijnej Polsce i Polonii, niesie pomoc Kościołowi w Polsce, a także wychodzi naprzeciw katolickim, polsko-amerykańskim rodzinom w Stanach Zjednoczonych Ameryki Północnej, wszędzie tam gdzie Polonia jest obecna.

Misja Ligi głosi: "W trosce o przyszłość naszego polsko amerykańskiego dziedzictwa, pielęgnujemy święty dar jedności z Kościołem Rzymsko-katolickim i promujemy POLONIĘ PRZEOBRAŻONĄ: INFORMOWANĄ, ZJEDNOCZONĄ ZAANGAZOWANĄ, AKTYWNA."

Wypełniając swoją misję, Liga przyznaje Stypendia Formacyjne i Akademickie księżom z Polski studiującym w Rzymie, Studentom polonijnym w USA oraz wspomaga kwalifikowane organizacje charytatywne.

Twoja szczodroblowość to sprawiła, Obecny Krajowy Dyrektor Wykonawczy Ligi Katolickiej - ks. bp Andrzej P. Wypych, D.D. (biskup pomocniczy emeritus Archidiecezji Chicago) zachęca Was Bracia i Siostry w wierze, do dołączenia się do grona hojnych ofiarodawców podczas corocznej składki na rzecz Ligi Katolickiej Pomocy Religijnej Polsce i Polonii. Jej termin wyznaczony jest w weekend najbliższy dacie 26 sierpnia, Uroczystość Matki Bożej Częstochowskiej, patronki Ligi. Można też złożyć bezpośrednio donację: na stronie LIGI przez użycie przycisku Donacje.

W tym szczególnym czasie prosimy naszych Patronów o wstawiennictwo i łaskę błogosławieństwa dla owoców pracy już wykonanej przez Ligę oraz o wstawiennictwo u Naszego Pana o błogosławieństwo wszystkich dobroczyńców wspierających misję i cele Ligi Katolickiej Pomocy Religijnej Polsce i Polonii - "Bóg zapłać!"

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W TYM TYGODNIU WSPOMINAMY:

Św. Bernard, opat i doktor Kościoła – 20 sierpnia

Św. Bernard z Clairvaux (1090–1153) był gorliwym mnichem cysterskim, kaznodzieją i doradcą papieży. Słynął z głębokiej miłości do Chrystusa i Matki Bożej, a swoim życiem pociągał wielu do naśladowania Ewangelii. Uczy nas, że prawdziwa mądrość płynie z kontemplacji i modlitwy, a świętość rodzi się z pokornej służby Bogu i bliźnim.

Św. Pius X, papież – 21 sierpnia

Św. Pius X (1835–1914), papież w latach 1903–1914, zapisał się w historii Kościoła jako gorliwy pasterz, który zachęcał do częstej Komunii Świętej, troszczył się o piękno liturgii i katechyzę wiernych. Słynął z prostoty, pokory i miłości do ubogich. Jego dewizą było: „Odnowić wszystko w Chrystusie”.



Wspomnienie Najświętszej Maryi Panny Królowej – 22 sierpnia

Kościół czci Maryję jako Królową nieba i ziemi, wyniesioną przez Boga za Jej wiarę, pokorę i posłuszeństwo. Jej królowanie jest pełne miłości i troski o każdego z nas. Prośmy Ją, aby prowadziła nas bliżej do Chrystusa.

Św. Róża z Limy – 23 sierpnia

Św. Róża z Limy (1586–1617) była pierwszą świętą z Ameryki. Odznaczała się głęboką modlitwą, umiłowaniem pokuty oraz troską o ubogich i chorych. Swoje życie ofiarowała Bogu, pragnąc zbawienia dusz. Jej przykład uczy nas, że świętość można osiągnąć w codzienności poprzez miłość i ofiarność.

Ks. Sebastian Zebrowski, nasz wikariusz, we współpracy z Seminarium w Mundelein przygotował kurs na temat Liturgii Świętej w języku polskim. Szczegółowe informacje oraz dostęp do kursu znajdują się pod poniższym linkiem:

https://usml.blackboard.com/webapps/consulting-central/app/launch/TDMv2?locale=en_US&route=offerings/f5dfba52-0efb-43a4-9771-86cbd0bda674; lub skanując poniższy QR kod.



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Kliknij kod QR, aby dowiedzieć się więcej i zapisać. Dowiedz się więcej o wszystkich naszych krótkich kursach online, odwiedzając naszą stronę internetową courses.usml.edu.





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INTENCJE MSZY ŚWIĘTYCH



Internetowo: www.sjbrebeuf.org
(prosimy kliknąć na żółte pole z napisem *Mass Intentions* i wypełnić formularz online)

Pocztą: Ofiarę za intencję prosimy wysłać na adres: *Mass Intentions, St. John Brebeuf, 8305 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, IL 60714* podając intencję Mszy św., datę i godzinę oraz dołączyć swoje imię i numer telefonu. Prosimy o zgłoszenie prośby z 2-tygodniowym wyprzedzeniem dzwoniąc pod numer (847)966-8145 abyśmy mieli wystarczająco czasu na jej otrzymanie i umieszczenie w biuletynie parafialnym.

OFIAROWANIE DARÓW EUCHARYSTYCZNYCH

Pamiętaj o bliskich zmarłych lub osobie, która potrzebuje modlitwy ofiarowując w tej intencji dary eucharystyczne (chleb i wino), które w dalszym toku liturgii poprzez konsekrację staną się dla nas Ciałem i Krwią Chrystusa i posiadają głęboką wymowę i duchowe znaczenie. Sugerowana ofiara to \$50. Zamówiona intencja zostanie odprawiona podczas niedzielnej Mszy św. o godz. 6.00 wieczorem. Prosimy o kontakt z biurem parafialnym w celu wybrania odpowiedniego terminu.

SAKRAMENT CHRZTU ŚWIĘTEGO — Sakrament Chrztu celebrowany jest dwa razy w miesiącu: w drugą niedzielę w języku angielskim o godz. 10:00, w czwartą niedzielę o godz. 11:30 w języku polskim oraz w soboty. Prosimy o kontakt z Biurem Parafialnym, aby zarejestrować się na spotkanie przygotowujące i ustalić datę chrztu.

GRUPA MIŁOSIERDZIA BOŻEGO PW.

ŚW. FAUSTYNY zaprasza na Nabożeństwo do Miłosierdzia Bożego w każdy trzeci piątek miesiąca po Mszy św. o godz. 7:00pm

ODZYSKAJ SIEBIE! — Pamiętaj nigdy z żadnym problemem nie jesteś sam.

Spotkania polskojęzycznej grupy wsparcia AA przy parafii St. John Brebeuf odbywają się w każdą **niedzielę o godzinie 7.00 wieczorem**. Po więcej informacji prosimy o kontakt dzwoniąc pod numer (847) 710 0211.



KAPLICA WIECZNEJ ADORACJI

„Przyjdźcie do mnie wszyscy, a ja was pokrzepię” (Mt 11,28). Zapisani czciciele zapraszani są na przynajmniej jedną godzinę adoracji w tygodniu.

Dzięki ich nieustannemu zaangażowaniu kaplica adoracji otwarta jest zawsze, dla

każdego. Jako gorliwi opiekunowie Eucharystii starają się, by Pan nigdy nie był sam.

Kaplica Wiecznej Adoracji przy naszej parafii znajduje się w budynku Ministry Center i jest dostępna dla wszystkich podczas godzin otwarcia biura parafialnego: od poniedziałku do czwartku od godz. 9:00am do 7:00pm / w piątki od godz. 9:00am do 5:00pm / w soboty od 9:00am do 12:00pm. Po godzinach pracy biura kaplica jest dostępna wyłącznie przez wcześniejszą rejestrację i otrzymaniu karty, umożliwiającej otworzenie drzwi. Pragnąc zapisać się na określoną godzinę, szczególnie na adorację po godzinach pracy biura parafialnego prosimy o kontakt z biurem parafialnym podczas godzin otwarcia dzwoniąc pod numer (847) 966-8145.



AL-ANON Grupa rodzinna Al-Anon zaprasza na spotkania polskojęzyczne przy parafii St. John Brebeuf w **każdy czwartek o godzinie 7 pm** (wejście z tyłu budynku szkoły). Jeśli masz w rodzinie lub wśród bliskich przyjaciół osoby uzależnione, otrzymasz tu nadzieję i wsparcie. Przyjdź!

LEDNICA 2000 ASSOCIATION

zaprasza młodzież szkół średnich i studentów do naszej grupy lednickiej przy parafii St. John Brebeuf. Można dołączyć do grupy muzycznej i na lednicką formację *Integralnego Rozwoju Młodej Osobowości* opartej na ośmiu przemówieniach Św. Jana Pawła II do Lednicy. Lednica 2000 Association jest grupą młodych Katolików, pragnących pogłębić swoją wiarę i żyć Ewangelią. Spotkania w **drugą niedzielę miesiąca**. Zapraszamy serdecznie wszystkich młodych którzy pragną pogłębić wiarę i służyć swoimi talentami. Kontakt: Jolanta Waśko 773-573-5430 lub jolawasko@aol.com

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7:00 pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday (Polish)
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