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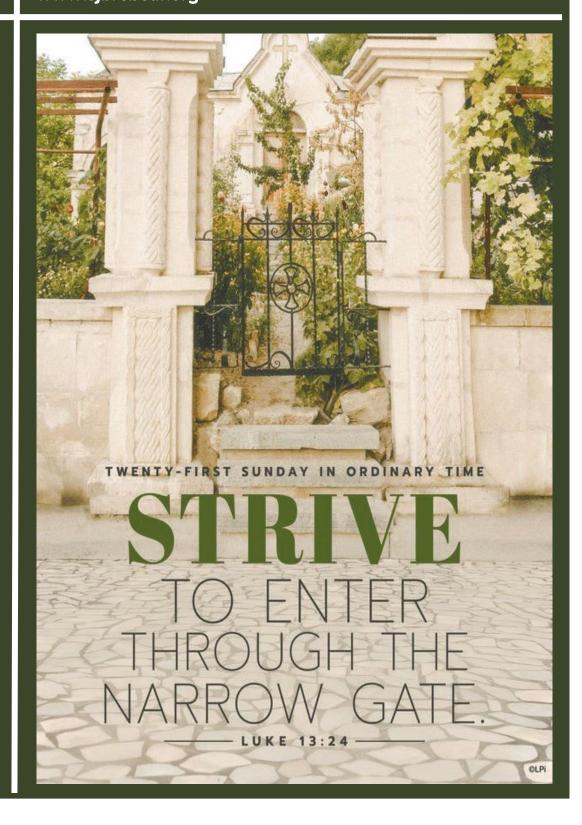
2025

ST. JOHN BREBEUF

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We are 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.





August 24, 2025

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21 | Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 | Lk 13:22-30

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

Have you ever felt as though God is punishing you? Throughout the course of our lives, we experience what might seem like a barrage of hardships. This battering down of our interior and exterior fortresses over time can test our faith and weaken our resolve. If you find yourself in this position, read today's passage from Hebrews again: "Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord," St. Paul reminds us, "for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines." In our human nature, we may find these "disciplines" painful (and rightfully so). But Paul urges us to shift our mindset, recognizing that just as a good father disciplines his children for their greater good, so our heavenly Father does the same for us. Paul goes on to explain that we may consider every trial we endure in this sense, as a loving "discipline" — a sign of the Lord's attention and desire for our sanctity.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Modern society loves the concept of a God who is soft, inviting, sweet, and tender. Of course, our Lord in his goodness and mercy can be described by those adjectives. But today's Gospel reminds us of an equally important characteristic of the Lord: He is the supreme and final judge, and at the final judgment we will be held accountable for our lives. In the end, we will stand before the Lord, and he will put all things in proper order. Will it be glorious, loving, and merciful? Yes. Painful and piercing? Perhaps. Our Lord's love knows no bounds, and he withholds his mercy from no one. It is precisely from this place of perfect love and profound mercy that rightful judgment emerges. May we live a life worthy of welcome when we meet him face to face.

REFLECT

In addition to accepting the discipline that the Lord sends our way, we can engage in voluntary practices to strengthen our spiritual lives. These practices are necessary, as Jesus tells us that many "will not be strong enough" to enter through the narrow gate that leads to life. Our second reading exhorts us to "strengthen [our] drooping hands and [our] weak knees." What spiritual disciplines have you found helpful to foster your growth in holiness? What areas are weak or need strengthening?



Fr. Jason's Corner..

The Way to Heaven

Our daily actions are aimed at making life easier and easier. New inventions, automation, computerization and all improvements are to relieve us of work and household duties. Sometimes this ease begins to shift to our religious life. We begin to walk the broad path without regard for God's commandments or the teaching contained in the Gospel. Some people even think that such a way of life is easier, that it brings satisfaction for a short time. Some walk this broad path, until finally, touched by some life experience and by the grace of God, they enter the *narrow way*, the way of fulfilling their duties solidly, of accepting difficulties, of renunciation, of the way leading to glory, eternal glory, to heaven. We have many examples in the history of the Church and even in our daily lives of a radical following of Christ.

Not everyone has to go through such a path to enter the narrow way of life, of living with rules, because a wide road without rules leads nowhere. Yes, it gives temporary satisfaction, but after that - emptiness. Because you can have everything in life, but what will remain if you lose salvation? - only eternal crying and grinding of teeth... Maybe every day it is difficult for us to think about salvation, about what will happen to us after death. After all, there are so many difficult issues on earth, so many unresolved problems, so much concern for the coming days, for how to survive, what to do to support ourselves at work, so that nothing bad happens to us, so that everything in the family will go well again. How can we think about salvation in all this? When Jesus speaks of salvation, He does not require us to leave aside our earthly, life-like things, to take our eyes off life and look only upwards. No! Jesus wants us to invite Him to what we are experiencing, to our earthly affairs. To believe that He wants to come to us now, He wants to enter our "earthly door" with His Salvation. Before we reach heaven, He is the first to dwell with us, He wants to be the first to cross the threshold of our heart and make heaven in it. But will there be a place for Him in my heart, or is it not too tight from the other things of this world? It happens sometimes in people that there is a place for everything in the heart, and the least of it is for God. It is then challenging to squeeze in so that the good in us prevails, to replace anger with forgiveness, to think instead of criticizing and judging people, to think about what to do for them, so that instead of waiting for someone to change, we can start to convert ourselves. And this is God's way to salvation already on earth and the way leading to heaven.

May today's Gospel helps us to unite faith even more closely to our daily lives, to be converted from what is sinful and to live a just life in which there is room in the heart for God and others.

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

HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY in English: Every Friday 3:00pm Adoration

Chapel

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/

Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

OBSERVANCES:

Monday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Wednesday: St. Monica

Thursday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

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."

LITURGY SCHEDULE - MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 25 - AUGUST 31

Monday, August 25th

8:30 am English Fr. Jason

† Barbara L. Hendrick Birthday Remembrance

Edelissa Valdez Birthday Blessings

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian St. Monica

Prayer Group

- † Maria Wiechec
- † Bartlomiej Wiecheć
- † Stanisław Dzik
- † Janina Subkowski
- † O radość nieba dla Paul Domański
- † Leonarda, Lucjan Hryniewicki

O zdrowie, Boże Bł. i opiekę Matki Bożej z okazji Urodzin dla Czesława Komosy

Tuesday, August 26th Our Lady Of Czestochowa

8:30 am English Fr. Jason

Health & God's Blessings for Janina Malacha on Her 97th Brthday

7:00 pm English Fr. Jason

- † Danuta Dorsz w 5 rocznice smierci
- † Janina Subkowski

Health & God's Blessings for Janina Malacha on Her **97**th Birthday

Wednesday, August 27th

8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian

- † Manuela Duarte Alvarez Death Anniv.
- † Michael Glowacki
- † Josefina Navarro Death Anniversary
- † Katherine Wenderski Knisley Birthday Remembrance
- † Emilia Sapalo 40th day after death

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O powrót do zdrowia dla Elżbiety Kapałka i potrzebne łaski dla niej i jej Rodziny

† Alfreda Mahete

O opiekę, Boże Bł. i moc łaski dla Moniki i Paula Bonvallet oraz dzieci

† Stanisław Dzik

Z okazji urodzin Grażynki - o łaske i opiekę Bożą oraz potrzebne łaski dla jej rodziny

† Janina Subkowski

O zdrowie i Boże bł. dla Romana Wójtowicz z okazji Urodzin

† Lucyna, Kazimierz Jóźwiak

Thursday, August 28th

8:30 am English Fr. Jason

- † Lisa Lyons Death Anniversary
- † Stanisław Łopuski

For Agnes Sobon in thanksgiving for taking care of water Fountains in the Church

7:00 pm English Fr. Sebastian

God's Blessings for Fr. Robert Józef Wożniak on his 26th Anniv. of Ordination and on his Birthday

† Janina Subkowski

Friday, August 29th

8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian

† Jeannette H. Ratulowski Birthday Remembrance

† Heavenly Birthday Blessings for Peg Maher and Loving Remembrance of Cy Maher

Birthday Blessings, health and grow in good faith for Jenny Olickal

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Jason

- † David Ciołek
- † Stanisław Dzik

O Bożą opieke dla Córki

† Janina Subkowski

Za Daniela - o wyjście z nałogu

† Mateusz Gorski, Stanisława Frąckiewicz

Saturday, August 30th

8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian

- † Frances Dyjak
- † David Ciołek 9th Death Anniversary
- † Fely Bumanlang

5:00 pm English Fr. Paul

- † In Memory of Stella Zalewski-Bandola
- † Matthew, Bernice & Matt Jr. Wojtaszek
- † The Soul of John Jerome Areno
- † Tristan Joseph Balura
- † Robert Rigoni
- † Wayne Krawczynski on his 3rd Death Anniversary
- † Lois MacAdam
- † The Soul of Angelina Mendoza
- † The Soul of Alfredo San Juan Birthday Blessings of Ma. Flabeth

O. Valera

6:30 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

- † Stanisław Wysocki
- † Helen Simszyk
- † Włodzimierz Jaromin
- † Genowefa i Józef Pawula
- † Adrian Cholewa
- † Janina Subkowski

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

- † Marian Suszko
- † Zofia Janik 10 rocznica śmierci
- † Wanda Wisniewska 20 rocznica śmierci

Sunday, August 31st

7:00 am Polish Fr. Sebastian

† Joanna Szczepanska i Wladyslaw Szczepanski we wspomnieniu urodzin

- † Majka Pikul oraz zmarli z Rodziny Pikul, Kalata, Bajko i Wołyńskich
- † Henryka Złotkiewicz
- † Honorata i Sylwester Więckowski
- † Włodzimierz Kochanek 8 rocznica śmierci

8:30 am English Fr. Jason

Health and Birthday Blessings for Lucy Health and Birthday Blessings for Erik Henschel

Health & God's Blessings for Gabriela Kuczmarska

- † Lillian Sallaz
- † Krzysztof Ruta Eternal Peace

10:00 am English Fr. Jason

Blessings & thanksgivings to Caroline & Alan

† John Depa 2nd year Death Anniversary and all deceased Members of the Family Health and God's Blessing for Alyssa, Emalee, Josh, Elyse, their Parents and Uncle Mark

† Maria Luisa Bernardo Birthday Remembrance

† Dorothy Pawelczak 30 days after Death Jerry & Lucy Szczepański 57th Wedding Anniversary

† Alan Enzbigilis Sr.

11:30 am Polish Fr. Sebastian

- † Maria Wojdyła
- † Czesława Leśniak
- † Stanisław Sak
- † Jan Rychtar
- † Mieczysław Myśliwiec
- † Wesley Dworakowski
- † Bronisława i Władysław Skóra
- † Stanisław Dzik
- † Janina Subkowski
- † Eugeniusz Chmielewski 13 rocznica śmierci

O Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Marii i Andrzeja Miętus z okazji rocznicy ślubu

- † Małgorzata , Anna, Józef i Maria Drozdz
- † Marek Czarnecki 1 rocznica śmierci
- † Przemek Bogdanowicz we

wspomnieniu urodzin

O powrót do zdrowia , Boże Błogosławieństwo i opiekę Matki Najświętszej dla Joli Sokolowskiej

† Eugeniusz Chrupczak

6:00 pm English Fr. Paul

SJB Ushers and Volunteers



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK IS OFFERED FOR:

† Manuela Duarte Alvarez - In memory of her death from Duarte Family

PLEASE PRAY:

OUR SICK:

Martha Gfesser Maureen Polcyn Fely Ranjo Millet Beltran RJ Calisura

Anne Marie Guerrier Betty Bukraba Elizabeth Marrinan

C. Kozeny Mario Brancato Pamela Tripllit Patricia

Lourdes Loraya Leonard Kadzielawski Marian i Maria Dzieciuch

Barbara Witkos Rosetta Bizzotto Harry Largent Toni Kilroy Caridad M. Altares

Alina Gawlik
Dolores Motto
Brooke Johnson
Silverio Fernandez
Alice Parinas
Jannette Mendoza

Mario Loraya

Vivian Daoud Nanette Sadorra Isabel C.Villarroel Luke Kowalski Joanna Oliwa Tom Leonard

Francisco & Luz Atienza

Maureen Nathan

Charlotte & Carl Lindquist

Rose Manio
Casey Sergot
Teresa Parciany
Junver Isuga
Chef Raul Arreda
Baby Joseph Palmert
Concepcion Ponte
Hedy Sancho

Charles Stephen Collins Ben & Linda Caldea Robert F. Adams, Jr. Bienvienido Costes Mahmoud Srour

Cindy Strong Araceli Madridejos Aileen Sancho Alan Enzbigilis Sr. Clifford & Judith Drexler

OUR BELOVED DEPARTED:

Stanislaw Szypcio Maria Pencak Norbert Madej

Wesley May Amelia Walewender





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

Susanne Conn 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 Health & God's Blessings for Nena Canong

Candle 2 God's Blessings for Caroline & Alan on their 3rd year Wedding Anniversary



SUNDAY OFFERINGS

AUGUST 17, 2025 - \$16,762



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 aplikacje.



MASS INTENTION REQUESTS -

Internet: <u>www.sjbrebeuf.org</u> (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:

III 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:



August 26 — FEAST OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

"Through Poland's very turbulent history Our Lady of Częstochowa has always stood as the epitome of perfect motherhood, loving and forgiving." The Virgin Mary's suffering is the essence of the Polish soul, Polish culture,

Polish Catholicism, Polish history and of all Polish mothers. She has been the most powerful symbol of "Polishness" since the painting was brought to Częstochowa in 1382 when Poland was coming a nationhood. Through Poland's very turbulent history (the Russian partitions, WWII, and post-war communism) Our Lady of Częstochowa has always stood as the epitome of perfect motherhood, loving and forgiving, protector of her children who shared her grief in losing her son to a violent death on the cross. "The popular image of the "Queen of Poland" can be found in many Polish homes, where people pray for help in both personal and national safe-keeping."



SAINT MONICA August 27

The circumstances of St. Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law, and a despairing parent, yet she

did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism.

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The



oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy—"all flesh is evil"—and was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine

would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted.

When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan. In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, St. Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her. Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan as she had been in Tagaste.

She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter 387, St. Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Soon after, his party left for Africa. Although no one else was aware of it, Monica knew her life was near the end. She told Augustine, "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled." She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death.

Almost all we know about St. Monica is in the writings of St. Augustine, especially his Confessions.



St. AUGUSTINE August 28

A Christian at 33, a priest at 36, a bishop at 41: Many people are familiar with the biographical sketch of Augustine of Hippo, sin-

ner turned saint. But to get to really know the man is a rewarding experience.

There quickly surfaces the intensity with which he lived his life, whether his path led away from or toward God. The tears of his mother, the instructions of Ambrose and, most of all, God himself speaking to him in the Scriptures, redirected Augustine's love of life to a life of love.

Having been so deeply immersed in creature-pride of life in his early days and having drunk deeply of its bitter dregs, it is not surprising that Augustine should have turned, with a holy fierceness, against the many demon-thrusts rampant in his day. His times were truly decadent: politically, socially, morally. He was both feared and loved, like the Master. The perennial criticism leveled against him: a fundamental rigorism.

In his day, Augustine providentially fulfilled the office of prophet. Like Jeremiah and other greats, he was hard-pressed but could not keep quiet. "I say to myself, I will not mention him/I will speak in his name no more/But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart/imprisoned in my bones/I grow weary holding it in/I cannot endure it" (Jeremiah 20:9). (www.franciscanmedia.org)

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

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.

May our Lord Bless you abundantly for your efforts!

Admission Free









Thursday, September 18th, 5:00PM-10.30PM Friday, September 19th, 5:00PM-10.30PM Saturday, September 20th, 12:00PM-11.00PM Sunday, September 21st, 12:30PM-10.00PM







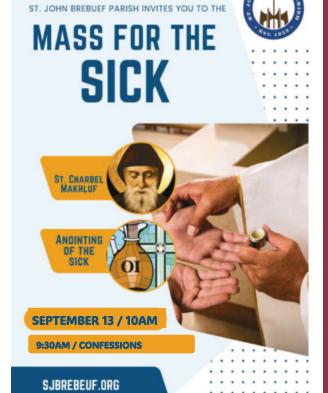
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"Welcome! We are thrilled to have you join us for this exhibition dedicated to the Virgin Mary. We hope you enjoy exploring all 154 appearances testifying to the strong presence of the Virgin Mary over the centuries around the world. We are excited to share this experience with you and look forward to your insightful thoughts and reactions."





MOTHER OF CHRIST EXHIBITION

The Exhibition will be hosted at Saint John Brebeuf Parish Ministry Center 8305 N. Harlem on **Friday**, **Saturday**, **Sunday**, **Monday & Tuesday** (**September 5 th**, **6th**, **7th**, **8th & 9th**, **2025**)

Admission is free (donations are accepted to help cover expenses)

We are looking forward to bringing this Exhibition to you .

But we need your help to get this done. We need volunteers to set it up and we'll need volunteers to take it down. Once we get it up, you'll be so excited that you were a part of this devotion. It takes 12-14 people to put it together in about two hours. Taking it down takes less time than 90 minutes. If you have children in sixth grade and older bring them with you. What a perfect way to learn about our Catholic Faith, and what a beautiful way to honor the Mother of Christ.





SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." Our call to be disciples and to follow Jesus demands that we learn to live for the sake of others.

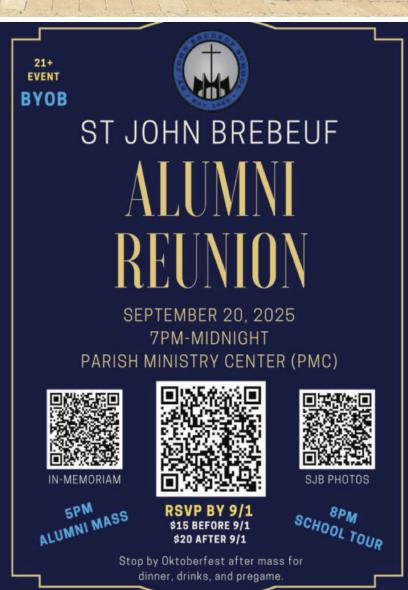
Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor, the suffering, and the deprived.

There will be a second collection for the Society of St. Vincent DePaul next Sunday, August 31st. Please be generous.

Thank You! All information will be strictly confidential. St. John Brebeuf Parish Office (847) 966-8145

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!



St. John Brebeuf Carnival and Oktoberfest - MEGA PASS Now Available! Get ready for unlimited fun! The MEGA PASS for the St. John Brebeuf Carnival and Oktoberfest (September 18–21) is now available for purchase in the school and parish offices. The pass gives you unlimited rides for all four days of the carnival! Don't miss out - grab your Mega Pass today and enjoy all the excitement from open to close!

**SOME ATTRACTIONS MAY NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE MEGA PASS*



St. John Brebeuf Carnival September 18th - 21st MEGA PASS ORDER FORM

This pass is good for unlimited rides at the *All Around Amusement Carnival* for all four days, from opening until closing. **Please return this form to the school office** and you will receive a Mega Pass voucher that must be exchanged for a wristband when you arrive at the carnival. The *All Around Amusement* employee will secure the wristband, which cannot be removed until closing night.

Absolutely no transfers of the band are allowed to anyone else or you will lose your band and no refund will be given. Some rides have height/age restrictions and will not be appropriate for every rider. The wristband entitles the bearer to unlimited rides but you must wait in ride lines. Preferential line position is not given to anyone, with or without the wristband. *SOME ATTRACTIONS MAY NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE MEGA PASS*

If the wristband must be removed (sports, dance, etc.) Please remove it while at home, place it in a secure location, and return it to the specified location at the carnival to receive a replacement wristband. If you do not bring the old wristband back, you will not receive a replacement band. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!

WE USE WATER-RESISTANT WRISTBANDS THAT CAN BE SUBMERGED IN WATER

No refunds on MEGA PASS after it is purchased for any reason, including, but not limited to:

Weather Ride Selection Illness Rides down for maintenance

Stapled or taped wristband Any other method of securing a wristband other than the way it was placed on the wrist originally Loss of Advance Sales Unlimited Ride Ticket wristband

BY PLACING MY NAME TO THIS FORM, I AGREE TO	THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS
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Phone:	wristband!!!
Age:	Please send payment with
Email:	this form
Amount Paid:	
FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY WEDNES	DAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

St. John Brebeuf Carnival oraz Oktoberfest -MEGA PASS już dostępny!

Przygotuj się na nieograniczoną zabawę!

MEGA PASS na
Carnival i
Oktoberfest przy
parafii Sw. Jana
Brebeufa (18–21
września) jest już
dostępny w biurze
szkolnym i
parafialnym.

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Nie każdy musi przechodzić taką drogę, aby wejść na ciasną, wąską drogę życia, życia z zasadami. Bo szeroka droga bez zasad prowadzi donikąd. Owszem daje chwilowe zadowolenie, ale co po tym - pustka. Bo można mieć w życiu wszystko, ale jak się straci zbawienie, to cóż pozostanie? – jedynie wieczny *płacz i zgrzytanie zębów...* Może na co dzień trudno nam myśleć o zbawieniu, o tym, co będzie z nami po śmierci. Tyle przecież na ziemi różnych trudnych spraw, tyle nierozwiązanych problemów, tyle troski o najbliższe dni, o to jak przeżyć, co zrobić, by w pracy się utrzymać, by nic złego nam się nie przydarzyło, by w rodzinie znów wszystko dobrze się poukładało. Jak tu w tym wszystkim myśleć o zbawieniu? Kiedy Jezus mówi o zbawieniu, to nie wymaga byśmy zostawili na boku nasze ziemskie, życiowe sprawy, byśmy wzrok oderwali od życia i patrzyli tylko w górę. Nie! Jezus chce byśmy Go zaprosili do tego, co przeżywamy, do naszych ziemskich spraw.

Byśmy uwierzyli, że On już teraz chce do nas przyjść, chce wejść w nasze "ziemskie drzwi" ze swoim Zbawieniem. Nim my dojdziemy do nieba, On pierwszy chce u nas zamieszkać, chce pierwszy przekroczyć próg naszego serca i w nim uczynić niebo. Tylko czy w moim sercu znajdzie się miejsce dla Niego, czy nie jest w nim już zbyt ciasno od innych spraw tego świata? Bywa tak czasem u ludzi, że na wszystko jest w sercu miejsce, a najmniej jest go dla Pana Boga. Trudno się wtedy przecisnąć, by dobro w nas zwyciężyło, by złość zastąpić przebaczeniem, by zamiast krytykować i osądzać ludzi, pomyśleć, co by dla nich zrobić, by zamiast czekać aż ktoś się zmieni, samemu zacząć się nawracać. A to jest właśnie Boża droga czynienia zbawienia już na ziemi i droga prowadząca do nieba. Niech dzisiejsza Ewangelia pomoże nam jeszcze bardziej łączyć wiarę z codziennym życiem, nawracać się z tego, co grzeszne, i prowadzić sprawiedliwe życie, w którym nie braknie miejsce dla Boga i serca dla drugiego człowieka.

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26 SIERPNIA — UROCZYSTOŚĆ MATKI BOŻEJ JASNOGÓRSKIEJ



"Panno Święta, co Jasnej bronisz Częstochowy..."

Tymi słowami modlimy się do Matki, której cudowny obraz od ponad 620 lat znajduje się w jasnogórskim sanktuarium i nieustannie otacza opieką naród polski. Obraz sprowadzony przez księcia Władysława Opolczyka w 1384 r. stał się odtąd źródłem niezliczonych łask dla pielgrzymów przybywających na Jasną Górę.

Święto Matki Bożej Częstochowskiej zostało zatwierdzone przez papieża Piusa X w 1904 r., a w 1931 r. papież Pius XI ustanowił jego stałą datę na **26 sierpnia** dla całej Polski. Od tego czasu dzień ten nabrał szczególnego znaczenia dla naszej ojczyzny, łącząc wiarę z patriotyzmem.

Wielkim momentem w historii były Jasnogórskie Śluby Narodu złożone 26 sierpnia 1956 r. w obecności milionowej rzeszy wiernych, pod nieobecność uwięzionego prymasa Stefana Wyszyńskiego. Rok później rozpoczęła się peregrynacja kopii cudownego obrazu po parafiach całej Polski, która do dziś trwa i wciąż przemienia serca wiernych.

Jasna Góra pozostaje duchowym sercem narodu, miejscem modlitwy i jedności Polaków. To przed obliczem Czarnej Madonny zapadały kluczowe decyzje, to tutaj rozbrzmiewa codzienny Apel Jasnogórski i co roku ponawiane są Śluby Narodu. Matka Boża Częstochowska nieustannie prowadzi nas do Chrystusa, będąc naszą pomocą, obroną i Królową.

ZAWARLIŚCIE SAKRAMENT MAŁŻEŃSTWA W 1975 ROKU?



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Bardzo ważne jest, by chory znalazł wsparcie w swoich bliskich. Ważne, by wspierali oni chorego nie tylko przez samą obecność, ale również przez modlitwę i Komunię św. Można powiedzieć, że to właśnie rodzina i najbliżsi są odpowiedzialni przed Panem Bogiem za pomoc chorym w przyjęciu namaszczenia. Choroba jest niejako wpisana w życie i stanowi jego nieodłączną część. Stanowi też wyzwanie dla wiary człowieka nią dotkniętego. Dlatego też sakrament namaszczenia jest jej wyjątkowym wyrazem.

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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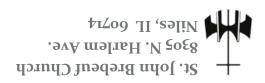
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