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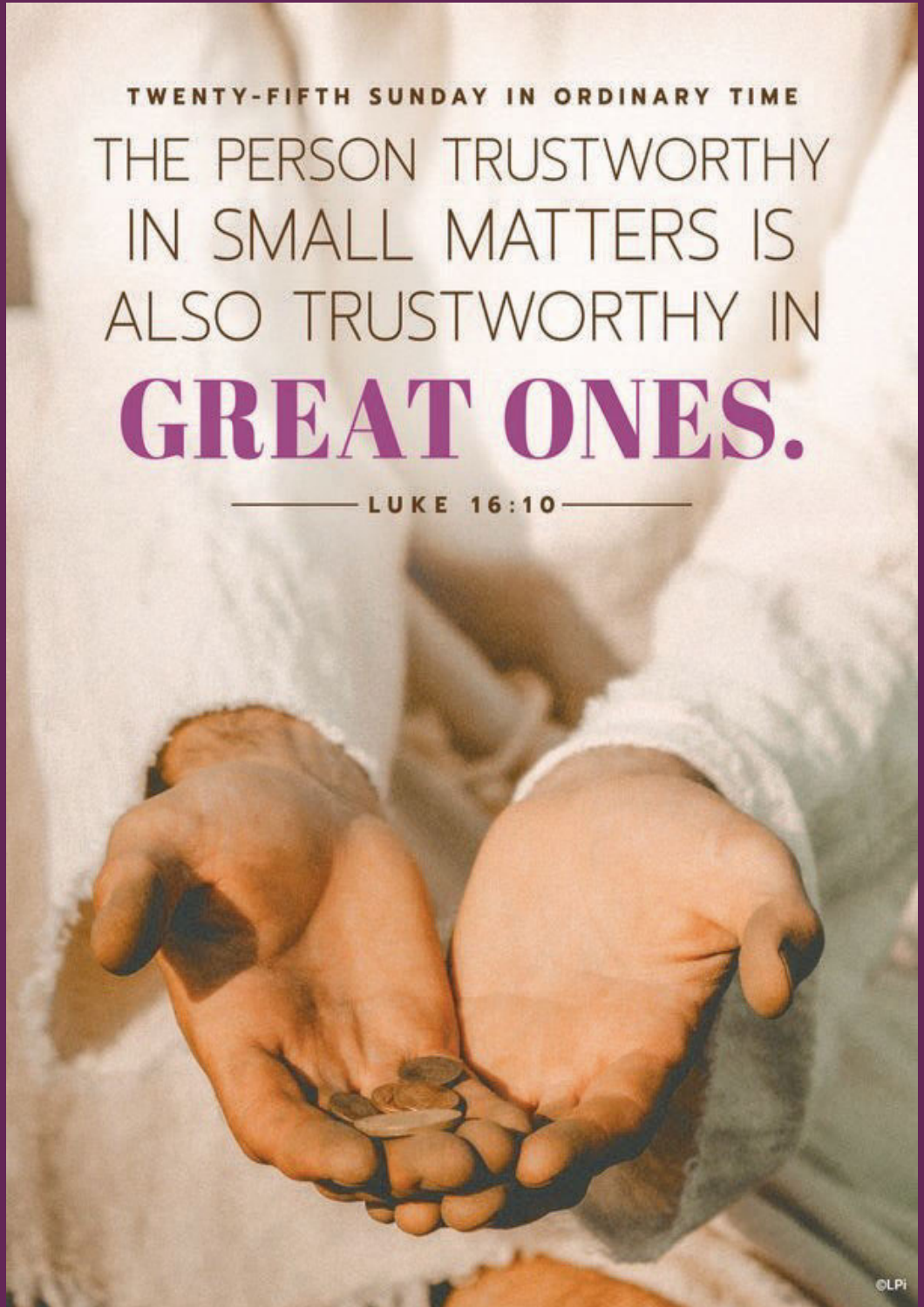
We are a people of faith who respond to our Baptismal call to holiness by caring for one another and journeying together with Christ through prayer, sacraments, lifelong formation and service in light of the Gospel and Catholic Tradition.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE PERSON TRUSTWORTHY
IN SMALL MATTERS IS
ALSO TRUSTWORTHY IN

GREAT ONES.

— LUKE 16:10 —



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September 21, 2025

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7 | 1 Tim 2:1-8 | Lk 16:1-13

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

As Catholics we understand that none of our actions are truly isolated. Every virtue we practice or sin we commit affects others because we are all members of the body of Christ. Today's readings from the Old and New Testaments highlight our interconnectedness and offer guidance for how to order the life of the community according to God's will. The key to tranquil communal life is to consider the needs of others as important as our own. In the first reading, the prophet Amos decries those who exploit the poor for personal gain, putting profit over the common good. In the second reading, St. Paul begs the community to pray not only for themselves and for their close relatives, but to offer prayer and supplication for *everyone*. It's tempting to buy into the perspective that we need only focus on *our own* life. But the Lord invites us into authentic community where we intercede, sacrifice for and build up the kingdom *together*.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I like to think of myself as a trustworthy person, and I'd expect most of us would consider ourselves the same. But as the Lord convicts my heart with today's Gospel reading about those who are trustworthy or untrustworthy in big and small matters, I hear the Holy Spirit inviting me to ponder deeper questions: Perhaps I don't intentionally deceive people and I aim to keep my word, but when someone's name or reputation comes up in conversation, can I be trusted to build them up? Do I fall prey to petty gossip, or simply sit idly by as others fall? I am true to scheduled commitments I make, but am I trustworthy with how I spend all my time? Do I use the gift of time for God's greater glory, or do I squander it with excessive scrolling or mindless TV shows? The Spirit doesn't want us to be scrupulous, and everything must be understood through God's merciful gaze. But the Lord does intend to purify us so that we can live more fully in communion with him.

REFLECT

Today, consider how you are invited to live in community and contribute to the building of a Christ-like culture. How are you called to more trustworthy stewardship of the gifts and time God has given you so that you can use them for building up the body of Christ?





A NOTE FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR...

Dear friends,

Through the parable of the unfaithful steward, who was caught in mismanaging his master's property, Jesus teaches an important lesson to his followers and the would-be disciples: no one can serve God and mammon, Good and evil, Light and darkness, at the same time. Either we serve God and His kingdom or serve the evil one and his kingdom. Serving mammon is a violation of the first commandment: 'I am the lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me'. Excessive desire for wealth or greed is a form of idolatry which is contrary to God's desire for man. God comes first in our lives, everything else is secondary.

The dishonest servant, faced with losing his job, quickly reduced or cancelled out the debts of his master's debtors. However, the master praised the dishonest servant for his shrewdness. This parable teaches us the importance of cleverness and determination in dealing with the things of God as the worldly-minded do with regards to things of this world. As the steward acted quickly to secure his future, so must we be, in order, to secure our life with God. Our earthly life is temporary and one day, whether we like it or not, will stand before the Lord and we will be held accountable for our actions and omissions. So why do we not act with more urgency about matters of eternal life than the things of this world?

Money is necessary but cannot buy eternal life. It is only a 'means' not 'the end.' If it is used to do good things motivated by love of God and neighbor, then there is eternal reward. At the end of our lives' journey, what will remain is not our earthly savings, but the good deeds performed out of sincere love. St. John of the Cross says: 'At the twilight of our life, we shall be judged on our love alone.'

The parable also reminds us about the importance of faithfulness in small things. If we are trustworthy in small matters, we will be trustworthy in greater things. Every act of honesty, every fair dealing, and every sacrifice for the good of others will be rewarded in eternity. This world is not our eternal home; we are travelers here on earth, our eternal home is in heaven. As wise stewards we are to grow rich in what matters to our salvation.

Let us pray for grace to always be faithful and keep our minds focused on the things of heaven. God bless you!

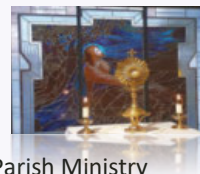
Fr. Paul

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

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

OBSERVANCES:

Monday: National Migration Week

Tuesday: St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest

Friday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

PRO-LIFE CORNER:

Changing one heart at a time will eventually change the world to truly be a world of love, God's world! 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 SEPTEMBER 22 - SEPTEMBER 28

**Monday, September 22nd****8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

† Daniel & Barbara Hendrick Anniversary Remembrance

† Peter N. Sauser Death Anniversary

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Jason

† Józef Kuliś

† Stanisław Dzik

† Henryk Kwietniewski

Tuesday, September 23rd**8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

† Frances Kapustka

† In Memory of Marilyn Mossong Birthday Remembrance

† Józef Kuliś

† Henryk Kwietniewski

† Robert Pobre

† Dino Del Rosario

7:00 pm English Fr. Jason

† In Memory of Marilyn Mossong Birthday Remembrance

Wednesday, September 24th**8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

Josephine Dilay Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving

Emily Robak Birthday health & God's Blessings

† Harold Brezinski Birthday Remembrance

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O szczęśliwą operację dla Zenka

† Henryk Odoj w 7 rocznicę śmierci oraz Maria Włodyka

† Kazimiera Ziejka w 5 rocznicę śmierci

† Barbara Ziejka

† Józef Kuliś

† Henryk Kwietniewski

Thursday, September 25th**8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

† Jack Stewart

† Józef Kuliś

† Lawrence Goodman Birthday Remembrance

† Henryk Kwietniewski

7:00 pm English Fr. Paul

Cathy Carreon Birthday health & God's Blessings

Friday, September 26th**8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

† Jacqueline Fasso

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O wzrastanie w wierze i miłości dla Ray, Dominika i ich dzieci

† Zbigniew i David Ciolek

† Joanna i Franciszek Kania

† Józef Kuliś

† Stanisław Dzik

† Henryk Kwietniewski

Saturday, September 27th**8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

† Joanna Kuklinski

† Deceased Family Members of Allison & Kazimierzczak Families

† Henryk Kwietniewski

5:00 pm English Fr. Paul

† In Memory of Stella Zalewski-Bandola

† Erik Theefs 11th Death Anniversary

† Matthew, Bernice & Matt Jr. Wojtaszek

† Tristan Joseph Balura

† John Jerome Arenó

Jennifer Alexander Health & Blessings

Bonnie Alexander for strength to cope

Wanda Podgorski for health & blessings

Georgiann Pappone Health & God's

Blessings

6:30 pm Polish Fr. Jason

† Stanisław Wysocki

† za wszystkich zmarłych z Rodziny

Kobeszko

† Wacław i Genowefa Wysoccy

† Paul Domański

† Józef Kuliś

† Henryk Kwietniewski

† Włodzimierz Jaromin

† Halina Kluszo

Sunday, September 28th**7:00 am Polish Fr. Jason**

O Boże Błogosławieństwo i opiekę NMP dla Adama Komosa i jego rodziny z okazji urodzin

† Majka Pikul oraz zmarli z Rodziny Pikul, Kalata, Bajko i Wołyńskich

† O Boże Miłosierdzie dla Józefa Kuliś

† Za wszystkich zmarłych z rodziny

Poborca i Babiarsz

† O życie wieczne dla Edwardy Konopka w 2 rocznicę śmierci

† Jan Krzaczyński - pierwsza rocznica

śmierci

† Henryk Kwietniewski

8:30 am English Fr. Paul

Gods Blessings and good health for Theresa, her Children, their Spouses and Grandchildren

† The Souls of Irena & Edward Ostrega

† Krzysztof Ruta Eternal Rest-Death Anniversary

† Zuzanna Pelc 11th Death Anniversary and Eugeniusz Pelc 30th Death Anniv.

† Franciszek & Janina Pelc

10:00 am English Fr. Paul

† Stephan Cumpton Birthday Remembrance

11:30 am Polish Fr. Jason

O Boże Błogosławieństwo, opiekę Matki Bożej oraz dary Ducha Św. dla Marii i Władysława Ratyńskich w kolejną rocznicę ślubu

O uzdrowienie z choroby dla Marii oraz w intencji Bogu wiadomej

O Boże Błogosławieństwo i potrzebne łaski dla Eli i Jacka Prędkiego z Rodziną z okazji 19 rocznicy ślubu

Health & God's Blessings for Kowalczyk & Kowalski Family

O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Krystyny Fijor

† Jerzy Michał Gardyjan w 6 rocznicę śmierci

† Maria Wojdyła

† Czesława Leśniak

† Stanisław Sak

† Jan Rychtar

† Michael, Zdzisław Puacz, Józef i Janina

Puacz, Zofia i Tomasz Boczar

† Mieczysław Myśliwiec

† Genowefa i Józef Pawuła

† Władysława, Kazimierz Urbaś oraz Jan

Błoniarsz

† Anna Szczygieł

† Leokadia Rokitnicka we wspomnieniu Urodzin

† Za zmarłych z rodziny Rozmusów i Ratyńskich

† Stanisław Dzik

† Stanisław Górny w 22 rocznicę śmierci

† John Depa i zmarli z rodziny

† Tomasz, Helena, Stanisław Fronczek i zmarli z rodziny

6:00 pm English Youth Mass**Fr. Sebastian**

† Thresiamma Chiragil

† The Souls of Philip Grossman & All deceased members of Grossman Family



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK IS OFFERED FOR:

† In Loving Memory of Cesar M. Beltran

PLEASE PRAY:

OUR SICK:

Martha Gfesser	Vivian Daoud
Maureen Polcyn	Nanette Sadorra
Fely Ranjo	Isabel C. Villarroel
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	Teresa Parcianny
Patricia	Junver Isuga
Lourdes Loraya	Chef Raul Arreda
Leonard Kadzielawski	Baby Joseph Palmert
Marian i Maria Dzieciuch	Concepcion Ponte
Barbara Witkos	Hedy Sancho
Rosetta Bizzotto	Charles Stephen Collins
Harry Largent	Ben & Linda Caldea
Toni Kilroy	Robert F. Adams, Jr.
Caridad M. Altares	Bienvenido Costes
Alina Gawlik	Mahmoud Srour
Dolores Motto	Cindy Strong
Brooke Johnson	Araceli Madridejos
Silverio Fernandez	Aileen Sancho
Alice Parinas	Alan Enzbigilis Sr.
Jannette Mendoza	Clifford & Judith Drexler
Mario Loraya	Peggy Hanley
	Sam Pace



OUR BELOVED DEPARTED:

Henryk Kwietniewski	Joanne Eberwein
John Pauly	Emily Frances Augustynski
Bernice Torchedlo	Regina Bator



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

Timothy Casey	Robert Monaco
Thomas Neuhengen	Scott Rodberg
Mark Honsa	Sgt. Daniel Cunningham
Pvt. James Cunningham	CW4 Louis Haberkorn
CDR John Tutwiler	Marian Niemotko
SSGT Michael J. Archam	PFC Seth D. Perkins
A2C Andrew T. Perkins	Sgt. Ramiro Cadena
Susanne Connolly Tutwiler	Lt. Joseph Disclafani
Pieter Venter	Joshua Clavel Ramos
Jacob Allen	Chief Ryan Morrow



PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES OFFERED THIS WEEK FOR:

Candle 1 † O życie wieczne dla Czesławy Ostrowskiej w 18 rocznicę śmierci

Candle 2 O Zdrowie dla Ani i Roberta



SUNDAY OFFERINGS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 – \$17,271



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 !

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.

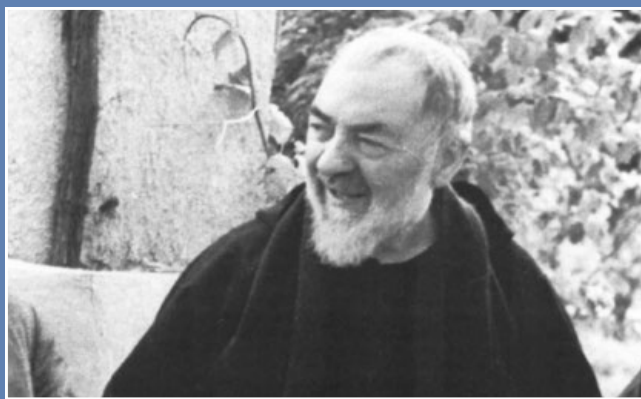
PRAYER LIST

If you or a loved one needs prayers due to an illness, please call the parish office to put the name on the list. If the person has recovered please notify the office. If you have any members in your family currently serving in the military, please call the parish office so we may pray for them.

MASS CARDS

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. Please contact the parish office for more information or to request a Mass and card.





SAINTS OF THE WEEK:

September 23

The Franciscan Saint Padre Pio

„Kneel down and render the tribute of your presence and devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Confide all your needs to him, along with those of others. Speak to him with filial abandonment, give free rein to your heart, and give him complete freedom to work in you as he thinks best.” (Padre Pio)

Padre Pio, a Capuchin friar of peasant background, spent virtually his entire life in a monastery in southern Italy. In most respects he was indistinguishable from his fellow friars. But for some mysterious purpose, Padre Pio was set apart. For the thousands of pilgrims who flocked to hear him say Mass, or to have him hear their confessions, or simply to rest their gaze on his bandaged hands, he was living proof for the existence of God. Like his spiritual father St. Francis, Padre Pio was a stigmatic; he bore on his hands, feet, and side the wounds of Christ.

September 27

St. Vincent De Paul

Patron: of charities; horses; hospitals; leprosy; lost articles; Madagascar; prisoners; Richmond, Virginia; spiritual help; Saint Vincent de Paul Societies; Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory; Vincentian Service Corps; volunteers

Birth: 1581 / Death: 1660 / Beatified: August 13, 1729, Rome, Papal States by Pope Benedict XIII; Canonized: June 16, 1737, Rome, Papal States by Pope Clement XII. He was eighty years old when he died in Paris on September 27, 1660. He had "become the symbol of the successful reform of the French Church". St. Vincent is sometimes referred to as "The Apostle of Charity" and "The Father of the Poor."



PARISH SCRIPTURE STUDY

Plan to attend our fall Scripture Study Program. We will be studying the Acts of The Apostles. What does it mean for a community to follow Jesus? With full benefit of the Holy Spirit, the earliest believers shaped communities of faith from Jerusalem to Rome and all points in between. The Acts of the Apostles invites us to witness the Spirit at work as the apostles of Jesus become evangelists and pastors, as communities of believers expand to include Gentiles, and as local challenges test the staying power of the young church. Marvel at the spread of Christianity throughout the Roman Empire. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and the deep conviction that Jesus is Lord, the first generation church continues to witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. **Our Sessions will begin on Sunday 10/19/2025. We meet from 10:00am - 12:00pm.**

If interested or would like more information contact Chester Gilbert at bbgilbert@comcast.net or 847 966 4789.



CALLING ALL ST. JOHN BREBEUF CATHOLICS



The Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC) would like to hear from you. APC is an advisory body which serves to assist the Cardinal in his pastoral duties and agenda. Appointed delegates represent the parishioners of a Vicariate/Deanery bringing the parishioners ideas, questions, concerns and faith experiences to Cardinal Cupich.

My name is Carolyn Drblik, the delegate for Vicariate II - Deanery A, representing St. John Brebeuf, Queen of All Saints Basilica, SS Peter & Lambert, St. Mary of the Woods, and All Saints parishes. **The Cardinal is interested in hearing from you.** Your faith experiences in the parish and suggestions are valuable. Your concerns are important. Cardinal Cupich will provide responses to your questions and thoroughly review all concerns brought to him with explanations to you. Won't you take a few moments to share your comments with Cardinal Cupich at APCrep@sibrebeuf.org Together we can foster evangelization and instill hope on our faith journey.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



In today's Gospel we see that prudent decisiveness means that we recognize that all our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love. Are you looking for ways to experience God? Members of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing God in serving people living in poverty. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Chester Gilbert, President of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul at Bbgilbert@comcast.net, or (847) 966-4789.



ACCW BREAKFAST / October 4

The Chicago Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (**ACCW**) will hold its Fall Assembly Breakfast on **Saturday, October 4** from 9 a.m. to noon at The Carlisle, 435 E. Butterfield Road in Lombard.

Our Woman of the Year, Ginny Wolff, will be honored along with the Women of the Year from other Catholic Women's Clubs/Councils in the Archdiocese.

Reservations are only \$20.00 due to a generous subsidy from our pastor, Father Jason. Please contact Judi Stephens at (847)842-9295 as soon as possible for your reservation. Our seating is limited. **Deadline is September 30.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS / October 12 / 10am

Knights of Columbus, North American Martyrs Council 4338, will conduct their annual Memorial Mass at the regularly scheduled 10 AM Mass on Sunday, October 12th. The Memorial Mass allows members of our council to acknowledge the passing of our fellow Worthy Brother Knights and show our gratitude for their service of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, the principles of our Order. All are welcome!"



THE CELEBRATION OF CULTURES / October 25

The Celebration of Cultures will be held on **Saturday 10/25**, from **3-8 PM**. Join us for a fun-filled event with cultural food and entertainment. **Presale Tickets** - 25 tickets for \$20 will be sold after all Masses on Oct 4-5, 11-12 and 18-19 Presale Tickets may also be purchased at the Parish Office. Tickets at the door will be \$1 each



Uncle Pete's Sack Meal Ministry 2025 Service Dates

Thank You from Uncle Pete Ministries!

We are deeply grateful to all SJB parishioners who supported our August sack meal ministry. With your generosity, **470 sack meals** were donated by parish families and delivered to the Franciscan Shelter, St. Stanislaus Soup Kitchen, Deborah's Place, and the House of the Good Shepherd. In addition, **500 meals** were prepared by *Covenant for the Hungry Ministry* and the *SJB Young Adults*—an amazing contribution.

We also appreciate the monetary gifts that came in, which will help fund future sack meal events. Every donation makes a difference.

Those who received the meals expressed true gratitude for being remembered with such care. Your kindness continues to impact lives in a very real way.

Looking ahead: bag distribution will take place **September 20–21**, and meal drop-off is scheduled for **September 27–28**. This is a simple but powerful way to serve, and all are invited to join us.

Thank you, and may God bless you for your continued support.

— *Uncle Pete Ministries*

Weekend Sack Distribution	Weekend Sack Collection	
	Saturday	Sunday
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		



CHILDREN LITURGY OF THE WORD

Each Sunday, at the **10:00am English Mass and the 11:30am Polish Mass** before the Scripture readings begin, children ages 4-12 are called forward, and sent with a blessing to a separate room for a Gospel lesson. They will hear the same Scriptures that are proclaimed at Mass, but explained on a level that younger children can understand. The children will return to their family in church after the Creed, as the Offertory and Liturgy of the Eucharist begins.



RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

October 5 / 3:00pm

All are invited to pray a bi-lingual Rosary and Prayers for Life with Chaplet Prayers and Benediction.

Knights of Columbus will have an Honor Guard for Our Lady of Guadalupe Image, Patroness of the Unborn at St. John Brebeuf Church in Niles.

BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION for THE WOMEN'S CENTERS OF GREATER CHICAGOLAND

Beginning **October 4, 2025**, our church will be participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year the three locations together have over 3,500 appointments with expecting mothers. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved over 41,000 babies—and their mothers—from abortion since opening in 1984.



Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from the church on **10/4 & 10/5 10/11 & 10/12** fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of **10/18 & 10/19 10/25 & 10/26**

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers.

Please note the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are cleaned and reused afterwards so please return upon completion of the project.

Thank you for helping defend life and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

VOICES OF SPRED ...

"SPRED is the call; SPRED is the weekly sharing of myself with others on a level that just does not occur anywhere else in my life. SPRED has changed the way I view my faith and SPRED will forever live within my soul. Thanks to all of you who help us receive the call."



"I have found SPRED has given me an opportunity to share individual's journeys into our faith community. From the time each joins us at a young age to watching them as adults take part in our church environment -- I am richer for their growth."

"I have become more conscious of the needs of the vulnerable, not just those with learning difficulties but other vulnerable people."

"SPRED has been a blessing for our family. Nick loves going. He feels totally accepted and spiritually blessed. As an RE teacher, I know that the curriculum would be hard for him and turn him off from religion, by the mere fact that it's classroom learning. He loves the connections that he makes with his friends at SPRED."

These are just some of the many comments that participants of SPRED have made about the program. Open your mind, your heart to a new and wonderful opportunity to enrich your faith. Please join us to learn more:

Date/Time:	Tuesday, September 23rd at 6:30 pm
Place:	St. John Brebeuf: Conference Room
Contact:	Julia Hess 773-539-7510 or jhess@archchicago.org

Please visit our SPRED resource center sites:

www.spred-chicago.org or

www.queenofangelsspred.org

St. John Brebeuf
Youth Ministry
Every 4th Sunday of the month
MASS AT 6PM AND MEETING Afterwards

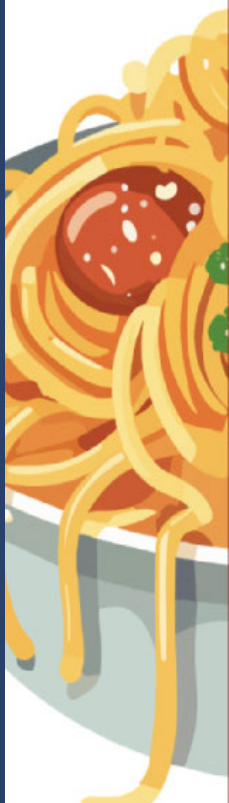
MASS AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK WITH THE
INSTALLATION OF THE RELICS OF ST. RITA OF
CASCIA / September 13



THANK YOU!

We extend our sincere gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Tom and Jill Pesce for their generous sponsorship of the reliquary to hold the relic of Saint Rita of Cascia, which was solemnly installed on September 13 during the Mass for the Sick.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated. May God's blessings be with you always.



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for a new Boy Scout
trailer!

**JOIN US FOR A
TALENT SHOW
AND
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TROOP 175

OCTOBER 18TH 4-7PM
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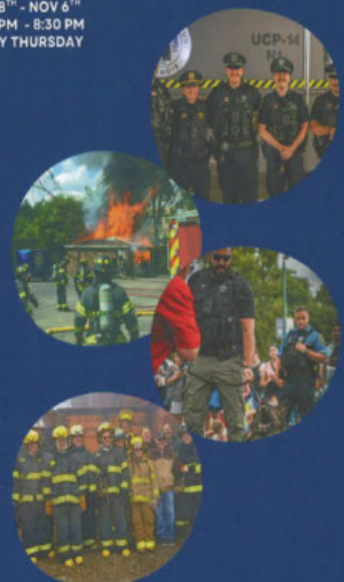
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Recently, Pope Leo spoke to seminarians who had gathered from all around the world for the Jubilee. He invited them to be witnesses of hope. Indeed, the men who are preparing for ordination in the Archdiocese of Chicago are witnesses of hope to us. In the future, they will serve our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Some of our seminarians are in the pre-seminary spiritual year at Bishop Quarter House in the city. Others are completing their college studies at the University of St. Thomas in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Finally, those in the last four-year phase of preparation are being formed at Mundelein Seminary.

Supporting vocations to the priesthood is a task that belongs to all of us in the Church. I want to invite you to express that support in four ways:

- Pray for vocations and our seminarians in preparation
- Encourage those seminarians serving in your parish
- Urge young men to give their lives in service as priests, and
- Make a financial contribution to support our programs of priestly formation.

Prayer, encouragement, recruiting and financial support—all these actions express our gratitude to God for the gift of priestly ministry. These actions also build for the future of our Church and for our children and grandchildren. I would note that given that our seminarians need to invest themselves totally in formation, they are not able to work. Thus, it is up to us to cover the costs not only for their education but other expenses such as health insurance and other personal support.

An offering envelope is in your pew or at the back of the church for your financial gift. You may also send your donation directly to your parish, noting that it is for "Seminarian Education," or you may make a gift online at archchicago.org/seminarianfund. If you wish to send a permanent bursar to support seminary education in memory of a family member, as others have done, do not hesitate to contact Kirsten Trybula at ktrybula@archchicago.org or at 847.899.0010.

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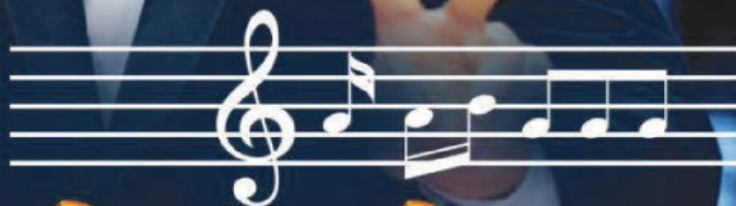
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