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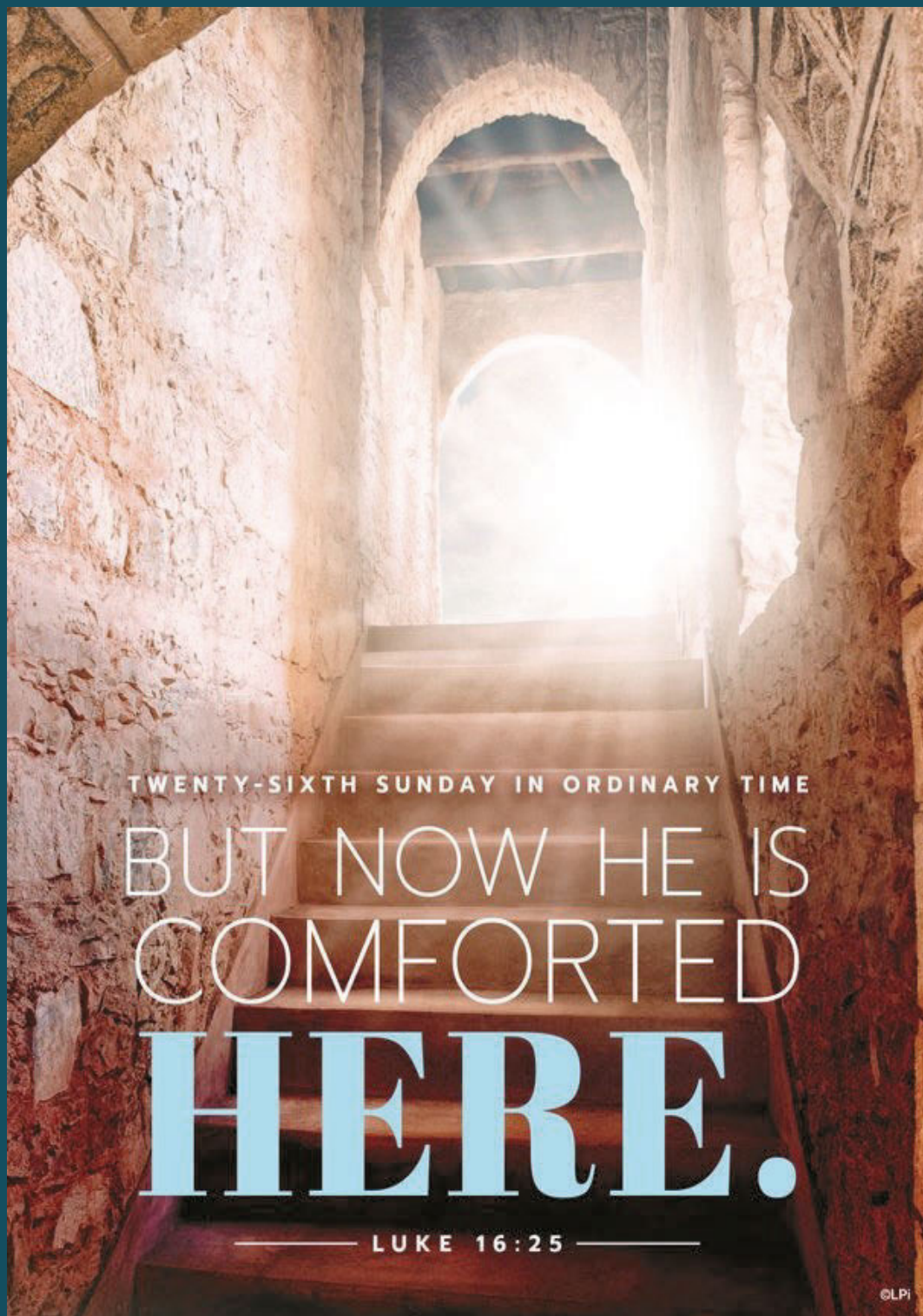
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formation and
service in light
of the Gospel
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September 28, 2025

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7 | 1 Tim 6:11-16 | Lk 16:19-31

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Have you ever had a moment when you felt yourself to be the underdog, and wished that there were some champion who would come and defend your cause? Today, we see God described in those terms. Our psalm tells us that the Lord "raises up those who are bowed down," that he "protects strangers," and "the fatherless and the widow he sustains." But God doesn't stop there. He wants us to become champions for the poor. Notice that our Gospel reading depicts the poor man named Lazarus in such a way that we cannot help but feel compassion for him. Here is a man who is in dire need, covered in sores, right outside the door of a rich man who has more than enough to provide for his own needs and those of Lazarus – but does nothing to help him. In fact, the rich man's dog shows more compassion toward Lazarus (by licking his sores) than the rich man! The story is meant to prick our consciences and move us to have the same kind of response that God has – of compassion – leading us to become champions for those in need.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Throughout our history, the Church has been particularly effective at spreading the faith during those times when we've put care for the poor and vulnerable at the center of our action. Before the advancements of modern medicine, members of the early Church risked their lives to care for those sick with contagious diseases. Their selfless example led many to faith in Christ. While our situation is much different today, we are called at the beginning of the first reading to not be complacent in our efforts to care for the poor. As we serve those most in need, our witness will likewise draw others to seek to know and follow the God of compassion whom we serve.

SERVE

One of the ways we can fight against complacency is to engage in service. Check your parish or local charitable organizations for opportunities to serve those in need in your community. No matter what kind of service you choose to engage in, do everything with "love, patience, and gentleness," as Paul reminds us today. Then we will be models of God's own care for the poor.



Fr. Jason's Corner..

Keep Your Eyes and Heart Open for the Needs of Others

Reflecting on the words of today's Gospel, a question may arise in us: Do I have a chance to get to heaven if only the poor and battered by life go there? Having wealth and possessions acquired in this world, which a person has honestly earned, is not a bad thing. Jesus, using such images in his parables, does not so much criticize wealth, the possibility of possessing the goods of this world, but rather points out what happens to a man who mismanages and disposes of them.

So why didn't this rich man get to heaven? The reason is actually sin, which includes disobedience to God, a lack of love for God, and a lack of love for one's neighbor. We often think that we sin only by thoughts, words and deeds.

We forget the fourth and very important way through which we sin, namely, through negligence. In one of the forms at the beginning of the Mass, we say these words: *I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do*, that is, in what I have done and in what I have not done. How easily we forget the sin of omission. Today's parable reminds us that the sin of neglect can cause us to miss out on heaven. This is what happened to the rich man. Poor Lazarus was lying at the gate, and the rich man simply did not care. Of course, he did nothing against Lazarus. But he also failed to do a good deed. His sin is negligence, and for that, he was absent from heaven.

Why did Lazarus go to heaven? After all, we are not told that he was a man of God, nor that he did even one good deed. In biblical stories, these kinds of names are very significant because they often convey a person's basic character or personality. So the name has meaning for the interpretation of this parable. The name "Lazarus" is a Hellenized form of the Hebrew name "Eleazar", which means "God is my help". Lazarus is therefore not only a poor man, but a poor man who believes and trusts in God. This must be the reason why he was in Abraham's bosom in paradise – because of his faith, because he trusted in God, and not just because he was poor.

Not understanding the meaning of Lazarus' name in the interpretation of the parable, some have suggested that there will be an automatic reversal of status in the next life: the rich will become poor and the poor will become rich. But that's not what the parable is about. Wealthy people who use their wealth to serve God in their neighbors will continue to be blessed in the next life. ➡

Poor people who spend their lives in bitterness and jealousy, refusing to believe and trust God, may suffer again in the next life.

The good news from this parable is this: If you feel like Lazarus now, battered by life's various difficult experiences, forgotten by society, and by those whom God has blessed in this life, continue to believe and trust God that He is and watches over your future, and an eternal one at that. God wants us not only to be ready to help our neighbor in need, but also to be aware of his needs, so that we are not blind to the suffering and shortcomings of others. We must listen and accept this teaching as our own and apply it to our lives. And then we will be rich before God, as St. John Paul II said: the rich is not the one who has material goods, but the one who is able to share these goods.

May every day of our lives be an opportunity for our eyes and hearts to be open to the needs of others, and then we will become rich before God.

God bless you!

Fr. Jason

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

OBSERVANCES:

Monday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Tuesday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Saturday: St. Francis of Assisi

PRO-LIFE CORNER:

Adoption is a great choice!
Always 'choose life'!

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 29 - OCTOBER 5

Monday, September 29th

8:30 am English Fr. Jason

O Boże Błogosławieństwo i opiekę Matki
Najświętszej dla Grace Sachaj
Jessica Dilay Birthday Blessings and
Thanksgiving
Angel Acoba Birthday Health & Blessings
† Manuel Lorenzo Nabong 1st Death An-
niversary
† Maria Keller 20th Death Anniversary
† Armando & Clelia Massimini
† Julia Edward Przydział

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

St. Monica Prayer Group

W dniu urodzin o zdrowie i Boże
Błogosławieństwo dla osoby Panu Bogu
wiadomej
Oskar H. Stankiewicz Birthday Blessings
† Michal Rudny we wspomnieniu Imienin
† Józef Kuliś
† Anna Bełza 10 rocznica śmierci
† Regina Bator
† Krystyna Ciasnocha

Tuesday, September 30th

8:30 am English Fr. Jason

† Eileen Byrne Birthday Remembrance
† In Memory of Eileen Kelly Byrne Birth-
day Remembrance
† Repose of the Soul of Józef Kuliś

7:00 pm English Fr. Paul

For Sick and Suffering

Wednesday, October 1st

8:30 am English Fr. Paul

† Jose Rivamonte Death Anniversary and
all deceased members of the Family

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O uzdrowienie z choroby nowotworowej
dla Janiny Galica
† Józef Kuliś
† Stanisław Dzik
† Regina Bator
† Henryk Kwietniewski

Thursday, October 2nd

8:30 am English Fr. Jason

Barbara Duarte Birthday Blessings
† Dorothy Wenderski
† Antoni Witulski

7:00 pm English Fr. Paul

† All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, October 3rd First Friday

8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian

Blessings for all school and parish office
staff, parish group members and volun-
teers celebrating October birthdays

Georgiann Pappone Health & God's
Blessings

† In Memory of Bobby Canong
† Galileo & Gloria Gonzales

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Jason

† Rafał Mosio
† za zmarłych Rodziców z rodziny
Polkowskich i Smereczyńskich
† Stanisław Dzik
† Za dusze w Czyśćcu cierpiące
† Regina Bator
† Helena Gil w rocznicę śmierci

Saturday, October 4th First Saturday

8:30 am English Fr. Paul

Thanksgiving to God for all graces, bless-
ings and protection received through
Holy Mother and for a special intention
from firm believer
† Mary Cay Westphal
† Elisha Chiragil
† Adam Ocytko

5:00 pm English Fr. Jason

For All benefactors & donors in our Parish
Jennifer Alexander Health & Blessings
Bonnie Alexander for strength to cope
Wanda Podgorski for health & blessings
Georgiann Pappone Health & God's
Blessings
† In Memory of Stella Zalewski-Bandola
† Tristan Joseph Balura
† John Jerome Arenó
† Carl Abrahamson

6:30 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

Za wszystkich ofiarodawców i darczyńców
w naszej Parafii
O powrót do zdrowia dla Ani i Roberta
† Olga & Walter Gal
† Jadwiga i Jerzy Łapiński
† Stanisława i Adam Zajac
† Mieczysław Myśliwiec 7 miesięcy po
śmierci i we wspomnieniu Urodzin
† O radość nieba dla Józefa, Piotra i
Franciszka Kowalkowskiego oraz Zofii
Komperdy
† Włodzimierz Jaromin
† Maria Mielecka w kolejną rocznicę
śmierci
† Anna Baraniewicz
† Franciszek Ostrega Birthday
Remembrance
† Jan Milewski

Sunday, October 5th

7:00 am Polish Fr. Sebastian

Za wszystkich ofiarodawców i darczyńców

w naszej Parafii

† Dariusz Cetnarowicz w rocznicę śmierci
† Majka Pikul oraz zmarli z Rodziny Pikul,
Kalata, Bajko i Wołyńskich
† Za wszystkich zmarłych z rodziny
Poborca i Babiarcz
† Helena Gil

8:30 am English Fr. Paul

For All benefactors & donors in our Parish
† Corrazon Herrera Birthday Remem-
brance
† The Soul of Irene Gusiev

10:00 am English Fr. Paul

For All benefactors & donors in our Parish
† Sophie Covey 10th year Death Anniver-
sary
† Barbara Beierwaltes 10th year Death
Anniversary
† Michelle Gucik
† Olga & Walter Gal
† Clelia Massimini

11:30 am Polish Fr. Sebastian

Za wszystkich ofiarodawców i darczyńców
w naszej Parafii
† Za Dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące, które
najbardziej potrzebują pomocy
† Jan Hermanowski
† Maria Wojdyła
† Stanisław Sak
† Antonina Hojniak
† Katarzyna i Jan Wozniczka
† Zdzisław & Michael Puacz, Aniela
Wojtysiak, Ginny, Józef Mazur
† Benedykt Pacyna
† Marian Widacha 12 rocznica śmierci
† Teresa & Kazimierz Krysztofiak oraz
Jarosław i Jerzy MroczeK
† Richard Plonski 7 miesięcy po śmierci
† Czesława Leśniak
† Zofia, Tomasz, Władysław Boczar
† Mieczysław Myśliwiec 7 miesięcy po
śmierci i we wspomnieniu Urodzin
† Stanisław Dzik
† Elżbieta Rafalko 4 rocznica śmierci
† Ludwika Chojnowska rocznica śmierci
† Mieczysław Pekala 6th year Death
Anniversary
† Charlie Kirk

6:00 pm English Fr. Jason

For All benefactors & donors in our Parish
† Lydia Rose Montejo death anniversary
† The Souls of Philip Grossman & All de-
ceased members of Grossman Family
† Allen Derosa Birthday Remembrance



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK IS OFFERED FOR:

Barbara Duarte - birthday blessings from her mom, Elena

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	Bienvienido 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:

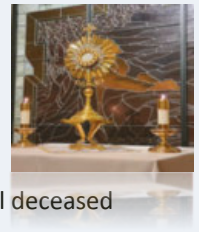
Boguslaw Koziol



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 Neuhenzen	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 † 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

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 – \$16,128



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 !

AUGUST / MONTHLY COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday Offertory Monthly Collection	\$	79,601.62
Sunday Offertory Monthly Online Collection	\$	13,772.85
Total Sunday Offertory Monthly Collection	\$	93,374.47
Monthly Sunday Offertory Budgeted Collection	\$	98,593.00
Monthly Difference from Budget - Over/(Under)	\$	5,218.53
July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026		
Year-To-Date Sunday Offertory Collection	\$	141,715.52
Year-To-Date Sunday Offertory Online Collection	\$	27,521.47
Total Year-To-Date Sunday Offertory Collection	\$	169,236.99
Year-To-Date Budgeted Sunday Offertory Collection	\$	1,183,116.00
Year-To-Date Difference from Budget - Over/	\$	27,949.01

WEDDING BANNS:

I Nicolas Pongos Jr. & Anna Franczyk
I Connor Emmerich & Carol Sperl



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*

SAINTS OF THE WEEK:

September 29 / Feast of the Archangels



St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael is the defender of God's people and leader of the heavenly armies against the forces of evil. His name means "Who is like God?" He protects the Church and is invoked especially for strength and protection in times of trial.



St. Gabriel the Archangel

St. Gabriel is God's messenger, bringing the joyful news of salvation. He announced to Mary that she would be the Mother of Jesus, making him the herald of the Incarnation. His name means "Strength of God."



St. Raphael the Archangel

St. Raphael is known as a guide and healer. In the Book of Tobit, he accompanies young Tobias on his journey and brings healing to Tobit's blindness. His name means "God heals."

Together, these three Archangels remind us of God's constant presence, guidance, and care in our lives.

October 1 / Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus – "The Little Flower"



On October 1, the Church celebrates the feast of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, also known as "The Little Flower." Born in France in 1873, Thérèse Martin entered the Carmelite convent at only 15 years old. She lived a hidden life of prayer, simplicity, and love, offering her "little way"

of holiness, trusting completely in God and doing small things with great love.

Though she died at just 24, her writings in *Story of a Soul* have inspired millions around the world. Canonized in 1925, she was declared a Doctor of the Church for her profound spiritual insight. Saint Thérèse reminds us that sanctity is found not in great deeds, but in everyday acts of love and trust in God's mercy.

"I will spend my heaven doing good on earth."

St. Thérèse



**For he will command his
angels concerning you to guard
you in all your ways.**

PSALM 91:11

October 2 / Feast of Guardian Angels

The Church teaches that each of us has a guardian angel, a heavenly companion entrusted by God to guide, protect, and intercede for us. Guardian angels remind us of God's loving care in every moment of our lives.

Throughout Scripture, angels appear as messengers and protectors, and the Catechism assures us that "from its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession" (CCC 336). Our guardian angels are spiritual friends who accompany us, inspire us toward what is good, and defend us from harm and temptation.

October 4 / Saint Francis of Assisi

On October 4, the Church honors Saint Francis of Assisi, one of the most beloved saints of all time. Born in Italy in 1181, Francis chose a life of radical poverty, simplicity, and joy after a dramatic conversion. He founded the Franciscan Order and is known for his love of creation, calling all creatures his brothers and sisters.

Saint Francis reminds us that peace, humility, and care for the poor reflect Christ's Gospel most clearly. His famous prayer, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace," continues to inspire people everywhere to live lives of compassion and love.



OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE ROSARY



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the most treasured devotions of our Catholic faith. The Rosary is not just a series of prayers to be recited, but a deep meditation on the mysteries of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, prayed together with His Blessed Mother. Through the Rosary, we enter into the Gospel itself, contemplating the great events of salvation and drawing closer to Jesus through Mary's loving guidance.

Why should Catholics pray the Rosary?

The saints and popes have called it a powerful weapon against sin, a safeguard for families, and a source of peace for troubled hearts. In times of difficulty, the Rosary has given strength to countless believers, reminding us that no matter how heavy our burdens may feel, Christ has already won the victory. By praying the Rosary, we learn patience, humility, and trust in God's plan. It also brings unity within families, as parents and children gather together in prayer, placing their needs and hopes in Mary's hands.

The Blessed Virgin Mary herself has repeatedly urged the faithful to pray the Rosary. In her apparitions at Fatima in 1917, she asked the three shepherd children to pray the Rosary daily for peace in the world and for the conversion of sinners. This plea has echoed across generations, reminding us that prayer has the power to change hearts and even alter the course of history. At Lourdes, too, Our Lady appeared holding a Rosary, encouraging the faithful to pray it with devotion. In every apparition, her message is simple yet urgent: "Pray the Rosary."

In a world marked by conflict, division, and uncertainty, the Rosary remains a prayer of hope. Each "Hail Mary" is like a spiritual seed of peace, offered for our families, our Church, and the entire world. When we pray the Rosary, we are joining a great chain of prayer that links heaven and earth, uniting millions of voices calling upon God's mercy through Mary's intercession.

This October, let us renew our devotion to the Rosary. Let us pray it with faith, with love, and with confidence that Our Lady always hears the prayers of her children. May the Rosary lead us to peace in our homes, strength in our trials, and deeper communion with Jesus, the Prince of Peace.



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

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

On September 27, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

All are invited to serve people in need in our St. John Brebeuf Parish by joining the Society of St. Vincent DePaul. Helping us provide people in our Parish and surrounding areas needing food, clothes, rent and utility assistance, and other types of support will be a rewarding experience. Is it time for you to live your religious convictions, and give something back for all you have received? St. Vincent DePaul Members will be available in the vestibule should you have any questions. **Come join us next Sunday, October 5th at 10am in School Room 2 to find out more about what we do.**

Please contact Chester Gilbert, President of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul at Bbgilbert@comcast.net, or (847) 966-4789





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.

GROW IN HOLINESS First of the Month Devotions



On 1st Friday (October 3) after 8:30am Mass we pray a Litany and an Act of Consecration to the

Sacred Heart of Jesus. At the end of the 17th century, Our Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alcoque and asked her to spread devotion to His Most Sacred Heart. He said to all who receive Holy Communion on 9 First Fridays, of consecutive months, they will receive the grace of final repentance. They will not die without receiving their sacraments. His Divine Heart will make itself the assured refuge at the last moment

Requirements for the Nine First Fridays Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

- Receive Holy Communion on each First Friday (preferably at Holy Mass) with the intention of honoring Our Lord Jesus Christ's Most Sacred Heart. *Note: If you have knowledge that you are not in a state of Sanctifying Grace (that is, you are knowledgeable of mortal sin(s) on your soul, and thus unable to receive Holy Communion) you will also need to go to Confession prior to receiving your Holy Communion on the First Friday.*

CONFESSION TIMES:

Saturday: 4pm - 5pm

Monday - Friday 6:30pm—7pm

First Friday: 8am—8:30am & 6pm - 7pm (English & Polish)

- The Nine First Fridays must be consecutive.
- The Nine First Fridays must be made in honor of and in reparation to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart for all the blasphemies, outrages, sacrileges, and indifference committed against It.

Each Wednesday we pray the **Mother of Perpetual Help Novena.** From Crete to Rome, this devotion has spread to the present day. In the Philippines, the Novena was first recited following World War II. The Holy See granted devotion to the icon, along with prayers to strengthen marriages, heal sickness and help find employment. Because of the prompt and miraculous assistance to those who call upon her, the Mother of Perpetual Help has been loved for over 500 years.

Also, please remember that our chapel is always open! We are welcome to stop by anytime. The specific information how to access the chapel is listed on page 3 of this bulletin. Thank you for praying with us!

YOUNG ADULTS

CATECHISM STUDY

EVERY TUESDAY **7:30 PM**

ST JOHN BREBEUF
8307 N Harlem Ave, Niles, IL 60714



#groupme




St. John Brebeuf Parish invites you to the monthly

ST. RITA DEVOTION

Every 22nd day of each month after the evening mass
Devotion will be followed by the blessing of roses

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING October 1

Knights of Columbus, North American Martyrs Council 4338, will conduct their Business Meeting on **Wednesday, October 1st at 7 PM in PMC Rm. B.** All members are welcome to attend the meeting. Fellowship meal to follow. Anyone interested in joining, please contact Steve Baggio at 773-315-1621.



CROP HUNGER WALK October 19 / 2pm

Team St. John Brebeuf is once again participating in the Niles-Park Ridge CROP Hunger Walk (CROP = Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty)

We will join a dozen other Christian churches this year. Please arrive by 1:45 PM at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church for a three mile Hunger Walk. The Walk begins and ends at Our Lady of Ransom Church. Participating Eighth Graders will earn 3 service hours for Confirmation Preparation. Invite your families and friends. Canned good donations are appreciated!

All participants must register at:

events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/st-john-brebeuf-niles

For Additional Information, please contact Deacon Andy Beierwaltes at ajbeierwal@aol.com or (847) 966-6961



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FALL CLOTHING DRIVE



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Sorry, but we CAN NOT accept furniture, baby car seats, baby furniture, highchairs, etc. No toys, games, puzzles, textbooks or encyclopedias. No luggage or exercise equipment. We ask that all donated items be in good, usable condition, not needing any cleaning or repair.

**Any questions, call Mr. Len 847 (692-6292)
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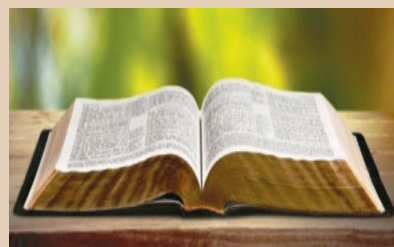


TIME

12:30 PM - EXHIBITOR TABLES
1 PM - PRAYER, MUSIC & SPEAKER
2 PM - WITNESS ALONG NW HWY
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PARISH SCRIPTURE STUDY

Plan to attend our fall Scripture Study Program. We will be studying the Acts of The Apostles.

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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
October 19, 2025

10:00am to 12:00pm.

If interested or would like more information contact :
Chester Gilbert at
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Mieć otwarte oczy i serce na potrzeby drugiego człowieka

Rozważając słowa z dzisiejszej Ewangelii może rodzić się w nas pytanie: Czy mam szansę dostać się do nieba, skoro trafiają tam tylko biedni i poobijani przez życie? Posiadanie bogactwa, posiadłości zdobytych na tym świecie, na które człowiek uczciwie zapracował, nie jest niczym złym. Jezus, używając takich obrazów w swoich przypowieściach, nie tyle krytykuje bogactwo, możliwość posiadania dóbr tego świata, ale wskazuje raczej, co dzieje się z człowiekiem, który źle nimi dysponuje i rozporządza.

Dlaczego więc ten bogaty człowiek nie dostał się do nieba? Powodem tak naprawdę jest grzech, czyli nieposłuszeństwo wobec Boga, czyli brak miłości do Boga i bliźniego. Często myślimy, że grzeszymy tylko przez myśl, słowo i czyn. Zapominamy o czwartej i bardzo ważnej drodze, przez którą grzeszymy, a mianowicie przez zaniedbanie. W jednej z form na początku Mszy św. wypowiadamy te słowa: zgrzeszyłem myślą, mową, uczynkiem i zaniedbaniem, a więc, tym co zrobiłem i w tym, czego nie zrobiłem. Jakże łatwo zapominamy o grzechu zaniedbania. Dzisiejsza przypowieść przypomina nam, że grzech zaniedbania może spowodować, że może nas zabraknąć w niebie. To właśnie stało się z bogatym człowiekiem. Biedny Łazarz leżał u bramy, a bogacz po prostu tym się nie przejmował. Oczywiście nie zrobił nic przeciwko Łazarzowi. Ale nie udało mu się zrobić też dobrego uczynku. Jego grzechem jest zaniedbanie i za to zabrakło go w niebie.

Dlaczego Łazarz poszedł do nieba? W końcu nie mówi się nam, że był człowiekiem Bożym, ani że zrobił choćby jeden dobry uczynek. W biblijnych opowieściach tego rodzaju imiona są bardzo znaczące, ponieważ często przekazują podstawowy charakter lub osobowość danej osoby. Tak więc nazwa ma znaczenie dla interpretacji tej przypowieści. Imię "Łazarz" jest zhellenizowaną formą hebrajskiego imienia "Eleazar", co oz-

nacza "Bóg jest moją pomocą". Łazarz nie jest więc tylko biednym człowiekiem, ale biednym człowiekiem, który wierzy i ufa Bogu. To musi być powód, dla którego znalazł się na łonie Abrahama w raju – z powodu swojej wiary, z powodu zaufania Bogu, a nie tylko dlatego, że był biedny. Nie rozumiejąc znaczenia imienia Łazarza w interpretacji przypowieści, niektórzy sugerowali, że w przyszłym życiu nastąpi automatyczne odwrócenie statusu: bogaci staną się biedni, a biedni staną się bogaci. Ale nie o to chodzi w przypowieści.

Bogaci ludzie, którzy wykorzystują swoje bogactwo, aby służyć Bogu w swoich bliźnich, nadal będą błogosławieni w przyszłym życiu. Biedni ludzie, którzy spędzają swoje życie w goryczy i zazdrości, odmawiając wiary i zaufania Bogu, mogą ponownie cierpieć w przyszłym życiu.

Dobra nowina z tej przypowieści jest następująca: Jeśli czujesz się teraz jak Łazarz, poobijany przez różne trudne życiowe doświadczenia, zapomniany przez społeczeństwo i przez tych, których Bóg pobłogosławił w tym życiu, nadal wierz i ufaj Bogu, że On jest i czuwa nad twoją przyszłością i to wieczną.

Pan Bóg chce od nas nie tylko, abyśmy byli gotowi pomagać bliźniemu w potrzebie, ale abyśmy byli świadomi jego potrzeb, abyśmy nie byli ślepi na cierpienia i niedostatki innych. Musimy słuchać i przyjąć tę naukę za swoją i zastosować ją w swoim życiu. A wtedy będziemy bogatymi przed Bogiem, jak mówił św. Jan Paweł II: bogatym nie jest ten, kto posiada dobra materialne, ale ten, który potrafi tymi dobrami się dzielić. Niech każdy dzień naszego życia będzie okazją, aby nasze oczy i serce były otwarte na potrzeby drugiego człowieka, a wtedy będziemy stawali się bogatymi przed Bogiem.

Szczęść Boże!

ks. Zdzisław



PAŹDZIERNIK – MIESIĄCEM MODLITWY RÓŻAŃCOWEJ

Zapraszamy wszystkie dzieci, młodzież i dorosłych do udziału w Nabożeństwach Różańcowych:

- **codziennie po Mszy św. o godz. 7:00 wieczorem**
- **w soboty po Mszy św. o godz. 8:30am i 6:30pm.**
- **w niedziele po Mszy św. o godz. 11:30am i 6:00pm.**

Osoby, które nie mogą przybyć na tę modlitwę do świątyni, zapraszamy, aby modlić się na różańcu w domu.

Różaniec to potężna broń. Używaj jej z ufnością, a będziesz zdumiony wynikami. (św. O. Pio)



PIERWSZY PIĄTEK MIESIĄCA

Najbliższy **piątek, 3 października** to Pierwszy Piątek miesiąca. Spowiedź święta od godz. 6:00PM. Msza św. o godz. 7:00pm. Po Mszy św. Nabożeństwo do Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa.

Dziewięć pierwszych piątków miesiąca w objawieniach Małgorzaty Marii Alacoque
Powiedział o niej sam Jezus francuskiej siostrze zakonnej, św. Małgorzacie Marii Alacoque w czasie objawień. Przez ponad półtora roku ukazywał jej On swoje Serce płonące miłością do ludzi i zranione ich grzechami. Św. Małgorzata usłyszała od Jezusa o obietnicach, jakie daje On czcicielom jego Serca. Wśród nich pojawia się i ta: „*Przyrzekam w nadmiarze miłosierdzia Serca mojego, że wszechmocna miłość moja udzieli tym wszystkim, którzy komunikować będą w pierwsze piątki przez dziewięć miesięcy z rzędu, łaskę pokuty ostatecznej, że nie umrą w stanie niełaski mojej ani bez sakramentów i że Serce moje stanie się dla nich bezpieczną ucieczką w godzinę śmierci*”.

Mówiąc to Jezus ukazał się św. Małgorzacie jako ubiczowany. Z czasem obietnicę tę nazwano „Wielką”, jako największą, jakiej człowiek może dostąpić w czasie ziemskiego życia. Jezus obiecuje praktykującym 9 pierwszych piątków miesiąca, że nie umrą nie będąc w stanie łaski uświęcającej.

PIERWSZA SOBOTA MIESIĄCA

W sobotę, 4 października zapraszamy na Nabożeństwo Pierwszo-sobotnie wynagradzające Niepokalanemu Sercu Maryi, które rozpocznie się o godz. 7:30PM.

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Zaczynamy 3 października.

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11 października

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6:30 pm Modlitwa różańcowa za dzieci utracone
Sakrament pojednania
7:00 pm Msza św.
Adoracja Najświętszego Sakramentu

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Prowadzący: ks. Krzysztof Świerczyński,
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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.

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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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Daily Mass Monday - Saturday 8:30 am
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