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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.

ALL SOULS' DAY

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

November 2, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Wis 3:1-9 | Rom 5:5-11 | Jn 6:37-40

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

There's a place in every human heart that harbors the fear of rejection. This can affect our relationship with others as well as our relationship with God. In response, many of us develop coping strategies in an attempt to take control of our lives. When fear of rejection threatens our peace, return to today's Gospel. What does Jesus say? "I will not reject anyone who comes to me." Let's pause to read that line again: *I will not reject anyone who comes to me.* Allow that message to pierce your heart. Jesus will not reject you. Jesus will not fail you. He will not abandon you. In fact, he has prepared a place for you in his kingdom and is waiting for your response of love.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today, we commemorate all the faithful departed on this sacred feast of All Souls Day. Yes, we mourn the loss of those whom we loved who have died. Even as we mourn, we cling to hope as a community of believers, trusting that God has kept his promise to grant them eternal life. Indeed, as our first reading reminds us, "the souls of the just are in the hands of God. ... They are in peace." In addition to the treasure of canonized saints the Church gives us to admire and emulate, many of us could write a list of "saints" who have touched us in our own lives – those "who have gone before us with the sign of faith" (*Eucharistic Prayer I*). Think of them today, now. Call to mind their virtue and how they loved those they encountered, including you. Then, let their witness propel you on your own journey of faith.

REFLECT

Though we often associate death with sorrow and grief, for the faithful Catholic, it is also the way we enter eternal life. Heaven is the hoped-for reward of all our prayers, works, sufferings, and enjoyments. As she lay dying, St. Thérèse of Lisieux said to her fellow sisters, "I am not dying; I am entering into life." Still, it is not uncommon to grapple with fear of our own death (or the death of our living loved ones). If you find yourself facing this fear, invite Jesus to gently reveal the source of your anxieties, and ask him to flood those places of your heart and mind with his light and hope. And remember: Jesus will never reject anyone who comes to him.





A note from the Associate Pastor...

Dear friends,

Each year on November 1st, we celebrate All Saints' Day, a solemn occasion dedicated to honoring the great multitude of holy men and women who have gone before us and are now in heaven. These saints behold the face of God and worship Him ceaselessly. While some of these saints have been canonized and are known to us, countless others are ordinary people, who journeyed through life's challenges and lived faithfully.

On November 2nd, we commemorate All Souls' Day, a day set aside to remember and pray for the suffering souls in purgatory. These souls have not yet reached heaven but are on their way to full union with God. Unlike the saints in heaven, who no longer need our prayers, the souls in purgatory depend on our intercession. Together these two feasts highlight the communion of saints: the bond uniting the Church in heaven – the Saints (the Church Triumphant), and in purgatory - those being purified before entering heaven (the Church Suffering), and on earth - those engaged in spiritual struggle (the Church Militant). The communion of saints unites believers across time and space.

Immediately after the death, the soul, separated from the body, appears before God and is judged based on how the person lived on earth. The soul is then sent to heaven, purgatory for further purification, or hell. Those in hell will be eternally separated from God. This judgment is private and individual and differs from the Last Judgment, which will occur at the end of time.

At the Last Judgment, Christ the King will come in glory with all the angels and will separate the righteous from the wicked. This event will be public and universal, with all people—living and dead—judged together. Our bodies will be reunited with our souls, and the full justice and mercy of God will be revealed to everyone. Every deed, word, and thought will be brought into the light, and God's final verdict will be made known to all. This marks the fulfillment of God's plan and the definitive establishment of His kingdom.

The righteous will enter the kingdom prepared for them before the foundation of the world, while the wicked will be cast into everlasting fire. Heaven and hell are determined by the choices each person has made and the life they have lived on earth. The criterion for the Last Judgment centers on the greatest commandment: love of God and love of neighbor. Eternal reward or punishment depends on our relationship with God and with others. Let us, therefore, reflect on our lives and choices, recognizing that our actions have everlasting consequences. Examine our hearts, seek reconciliation, and strive to live according to God's will each day. By embracing mercy, compassion, and humility, we prepare ourselves for the day of Judgment, trusting in God's love and justice. Let us seek the intercession of all the Saints in heaven, asking for their support in living our lives with faithfulness. 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:

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/
Lk 16:9-15

OBSERVANCES:

Monday: St. Martin de Porres, Religious

Tuesday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop; Election Day

PRO-LIFE CORNER:

Every baby is created with potential. Embrace the sanctity of life.

Be PRO-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 NOVEMBER 3 — NOVEMBER 9

**Monday, November 3rd****8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

Health & God's Blessings for Lois Saviano

† Rick Saviano

† In Memory of Bobby Canong

† Maria Kieca 5th year Death Anniversary

† Małgorzata Dańko

† Patrick Gościński i Monika Wykurz

7:00 pm Bilingual Fr. Jason

Nov 1st. 2024 – Nov 1. 2025

SJB DECEASED

8:00 pm Projekcja Filmu Czyste (with English Translation) **PMC Center**

Tuesday, November 4th**8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

† Mary Cay Westphal

† Isabela Yambot Birthday Remembrance

† Joseph Mazur

† Daniel Kowalewski 16th Death Anniversary

† Małgorzata Dańko

† Józef Kuliś i zmarli z Rodziny Kuliś

7:00 pm English Fr. Paul

† Francisca Amatong 10th Death Anniversary

† Eternal rest for Joanne McDermott - 100th heavenly Birthday Remembrance

Wednesday, November 5th**8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

† All Souls in Purgatory

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O uzdrowienie z choroby nowotworowej dla Janiny Galica

O Boże Błogosławieństwo i dary ducha Sw. dla Marka Wasilczuk z okazji 26 Urodzin

O łaskę powrotu do zdrowia i wszelkie potrzebne łaski w walce z chorobą nowotworową dla Heleny Mazur i Elżbiety Kapałka

O Bożą opiekę i Boże błogosławieństwo dla wszystkich bezdomnych

† Za Zmarłych z rodziny Witkowskich i Kierzkowskich

† O wieczne zbawienie dla Ks. Karola Dziobaczka

† O życie wieczne dla Małgorzata Dańko

† Józef Kuliś i zmarli z Rodziny Kuliś

† Stanisław Dzik

† Józef Leś

Thursday, November 6th**8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

For recovery, health and blessings for Stella Pabis

For strength of mind and body for Halina Mryczko and her Son Johnny

† Maria Kieca Birthday Remembrance

† Małgorzata Dańko

† Józef Kuliś i zmarli z Rodziny Kuliś

7:00 pm English Fr. Jason

† Maria & Stanisław Skura

Friday, November 7th First Friday**8:00 am Confession****8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

Blessings for all school and parish office staff, and parish group members celebrating November Birthdays

† Ronald Weindorfer

† Anna Grzęda

† Józef Maleta 38th Death Anniversary

† Bienvenido Dela Cruz, Francisca Amatong, Silverio Amatong Jr.

† Małgorzata Dańko

† Władysław, Stanisław, Edward, Stefania i Władysław Przybysz

† The Souls of Kurian and Annamma, Joseph, George and Anna and all deceased members of Azhikannikal Family

† The souls of John, Mathew, Elizabeth, Luka, Mary and all deceased members of Olickal Family

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6:00 am Confession**7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian**

† O życie wieczne dla Małgorzaty Dańko

† Józef Kuliś i zmarli z Rodziny Kuliś

† Stanisław Dzik

Saturday, November 8th**8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

† Franciszka Jastrzebski

† Deceased Members of Glasder Bobowski Family

† Małgorzata Dańko

† The Souls of Kurian and Annamma, Joseph, George and Anna and all deceased members of Azhikannikal Family

† The Souls of John, Mathew, Elizabeth, Luka, Mary and all deceased members of Olickal Family

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5:00 pm English Fr. Paul**6:00 pm Wypominki**

Jennifer Alexander Health & Blessings

Bonnie Alexander for strength to cope

Wanda Podgorski for health & blessings

† Stella Zalewski-Bandola

† John Jerome Arenó

† Tristan Joseph Balura

† Marion Hilgers

† Cresencio Rafanan

Thanksgiving Mass intention of Teodulfo Apostol

† Dolores Grochocki Birthday Remembrance

6:30 pm Polish Fr. Jason

O zdrowie dla Ani i Roberta

† Katarzyna & Józef Dąbek

† Karol Slowikowski 9 miesięcy po śmierci

† Włodzimierz Jaromin

† Władysław Mielecki w kolejną rocznicę śmierci

† Zofia i Czesław Garbarz oraz Helena i Jan Kurpisz

† Włodzimierz Jaromin

† Wacław i Genowefa Jaromin

† Tadeusz i Maria Jaromin

† Elżbieta, Karol Talach

† Władysław i Maria Mielecki

† Jan, Jerzy, Julian Mielecki

† Tadeusz, Kazimiera Krzywoń

† Franciszek Ludwika Rusek

† Józef Kuliś i zmarli z Rodziny Kuliś

† Kazimierz i Helena Koźlak

† Henryk i Adrian Niemiec

† Józef i Joanna Dybisz

† Barbara, Bolesław, Andrzej, Bogdan Zalewski

† Czesława i Jan Grabowski

† Teresa i Jan Sawicki

† Helena, Wacław i Jan Baranowski

† Tomek Pietryka

Sunday, November 9th**7:00 am Polish Fr. Jason**

† Christopher Rywak

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

† Za wszystkich zmarłych z rodziny Poborca i Babiarsz

† Józef Kuliś i zmarli z Rodziny Kuliś

† Władysław, Bogumiła, Józef

Lazarowicz

† Stanisław, Wanda, Ryszard Jarosz

† Helena Kałucka

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ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK IS OFFERED FOR:

† In Loving Memory of Our Niece Jennifer Micor

PLEASE PRAY:



OUR SICK:

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

OUR BELOVED DEPARTED:

Krystyna Kolacek
Sophie Marie Kowalewicz



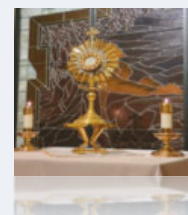
OUR MILITARY: Please pray for those serving in the military, and for a peaceful and just solution to conflict and violence.

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 † All Deceased Members of the Gonzales, Lasin, Nemzin, Fishman, Garing, Sacluti, Grossman Family and All Souls in Purgatory

Candle 2 † All Deceased Members of the Gonzales, Lasin, Nemzin, Fishman, Garing, Sacluti, Grossman Family and All Souls in Purgatory



SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

OCTOBER 26, 2025 — \$ 16,299

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity. Your support is essential to our mission and ministry. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and commitment. We're grateful you're part of our community!

Bóg zapłać za nieustanne wsparcie naszej parafii, hojność, zaangażowanie oraz przynależność do naszej wspólnoty.



WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM IN OCTOBER:

Lana Perez
Izabella Sophie Szczepański
Maverick Uhrick



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*

MASS CARDS

Mass cards are a meaningful Catholic tradition that allows the faithful to offer the Holy Mass for a specific intention. When you request a Mass, a priest offers the Eucharistic celebration for your intention, whether it's for someone who has passed away, is ill, or is celebrating a special occasion. It is a beautiful way to express your prayers, support, and love through the most sacred act of worship in the Church.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 3—NOVEMBER 9



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8:30 am English Fr. Paul

John Zaucha Health & God's Blessing on his **90th** Birthday
Health and Birthday Blessings for Sheila Miehle
Health and Birthday Blessings for Cecilia Nunez
† Carl Bronder Birthday Remembrance
† Joseph Mazur
† The Souls of Kurian and Annamma, Joseph, George and Anna and all deceased members of Azhikannikal Family
† The Souls of John, Mathew, Elizabeth, Luka, Mary and all deceased members of Olickal Family

10:00 am English Fr. Paul

Fatima Fernandes Birthday Health & God's Blessings
† Weronika and Michal Kolanek
† Irena and Grzegorz Kretowski
† The Souls of Fernandes, Dias, D'Souza, Menezes and Reed Families
† John Cunney Death Anniversary
† All Souls in Purgatory

11:30 am Polish Fr. Jason

† Maria Wojdyła
† Stanisław Sak
† Ferdynand & Maria Wójcik
† Czesława Leśniak
† Mike, Zdzisław Puacz
† Mieczysław Myśliwiec
† Elżbieta Dziedziak 9 rocznica śmierci,
† Piotr, Władysława i Iwona Serfain
† Krzysztof Kuzebski
† Anna, Jan, Tadeusz Aleksander Sabramowicz i Przemek Bogdanowicz

† Jan i Anna Prucnal
† Marcin i Aniela Probola
† Za zmarłych z rodziny Plizga i Bernat
† Za zmarłych z rodziny Walat i Bykowski
† Ks. Tadeusz Gonet
† Frank, Michal, Helena Puszcza
† Józef, Genowefa, Jan Klimas
† John Depa i zmarli z rodziny Depa i Fronczek
† Za dusze śp. Stanisława i Zofii
† Małgorzata Dańko
† Bogumiła i Czesław Ufniaz, Anna Ufniaz
† Zmarli z Rodziny Ufniaz, Rachoń, Stec, Sobczak, Rębiś, Łacińskich, Gajowniczek i Strońskich
O powrót do zdrowia i potrzebne łaski dla Bogusława Nogi
Dziękczynna za otrzymane łaski dla Teresy Halik
O Boże Błogosławieństwo i potrzebne łaski dla Stanisława i Kazimierzy Brongiel z okazji 60 rocznicy Ślubu
† Waldemar Sitko i zmarli z Rodziny
† Stanisław Zasadni 2 rocznica śmierci
† Benedykt Pacyna
† Genowefa i Józef Pawuła
† Stanisław Dzik
† Helena i Adam Buczynski w kolejną rocznicę śmierć
† Kazimiera i Eugeniusz Rzonca
† Grzegorz i Franciszek Majerczyk
† Stanisław i Aniela Majerczyk
† Stanisław i Maria Milan
† Maria i Bolesław Wnęk

6:00 pm English Fr. Paul

† The Souls of Philip Grossman & All deceased members of Grossman Family
Birthday Health & God's Blessings for Sheila Miehle



Dear Parishioners,

All Souls' Day holds deep spiritual significance in the Catholic Church. Each year, we honor, celebrate, and remember all our loved ones who have been called Home to Heaven. This sacred day offers a moment for reflection, remembrance, and hope.

I would like to invite you and your family to a Special **Mass of Remembrance at St. John Brebeuf Church on Monday, November 3rd, 2025, at 7:00 PM.** Please note that this Mass has been rescheduled from 12:00 PM to the evening. During this Mass, we will honor the memory of the departed with the reading of names of those who are no longer with us, the lighting of candles, and prayerful reflection on eternal life.

We are pleased to share this invitation with you and your family. Let us come together in faith and love to lift our prayers for All Souls.

By the grace of the Holy Spirit, may our sorrow be transformed into peace, and our sadness into hope. May God bless you and may you find comfort in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr. Jason Torba
Pastor

Why Do We Remember the Departed at Mass?

As Catholics, we believe that love does not end with death. When we remember our departed at Mass, we entrust them to Christ's saving sacrifice, asking that His mercy bring them to eternal life.

This is one of the greatest acts of charity we can offer, and it reflects our faith in the Communion of Saints, that the Church on earth, the souls in purgatory, and the saints in heaven are united in Christ. In honoring the dead, we also strengthen our own hope in the resurrection and find comfort in knowing that death is not the end, but the doorway to life everlasting.

How to gain Plenary Indulgences for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

The devotion to the memory of the dead is one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit. (Pope Saint John XXIII)

The Feast of All Saints and All Soul's Day give liturgical expression to our belief that we, as members of the Church, are also members of the Communion of Saints. We express the belief in this Holy Communion each Sunday as we recite the Creed. In our celebration of the Holy Eucharist we are renewed in our communion with those who have gone before us in faith. From the time of the ancient Church we have honored, respected and prayed for the dead. In the Book of Maccabees the dead are prayed for "because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins."

Purgatory is the name for this process of purification. In this process, the temporal punishment remaining from sins committed during life is satisfied. As we follow Christ's footsteps, we, the living, can assist the dead in the process of purification by our prayer, spiritual works and penitential expiation.

The Church provides a great opportunity to help the departed by performing acts of devotion, repentance and charity. These acts provide remission from temporal punishment and are called indulgences. **During the Octave of All Saints, (November 1-8) the Church gives us a special opportunity to gain indulgences for the departed.**

For the Souls in Purgatory – Plenary Indulgence

A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted each and every day from **November 1st to November 8th**, who devoutly visit a cemetery and there pray, if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from the 1st to the 8th of November; on other days of the year it is partial.



Visiting a Church on November 2

A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who on the day dedicated to the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (November 2) piously visit a church. In visiting the church it is required that one Our Father and the Creed be recited.

Indulgence Requirements: To acquire a plenary indulgence it is necessary also to fulfill the following three conditions:

- Sacramental Confession,
- Eucharistic communion
- prayer for the intention of the Holy Father while being detached from sin.

It is appropriate that the sacramental Confession and especially Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope's intentions take place on the same day that the indulgenced work is performed.

One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the Holy Father's intentions are required for each plenary indulgence. The condition of praying for the intention of the Holy Father is fully satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary. A plenary indulgence can be acquired only once in the course of the day.



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

This week we observe First Friday of the month. Please join us on November 7 after the 8:30 am Mass Friday – Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Confessions will be available on Friday from 8:00–8:30 am and again from 6:00–7:30 pm.

On First Friday, we pray the Litany and Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. At the end of the 17th century, Our Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and asked her to spread devotion to His Sacred Heart. He promised that all who receive Holy Communion on nine consecutive First Fridays will receive the grace of final repentance: they will not die without the sacraments, and His Heart will be their sure refuge at the last moment of life.

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.



OUR BELOVED DEPARTED NASI BLISCY ZMARLI

October 26, 2024 – November 2025

October 26, 2024

Ursula Montegna
Orlando Marrero

Patricia Olbrisch

Anna Filar
Włodzimierz Jaromin

Zdzisław Czabanski

Maria Koson
David John Meyer
Franciszek Purchla

Zygfryd Buda

Daniela Staniak
Stefan Hebal

November 2024

Virginia V. Peszek
Halina Kluszo
Sophie Kulikowski
Hugh Patrick Boyle
Eugenia Kalembsa
Stephen J. Meyer
Rosemary England
Christine Hageman
Nancy Bobowski
Zdzisław Metel
Jeannette Ratulowski
Theresa Allotey
Marian Krzeczowski
Nancy DeCola
Renata Wilk-Mańko
Primitivo T. Salinas Jr.

February 2025

Kay Corcoran
Janina Dziengiel
Stella Zalewski Bandola
Janusz Czerwik
Brunilda Luis
Karol Słowikowski
Józef Klus
Clelia Massimini
Geraldine Kenny
Susan Doczekalski
Rosemarie Kovarik
Roman Malinowski
Lubomira Flanczewski

March 2025

Richard E. Palasik
Grace Pecoraro
Władysław Styrzula
Veronica M. Kusz
Karlos K. Kondratiuk
Jan Hermanowski
Mieczysław Myśliwiec
Eddy Nosalik
Gertruda Denisiuk
Joanna Olechno
Grażyna Rzeszutko
Zbigniew Drula
Zofia Cieśla
Anna Kiel
Wanda Mezczyzna

December 2024

Maria Kurowski
Krystyna Domagala
Michelle Nowak
Zbigniew Wolek
Ryszard Witek
Krzysztof Sykurski
Tadeusz Armatys
Caroline Ulak
Zdzisław Wiklański
Michael T. Klonowski
Stanisław Dzik
Annie Farragher

January 2025

Teresa Kosowska
Peter Morjal
Zofia Wywrot
Helena Dworaczek
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Knights of Columbus, North American Martyrs Council 4338, will conduct their Business Meeting on **Wednesday, November 5th 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.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GIFT-SHARING PROGRAM

This year will mark the 54th year St. John Brebeuf parishioners have participated in the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Gift-Sharing program. Again this year we are requesting Target gift cards or cash donations. (Target is the most accessible store to all areas.) The receiving institution gives a gift card to those in need and the recipients can then use the card as they wish. A member of St. Vincent de Paul will be in the Main and East Vestibules of the Church the weekends of November 15-16, 22-23 and 29-30 to receive your donation. You may also drop it in the collection box or at the Parish office. Please put your donation (either \$25 Target gift card(s), a check **payable to St. Vincent de Paul** or cash – (if check or cash, we will purchase the gift cards) in a separate envelope marked **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Program. Special envelopes are available from a member of the SVdP.** All donations to the Christmas Program must be received by December 1. The Society wishes to say Thank You for the past 53 years that our parish has participated in this great project. For many individuals your Christmas present is the only one they receive. May God bless you for your generosity.



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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.

These sessions are not faith formation classes, arts-and-crafts activities, or babysitting during Mass. Rather, the children hear the same Mass readings as adults – but in simpler terms that



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

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2 listopada obchodzimy Dzień Zaduszny, dzień poświęcony pamięci i modlitwie za dusze cierpiące w czyśćcu. Dusze te nie dotarły jeszcze do nieba, ale są na drodze do pełnego zjednoczenia z Bogiem. W przeciwieństwie do świętych w niebie, którzy nie potrzebują już naszych modlitw, dusze w czyśćcu polegają na naszym wstawiennictwie. Te dwa święta podkreślają wspólnotę świętych: więź łączącą Kościół w niebie – Świętych (Kościół Triumfujący), w czyśćcu – tych, którzy oczyszczają się przed wejściem do nieba (Kościół Cierpiący), oraz na ziemi – tych, którzy są zaangażowani w walkę duchową (Kościół Walczący). Wspólnota świętych jednoczy wierzących w czasie i przestrzeni. Zaraz po śmierci dusza, oddzielona od ciała, staje przed Bogiem i jest sądzona na podstawie tego, jak żyła na ziemi. Następnie dusza jest wysyłana do nieba, czyśćca w celu dalszego oczyszczenia, czyli piekła. Ci, którzy znajdują się w piekle, będą wiecznie oddzieleni od Boga. Sąd ten jest prywatny i indywidualny i różni się od Sądu Ostatecznego, który nastąpi na końcu czasów.

Podczas Sądu Ostatecznego Chrystus Król przyjdzie w chwale ze wszystkimi aniołami i oddzieli sprawiedliwych od bezbożnych. Wydarzenie to będzie publiczne i powszechne, a wszyscy ludzie – żywi i umarli – zostaną osądzeni razem. Nasze ciała zostaną zjednoczone z naszymi duszami, a pełna sprawiedliwość i miłosierdzie Boga zostaną objawione każdemu. Każdy czyn, słowo i myśl zostaną ujawnione, a ostateczny werdykt Boga będzie znany wszystkim. To oznacza wypełnienie planu Boga i ostateczne ustanowienie Jego królestwa. Sprawiedliwi wejdą do królestwa przygotowanego dla nich przed założeniem świata, podczas gdy niegodziwi zostaną wrzuceni w ogień wieczny. Niebo i piekło są określone przez wybory, których dokonał każdy człowiek, i przez życie, jakie prowadził na ziemi. Kryterium Sądu Ostatecznego koncentruje się na najważniejszym przykazaniu: miłości Boga i miłości bliźniego. Wieczna nagroda lub kara zależą od naszej relacji z Bogiem i z innymi. Zastanówmy się zatem nad naszym życiem i wyborami, uznając, że nasze czyny mają wieczne konsekwencje. Badajmy nasze serca, szukajmy pojednania i starajmy się żyć zgodnie z wolą Bożą każdego dnia. Przyjmując miłosierdzie, współczucie i pokorę, przygotowujemy się na dzień Sądu Ostatecznego, ufając Bożej miłości i sprawiedliwości.

Prośmy o wstawiennictwo wszystkich Świętych w niebie, prosząc o ich wsparcie w życiu pełnym wiary. Niech Bóg Was błogosławi!

Ks. Paweł



ODPUSTY ZA ZMARŁYCH

Pierwsze dni listopada stanowią zaproszenie do uzyskania przez wiernych odpustu zupełnego i ofiarowania go za zmarłych. Odpust zupełny jest to darowanie człowiekowi przez Boga wszystkich kar doczesnych, należnych za grzechy odpuszczone już co do winy w sakramencie pokuty. Kto uzyska odpust zupełny dla siebie uniknie kar czyśćcowych. Kto uzyska odpust zupełny za zmarłych – ratuje dusze z czyśćca.

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Przez cały Dzień Zaduszny w kościołach i kaplicach publicznych można uzyskać odpust zupełny, ale tylko jeden raz.

Warunki zyskania odpustu są następujące:

- 1) pobożne nawiedzenie kościoła lub kaplicy,
- 2) odmówienie "Ojcze nasz" i "Wierzę w Boga",
- 3) dowolna modlitwa w intencjach Ojca św.,
- 4) Spowiedź i Komunia św. (Wykluczenie wszelkiego przywiązania do jakiegokolwiek grzechu, nawet powszedniego (jeżeli jest brak pełnej dyspozycji wykluczenia upodobania do jakiegokolwiek grzechu, odpust będzie tylko cząstkowy)

W dniach 1-8 listopada można pozyskać odpust zupełny za nawiedzenie cmentarza pod wyżej wymienionymi warunkami. W pozostałe dni roku za nawiedzenie cmentarza pozyskuje się odpust cząstkowy.

Ważne: Trzy warunki: spowiedź, Komunia św. i modlitwy mogą być dopełnione w ciągu wielu dni przed lub po wypełnieniu danej czynności nagradzanej otrzymaniem odpustu, ale musi być między nimi łączność. Po jednej spowiedzi sakramentalnej można uzyskać wiele odpustów zupełnych, a po jednej Komunii św. i jednej modlitwie można uzyskać tylko jeden odpust zupełny.



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Dziewięć Pierwszych Piątków Miesiąca

Jezus objawił św. Małgorzacie Marii Alacoque swoje Serce płonące miłością do ludzi i zranione ich grzechami. Obiecał, że wszyscy, którzy przez **dziewięć kolejnych** pierwszych piątków miesiąca będą przyjmować Komunię Świętą, otrzymają łaskę pokuty ostatecznej – nie umrą bez sakramentów, a Jego Serce stanie się ich pewną ucieczką w godzinie śmierci.

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

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 8:30 am 5:00 pm, 6:30 pm (Polish)
Sunday 8:30, 10:00 am & 6:00 pm (English)
7:00 am and 11:30 am, (Polish)
Daily Mass Monday - Saturday 8:30 am
7:00 pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday (Polish)
7:00 pm Tuesday & Thursday (English)

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4pm - 5pm // Monday - Friday 6:30pm—7pm
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