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ST. JOHN BREBEUF

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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YOUR PERSEVERANCE
WILL SECURE
YOU.

— LUKE 21:19 —



“
 Nation will rise against
 nation, and kingdom
 against kingdom.
 There will be powerful
 earthquakes, famines,
 and plagues from place
 to place; and awesome
 sights and mighty signs
 will come from the sky.
 ”

November 16, 2025

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 3:19-20a | 2 Thes 3:7-12 | Lk 21:5-19

Written by
 THE
 FAITHFUL
 DISCIPLE

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

We don't have to look far to find grief, violence, or chaos in our world. Perhaps it has made its way into our community or has pierced our hearts in deeply personal ways. Or even if the chaos of life has remained at a distance for now, it can be tempting to wonder if the end is near at times. But Jesus warns us against catastrophic thoughts. Listen to what he says in today's Gospel, when asked how we will know the end time is coming: "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Jesus knew we would need his clear and steady reminder. If you find yourself fearing the state of the world, turn all your senses toward Jesus. Let your anxiety, grief, and concern become catalysts for prayer.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Although today's Gospel may at first be one that stirs fear, as we look deeper we realize that Jesus is speaking directly into the heart of our fear and offering his profound consolation. There is so much in this Gospel that can encourage us to continue to bear witness to Christ even in trying times. As we scroll through the news each day, remember Jesus' words to not be "terrified." If you find yourself in circumstances where it's not easy to stand up for your faith, Jesus tells us, "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." And when you look to the future with dread, remember that Jesus says, "not a hair on your head will be destroyed." Read these words again, drawing comfort and strength that the Lord is with you, guiding and protecting you through it all.

PRAY

If you find yourself feeling overwhelmed this week, pray the Prayer of St. Teresa of Ávila:

*Let nothing disturb you,
 Let nothing frighten you,
 All things are passing away:
 God never changes.
 Patience obtains all things.
 Whoever has God lacks nothing;
 God alone suffices.*



Fr. Jason's Corner..

Be Prepared

God's Word for this Sunday wants to draw attention not to the date of the end of the world or how terrible it will look when it happens, but instead to how we are to live our lives to be prepared for this day. Sacred Scripture, which we read in the liturgy, is the "Book of

Life", the word of God addressed to the concrete man. The Bible is a book that shows us not the date of the end of the world, but its purpose, the meaning of the world, the meaning of our lives. That is why Christ reminds his disciples: *See that you not be deceived...* For not one man has not been deceived by the pursuit of power, material goods, the ease of life, and pleasures. That is why Jesus wants to mobilize us to prudence in managing the time of his life and caution in choosing the goals and ideas that will guide us.

If all people were guided in their decisions and deeds by truth, goodness, and love, life would be different. Unfortunately, many of us choose lies, sin and compromises, and this is enough to spread suffering, persecution, violence and evil in the world. That is why there is a need for people who, in the face of this flood of sin, adopt an attitude of fortitude and unbending fidelity to the principles of the Gospel. In the history of the Church, there have been a number of heroic witnesses of Christ who, even to martyrdom, were ready to defend their faith.

If we do not want to compromise with the evil that surrounds us, we need perseverance rooted in the Christian hope that human life does not end here on earth. That is why it is worth taking the trouble to oppose evil; let us not be deceived by it and let us not make various concessions and compromises.

At the end of our lives, the Lord Jesus will probably not ask how many victories we have won, but He will certainly ask if we have fought. Let us ask for perseverance in faith, especially when witnessing it can cost us a lot.

God bless!

Fr. Jason

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. Whether you are visiting for the first time, worship with us occasionally, or join us every Sunday, we welcome you to St. John Brebeuf Parish. If you do not have home, or if your church is not home to you, we invite you to become part of our parish family. Please call or stop by our parish office to register 847-966-8145. Visit our website <https://www.sjbrebeuf.org> for additional information on parish and community programs for prayer, faith formation, community outreach and information about St. John Brebeuf School. We are glad you are here and hope you will join us.



PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is private prayer and time before Jesus, really present in the Blessed Sacrament displayed on the altar 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The chapel is located at Fr. Thomas May Parish Ministry Center (8305 N. Harlem Ave.) and is open to all visitors during office hours: Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM – 7:00pm // Friday from 9:00am – 5:00pm // Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm. After Hours the chapel is only keycard accessible. Please call the Parish Office (847) 966-8145 if you wish to obtain one.

DEVOTIONS

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

every Wednesday after 8:30 am Mass

SACRED HEART OF JESUS — 1st Friday of the Month

In English: after 8:30am Mass / In Polish: after 7:00 pm Mass

OUR LADY OF FATIMA — 1st Saturday of the Month

In English: after 8:30am Mass / In Polish: after 6:30pm Mass

MARIAN PRAYER GROUP in English:

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

OBSERVANCES:

Monday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Tuesday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Friday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PRO-LIFE CORNER:

Let us continue to pray daily:

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion." *Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

LITURGY SCHEDULE — MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17 — 24

**Monday, November 17th****8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

† Maria Zaba
 † Erik Mosson
 † Janina and Stanisław Druźba

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

† Małgorzata Dańko
 † Helena i Anna Radziszewska
 † Józef Kuliś i zmarli z Rodziny Kuliś

Tuesday, November 18th**8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

† Julianna Rebis
 † Sharon Glickman Death Anniversary
 † Małgorzata Dańko
 † Józef Kuliś and all deceased members of the Kuliś Family

7:00 pm English Fr. Paul

† Sophie M. Kowalewicz

Wednesday, November 19th**8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

Elżbieta and Christopher Prucnal God's Blessings on their 20th Wedding Anniversary
 † Joseph Zahn

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O łaskę powrotu do zdrowia i wszelkie potrzebne łaski w walce z chorobą nowotworową dla Heleny Mazur
 O łaskę powrotu do zdrowia i wszelkie potrzebne łaski w walce z chorobą nowotworową dla Elżbiety Kapałka
 O Boże Błogosławieństwo i zdrowie dla Weroniki Kierzkowskiej
 Dziękczynna, z prośbą o Boże Błogosławieństwo, zdrowie i potrzebne łaski dla Dariusza z okazji 50 Urodzin
 † Teresa Mirabella w 6 rocznicę śmierci
 † Małgorzata Dańko
 † Lucja, Józef i Maria Świącicki
 † Józef Kuliś i zmarli z Rodziny Kuliś
 † Stanisław Dzik
 † Zdzisław Metel w pierwszą rocznicę śmierci
 † Joanna Metel w kolejną rocznicę śmierci

Thursday, November 20th**8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

For abundant God's Blessings for Mr. & Mrs. Antoni Rymarz Family
 † Kurt Kapustka
 † Józef Kuliś i zmarli z Rodziny Kuliś

7:00 pm English Fr. Sebastian

For abundant God's Blessings for Mr. & Mrs. Antoni Rymarz Family
 † Małgorzata Dańko

Friday, November 21st**8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

Health and Birthday Blessings for Magdalena Czaja
 God's Blessings for Michelle Richko
 † Fr. Albert Tanghal Birthday Remembrance
 † Loving Remembrance of Yolanda Falco
 † Henryk Stankiewicz
 † Małgorzata Dańko

7:00 pm Polish Divine Mercy Fr. Jason

O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo z okazji urodzin dla Magdaleny Czai
 † Jan Roman
 † Rafał Mosio
 † Edward Przybysz i zmarli z Rodziny
 † Józef Kuliś i zmarli z Rodziny Kuliś
 † Stanisław Dzik
 † Małgorzata Dańko
 † Bronisława i Jan Liszka

Saturday, November 22nd**8:30 am English St. Rita Devotion Fr. Paul**

† Deacon John Perkowitz 13th Death Anniversary
 † Mathachan Achettu
 † Rajmund Zalewa
 † Wess Gizynski & Family and deceased members of Rygiel & Boczar Family
 † Małgorzata Dańko

5:00 pm English Fr. Sebastian

† In Memory of Stella Zalewski-Bandola
 † Tristan Joseph Balura
 † John Jerome Arenó

6:30 pm Polish Fr. Jason

† Franciszek Kania
 † Jan Rak 22 rocznica śmierci
 † Janina Salwierz w 20 rocznicę śmierci
 † Bożena Woś w 5 rocznicę śmierci
 † Włodzimierz Jaromin
 † Józef Kuliś i zmarli z Rodziny Kuliś
 † Józef i Joanna Dybisz
 † Jan Grabowski w 3 rocznicę śmierci

Sunday, November 23rd**7:00 am Polish Fr. Jason**

† Majka Pikul oraz zmarli z Rodziny Pikul, Kalata, Bajko i Wołyńskich
 † Andrzej Kalata 3 rocznica śmierci
 † Za wszystkich zmarłych z rodziny Poborca i Babiarcz

† Janina Lesniewska w rocznicę śmierci
 † Józef Kuliś i zmarli z Rodziny Kuliś
 † Czesław Pietras i zmarli z Rodziny Pietras i rodziny Siembab
 † Kazimierz Janowiec w 30 rocznicę śmierci

8:30 am English Fr. Mike Solazzo

† Arthur and Dorothy M. Kapchinski
 † Bienvenido Dela Cruz, Silverio Amatong Jr., Francisca Amatong
 † Joseph Mazur

10:00 am English Fr. Paul

† Elizabeth H. Bianzon and Sohrab Bianzon Birthday Remembrance
 † Sophie Kowalewicz
 † Jim Doran

11:30 am Polish Fr. Jason

O zdrowie dla całej Rodziny Majerczyk
 † Maria Wojdyła
 † Stanisław Sak
 † Czesława Leśniak
 † Mieczysław Myśliwiec
 † 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
 † Małgorzata Dańko
 † Jan i Emilia Bakun i zmarli z Rodziny
 † Benedykt Pacyna
 † Stanisław Dzik 11 miesięcy po śmierci
 † Zdzisław Puacz, Michael Puacz, Józef i Janina Puacz † Zofia, Tomasz i Władysław Boczar,
 † Maria i Jan Bafia w 2 rocznicę śmierci
 † Lorraine i Richard Piasecki
 † Za zmarłych z Rodziny Bafia
 † Daniel i Dorota Dabrowska
 † Stefan i Stanisława Iwkiewicz
 † Wojciech i Adam Wisniewski
 † Daniel Zielosko
 † Krystyna Pisanko 4 rocznica śmierci
 † Józef Ligas w 38 rocznicę śmierci
 † Za Dusze w Czyśćcu cierpiące, szczególnie za te, za które nikt się nie modli

6:00 pm English Fr. Sebastian

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



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK IS OFFERED FOR:

† In Memory of Stella Zalewski-Bandola

PLEASE PRAY:

OUR SICK:

Martha Gfesser
Maureen Polcyn
Fely Ranjo
Millet Beltran
RJ Calisura
Anne Marie Guerrier
Betty Bukraba
Elizabeth Marrinan
C. Kozeny
Mario Brancato
Pamela Triplit
Patricia
Lourdes Loraya
Leonard Kadzielawski
Marian i Maria Dzieciuch
Barbara Witkos
Rosetta Bizzotto
Harry Largent
Toni Kilroy
Caridad M. Altares
Alina Gawlik
Dolores Motto
Brooke Johnson
Silverio Fernandez
Alice Parinas
Jannette Mendoza
Mario Loraya
Vivian Daoud
Nanette Sadorra

Isabel C. Villarroel
Luke Kowalski
Joanna Oliwa
Tom Leonard
Francisco & Luz Atienza
Maureen Nathan
Charlotte & Carl Lindquist
Rose Manio
Teresa Parcianny
Junver Isuga
Chef Raul Arreda
Baby Joseph Palmert
Concepcion Ponte
Charles Stephen Collins
Ben & Linda Caldea
Robert F. Adams, Jr.
Bienvenido Costes
Mahmoud Srour
Cindy Strong
Araceli Madridejos
Hedy Sancho
Alan Enzbigilis Sr.
Clifford & Judith Drexler
Peggy Hanley
Sam Pace
Betts Eleanor
Helen Williams
Darlene Neumann

OUR BELOVED DEPARTED:

Marianna Szwarc	Jeanette Skowron
Stanislaw Obrochta	Lucille Kozanecki
Wladyslaw Schab	Aleksandra Jakubowska

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 † Maria Żaba w rocznicę śmierci

Candle 2 † Maria Żaba w rocznicę śmierci



SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

NOVEMBER 9, 2025 — \$16,572

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.



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*

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. To order one please contact our parish office.

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.

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.



Catholic Conference
of Illinois

ACTION ALERT

Please contact Governor Pritzker to VETO SB 1950 - Legalizing Assisted Suicide

At 2:54 a.m. on October 31 the Illinois State Senate narrowly passed SB 1950. The State House narrowly passed the bill in the Spring. The bill is now on the Governor's desk. This is the last chance to stop assisted suicide from becoming law in Illinois.

In Canada where assisted suicide has been legal since 2016, 1 in 20 deaths are now due to assisted suicide/euthanasia. Too many are giving up on life under this law.

PLEASE CALL GOV. PRITZKER AND INFORM HIM:

- People with disabilities, the poor and marginalized fear coercion and abuse under assisted suicide laws.
- Suicide rates increase in states where assisted suicide is legal, especially among veterans.
- There is a possible cost savings to insurance companies as they can provide cheaper lethal drugs instead of lifesaving treatments.

Go to www.ilcatholic.org for e-mail links, or
call the Governor's office directly
at 312.814.2121.

In the early hours of Oct. 31, the Illinois state legislature passed SB 1950, known as the "End-of-Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients Act," which could make it legal for residents to end their life with the aid of a physician. The bill is headed to Gov. JB Pritzker for approval.

"With the passage of legislation to legalize assisted suicide in Illinois, the Illinois General Assembly has put our state on a slippery path that jeopardizes the well-being of the poor and marginalized, especially those in the disability community and have foreseeable tragic consequences," the Illinois Catholic Conference said in a statement. "With all the assaults on human dignity and the growing number of vulnerable people we see every day, sadly the leaders and members of the General Assembly who voted for this offer us suicide as its response."

State leaders failed to consider advances in palliative care that can help people suffering from terminal illnesses, the conference said.

"Rather than signing this bill, we ask the Governor to expand and improve on palliative care programs that offer expert assessment and management of pain and other symptoms. These programs support caregivers and help ensure patient care is coordinated with other services. And they represent a compassionate and morally acceptable alternative to assisted suicide."

Cardinal Cupich released a statement in May when the Illinois House of Representatives passed the bill and questioned the leaders' support for assisted suicide.

"I have to ask why, in a time when growing understanding of the deteriorating mental health

of the U.S. population — and particularly among our youth — caused the country to create the 988 mental health crisis line, we would want to take this step to normalize suicide as a solution to life's challenges," he wrote. "While the bill sets parameters for assisted suicide, the data from places where assisted suicide is available are clear. Rates of all suicide went up after the passage of such legislation. These rates are already unacceptably high, and proposed cutbacks in medical care funding will add to the burden faced by those contemplating suicide."

In its Oct. 31 statement, the Illinois Catholic Conference said more pressing issues face residents that they should address. "Today, we face real and immediate threats to human life and dignity, many from the very institutions created to protect them. The government shut down, a growing number of private and government sector layoffs, the terrorizing and deportation of our neighbors, and the loss of food and medical assistance for the poor and vulnerable are immediate problems that need attention, not enacting assisted suicide."

Assisted suicide negatively impacts impressionable young people, the conference said, citing a 2022 study by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that found suicide to be the second leading cause of death for U.S. teens and young adults aged 10-34.

"And, according to the National Institutes of Health, suicide contagion is a real risk to these young people after exposure to suicide. Add to that the ready availability of firearms in the U.S. and this is a tragedy we do not need to compound," the statement read. "It defies common sense for our state to enact a 9-8-8 suicide hotline, increase funding for suicide prevention programs and then pass a law that, based on the experience of other jurisdictions, results in more suicide."



St. John Brebeuf

Youth Ministry



Every 4th Sunday of the month

MASS AT 6PM
AND MEETING
AFTERWARDS



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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GIFT-SHARING PROGRAM



Christmas is only 38 days away and we again are requesting \$25 Target gift card(s) to be given to our SJB families and the various institutions that we help. Our clients and the institutions that we help all agree that they would be better served if we could provide \$25 gift cards for those in need and the recipient could then use the card as he/she wished.

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be in the main and east vestibules of the Church the weekends of November 15-16, 22-23 and November 29-30 to receive your donation – either \$25 Target gift card(s), cash or check (*payable to St. Vincent de Paul*). If cash or check, we will purchase the gift cards.



If you prefer you may put your donation in a plain white envelope marked **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Program** or in a *special donation envelope that is available from a member of the SVDp*. You may give your donation to a member of SVDp, put it in the collection box, or drop it off at the Parish office. **All donations to the Christmas Program must be received by December 1.** Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity for the past 53 years that our parish has participated in this great program.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



WHO WILL FILL THESE SHOES?



November 28, 2025, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Inviting young men in the
Archdiocese of Chicago, ages 13–20.**

Parents and priests are also invited to this annual event hosted at Mundelein Seminary.

Come and learn more about the priesthood and your vocation.

November 28, 2025 University of St. Mary of the Lake
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Mundelein, IL

Please register by November 27.

For further information contact Katie Hazen at
khazen@archchicago.org.





Jubilee Year 2025: "Pilgrims of Hope"

INDULGENCES & PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

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

traditional Holy Doors in Rome remain the primary portals of grace, the Archdiocese of Chicago has opened 24 local pilgrimage sites, holy doors in spirit where plenary indulgences may be obtained.

The Jubilee Year is coming to an end on December 28, 2025.

What Is a Plenary Indulgence?

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

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

Complete the following during a pilgrimage to a designated site:

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

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

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

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

Official Pilgrimage Sites

Vicariate I

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

Vicariate II

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

Vicariate III

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

Vicariate IV

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

Vicariate V

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

Vicariate VI

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

ATTENTION ST. JOHN BREBEUF SENIORS

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

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.

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 are easier to grasp. They came back home understanding the readings so much better and eager to talk about some of the things done to explain these. The lessons stuck with them!

HURTING FROM ABORTION?

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

ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH WEEKENDER

is our weekly communication e-newsletter where you can receive the most recent news regarding our school and parish. To register to receive it weekly please visit our website at:

www.sjbrebeuf.org/sjb-weekender

DECEMBER 7TH 2025
8AM - 2PM



ST. JOHN BREBEUF'S
8305 N HARLEM AVE, NILES, IL 60714

CHRISTMAS MARKET

KIDS GET FREE GIFTS FROM
SANTA @1PM



HOMEMADE JAMS, SOURDOUGH, SAUERKRAUT,
PICKLES, LIQUEURS AND SYRUPS.
HANDMADE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS,
WREATHS, JEWELRY, NATURAL COSMETICS,
AND MORE

Thank you!



We would like to thank **Adam Antol** from **Joshua Tree Experts** (aantol@JoshuaTreeExperts.com 708 705 8766) in Memory of his late father, **Mieczysław Antol**, for making Angels for decoration in our church on the occasion of All Saints' Day and Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. May God reward with His blessing a beautiful example of generosity and remembrance of the loved ones.

CLOTHING DRIVE

On behalf of the many people that will be helped by your donations of clothes and household items at our recent Clothing Drive on October 11th We thank you for your continued generosity. May God bless you and your families for your contributions that made it another successful event.

Thanks also to Mel K. Scout Aidan M. Confirmation candidates Daniela R., Gisele N., Marylen N., Rita 1., Terezka D., and SVDP member Carrie A. who spent a total of over 22 hours of their Saturday time unloading bags and boxes from the donors' vehicles and stored them in the trailer. Many blessings to them for their valuable help!

And again, special thanks to SVDP member Clara W (and one of the girls' mothers) who provided the refreshments for their needed service.

God bless you all!
Len Palicki, SVDP



YOUNG ADULTS

CATECHISM STUDY

EVERY
TUESDAY **7:30 PM**

 **ST JOHN BREBEUF**
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Dear Parents,

My name is Ewa Kowcz-Fair, and I am the SJB Laudate Children's Choir Director. I'd like to share with you some information about scholarships and benefits that your child may be eligible for simply by being part of the choir.

As we all know, students can receive scholarships in high school or college for sports, but they can also earn them by participating in choir or music programs that demonstrate growth in their skills. I have many choir alumni who have already graduated from college and still reach out to me with fond memories of their time in choir.

Some students have told me it all started in 3rd grade, when they learned how to properly communicate with audiences, use correct diction while speaking, and sing both in groups and as soloists. I also hear stories of them landing solos in high school, traveling across the U.S., and winning awards in modern musical productions. The key is consistency - being involved in choir throughout grade school and high school can build lifelong skills that stay with them and may even open doors in the future.

If your child is in 3rd grade or above and enjoys singing, please consider giving them the gift of music - it's an investment that will bear fruit in their future. We are here at SJB.

- Grades 3 - 4 meet on Tuesdays at 2:00 PM at school.
- Grades 5 and up meet on Tuesdays at 5:00 PM in the Music Rehearsal Room at the church.
- Children from our Parish Families (Grades 5 and up) meet on Thursdays at 5:00 PM in the Music Rehearsal Room at the church.

We sing at School Masses, Family Masses, annually downtown at the Pueri Cantores Festival, and occasionally out of town.

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Ewa Kowcz-Fair
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Biblia jest księgą, która ukazuje nam nie termin końca świata, lecz jego cel, sens istnienia świata, sens naszego życia. Dlatego Chrystus przypomina swoim uczniom: *Strzeżcie się, żeby was nie zwiedziono....* Bowiem niejednego człowieka zwiodła pogoń za władzą, dobrami materialnymi, łatwizną życia, przyjemnościami.

Dlatego Jezus chce nas zmobilizować do roztropności w gospodarowaniu czasem swego życia i ostrożności w doborze celów i idei, które nam będą przyświecały. Gdyby wszyscy ludzie kierowali się w swoich decyzjach i czynach prawdą, dobrem, miłością, życie wyglądałoby inaczej. Niestety, wielu z nas wybiera kłamstwo, grzech i kompromisy, a to już wystarczy, by na świecie szerzyło się cierpienie, prześladowania, przemoc i zło. Dlatego potrzeba ludzi, którzy wobec tego zalewu grzechu przyjmą postawę męstwa i nieugiętej wierności zasadom Ewangelii. W dziejach Kościoła nigdy nie brakowało heroicznych świadków Chrystusa, którzy aż do męczeństwa byli gotowi bronić swej wiary.

Jeśli nie chcemy pójść na kompromis z otaczającym nas złem, potrzebna jest wytrwałość zakorzeniona w chrześcijańskiej nadziei, że życie człowieka nie kończy się tu na ziemi. Dlatego warto podejmować trud przeciwstawiania się złu, nie dajmy się mu zwieść i nie idźmy na różne ustępstwa i kompromisy.

Na końcu naszego życia Pan Jezus nie zapyta pewnie o to, ile zwycięstw odnieśliśmy, ale na pewno zapyta, czy walczyliśmy. Prośmy o wytrwałość w wierze. Szczególnie wtedy, gdy wyznawanie jej może nas wiele kosztować.

Szczęść Boże!

ks. Dariusz Kozłowski



ALARM DZIAŁANIA

Prosimy o kontakt z gubernatorem Pritzkerem w celu zawetowania ustawy SB 1950 - Legalizacja wspomaganego samobójstwa

O godzinie 2:54 nad ranem 31 października Senat Stanu Illinois niewielką większością głosów uchwalił ustawę SB 1950. Izba Stanowa niewielką większością głosów uchwaliła ją wiosną. Ustawa znajduje się teraz na biurku Gubernatora. To ostatnia szansa, aby zapobiec uchwaleniu prawa o wspomaganym samobójstwie w Illinois.

W Kanadzie, gdzie wspomaganie samobójstwo jest legalne od 2016 roku, 1 na 20 zgonów jest obecnie wynikiem wspomaganego samobójstwa/eutanazji. Zbyt wiele osób rezygnuje z życia w obliczu tego prawa.

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INTENCJE MSZY ŚWIĘTYCH



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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)



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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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