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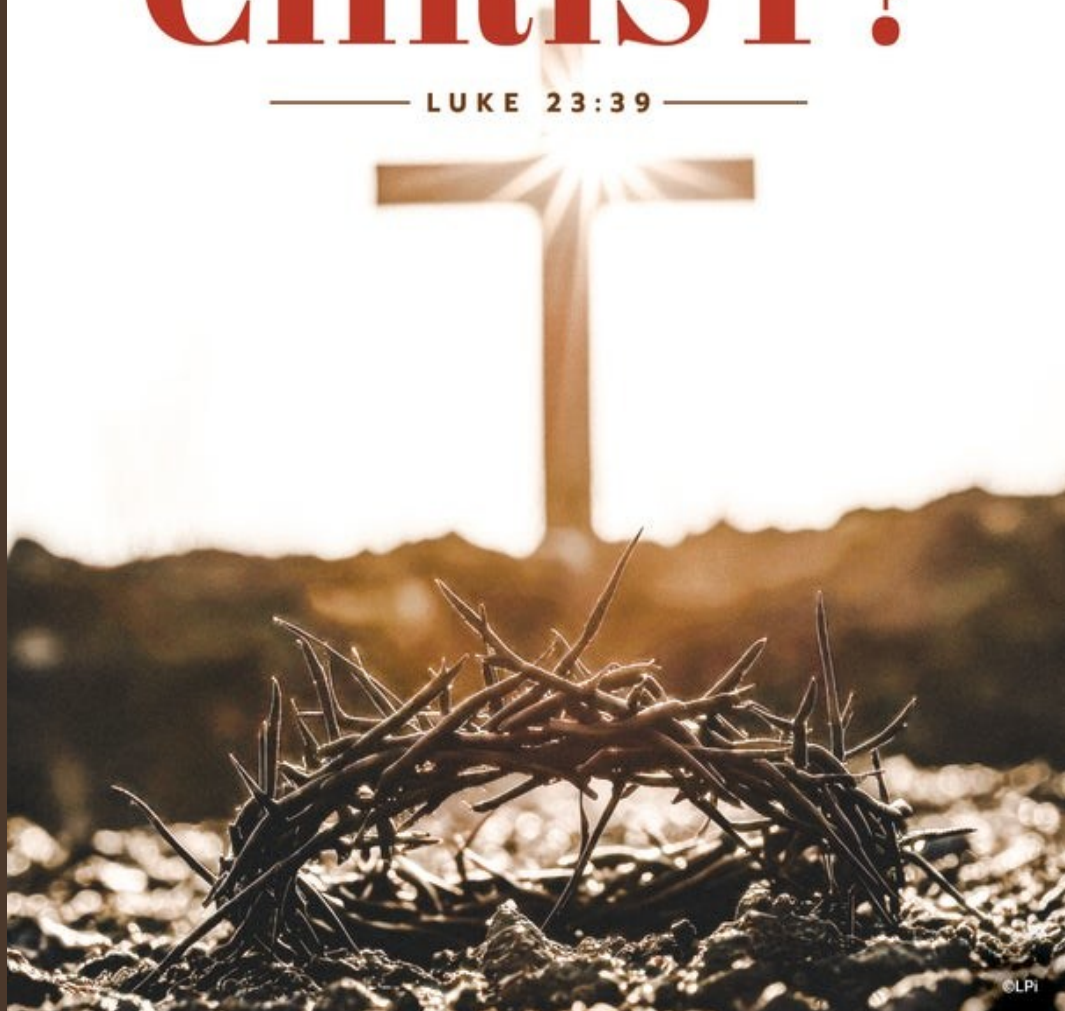


We are a people of faith who respond to our Baptismal call to holiness by caring for one another and journeying together with Christ through prayer, sacraments, lifelong formation and service in light of the Gospel and Catholic Tradition.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

ARE YOU
NOT THE
CHRIST?

— LUKE 23:39 —



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November 23, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Sm 5:1-3 | Col 1:12-20 | Lk 23:35-43

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

Since the birth of my oldest child, I have seen and heard many things about what I *should* do as a mother. I have heard everything from which products I should purchase to how I should help my child develop a healthy sleep routine. But my identity as a mother is not dependent upon any of these things; instead, it rests on my relationship with God as his beloved daughter and who he has called me to be as a mother. Those living at the time of Jesus were also trying to understand his identity as king according to their own expectations of what a king was meant to be. They certainly did not expect their king to be crucified by the Romans as we read about in our Gospel today. But Jesus did not come to rule as an earthly king. He *is* king because of his identity as the beloved Son of God, whose mission it was to offer his life for the salvation of all. Jesus did not allow society's understanding of a king to dictate how he lived his mission. Likewise, we must act confidently in accordance with the particular call that God has entrusted to us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I find it interesting that when David was anointed king of Israel, he is designated as a commander whose vocation it was to *shepherd* the tribes of Israel. Of course, now we also readily associate the term *shepherd* with Christ, the Good Shepherd who cares for his sheep. The notion of kingship and shepherding, therefore, seem to be intertwined. In the sacrament of baptism, each of us is invited to participate in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king. To join Christ in his mission as king, we must also lead lives of service in which we allow the love of God to generously flow through us by caring for others. Let us strive to be shepherds for those in our communities who are seeking to know Christ more intimately; let us participate in Christ's mission as king through humble service to others.

PRAY

Today, take a few minutes to pray for all leaders. Ask the Lord to guide them in their leadership to be good shepherds to all those who fall under their governance. As you participate in your local community and parish, ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to join in Christ's mission as king by serving those in need.



Fr. Jason's Corner..

Building the Kingdom of God!

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. God's Word tells us what Christ's kingship is and how each of us can be a witness to that kingdom in our lives. What does it mean that I am a disciple of Christ, that He is my Lord and King?

Jesus presents His Kingdom many times as a vineyard and a banquet. These images have challenged us to respond to what God has given us. We must put our faith into action, not just come to the banquet, we have to grow the grapes, till the soil, bottle and serve the wine, not just drink or consume it. That is why we need your involvement in parish life, both in the spiritual and material spheres, so that you will be more responsible for the future of the parish and pass on faith to the next generation.

In today's bulletin on page 6, we include the financial report for the past financial year so you can see how funds are being spent. What you put in the collection basket every Sunday, send by mail, or send electronically. In general, the parish's financial position is stable, and we completed several capital projects to improve and maintain our parish building and property. Extra funds were spent to subsidize the SJB School because the school doesn't have an endowment.

We have a core of very generous donors, but EVERY one of us must contribute to demonstrate that we are responsible for the future of our parish. I am asking each of you to increase your weekly giving by the cost of Starbucks coffee. If you don't go to Starbucks, this might be the cost of two Dunkin' Donuts coffees. Remember, the donation you make is not a simple contribution to a designated cause, but it is an offering that we bring to the church to offer to our Most High God, the Giver of all good, at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in thanksgiving for all that He has given us in the last week. Before we put our donations in the basket, let us consider whether it is adequate for what we have experienced from God in the last week.

Thank you again for all that you do for the parish of St. John Brebeuf, especially for your commitment to the life of the parish and for enriching it spiritually. It would not have been possible to run the parish and keep it functioning without your prayerful and financial support, your help, and the many volunteers, for whom I thank you from the bottom of my heart. May the involvement of each of you in the parish life and the financial support of the Church contribute to the building of the future of our parish community and the Church as a foretaste of the Kingdom of God here on earth.

May God reward you with His many blessings for your generosity and goodness. **Happy Thanksgiving!**

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: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

OBSERVANCES:

Monday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day

PRO-LIFE CORNER: How awesome... Little bundle of Joy! Thank you God for your gift of 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 24 — 30

Monday, November 24th**8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

Blessings for all Parishioners

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

† Małgorzata Dańko

† Józef Kuliś i zmarli z Rodziny Kuliś

Tuesday, November 25th**8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

God's Blessings of good health and happiness for Robert, Maurita Freas and All Family

† Urszula Siek Birthday Remembrance

† Małgorzata Dańko

† Józef Kuliś and all deceased members of the Kuliś Family

7:00 pm English Fr. Paul

Health and God's Blessings for

Katarzyna Michalak on her 40th Birthday

Wednesday, November 26th**8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

† For all Souls in purgatory

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 zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo z okazji urodzin dla Władzi Mikołajczyk i całej rodziny

† Margaret Witkowski

† Krzysztof Kuzebski

† Małgorzata Dańko

† Józef Kuliś i zmarli z Rodziny Kuliś

† Stanisław Dzik

† Jan Charchut

Thursday, November 27th**Thanksgiving****8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

In Thanksgiving for All the graces and gifts received by St. Queen Jadwiga Society and their friends

Thanksgiving from the Flores Family

Thanksgiving and Blessings for the Family

† In Memory of Eileen Kelly Byrne

† Peter Sikorski

† Adrian Cholewa

† Lois McAdam

† Henryk Kwietniewski

† Jan Milewski

† Elisabeta Hehn

† James Kurtzer

† Joseph Mazur

† Krzysztof Abiszewski

† Małgorzata Dańko

† Józef Kuliś and all deceased members of the Kuliś Family

† Grzegorz and Franciszek Majerczyk

† John Sokolowski Death Anniversary

† Bejan Ben

† Marianna Szwarc

† Stanley Kapka

7:00 pm - NO MASS**Friday, November 28th****8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

† Cesario Castillo 40th day after passing

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

† Michelle Gucik we wspomnieniu

Urodzin

† Małgorzata Dańko

† Józef Kuliś i zmarli z Rodziny Kuliś

† Stanisław Dzik

Saturday, November 29th**8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

† Anna Glowacki

† Dominik Zalewa

† Jozef Pudlo

4:00 pm Confession**5:00 pm English Fr. Paul**

† In Memory of Stella Zalewski-Bandola

† Lois MacAdam

† Tristan Joseph Balura

† John Jerome Areno

† Zdzisław Wiklanski

6:30 pm Polish Fr. Jason

† Stanisław Wysocki

† Teresa i Anna Wysocki

† Włodzimierz Jaromin

† Józef Kuliś i zmarli z Rodziny Kuliś

† Genowefa i Józef Pawula

† Władysław i Anna Kałuża

† O radość wieczną dla Ryszarda

Sunday, November 30th**7:00 am Polish Fr. Jason**

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

† Za wszystkich zmarłych z rodziny Poborca i Babiarez

† Emilia Boksa w 48 rocznicę śmierci

† Józef Kuliś i zmarli z Rodziny Kuliś

8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian

Birthday Blessings for Barbara

Health and Birthday Blessings for Naomi Sohn

† Conrad Schoenmann and Moritz

Meury Birthday Remembrance

† All Deceased Members of the extended Schoenmann Family

† Isabela Yambot Death Anniversary

10:00 am English Fr. Sebastian

† The Soul of Helena Gil

11:30 am Polish Fr. Jason

Zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Rodziny Kowalczyk i Kowalski oraz Krystyny Fijor

Władysława, Kazimierz Urbaś oraz Jan Błoniarz

O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Marii i Jana Piotrowskich

Dziękczynna o zdrowie i opiekę Matki Najświętszej dla Zdzisława z okazji Imienin

† Maria Wojdyła

† Stanisław Sak

† Zdzisław i Michael Puacz, Diane Kenar

† Czesława Leśniak

† Henry Zajac w 6 rocznicę śmierci

† Stanisław Zajac 25 rocznica śmierci

† Józefa i Jan Zajac

† Aniela Engel, Jan Engel, Wacław Engel

† Mieczysław Myśliwiec

† Krzysztof Kuzebski

† Emilia Boksa w 48 rocznicę śmierci

† Anna, Jan, Tadeusz Aleksander

Sabramowicz i Przemek Bogdanowicz

† Teresa Karwowski

† Stanisław Dzik

† Tadeusz Zurowski

† Eugeniusz Fitrzyk w 30 rocznicę śmierci

† Sophie Kowalewicz

† Janina Zdunek zmarła w Polsce

6:00 pm English Fr. Paul

† Larry Boris

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

† John Y. Ledesma

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE

CLOSEDON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27,
AND WILL REMAIN CLOSED
ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28,
AND SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 29.WISHING YOU JOYFUL, SAFE,
AND RESTFUL THANKSGIVING!



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK IS OFFERED FOR:

O zdrowie, Boże Błogostawieństwo i potrzebne łaski dla Aliny Drabik

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 Triplitt
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:

Jadwiga Serafin
Dariusz Walus
Nick Subota

Lukasz Kozlowski
Czesława Torchalski
Edward Palssy

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

Timothy Casey
Thomas Neuhengen
Mark Honsa
Pvt. James Cunningham
CDR John Tutwiler
SSGT Michael J. Archam
A2C Andrew T. Perkins
Susanne Connolly Tutwiler
Pieter Venter
Jacob Allen

Robert Monaco
Scott Rodberg
Sgt. Daniel Cunningham
CW4 Louis Haberkorn
Marian Niemotko
PFC Seth D. Perkins
Sgt. Ramiro Cadena
Lt. Joseph Disclafani
Joshua Clavel Ramos
Chief Ryan Morrow

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES OFFERED THIS WEEK FOR:

Candle 1 for † The Deceased Members of the Gonzales, Lasin, Nemzin, Fishman, Garing, Sacluti, Grossman Family and All Souls in Purgatory

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



SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

NOVEMBER 16, 2025 — \$17,264

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.



ST JOHN BREBEUF ANNUAL REPORT
REVENUE AND EXPENSES: 7/1/24 -6/30/25

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2024	
	Total	Church	School	Total	Change
Operating Revenue/Receipts					
Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$ 1,253,070	\$ 1,370,156	\$ -	\$ 1,370,156	\$ 117,086
Tuition	1,336,880	30,602	1,263,256	\$ 1,293,858	\$ (43,022)
Registration & other fees	62,399	12,820	72,988	\$ 85,807	\$ 23,408
Fundraising Activities, net	37,566	31,950	62,552	\$ 94,502	\$ 56,936
Interest & Investment Income	22,192	2,465	1,649	\$ 4,114	\$ (18,078)
Bingo Income	14,893	21,577	-	\$ 21,577	\$ 6,684
Auxiliary Groups	16,398	(5,515)	5,448	\$ (67)	\$ (16,465)
Outside Funding Sources	20,651	-	5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ (15,651)
All Other Revenue	213,143	229,718	27,754	\$ 257,472	\$ 44,329
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 2,977,192	\$ 1,693,773	\$ 1,438,647	\$ 3,132,419	\$ 155,227
Operating Expenses					
Personnel (Salaries & Benefits)	\$ 1,931,794	\$ 671,828	\$ 1,310,137	\$ 1,981,965	\$ 50,171
Archdiocesan & OCS Assessments	218,638	182,914	12,663	\$ 195,577	\$ (23,061)
Utilities	119,533	79,063	67,814	\$ 146,877	\$ 27,344
Maintenance & Ordinary Repairs	257,886	247,750	142,750	\$ 390,500	\$ 132,614
Books & Supplies	54,028	7,531	31,251	\$ 38,782	\$ (15,246)
Administrative	85,869	54,803	29,772	\$ 84,575	\$ (1,294)
Property & Casualty	118,435	71,825	56,308	\$ 128,133	\$ 9,698
Furnishings & Equipment	15,556	7,219	-	\$ 7,219	\$ (8,337)
Bingo Expenses	2,901	3,593	-	\$ 3,593	\$ 692
Altar & Liturgical Supplies	21,083	28,100	-	\$ 28,100	\$ 7,017
Food & Meals	37,797	43,798	391	\$ 44,189	\$ 6,392
Interest	-	-	-	\$ -	\$ -
All Other Expenses	28,590	22,923	15,384	\$ 38,307	\$ 9,717
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 2,892,110	\$ 1,421,347	\$ 1,666,470	\$ 3,087,817	\$ 195,707
Total Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 85,082	\$ 272,425	\$ (227,823)	\$ 44,602	\$ (40,480)

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Long Live the King! Did you know that you can become royalty, for the right price? It's true — for the low, low cost of \$50, you, too, can purchase a 12-square-inch souvenir plot of Scottish land and call yourself "Laird So-and-so." Now, this lordship or ladyship doesn't come with the ability to boss anyone around, but maybe your friends will be impressed enough to bend the knee. My point is, we've all got our own little fiefdoms — folks or communities for which we have a feeling of responsibility. Maybe we're not their "king," but most of us have those we think of as "our people."

Now, in this world, people lay themselves down for their kings. History is riddled with the bodies of men, young and old — and plenty of women and children, too — who were casualties of wars waged by men in power, men who never had to shed their own blood. But in the next world, the King dies for his people. This is leadership par excellence — the leadership of someone whose love is greater than his ambition.

We are all leaders of a sort. On the parish level, you have the obvious roles — serving on pastoral council, spearheading the capital campaign, leading the Altar Guild. But you also have the quiet ones who lead from the wings — the janitor who can always be relied upon to do his job, or the staff members who put in extra hours daily or on the weekends, the volunteers who help when asked. There is a saying — find your people. I say, find your people, and find a way to lay yourself down for them, in imitation of the greatest King that ever was.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH AND SCHOOL MOURN THE PASSING OF MR. DANNY O'DONNELL

Danny was an uplifting soul who never hesitated to step in when someone needed a hand. He was a gentle giant who brightened every day with his kindness, his steady presence, and the way he lifted others simply by being himself. His absence will be felt deeply. Danny will be greatly missed by our entire community. Please keep him in your prayers.

COUNT YOUR Blessings

The perfect act of thanksgiving is the celebration of the Sacred Mystery of the Holy Eucharist. In fact, the word "eucharist" comes from the Greek word meaning "thanksgiving." However, it is not primarily our thanksgiving at the Holy Mass. This has every-

thing to do with Jesus Christ. In the work of salvation, He sets all of creation free from sin and death, consecrates it anew, and returns it to the Father, for His glory.

So, thanksgiving is the prayer of the Church, the members of the Body participating in the action of the Head, Jesus Christ. In celebrating the Holy Mass, the Eucharist, the Church becomes ever more fully what she is. Flowing from the action of Jesus' becoming man, His passion, death, resurrection, and ascension, the whole human experience has been renewed. When we unite ourselves to Christ, in gratitude, we are entering more deeply into communion with Him.

Even the things that we ask of God must be asked with thankfulness. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "As in the prayer of petition, every event and need can become an offering of thanksgiving. The letters of St. Paul often begin and end with thanksgiving, and the Lord Jesus is always present in it: 'Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you'; 'Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving' (CCC 2638)."

This Thanksgiving we have a golden opportunity for us as Catholics to witness not only to the need for giving the Father thanks for his bountiful gifts and mercy, but also to unite ourselves with the greatest act of thanksgiving we can make as a Church. Let us gather "with humble spirit and contrite heart" in the Holy Spirit and give thanks to the Father for all his many blessings, uniting our offering with Christ's through the most sublime sacrament of the Eucharist.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THANKSGIVING BI-LINGUAL MASS
ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 AT 8:30AM.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GIFT-SHARING PROGRAM



Christmas is only 31 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 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.





In this season of Thanksgiving, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to you, **Lynn and John Mueller**, for your devotion to our parish, even while living in Colorado these past three years. We are truly grateful that you continued to edit the Weekender through November 1 of this year, and we fully understand that your time leading this important ministry has come to a natural close. We are delighted to hear that you are embracing more time with your grandchild, and we share in your joy.

On behalf of myself, our priests, office staff, and the entire Weekender members, thank you for the many hours you devoted to producing a publication read by more than 1,100 people each week. Your deep commitment to faith and family has inspired all of us, even from afar.

Our parish is profoundly grateful for the countless hours you dedicated to editing the Weekender, the many quiet acts of service that touched so many lives. Your example continues to guide us, reminding us what it means to live our faith with joy and generosity.

Though distance separates us, the love and gratitude we feel for you remain constant. Please know that you are held in our prayers and cherished in our hearts. **You will always be part of the St. John Brebeuf family, and we remain deeply thankful for all you have done for our parish.**

Fr. Jason Torba

Greetings Mga Kababayan!

We invite you to join our 9-day Novena "Night" Masses (Simbang Gabi) in honor of Our Blessed Mother as we anticipate Christmas, starting on December 15, 2025.

On Sunday, December 21, 2025, the celebration starts at 5:00pm, followed by a reception at the SJB Parish Center.

To enhance the festive spirit, we invite you to dress in your Filipiniana or native attire, or your Sunday best in Christmas colors such as red, green, or gold.

In addition, we will also present our parish priest, Fr. Jason, along with our associate priests and deacons, with monetary gifts for Christmas.

Although many members have already committed to sponsoring the Holy Mass, additional contributions are welcome. If you wish to donate, please make your check payable to: Fil-Am Parishioners of SJB.

We deeply appreciate your support and generosity. Thank you!

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Sofia Caturan, President

And

The Fil-Am Parishioners of SJB

ST. JOHN BREBEUF CHURCH

ST. MONICA'S PRAYER GROUP

For parents praying for their children

EVERY 4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH AFTER 7 PM MASS

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8AM - 2PM



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Jezus wielokrotnie przedstawia swoje Królestwo jako winnicę i ucztę. Obrazy te wzywają nas do odpowiedzi na to, czym Bóg nas obdarzył. Musimy wcielić naszą wiarę w czyn, nie wystarczy tylko przyjść na ucztę – musimy uprawiać winogrona, dbać o plantację, i przygotować wino do spożycia, a nie tylko je konsumować. Dlatego potrzebujemy Waszego zaangażowania w życie parafii, zarówno w sferze duchowej, jak i materialnej, abyście czuli się bardziej odpowiedzialni za przyszłość parafii, abyśmy mogli przekazać wiarę kolejnym pokoleniom.

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Jeszcze raz dziękuję za to wszystko co robicie dla parafii św. Jana Brebeuf. Szczególnie za wasze zaangażowanie w życie parafii i ubogacanie jej pod względem duchowym. Nie możliwe byłoby prowadzenie Parafii i jej funkcjonowanie bez waszego wsparcia modlitewnego i finansowego, waszej pomocy, wielu osób jako wolontariuszy, za które z głębi serca wam dziękuję. Niech zaangażowanie każdego z was w życie parafii oraz wsparcie finansowe Kościoła przyczynia się do budowania przyszłości naszej wspólnoty parafialnej i Kościoła, jako zadatku Królestwa Bożego tu na ziemi. Niech Pan Bóg ze swoim błogosławieństwem będzie dla was największym podziękowaniem.

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Ten dzień kojarzy się wszystkim ze spotkaniem najbliższych członków rodziny i pysznym jedzeniem pełnym tradycji i symboli. Wiele osób podróżuje w tym czasie do swoich rodzin – często na drugi koniec USA, by wspólnie świętować przy stole pełnym tradycyjnych potraw. Głównie przez symbolikę wdzięczności, którą okazujemy sobie nawzajem tego dnia – podczas Świąta dziękczynienia spotyka się ze sobą cała rodzina – dokładnie tak, jak w Polsce podczas Bożego Narodzenia. W Święto Dziękczynienia nie może zabraknąć tradycyjnych potraw, takich jak pieczony indyk, farsz chlebowy, żurawina, słodkie ziemniaki czy ciasto dyniowe – ucztę rozpoczyna zwykle wspólna modlitwa lub przemowa gospodarza domu.

Nasze dziękczynienie należy się jednak przede wszystkim naszemu Bogu i Stwórcy, za wszelkie dary i łaski, którymi nas hojnie każdego dnia obdarza. Składajmy zatem wyrazy wdzięczności i zaplanujmy przeżyć to Święto uczestnicząc w Mszy świętej dwu-języcznej w naszym kościele o godz. 8:30 rano. Będzie to jedyna Msza św. w tym dniu. Nie ma Mszy św. o godz. 7 wieczorem.

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