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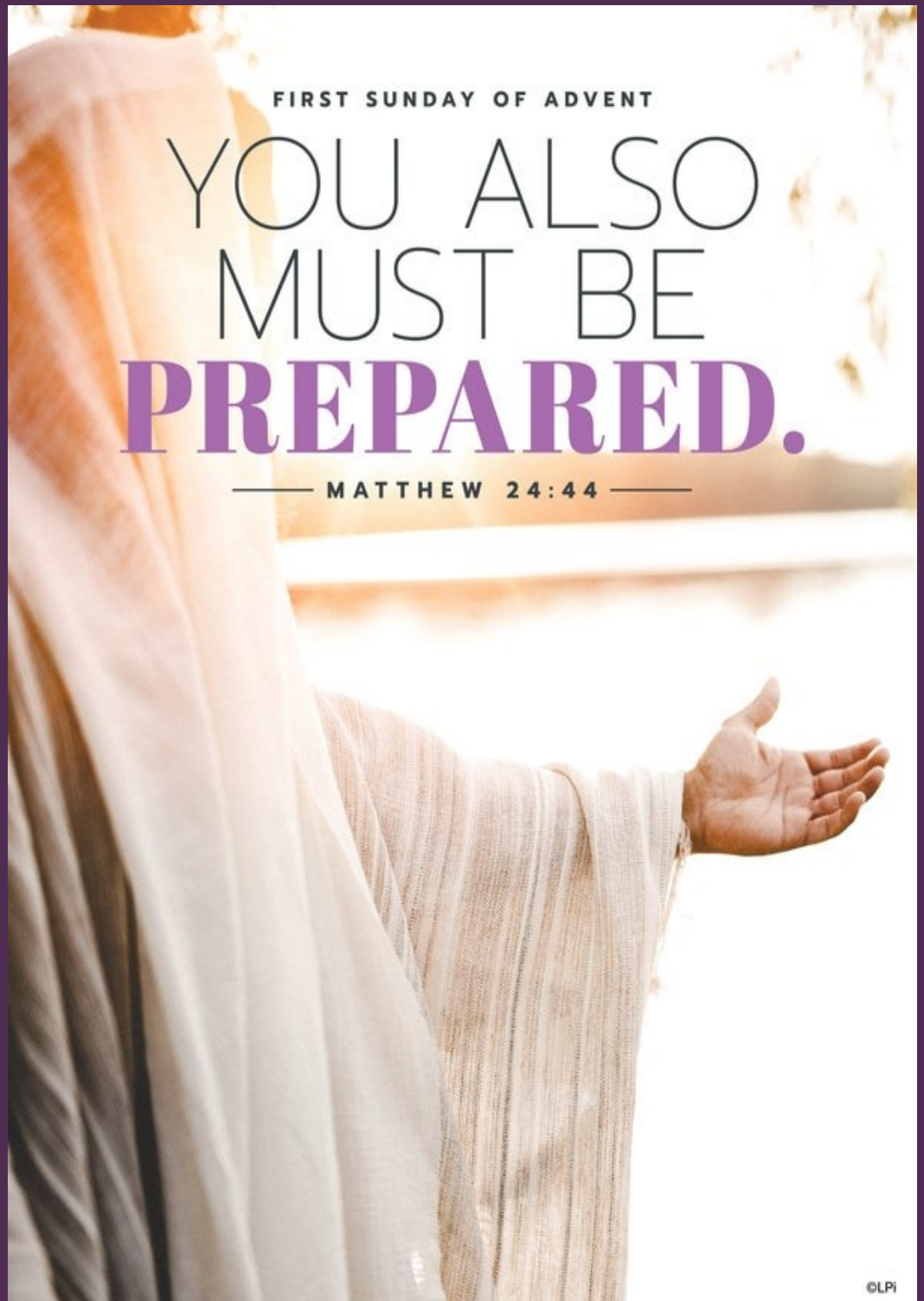
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We are a people of faith who respond to our Baptismal call to holiness by caring for one another and journeying together with Christ through prayer, sacraments, lifelong formation and service in light of the Gospel and Catholic Tradition.





November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5 | Rom 13:11-14 | Mt 24:37-44

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

For many in the upper latitudes of the northern hemisphere, this is the darkest time of the year, the time when the duration of daylight is at its lowest. It's providential, then, that our first reading calls us to "walk in the light of the Lord!" Paul tells us that we do this by "throw[ing] off the works of darkness" and "put[ing] on the armor of light." While we might not struggle with the vices listed in Paul's Letter to the Romans, each of us has our own struggles against sin. As we begin this Advent season, let us take time to do a thorough examination of conscience to discern areas of weakness and sin – those "works of darkness" Paul talks about – in our own lives. Then, consider taking up practices that help you to foster the opposing virtues to arm yourself against these temptations. As you grow in these virtues, you'll certainly be on your way up the mountain of the Lord and walking in his light!

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's Gospel calls us to vigilance. Jesus tells us, "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." While he is speaking about our need to be ready to meet the Lord when he comes at the end of our lives, it's also an invitation for us to always be ready to share our faith with others whenever the opportunity presents itself. As Scripture says, we should "always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you a reason for your hope." (1 Pet 3:15) We never know the moment when someone will come to us in need of prayer, a word of encouragement, or with questions related to their own spiritual hunger. We must always be ready to meet them where they are and offer a word of hope.

PRAY

Take a moment to pray this week for those "divine appointments" – those individuals who might come your way – seeking encouragement or insight into the spiritual questions in their lives. Ask for the grace to be "awake" so that you're ready to meet them when they come. We can't always predict when these encounters will happen, but we can prepare ourselves to receive these persons as Christ and offer them our full attention and love.



A note from the Associate Pastor...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year! We have just started a new Liturgical Year with a season of Advent. Also, we have a great celebration today as we bless 25 new altar servers. Our group is growing rapidly, and we are extremely grateful to all parents for supporting and encouraging their children to serve the Lord.

We are lucky to have all age groups serving at the church. Among altar servers, the younger ones approach the age of reception of the Holy Communion, and the oldest ones are ready to attend college.

With today's celebration, the number of altar servers reaches an astonishing number of 100 members, making it one of the largest server groups in the whole Archdiocese of Chicago. However, servers do not only serve. We meet together, pray together, spend time together, play games together, and enjoy each other's company. Many friendships are born both between parents but also between their children. We are proud of the group, and we want to continue to encourage them to serve. We love them as a parish. We want others to join. There is no limit. Everyone is welcome.

Advent is about the time of preparation for Jesus' coming. The attitude of service is one of the most crucial ones in our daily lives. Our altar servers provide the best image of that. No matter whether we are young or old, we can serve the Lord. We can show him we care. We just need to want. Many blessings can be born out of it.

Happy Advent,
Fr. Sebastian

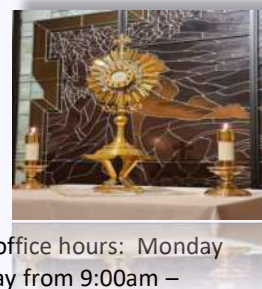


WELCOME TO ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH

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

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

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



DEVOTIONS

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

every Wednesday after 8:30 am Mass

SACRED HEART OF JESUS — 1st Friday of the Month

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

OUR LADY OF FATIMA — 1st Saturday of the Month

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

MARIAN PRAYER GROUP in English:

Every Monday 7:00pm Adoration Chapel

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

OBSERVANCES:

Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Thursday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Nicholas, Bishop

PRO-LIFE CORNER: The next time you read the genealogy of Jesus think about this. If just one person in that lineage would have had an abortion the greatest event in all history would not have taken place, the birth of Jesus, the salvation of the world. Every abortion interferes with God's plans for us and our future generations. Pray and work to end abortion and euthanasia. 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 DECEMBER 1 — 7

Monday, December 1st

8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian

Freddy Oliver Foronda God's Blessings,
Healing and recovery
† Theresa Kuechel
† Eternal rest for Danny O'Donnell

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Jason

† Patrick Gościński & Monika Wykurz
† Eugene Mikowski we wspomnieniu
Imienin
† Stanley Obrochta

Tuesday, December 2nd

8:30 am English Fr. Jason

† Fr. Albert Tanghal Death Anniversary
† Roberto Hembrador
† Antoni Witulski
† Henryk Kwietniewski
† Danny O'Donnell
† Pedro Bitanga Gallibu Birthday Remem-
brance and all deceased family members

7:00 pm English Fr. Paul

† Stanley Obrochta

Wednesday, December 3rd

8:30 am English Fr. Paul

Health and Blessings for Aleksandra
O'Connor on 85th Birthday
† In Memory of Bobby Canong
† Eternal rest for Danny O'Donnell

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O uzdrowienie z choroby nowotworowej
dla Janiny Galica
O łaskę powrotu do zdrowia i wszelkie
potrzebne łaski w walce z chorobą
nowotworową dla Heleny Mazur i
Elżbiety Kapałka
† Stanley Obrochta

Thursday, December 4th

8:30 am English Fr. Paul

9:15 am 10:45 am SJB School Confession
† Mary Cay Westphal
God's Blessings for All Members of St.
Queen Jadwiga, their Families and Friends
† Eternal rest for Danny O'Donnell

6:00 pm REP Confession

7:00 pm English Fr. Sebastian

† The Soul of Agnes Ramirez
† Joseph Zummo
† Stanley Obrochta

Friday, December 5th First Friday

8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian

Blessings for all school and parish office
staff, volunteers and parish group mem-
bers celebrating December Birthdays
† Eternal rest for Danny O'Donnell

6:00 pm Confession

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Jacek Świątek

† Rafał Mosio
† Stanley Obrochta

Saturday, December 6th First Saturday

Polish Advent Mission

8:30 am English Fr. Paul

† Clotilde Tanghal Death Anniversary
† Eternal rest for Danny O'Donnell
† Danny O'Donnell

4:00 pm Confession

5:00 pm English Fr. Jason

For benefactors & donors in our Parish
Patricia Mathes God's Blessings
† In Memory of Stella Zalewski-Bandola
† Elisabeta Hehn

† Tristan Joseph Balura

† Michael Klonowski

† Marcia Ann Tani

† Carl & Maria Komorowski and members
of Labeledz Family and Maria Sziling

† Joseph Kos In Memory

† John Jerome Areno

† Bejan Ben

6:30 pm Polish Fr. Jacek Świątek

Za wszystkich ofiarodawców i darczyńców
w naszej Parafii

† Maria & Stanisław Skura

† Olga & Walter Gal

† Jadwiga i Jerzy Łapiński

† Mieczysław Myśliwiec 9 m. po śmierci

† Włodzimierz Jaromin

† Jan Milewski

† Benedykt Pacyna

† Wacław i Teodozja Kosinski

† Jadwiga Łuka

† Anna Krupa

† Stanisław i Helena Cislak

† Anna i Franciszek Koziara, Tadeusz

Koziara, Stanisław Koziara

† Janina i Marian Woinski, Gustaw

Woinski, Irena i Stanisław Udzielak

† Ks. Stef Kanonik

† Łukasz Garbacz rocznica śmierci

† Stanley Obrochta

Sunday, December 7th

Polish Advent Mission

7:00 am Polish Fr. Jacek Świątek

Za wszystkich ofiarodawców i darczyńców
w naszej Parafii

† Dariusz Cetnarowicz w r. śmierci

† Anna Grzęda

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

† Jan Pietras i zmarli z Rodziny Pietras

† Danny O'Donnell

8:30 am English Fr. Paul

For benefactors & donors in our Parish
Alexia Harris Birthday Blessings
† Sophie Kowalewicz
† Eternal rest for Danny O'Donnell

10:00 am English Fr. Paul

For benefactors & donors in our Parish

† Michelle Gucik

† Olga & Walter Gal

† The Soul of Betty Martin

† John Cunney Birthday Remembrance

† Robert M. Pinkowski Death Anniv.

† The Soul of Sophie Kowalewicz

Marta Robak Birthday Blessings

11:30 am Polish Fr. Sebastian

Za wszystkich ofiarodawców i darczyńców
w naszej Parafii

O uwolnienie z choroby alkoholowej i

nawrócenie dla Magdaleny

Z prośbą o zdrowie i Boże bł. z okazji 87

Urodzin dla Celiny Tatkovskiej

O Boże Bł. i potrzebne łaski dla Marty
Robak z okazji Urodzin

† Antoni, Irena Żarczyński, Czesław,
Helena Miskiewicz, Michael, Ramona
Hess

† Za Dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące, które
najbardziej potrzebują pomocy

† Stefan Grochowski

† Jan Hermanowski

† Maria Wojdyła

† Stanisław Sak

† Zdzisław Puacz 3 r. śmierci i Michael
Puacz

† Czesława Leśniak

† Mieczysław Myśliwiec 9 m. po śmierci

† Danuta Jędrzejewska 6 r. śmierci

† Krystyna Siwek 25 rocznica śmierci

† Wacława Ziemia 5 rocznica śmierci

† Dr. Elizabeth Wienckiewicz 2 r. śmierci

† Zofia Kowalewicz

† Monika i Stanisław Szafaryn, Jerzy

Rymkiewicz w rocznicę śmierci

† Cecylia i Eugeniusz Rymkiewicz w

rocznicę śmierci

† Monika and Stanisław Szafaryn, Jerzy

Rymkiewicz w rocznicę śmierci

† Cecylia and Eugeniusz Rymkiewicz

rocznica śmierci

† Janina Zdunek zmarła w Polsce

† Marianna Szwarc

† Stanley Obrochta

† Daniel O'Donnell

† Kazimierz Wójcik

6:00 pm English Fr. Jason

For benefactors & donors in our Parish
Marta Robak Birthday Blessings

† Joseph Poopallil

† The Souls of Philip Grossman & All de-
ceased members of Grossman Family

† Daniel "Danny" O'Donnell

† Regina Bator



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK IS OFFERED FOR:

Intention known to God for Scott Baranowski

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 Triplit	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	Bienvienido 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:

Daniel „Danny” O’Donnell	Łukasz Kozłowski
Czesława Torchalski	Dariusz Waluś
Edward Palffy	Nicholas Subota

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 Dzięczynna za 50 lat życia dla Magdaleny z prośbą o potrzebne łaski na dalsze lata.

Candle 2 Dzięczynna za 50 lat życia dla Magdaleny z prośbą o potrzebne łaski na dalsze lata.



SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

NOVEMBER 23, 2025 — *The collection from November 23 will be reported in next week's bulletin due to the earlier bulletin's submission deadline.*

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!



MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT / OCTOBER

Sunday Offertory Monthly Collection	\$	63,663.00
Sunday Offertory Monthly Online Collection	\$	11,878.08
Total Sunday Offertory Monthly Collection	\$	75,541.08
Monthly Sunday Offertory Budgeted Collection	\$	98,593.00
Monthly Difference from Budget - Over/ (Under)	\$	23,051.92

July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026

Year-To-Date Sunday Offertory Collection	\$	266,154.52
Year-To-Date Sunday Offertory Online Collection	\$	52,430.63
Total Year-To-Date Sunday Offertory Collection	\$	318,585.15
Year-To-Date Budgeted Sunday Offertory Collection	\$	1,183,116.00
Year-To-Date Difference from Budget - Over/ (Under)	\$	75,786.85

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we begin a new liturgical year and the holy season of Advent, a time of hope, expectation, and preparation for the coming of Christ. Advent invites us to pause, reflect, and ready our hearts for the Lord who comes in mystery and in glory. Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel: "*Stay awake!*" We do not know the day or the hour, but we do know the heart of God, a heart overflowing with mercy and love. Let us embrace this season with prayer, watchfulness, and joyful anticipation. May this Advent be a time of renewal for our parish family. Together, let us prepare the way of the Lord!

Prayer for Advent – Arise

Bless God's Holy Name!

Prepare our hearts for Your coming, Lord.

Awaken them from any places that have become sleepy or despondent.

Inspire us with new visions.

Be with us as we climb closer to You. Amen.

The Advent Wreath: A Symbol of Hope and Preparation

The Advent wreath is a cherished tradition in Catholic homes and churches, reminding us of the spiritual meaning of this holy season. Its circular shape represents God's eternal love, without beginning or end, and the evergreen branches symbolize everlasting life in Christ.

The wreath holds four candles, each marking one week of Advent:

- **First Candle (Purple)** – *Hope*: We recall the prophets who foretold the coming of the Messiah.
- **Second Candle (Purple)** – *Faith*: We reflect on Mary and Joseph's trust in God's plan.
- **Third Candle (Rose)** – *Joy*: Known as *Gaudete Sunday*, it reminds us to rejoice as Christmas draws near.
- **Fourth Candle (Purple)** – *Peace*: We pray for peace in our hearts and in the world.

Some wreaths include a fifth candle (white) in the center, lit on Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of Christ, the Light of the World. Lighting the Advent wreath each week is more than a ritual; it is a call to prepare our hearts for Jesus. As the light grows brighter with each candle, so should our hope, faith, joy, and peace as we await His coming.



KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Some suggestions of how to Keep Christ in Christmas

- Place a nativity scene outside and/or inside your home.
- Post religious decals, stickers on doors, windows and cars.
- Say a daily Rosary, especially meditating on the Joyful Mysteries.
- Play religious Christmas music instead of secular music.

GROW IN HOLINESS

First of the Month Devotions

First Friday and First Saturday Devotions

This week we celebrate First Friday and First Saturday of the month. Please join us after the 8:30 AM morning Masses for devotions:

- **Friday** – Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- **Saturday** – Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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

Let us come together in prayer and honor these beautiful traditions of our faith.

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

The Five First Saturdays Devotion

The Five First Saturdays devotion is one of the principal points of the Fatima message. It centers on the urgent need for mankind to offer reparation and expiate for the many injuries that the Immaculate Heart of Mary suffers from the hands of both impious and indifferent men. The First Five Saturdays devotion stimulates the spirit of reparation; it instills a tender love for the Holy Sacraments of Confession and the Blessed Eucharist. It nurtures a holy affection for the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Rosary. Above all, it is an excellent means to maintain one in the state of grace while immersed in the daily spiritual battles and prosaic existence in the neo-pagan world that we live in.

THE MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

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

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL "DANNY" O'DONNELL



ATTENTION ST. JOHN BREBEUF SENIORS

We warmly invite all seniors in our parish community to join our "GOLDEN AGERS CLUB", a time to connect, and enjoy each other's company in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Come to meet new friends, share your faith journey, and be part of a caring group. New members are always welcome!

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.

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!



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 today 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.

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



2025 CARDINAL'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Cardinal Blase J. Cupich cordially invites you to his annual Christmas Concert, featuring

The City Lights Orchestra

Rich Daniels, conductor

Sunday, December 7, 2025 | 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Church of the Holy Family

1080 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL

No tickets necessary.

Parking and seating available on a first come, first served basis.

This is a free concert offered generously by The City Lights Orchestra with assistance from the Music Performance Fund as administered by the Chicago Federation of Musicians, Local 10-208.



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 SJR 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 SJR.

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 SJR



**Sunday,
December 7, 2025**

St. John Brebeuf
Rev. Thomas P. May
Parish Ministry Center
8305 N. Harlem Avenue – Niles

\$15.00 for 15 Games

***Pay-Out's determined
by Attendance***

**Additional Chance
to Win**

PULL TABS AVAILABLE!!!!

**Doors Open at
3:30pm**

**Games Begin at
4:00pm**

Refreshments Available

For Further Information Contact:
Dennis O'Donovan
847-744-2927
John Jekot
847-651-7624

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Pull Tab License #P-02154



**"Początki Państwa i Królestwa Polskiego" -
Widowisko Zespołu P i T "Polonia"**

16 listopada Zespół Pieśni i Tańca Polonia przeniósł licznie zebranych widzów w legendarne czasy polskich przodków w przepięknej inscenizacji słowiańskiej muzyki i tańców w wykonaniu Krasnoludków, Młodej Polonii oraz grupy reprezentacyjnej. Była to opowieść o początkach państwa polskiego w trzech aktach. Każda scena miała historyczny klimat i swojego bohatera: Lecha, Mieszko i Bolesława Chrobrego, pokazując najważniejsze wydarzenia tamtego okresu.

Dziękujemy Księdzu Proboszczowi Jason Torba za gościnność w Parafii świętego Jana Brebeuf, a przede wszystkim dziękujemy Konsulatowi Generalnemu RP za finansowy patronat oraz przedstawicielce pani konsul Bernadettcie Pałka-Maciejewskiej za obecność na naszym przedstawieniu. 40-letni Zespół Pieśni i Tańca Polonia pod dyktando Anny Krysińskiej zaprasza na kolejne produkcje, koncerty, występy i przedstawienia.

Wszystkich kochających Polską historię i folklor zapraszamy. Również zapraszamy tancerzy oraz śpiewaków w nasze szeregi. W marcu 2026 najstarsza grupa młodzieży wybiera się na "podbój" Dubaju! Kolejny już 30 zagraniczny festiwal, gdzie młodzi tancerze będą godnie reprezentować przepiękną Polską folkową kulturę i sztukę! Bo Polska jest krajem takim, że dumnie jest być Polakiem!!





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Spotykamy się, modlimy się razem, spędzamy razem czas, gramy w gry i cieszymy się swoim towarzystwem. Wiele przyjaźni rodzi się zarówno między rodzicami, jak i między ich dziećmi. Jesteśmy dumni z tej grupy i chcemy nadal zachęcać wszystkich chętnych do służby Bogu i Kościołowi. Kochamy ich jako parafię. Pragniemy, aby inni dołączyli. Nie ma tutaj żadnych ograniczeń. Każdy jest mile widziany.

Adwent to czas przygotowania na przyjście Jezusa. Postawa służby jest jedną z najważniejszych w naszym codziennym życiu. Nasi ministranci są tego najlepszym przykładem. Niezależnie od tego, czy jesteśmy młodzi, czy starzy, możemy służyć Panu. Możemy pokazać Mu, że nam na Nim zależy. Wystarczy chcieć. Z tego może zrodzić się wiele błogosławieństw.

Błogosławionego Adwentu,
Ks. Sebastian



30 listopada 2025 r. wypada I Niedziela Adwentu. Adwent to pierwszy okres w Roku Liturgicznym, który rozpoczyna się od pierwszych Nieszporów niedzieli po sobocie 34. tygodnia Okresu Zwykłego (w bieżącym roku 30 listopada), a kończy przed pierwszymi Nieszporami uroczystości Narodzenia Pańskiego w wieczór 24 grudnia. Trwa od 23 do 28 dni i obejmuje cztery kolejne niedziele przed 25 grudnia. Adwent stanowi pierwszy okres nowego Roku Liturgicznego.

Adwent składa się z dwóch odrębnych okresów:

1. Czasu, w którym czekamy na powtórne przyjście Jezusa w chwale na końcu czasów (okres od początku Adwentu do 16 grudnia włącznie);
2. Czasu bezpośredniego przygotowania do uroczystości Narodzenia Pańskiego, w której wspominamy pierwsze przyjście Chrystusa na ziemię.

Teksty liturgiczne Adwentu ukazują postacie Starego i Nowego Testamentu, przez których życie i działalność Bóg zapowiadał i przygotowywał świat na przyjście Jezusa Chrystusa: Maryję, Jana Chrzciciela, Izajasza.

W czasie całego Adwentu, poza niedzielami i uroczystością Niepokalanego Poczęcia Najświętszej Maryi Panny (8 grudnia), odprawiane są Roraty – to Msze ku czci Najświętszej Maryi Panny (nazwa pochodzi od łacińskich słów pieśni często śpiewanej na ich początku – „Rorate caeli desuper”, „Spuśćcie rosę, niebiosie”). W czasie Rorat przy ołtarzu znajduje się dodatkowa, ozdobna świeca – symbolizuje ona obecność Maryi (roratka) i wieniec adwentowy.

Od IX w. dla drugiej części Adwentu charakterystyczne są tzw. Antyfony „O”, ponieważ wszystkie rozpoczynają się od tej właśnie litery „O”: O Sapientia, O Adonai, O Radix Jesse, O Clavis David, O Oriens, O Rex gentium, O Emmanuel.

III Niedziela Adwentu jest nazywana Niedzielą Gaudete. Nazwa ta pochodzi od słów antyfony na wejście: „Gaudete in Domino” czyli „Radujcie się w Panu”. Szaty liturgiczne mogą być w tym dniu koloru różowego, a nie, jak w pozostałe niedziele Adwentu, fioletowe.



PIERWSZY CZWARTEK MIESIĄCA

Pierwszy czwartek miesiąca (4 grudnia) jest dniem Eucharystii, a w związku z tym jest przede wszystkim czasem dziękczynienia. Dziękujemy w nim za największy z cudów, cud Eucharystii, ale także za Kościół i to wszystko, co przyczynia się do naszego zbawienia. Zapraszamy na Mszę św. o godz. 7:00pm

PIERWSZY PIĄTEK MIESIĄCA

Najbliższy piątek, 5 grudnia to Pierwszy Piątek miesiąca. Spowiedź święta od godz. 6:00PM. Msza św. o godz. 7:00pm. Po Mszy św. Nabożeństwo do Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa

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

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

PIERWSZA SOBOTA MIESIĄCA

W sobotę, 6 grudnia zapraszamy na Nabożeństwo Pierwszo-sobotnie wynagradzające Niepokalanemu Sercu Maryi, które rozpocznie się o godz. 7:30PM.

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