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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.





December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Is 7:10-14 | Rom 1:1-7 | Mt 1:18-24

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

Throughout my life, I have had a litany of requests for God. I have asked for mundane and ultimately inconsequential favors and also for guidance in much more important matters. But I have often hesitated to ask for the deepest desires of my heart. Those requests feel too big, too impossible, and possibly too selfish — as though asking these things would take away from God's ability to provide for others. But in thinking this way, I am putting limits on a limitless God. In today's first reading, the Lord speaks to Ahaz and tells him to ask for a sign — "let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!" When Ahaz refuses, God speaks through the prophet Isaiah to deliver the most impossible promise — that "the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." God wants to give us everything we need to be close to him, so much so that he sent his Son to open the pathway to eternal life with him. God *wants* us to ask for him to do the impossible because he longs to give generously to us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

God brings about his plan of salvation in an extraordinary way: The virgin Mary conceives Jesus in her womb through the power of the Holy Spirit. Although God does all the spiritual heavy lifting here, notice that our Gospel tells us that he also desired and asked for Joseph's cooperation. "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home," the angel tells Joseph. The Gospel tells us that Joseph "did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." In our work of evangelization, God does the heavy lifting: it's God who moves the hearts of others to seek him. But the amazing thing is that God still wants us to be part of the way his plan unfolds. We, too, cooperate with God's work of sharing the faith and bringing salvation to others by our actions and obedience.

PRAY

As we begin this final week of Advent, the Church continues to pray with the O Antiphons, which we hear in the hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Listen to the refrain, which speaks of Israel's immense longing to be set free and for her savior to appear. As you reflect on the first reading and upon this hymn, bring your own deepest desires to the Lord. Spend some time in prayer asking for what you need to draw closer to God.

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00pm - Family Mass (English)
5:00pm - Vigil Mass (English)
8:00pm - Mass (Polish)
10:00pm - Mass / Pasterka (Polish)
12:00am - Midnight Mass (English)

Thursday, December 25 CHRISTMAS

7:00am - Mass (Polish)
8:30am - Mass (English)
10:00am - Mass (English)
11:30am - Mass (Polish)

No 6:00pm Mass

Merry Christmas



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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/
Lk 1:67-79
Thursday: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/
Mt 10:17-22
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

OBSERVANCES:

Tuesday: St. John of Kanty, Priest
Wednesday: Christmas Eve
Thursday: The Nativity of the Lord
Friday: St. Stephen, First Martyr
Saturday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

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 DECEMBER 22 — 28

Monday, December 22nd Simbang Gabi**8:30 am English Fr. Jason St. Rita****Devotion**

† Wess Giżyński

† Leonor Salvador Birthday

remembrance

5:30 pm -7:00 pm Advent Confession**7:00 pm English Fr. Sebastian Simbang****Gabi**

† Stanley Obrochta

† Józef i Joanna Dybisz

† Felipe Ruiz Jr. Birthday Remembrance

† Mateusz Reczek

† Vitaliano Tan Death Anniversary

7:45 pm - 9:00 pm Advent Confession**Tuesday, December 23rd Simbang Gabi****8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

SJB Ushers & Volunteers

7:00 pm English Fr. Paul Simbang Gabi

† Stanley Obrochta

† Stanisław Dzik w rocznicę śmierci

† Mateusz Reczek

Wednesday, December 24th**8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

† Stanisław Dzik w rocznicę śmierci

† Janina i Zacheusz Adamscy

† Seweryn i Seweryna Burda

† Irena Oleksak

† Stefania Frydryszewska

3:00 pm English Fr. Jason Family Mass

† The Soul of Clelia Massimini

† The Soul of Lois MacAdam

† Stanley Obrochta

† Bejan Ben

† Matthew Bautista Malvar

† Jerzy Kranski w 25 rocznicę śmierci

† Michelle Gucik

† Mateusz Reczek

† Edward Rybka

5:00 pm English Fr. Paul Vigil of**Christmas**

† The Soul of Clelia Massimini

† The Soul of Lois MacAdam

† Stanley Obrochta

† Bejan Ben

† Matthew Bautista Malvar

† Jerzy Kranski w 25 rocznicę śmierci

† Michelle Gucik

† Mateusz Reczek

† Edward Rybka

8:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian Family Mass

All SJB Parishioners

† Jerzy Kranski w 25 rocznicę śmierci

† Michelle Gucik

† Mateusz Reczek

10:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian Pasterka

All SJB Parishioners

12:00 am English - Midnight Mass Fr.**Jason**

All SJB Parishioners

Thursday, December 25th Christmas**7:00 am Polish Fr. Jason**

† Edward Rybka

† Krzysztof Abiszewski

† Zofia, Wiktor Persak, Maria, Jan

Kramarz oraz zmarli z Rodzin Kocur,

Persak i Kramarz

8:30 am English Fr. Paul

God's Blessings of good health and

happiness for Robert Maurita Freas and

All Family Members

Christmas Blessings for John, Diane,

Olivia, Monica, Paul, Susane, and Sally

Thanksgiving from the Flores Family

† Elaine Becker Friedman Death

Anniversary

† Danilo Navarro Death Anniversary

† Stella Zalewski-Bandola

† Maria Chlastawa w rocznicę śmierci

† Helen and Joseph Tunney

10:00 am English Fr. Sebastian

God's Blessings for Ziegler and Hehn

Family

Health & God's Blessings for Patricia

Mathes

† Victor Sarmiento

† In Memory of Eileen Kelly Byrne

† The Souls of Sam & Gloria Fazio

† Lois McAdam

† Kathleen M. Walsh Eternal Rest

† Elisabeta Hehn

† Joseph Kos In Memory

11:30 am Polish Fr. Jason

O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla

Rodziny Sak i Bułkowski

Dziękczynna za otrzymane łaski z prośbą

o zdrowie na nowy rok dla Marii Pacyniak

Dziękczynna, o zdrowie i opiekę Matki

Najświętszej dla Małgorzaty i jej

Rodziców

Dziękczynna, z prośbą o Boże Bł. , dary

Ducha sw. i potrzebne łaski dla Natalii

Dziękczynna, z prośbą o Boże Bł. dla

Rodziny

Dziękczynna z prośbą o Boże Bł. dla Ks.

Zdzisława, Ks. Sebastiana, Ks. Paul,

pracowników i wolontariuszy parafii SJB

O zdrowie, potrzebne łaski i Boże Bł. dla

Anny Cichoń w dniu Urodzin

† Kazimierz i Janina Torba

† Dorota Sawicka

† Maria Żaba

† Małgorzata Przycka

† Za wszystkich zmarłych z Rodzin: Torba,

Żebrowski, Vilangappara, Sęk, Mazurek,

Bąk i Czaja

† Edward Rybka

† Tadeusz i Wanda Armatys

† Włodzimierz Jaromin

† Stanisław Józef Gwiżdż

† Edyta Galimski

† Jan Hermanowski

† Stanisław Sak

† Ferdynand & Maria Wójcik

† Peter Sikorski

† Zbigniew i David Ciołek

† Zdzisław & Michael Puacz, Janina i

Józef Puacz, Zofia Tomasz i Władysław

Boczar

† Adrian Cholewa

† Majka Pikul oraz zmarli z Rodziny Pikul,

Kalata, Bajko i Wołyńskich

† Zofia Szpara

† Jan Milewski

† Helena Makara - Gola i Czesław Rzepka

w 24 rocznicę śmierci

† Hanna Samujłło

† Eugene Mikowski

† Stanisław Lis

† Sophie Kowalewicz

† Henryk Kwietniewski i zmarli z Rodziny

Kwietniewskich

† Urszula Siek, Jan i Janina Wójcik i zmarli

z Rodziny

† Aneta Kacprzak

† Eryk Sokołowski

† Za dusze w Czyśćcu cierpiące

† Stanley Obrochta

† Stefania, Tadeusz i Józef Malacha

† Alan Katamanin

† Za Duszę Anastazji, Konstantego, i Jana

Milanowskich

† Stanisław, Anna i Władysław Dzik

† Mieczysław Lagowski, Kazimiera i

Antoni Mastuga

† Anna i Antoni Legowski i zmarłych z

rodziny

† Wacław i Franciszek Domański i

wszystkich zmarłych z rodziny

† Mateusz Reczek

† Kazimiera, Antoni , Mieczysław Lagocki

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ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK

IS OFFERED FOR: † Elaine Becker Friedman - In memory of her death from Duarte Family

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
Stanisława Pabisz
Kazimierz Pabisz
Lucy Szczepanski

**OUR BELOVED DEPARTED:**

Edward Rybka
Mateusz Reczek



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

Timothy Casey
Thomas Neuheugen
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
Angelina Garza

**PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL
CANDLES OFFERED THIS WEEK FOR:**
Candle 1

W intencji Panu Bogu wiadomej

Candle 2

† Za Dusze zmarłych z Rodziny Słowik, Jania i Knapik

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS:****DECEMBER 7, 2025 — \$14,720.85**

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.

**WEDDING BANNS**

I Nicolae Sebastian Szilagyi & Nicolette Cierpiala

**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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22 — 28 / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4**Friday, December 26th St. Stephen****8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

† Marlene Friedman Death Anniversary
 † Helen and Joseph Tunney
 † Stella Zalewski-Bandola

12:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O zdrowie i Bożą opiekę dla Stanisław Demiańczuk w dniu Urodzin
 O zdrowie i Bożą opiekę dla Natalii Stachurski w dniu Urodzin
 O Boże Błogosławieństwo i dary Ducha św. dla Rodzin Kwietniewski, Siek, Pańczyk, Wiechnik
 Dziękczynna za otrzymane łaski w mijającym roku, z prośbą o Boże Bł. i opiekę MB w nowym roku dla Rodzin Sęk, Kozłowski, Erdle
 O zdrowie i Boże bł. dla Bogdana z okazji kolejnych urodzin
 O zdrowie i Boże bł. dla Emilii Skiba z okazji urodzin
 † Adam Buczyński
 † Zdzisław & Michael Puacz, Janina i Józef Puacz, Zofia Tomasz i Władysław Boczar
 † Edward Rybka
 † Zofia Szpara
 † Jan Milewski
 † Krzysztof Kuzebski
 † Janina, Franciszk i Jan Maroń
 † Mateusz Reczek

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Jason

† Edward Rybka
 † Stanley Obrochta
 † Stanisław Dzik

Saturday, December 27th**8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

SJB School - Teachers, Students, Parents & Volunteers

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

God's Blessings for Ziegler and Hehn Family
 † Stella Zalewski-Bandola
 † Lois McAdam
 † John Jerome Areno
 † Julieta Sato Death Anniversary
 † Matthew, Bernice & Matt Jr. Wojtaszek

6:30 pm Polish Fr. Jason

† Edward Rybka
 † Stanisław Wysocki
 † Zofia i Leon Skutnik
 † Adrian Cholewa
 † Włodzimierz Jaromin
 † Stanley Obrochta
 † Stanisław Dzik
 † Józef Leś
 † Paul Domański 5 rocznica śmierci
 † Antoni Jurczykowski
 † Czesława i Tadeusz Kuleszyński
 † Mateusz Reczek we wspomnieniu urodzin

Sunday, December 28th Holy Family**7:00 am Polish Fr. Jason**

Intencja dziękczynna za szczęśliwy rok
 † Edward Rybka
 † Majka Pikul oraz zmarli z Rodziny Pikul, Kalata, Bajko i Wołyńskich
 † Za zmarłych z Rodziny Spurnów i Cholewa
 † Za wszystkich zmarłych z rodziny Poborca i Babiarez
 † Mateusz Reczek

8:30 am English Fr. Paul

† The Soul of Elaine D. Pancyrz - Anderson
 † Bejan Ben Birthday Remembrance

10:00 am English Fr. Paul

Nina Budzik Birthday Blessings and good health
 Health and blessings on Wedding Anniv. for Nina and Richard Budzik
 † Helena Gil

† Bejan Ben Birthday Remembrance
 † Maria G. Rueda 1st Death Anniversary

11:30 am Polish Fr. Jason

Health & God's Blessings for Kowalczyk & Kowalski Family &
 Health & God's Blessings for Krystyna Fijor
 W rocznicę Ślubu, o Boże bł. dla Haliny i Stanisława Piekło
 † Maria Wojdyła
 † Stanisław Sak
 † Jan Rychtar
 † Władysława, Kazimierz Urbaś oraz Jan Błoniarz

† Zofia, Tomasz, Władysław Boczar, Wess Gizynski
 † Mieczysław Myśliwiec
 † Benedykt Pacyna
 † Sophie Kowalewicz
 † Stanley Obrochta
 † Irena Kantor 10 rocznica śmierci
 † Stanisław Dzik
 † Józef Leś
 † Rozalia i Władysław Leśniak
 † John Depa i zmarli z Rodziny Depa
 † Tomasz, Helena, Stanisław Fronczek i zmarli z Rodziny
 † Maria Cynar, Eugenia Dopart oraz za Dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące
 † Mateusz Reczek
 † Edward Rybka
6:00 pm English Fr. Sebastian
 † The Souls of Philip Grossman & All deceased members of Grossman Family



MERRY CHRISTMAS

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 23 close at 12 pm
 Wednesday, December 24 closed
 Thursday, December 25 closed
 Friday, December 26 closed
 Saturday, December 27 closed

NEW YEAR

Tuesday, December 30 close at 12 pm
 Wednesday, December 31 closed
 Thursday, January 1, 2026 closed
 We will be open on Friday, January 2, 9am - 5pm

December 21, 2025

Dear Parishioners and Benefactors of St. John Brebeuf Parish!

The Advent season and our preparation for Christmas are coming to an end. The well-known saying that Christ should be present at Christmas – Jesus is the reason for the season – is repeated more and more often because, during pre-Christmas preparations and the Christmas chaos, its essence is often forgotten. We need to see in this Christmas the sign that God Himself gives: the Virgin bears a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, God with us. We could say that this Emmanuel is God who wants to be with us if we allow Him to do so. The liturgy of today's 4th Sunday of Advent invites us to believe and accept God, following the example of Mary, to take Him into ourselves and our hearts, so that He may be born in us and through us in those to whom God sends us every day.

As we celebrate this feast, we have the opportunity to renew our faith in the living presence of God, who became man in Jesus Christ and remains among us in the Eucharist, a source of grace and power in our everyday lives. We invite you to experience the Christmas celebration by participating in the Holy Eucharist at our church. By participating in the Church's liturgy during this season and preserving the beautiful Christmas traditions and customs, we will have the opportunity to experience this feast more deeply.

Dear Parishioners! Christmas time is also an opportunity to give gifts. I ask you again to make a Christmas Gift for the needs of the parish. It is beautiful that you know how to share these gifts that God gives you every day. It is an expression of your responsibility to pass on this great heritage of faith and the rich, beautiful traditions – that we are helping you preserve and develop – for the future of the parish and the next generation.

May the joy and hope of the Christmas message be in your hearts and allow you to experience His Love, Goodness, and Peace. May Jesus, who became man in order to share his destiny with us, help you face the adversities and challenges of life, comfort and strengthen you in difficult times, and make you ready to share these gifts of His with all those whom you encounter in your daily lives.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year 2026!

Fr. Jason Torba
Pastor

*Merry
Christmas*



Christmas 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our Christmas celebrations coincide with the beginning of winter. There is less light at this time of year and more cold than we might want. The contrast is striking for people of faith. We remember God's only begotten Son born of the Virgin Mary. He comes into a dark and cold world as its light and its warmth.

In chapter four of Matthew's gospel at the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus, the evangelist cites words of the prophet Isaiah:

...the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned. (Mt 4:16)

Events of this past year could suggest that all we have is indeed a cold and dark world. That seems to be the message of the wars fought around the world, of the tragic school shootings and political assassinations in our nation, and of our frayed connections with each other.

Again, for us as people of faith, the contrast is stark. We are realistic, and we know well the challenges of our world in this tense moment of the world's history. We also know, however, a larger narrative of God's love incarnate in Jesus Christ, the light that breaks the power of sin and death. Saint John wrote of him: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." (John 1:5) This light enlightens us and warms us. Whatever struggles we face, we are assured because he walks with us.

As you gather with family and friends and fellow parishioners, I urge you to reassure each other with our convictions of faith. Take responsibility in the world to be a sign of hope and a source of encouragement for others. In this way, you will bring Christ the light to those who need him.

Join me and pray for our world, our nation, and our local communities that we can all walk in the light.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop Chicago

FAITH & DEVOTIONAL LIFE OF OUR PARISH



- **Youth Ministry**

Meets every 4th Sunday of the month.
Mass at 6:00 PM, followed by a gathering.
Young Adults Catechism Study
Every Tuesday at 7:30 PM.

- **Spirituality Group**

Meets once a month:

- Morning session: every 4th Thursday of the month after the 8:30 AM Mass
- Evening session: every 2nd Thursday of the month after 7:00 PM in the church chapel (behind the main altar)

- **St. Monica's Prayer Group**

For parents praying for their children.
Meets every 4th Monday of the month after the 7:00 PM Mass.

- **St. Rita Devotion**

Every 22nd day of the month after the evening Mass. Devotion is followed by the Blessing of Roses

- **First Thursday Prayer for Vocations**

Every First Thursday of the month at the conclusion of the 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM Masses.

- **First Friday Devotions**

After the 8:30 AM Mass:

- Litany
- Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Those who receive Holy Communion on nine consecutive First Fridays receive the grace of final repentance and will not die without the sacraments.

- **The Five First Saturdays Devotion**

One of the principal elements of the Fatima message. This devotion fosters a spirit of reparation and deepens love for the Sacrament of Confession and the Holy Eucharist.

- **Mother of Perpetual Help Novena**

Every Wednesday after the 8:30 AM Mass.

- **Marian Prayer Group**

Every Monday at 7:00 PM in the Adoration Chapel.

- **Hour of Divine Mercy**

Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed before the Blessed Sacrament every Friday at 3:00 PM.

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**"2025 SIMBANG-GABI 9-DAY
NOVENA MASSES"**

A Filipino tradition to Honor our Blessed Virgin Mary in anticipation of Christmas

Dec 21, Sunday - day 7 - SIMBANG-GABI CELEBRATION
5:30 pm - Christmas Carols/Liturgical Dance
6:00 pm - Concelebrated Mass,
followed by Dinner & Cultural Program at the Parish Ministry Center

Dec 22, Monday - 7:00 PM - day 8
Dec 23, Tuesday - 7:00 PM - day 9

WE WELCOME DAILY MASS SPONSORS FOR SIMBANG-GABI 2025

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SOFIA CATURAN (847) 208-2741

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Niles, IL 60714 www.sjbschool.org



As we celebrate the birth of Christ, the greatest gift given to the world, we warmly invite families to consider St. John Brebeuf School as a place where their children can grow in faith, knowledge, and love. In a world that often moves too fast, our school offers a nurturing and Christ-centered environment where children are known by name, guided with care, and encouraged to discover their God-given talents. Rooted in Gospel values and supported by a strong parish community, St. John Brebeuf School helps form not only excellent students, but compassionate, faithful, and confident young people prepared for the future.

Address:

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Przeżywając kolejne święta w naszym życiu mamy okazję odnowić wiarę w żywą obecność Boga w naszym życiu, który stał się człowiekiem w Jezusie Chrystusie i pozostał wśród nas w Eucharystii, aby być źródłem łaski i mocy w naszej codzienności. Zapraszamy was do przeżywania tych Świąt poprzez uczestniczenie we Mszach Świętych w naszym kościele. Poprzez uczestniczenie w liturgii Kościoła w tym okresie i zachowanie pięknych bożonarodzeniowych tradycji i zwyczajów będziemy mieli okazję, aby przeżyć te święta głębiej pod względem duchowym.

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Gdy w tym świątecznym czasie gromadzicie się z rodziną, przyjaciółmi i parafianami, zachęcam Was, abyście umacniali się nawzajem w wierze. Podejmujcie odpowiedzialność za to, by być znakiem nadziei i źródłem otuchy dla innych. W ten sposób zaniesiecie światło Chrystusa tym, którzy Go potrzebują.

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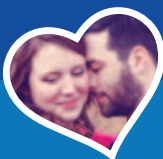
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