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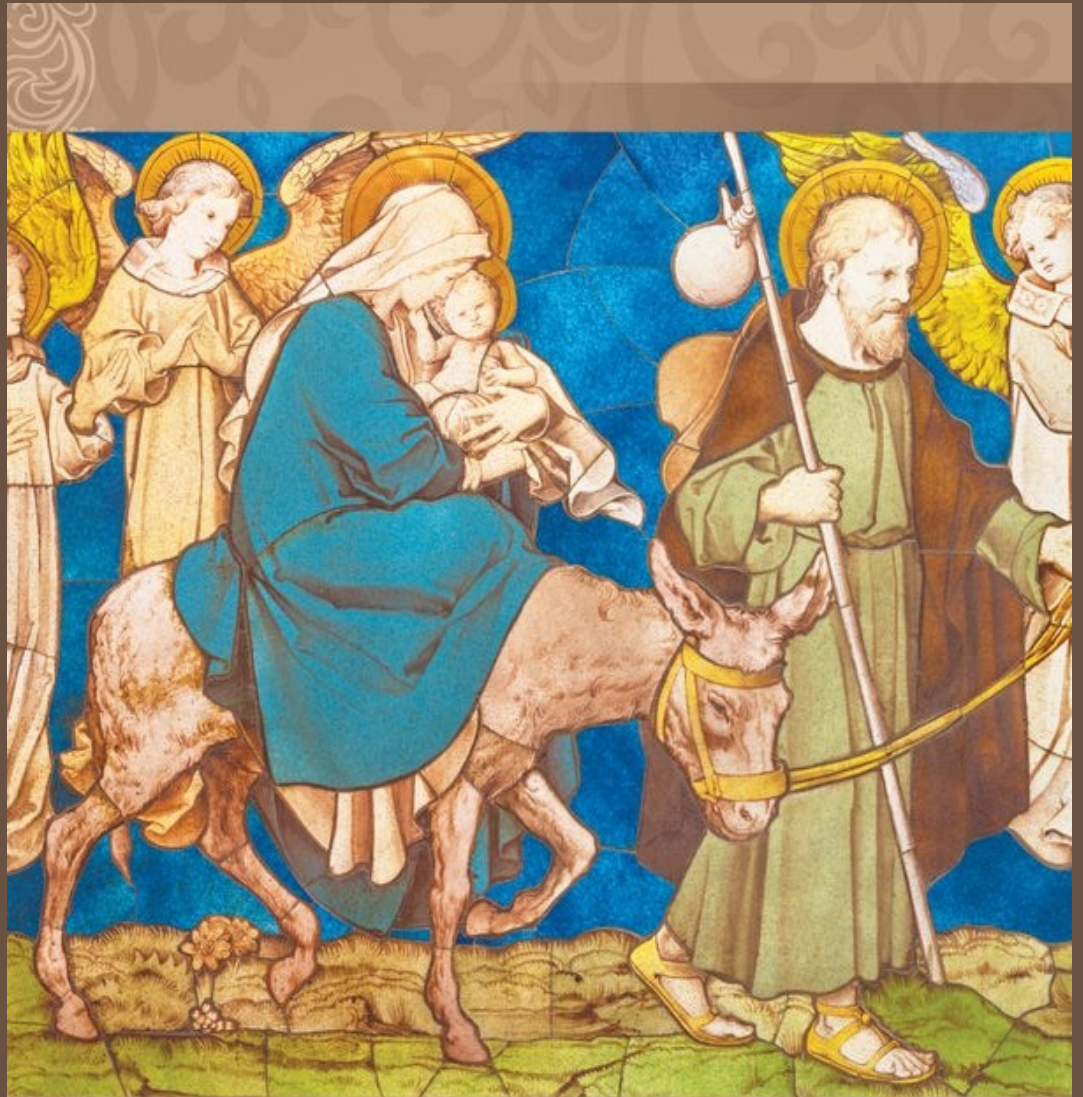
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a people of
faith who
respond to our
Baptismal
call to holiness
by caring for
one another
and journeying
together with
Christ through
prayer,
sacraments,
lifelong
formation and
service in light
of the Gospel
and Catholic
Tradition.



THE HOLY FAMILY

"Joseph rose and took the child and his mother
by night and departed for Egypt." - Mt 2:14

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

December 28, 2025

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 | Col 3:12-21 | Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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

In his Angelus address on the Feast of the Holy Family in 2001, St. John Paul II shared this with those gathered: "If we aspire to a deeper understanding of Jesus' life and mission, we must draw close to the mystery of the Holy Family of Nazareth to observe and listen." Following in the footsteps of the Holy Family in today's Scripture, we find ourselves in quiet Bethlehem, just after the departure of the Magi. The angel of the Lord appears to Joseph in a dream, this time with a warning: "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." They trust in God and their response is immediate. It is easy for us to imagine the Holy Family as different from ourselves — holier and more spiritual. Certainly, that's true. They were holy but they were also fully human, which means that what they attained is possible for each of us. Let us try to imitate them in this holiness.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It's easy to glamorize the life of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, but in reality, the cross was with them long before the crucifixion. From the moment of the Annunciation, there would be trials, temptations, and sufferings. But each time, they respond with immediate obedience and deep trust. In doing so, they give us all a perfect example of what the Christian life should look like: a life motivated by love and always listening for the voice of God, ready to respond in an instant. As we accompany others on this journey of faith, we also must listen deeply to them in order to help them in discerning the Spirit's movement in their lives. As we hone the spiritual muscle of attentive listening, we grow in our ability to respond to God and to God's action in our lives, and to help others do the same.

REFLECT

Most of us will never hear from an angel in the middle of the night telling us to walk hundreds of miles with our baby in tow. But every single one of us will be — has been — called. Let us pray to the Holy Family for an increase in the virtues of obedience and trust, so that we can respond to God's call in our lives.



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Fr. Jason's Corner..

The Holy Family as a Model for Every Family

We are still in the joy of Christmas. On the first Sunday after Christmas, the Church's liturgy gives us as an example the most perfect family – **the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph**. Their attitude is a signpost and a model for our families. The liturgical readings present the Holy Family of Nazareth as a great treasure that we should not only cherish but also imitate in our family life. We can't do this literally, but through faith and love, inspired by this example, we can take up the tasks that God has assigned to us in our families. The Holy Family shows us that, without faith and trust in God, the family will never be truly happy, because without God it is impossible to build a solid foundation of family love.

Faith in the family is the most precious thing to pass on to children.

Thanks to their parents' faith, children receive the greatest gift in life. The folded hands of a father or mother in prayer are the most beautiful sermon that can be given to children. Sometimes we wonder why children today get lost in their lives; they often do not respect their parents and trample on their authority. There is one answer. When there is a lack of faith in families, the prayer of parents, and the common experience of the Eucharist, it is a simple way to get lost. The Holy Family asks us today what our values are, on which we build our family life. We see how parents take care of their children so that they do not lack anything, so that they get a good education, so that later they have a good job... And rightly so. But is there still a place for God to take care of them and their future?

One such form of help that brings God into the family's life is prayer. In our parish this year, we have started a special devotion - **Parents praying for their children** - through the intercession of St. Monica, whose relics we have in our church, and who prayed for the conversion of her son, St. Augustine, and her husband, Patricius. On the last Monday of each month, after the 7 p.m. Mass, we invite you to this devotion to ask for the necessary graces through the intercession of St. Monica for your families and children, so that we may all strive for holiness. Therefore, on this feast today, one more thing seems important: not to lose sight of the ideal, this ideal that is the Holy Family. As long as a person has an ideal in front of his or her eyes, as long as – even when the person does not grow up to it – they somehow approach it step by step. But when the ideal disappears from the person's eyes, they no longer move forward; instead, they spin in circles or even go backward.

Perhaps that is why the Church commemorates this feast once a year, showing the ideal we need so much, especially today, in times of crisis in the Family. The life of the Holy Family is the life to which all our families are called and invited to follow.

Holy Family, pray for us!

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:

Every Monday 7:00pm Adoration Chapel

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

OBSERVANCES:

Wednesday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; *New Year's Eve*

Thursday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

Friday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

LITURGY SCHEDULE — MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 28 — JANUARY 4

Monday, December 29th

8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian

† Luis Hernandez Death Anniversary
† Victor Sarmiento Birthday Remembrance

† Death anniv. for Narciso Dimaano

7:00 pm Polish St. Monica Prayer Group

† Stanley Obrochta
† Józef i Joanna Dybisz
† Mateusz Reczek

Tuesday, December 30th

8:30 am English

Birthday Health and God's blessings for Rizalito Valeroso

7:00 pm English

† Stanley Obrochta
† In loving memory on Wedding anniv. for Shannon and Gregg Wittum
† Mateusz Reczek
† Death anniv. of Juliana Adriano and all deceased members of Adriano and Balmadrid Families and all faithful departed.

Good health, peace and prosperity of Adriano and Balmadrid Family

Wednesday, December 31st

8:30 am English

† SJB founding Pastor Monsignor John J. Flanagan 34th Death Anniversary
† Jerry Rimando Death Anniversary
† Peter Sikorski

5:00 pm English

† SJB Founding Pastor John J. Flanagan 34th Death Anniversary
† Eufrocina Dimaano Birthday remembrance

6:30 pm Bilingual

† Zofia Szpara
† Jan Milewski
† Stanley Obrochta
† Władysława i Jan Wójtowicz
† Kazimiera i Józef Kapałka
† Mateusz Reczek
† Edward Rybka

7:30 pm Exposition & Devotion

Thursday, January 1st New Year

7:00 am Polish

† za zmarłych z Rodzin Sobień, Pośnik, Brzeska, Wasiel
† Arkadiusz Pękała w 11 rocznicę śmierci

8:30 am English

God's Blessings of good health and happiness for Robert Maurita Freas and All Family
† In Memory of Stella Zalewski-Bandola
† Bejan Ben

God's Blessings and good health for children, their spouses, grandchildren and the entire family

† Eternal rest for Deceased members of the Kazimierzczak and Allison

10:00 am English

† Joseph Kos In Memory

11:30 am Polish

† Arkadiusz Pekala w 11 rocznicę śmierci
O Boże Bł. i potrzebne łaski dla posługujących w Parafii SJB
Intencja dziękczynna, z prośbą o Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Rodziny
† Maria, Aleksander i Józef Wilk
† Stanley Obrochta
† John Depa i zmarli z Rodziny Depa
† Edward Rybka
† Adrian Cholewa
† Janina Tomkiewicz

6:00 pm English

† Albert Dru Death Anniversary
† Zofia Szpara
† Józefa Węglarczyk 2 rocznica śmierci

Friday, January 2nd First Friday

8:30 am English

† John Depa i zmarli z Rodziny Depa
Safety and Guidance to Mika, Joanne & Keoni Fernandez

6:00 -7:00 pm Confession

7:00 pm Polish

† Henryk Kwietniewski
† Rafał Mosio
† Edward Rybka
† Za dusze w Czyśćcu cierpiące

Saturday, January 3rd First Saturday

8:30 am English

Health and Birthday Blessings for Sara Batorowicz
† In Memory of Bobby Canong

4:00 pm Confession

5:00 pm English

Health and God's Blessings for Krystyna and Stanisław Lubarda
All benefactors & donors in our Parish
Isabelo & Rose Romero -Thanksgiving and Blessings on 50 Wedding Anniv.
† Shirley A. Dizon 40 days after passing
† John Jerome Arenó
† Wanda Podgorski to rest in Peace

6:30 pm Polish

Za darczyńców i ofiarodawców w Parafii SJB
† Olga & Walter Gal
† Włodzimierz Jaromin
† Józef Leś
† Mieczysław Myśliwiec 10 miesięcy po

śmierci i we wspomnieniu imienin

† za dusze w Czyśćcu cierpiące

† Edward Rybka miesiąc po śmierci

† All Deceased Members of

Kazimierzczuk & Czupryńko Families

† Adrian Cholewa

† Czesława Grabowska w 1 r. śmierci

Sunday, January 4th Epiphany of The Lord

7:00 am Polish

Za darczyńców i ofiarodawców w Parafii SJB

† Dariusz Cetnarowicz w r. śmierci

† Za wszystkich zmarłych z rodziny Poborca i Babiarz

† Jan Rybka w 3 rocznicę śmierci

† Edward Rybka

8:30 am English

All SJB Parishioners

All benefactors & donors in our Parish

† John & Jean Jankowski

10:00 am English

Elena Duarte Birthday Blessings

For a Baby of Jennifer and Jim Flanagan safe delivery and God's Blessings for the Family

All benefactors & donors in our Parish

† Olga & Walter Gal

† Matthew, Bernice & Matt Jr.

Wojtaszek

11:30 am Polish

Za darczyńców i ofiarodawców w Parafii SJB

O Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Rodziny

Chrisa Puacz oraz Kazimierzy Puacz

† Maria Wojdyła

† Jan Hermanowski

† Józefa Klimek

† Jan Rybka w 3 rocznicę śmierci

† Józef Leś

† Za dusze w Czyśćcu cierpiące i które najbardziej potrzebują pomocy

† Mieczysław Myśliwiec 10 miesięcy po śmierci i we wspomnieniu imienin

† Emilia Kiełbana w 2 rocznicę śmierci

oraz Karolina i Stanisław Kiełbana

† Zbigniew Wójcik 39 rocznica śmierci

† Edward Rybka

† Adrian Cholewa

† Jadwiga Serafin

† Andrzej Klimas

12:30 pm 3 Kings Parade

6:00 pm English

All SJB Parishioners

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK

IS OFFERED FOR: † Elaine D. Pancyrz - Anderson Birthday Remembrance

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
Flordeliza H. Sotto
Pedro H. Sotto

**OUR BELOVED DEPARTED:**

Marcela Smilie
Mieczysław Borowczak
Maria Luisa Argon

Helena
Batkiewicz



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 Niemołto
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 All SJB Parishioners

Candle 2 All SJB Faithfully departed

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS:****DECEMBER 14, 2025 — \$19,175**

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 BANNES**

II Nicolae Sebastian Szilagyi & Nicolette Cierpiala

**MONTHLY COLLECTION / November 2025**

Sunday Offertory Monthly Collection	\$82,389
Sunday Offertory Monthly Online Collection	\$12,085
Total Sunday Offertory Monthly Collection	\$94,474
Monthly Sunday Offertory Budgeted Collection	\$98,593
Monthly Difference from Budget - Over/(Under)	\$4,119
July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026	
Year-To-Date Sunday Offertory Collection	\$348,544
Year-To-Date Sunday Offertory Online Collection	\$64,515
Total Year-To-Date Sunday Offertory Collection	\$413,059
Year-To-Date Budgeted Sunday Offertory Collection	\$1,183,116
Year-To-Date Difference from Budget - Over/(Under)	\$79,906

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.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, December 31

8:30am — English

5:00pm — English

6:30pm — bi-lingual Mass

7:30pm — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Devotions

Thursday, January 1, 2026

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

7:00AM — Polish

8:30am — English

10:00am — English

11:30am — Polish

6:00pm — English

The Parish Office will close

on Tuesday, December 30 at 12 pm and will remain closed on Wednesday, December 31 and Thursday, January 1, 2026. It will reopen on Friday, January 2 from 9am - 5pm



God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.



January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

As the Church welcomes the New Year, she invites us to begin not with resolutions or celebrations alone, but with prayerful reflection on Mary, the Holy Mother of God. On January 1st, we celebrate this profound mystery of our faith: that the Virgin Mary truly is *Theotokos*, the God-bearer, the Mother of Jesus Christ, who is fully God and fully man.

This solemnity is rooted deeply in Sacred Scripture and the Church's tradition. In his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul writes: "When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman" (Gal 4:4). Mary's motherhood is not merely biological; it is a unique participation in God's saving plan. By her humble "yes," she allowed the eternal Word to enter human history, making her the Mother of God and, spiritually, the Mother of us all.

January 1st is also observed as the World Day of Peace, reminding us that Mary gave birth to the Prince of Peace. In a world often marked by division, conflict, and uncertainty, Mary points us to her Son, the source of true peace that the world cannot give. Her life teaches us trust in God, quiet strength, and faithful perseverance, even in moments of uncertainty and sorrow.

Mary treasured all things in her heart. At the beginning of a new year, she invites us to do the same, to pause, reflect, and place our hopes, struggles, and plans into God's hands. Just as she carried Christ within her, we are called to carry Christ into the world through our words, actions, and love for one another.

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, reminds us that every new beginning is best entrusted to God through her maternal intercession. As we step into a new year, we ask Mary to walk with us, to protect our families, strengthen our faith, bring healing to the sick, comfort to the suffering, and peace to our hearts and to the world.

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Missionaries of the Poor,

As we celebrate the joy of Christmas, we cannot let this holy season pass without expressing our deepest gratitude to each one of you. Through your kindness and generosity over the years, hundreds of children in Nairobi, Kenya have been given new opportunities in life, and countless impoverished families have received food and medical assistance in Kenya, Uganda, Jamaica, and Haiti. Your support has brought hope and restored dignity to so many children and their families.

At Christmas, we celebrate the mystery of God becoming a child and dwelling among us, inviting us to recognize His presence in every person we encounter and serve. Your generous gifts have made that presence visible and have brought hope to many. May the Lord bless you abundantly and fill your hearts with love, peace, and joy. Thank you for being faithful partners in this mission and for making a real difference in the lives of the poor.

In addition to the missions mentioned above, the Missionaries of the Poor have recently opened new missions in Paraguay, Tanzania, and Assam, a northeastern state in India. The Generalate has been transferred from Jamaica to Rome. The Missionaries of the Poor are now present in 13 countries with 23 missions worldwide.

Without the generous support of each of you, the work of the Lord entrusted to the Missionaries of the Poor would not bear such abundant fruit. Each of us is called, according to our own capacity, to be missionaries—through prayer, through financial support, or through both. Together, let us continue to bring the light of Christ to the poorest children of God.

Once again, thank you from the depths of our hearts. We wish you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and a grace-filled New Year.

MOP Chicago Volunteers



GROW IN HOLINESS

First of the Month Devotions



On 1st Friday (January 2) after 8:30am

Mass 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

Requirements for the Nine First Fridays Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

- Receive Holy Communion on each First Friday (preferably at Holy Mass) with the intention of honoring Our Lord Jesus Christ's Most Sacred Heart. *Note: If you have knowledge that you are not in a state of Sanctifying Grace (that is, you are knowledgeable of mortal sin(s) on your soul, and thus unable to receive Holy Communion) you will also need to go to Confession prior to receiving your Holy Communion on the First Friday.*

The Five First Saturdays Devotion

The Five First Saturdays (January 3) 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

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.

Also, please remember that our chapel is always open! We are welcome to stop by anytime. The specific information how to access the chapel is listed on page 3 of this bulletin.

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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January 4, 2026
ST. JOHN BREBEUF CHURCH

3rd Three Kings' Parade

AFTER 11:30 AM MASS

WE WILL WALK TOGETHER IN A JOYFUL PROCESSION LOOKING FOR THE SAVIOR!!!

"REJOICING IN HOPE"
www.sjbrebeuf.org

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. Please feel free to call me with any questions about the choir.

Ewa Kowcz-Fair, Laudate Children's Choir Director
773-551-0284



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:

8301 N Harlem Ave, Niles, IL

Contact: (847) 966-3266 / email: office@sjbschool.org

Learn more about our school: at www.sjbschool.org



Sunday,
January 4, 2026

St. John Brebeuf
Rev. Thomas P. May
Parish Ministry Center

\$15.00 for 15 Games

*Pay-Out's determined
by Attendance*

Additional Chance
to Win

**PULL TABS
AVAILABLE!!!!**

Doors Open at
2:30pm

Games Begin at
3:00pm

Refreshments Available

For Further Information
Contact:

Dennis O'Donovan
847-744-2927
John Jekot
847-651-7624



Dziękujemy wszystkim parafianom za liczny udział w pogrzebie naszego parafianina oraz marszałka, śp. pana Edwarda Rybki. Pamiętajmy również w modlitwie o jego rodzinie. Niech dobry Bóg obdarzy go radością życia wiecznego.



We thank all parishioners for their presence at the funeral of our parishioner and usher, the late Mr. Edward Rybka. We also ask that you keep him and his family in your prayers. May God grant him eternal life.



Z biurka ks. Proboszcza...

Święta Rodzina wzorem do każdej rodziny

Trwamy w radości świąt Bożego Narodzenia. W pierwszą niedzielę po Bożym Narodzeniu liturgia Kościoła daje nam za przykład najdoskonalszą rodzinę – **Świątą Rodzinę: Jezusa, Maryję i Józefa**. Ich postawa jest drogowskazem i wzorem dla naszych rodzin. Czytania liturgiczne ukazują Świątą Rodzinę z Nazaretu jako wielki skarb, który nie tylko powinniśmy sobie cenić, ale także starać się ją naśladować w naszym życiu rodzinnym. Nie możemy tego czynić dosłownie, ale przez wiarę i miłość, inspirując się tym przykładem, możemy w naszych rodzinach podejmować zadania, które nam Bóg wyznaczył. Święta Rodzina ukazuje ważną dla nas prawdę, że bez wiary, zaufania panu Bogu rodzina nigdy nie będzie prawdziwie szczęśliwa, ponieważ bez Boga nie da się zbudować trwałego fundamentu rodzinnej miłości.

Wiara w rodzinie jest najcenniejszą rzeczą, jaką można przekazać dzieciom. Dzięki wierze rodziców dzieci otrzymują największy dar w życiu. Złożone ręce ojca czy matki do modlitwy to najpiękniejsze kazanie, jakie można wygłosić dzieciom. Niekiedy zastanawiamy się, dlaczego dziś dzieci gubią się w swoim życiu, tak często nie szanują rodziców, deptane są przez nich autorytety. Odpowiedź jest jedna. Kiedy brakuje wiary w rodzinach, modlitwy rodziców, wspólnego przeżywania Eucharystii, jest to prosta droga do zagubienia. Święta Rodzina pyta nas dziś, jakie są nasze wartości, na których budujemy nasze życie rodzinne. Widzimy, jak rodzice troszczą się o swoje dzieci, aby im nic nie zabrakło, aby zdobyły dobre wykształcenie, aby później miały dobrą pracę... I słusznie. Ale czy w tym wszystkim jest jeszcze miejsce na Pana Boga, aby On zatroszczył się o nich i ich przyszłość?

Jedną z takich form pomocy, aby Bóg był obecny w życiu rodziny jest modlitwa.

W naszej parafii rozpoczęliśmy w tym roku specjalne nabożeństwo **Rodziców modlących się za swoje dzieci** za wstawieniem św. Moniki, której relikwie mamy w naszym kościele, a która wymodliła nawrócenie dla swojego syna św. Augustyna i swojego męża Patrycjusza. W każdy ostatni poniedziałek miesiąca po Mszy św. o godz. 7 pm zapraszamy na to nabożeństwo, aby wypraszać potrzebne łaski za orędownictwem św. Moniki dla waszych rodzin i dzieci, abyśmy wszyscy dążyli do świętości. Dlatego w to dzisiejsze święto jeszcze jedno wydaje się ważne: nie stracić z oczu ideału, tego ideału, którym jest Święta Rodzina. Dopóki człowiek ma przed oczyma ideał, dopóty – nawet gdy do niego nie dorasta – jakoś się mimo wszystko do niego krok po kroku zbliża. Ale gdy ideał zniknie mu sprzed oczu, nie idzie już do przodu, ale kręci się w kółko albo nawet cofa. Może dlatego właśnie Kościół kreśli ten jeden raz w roku, ów ideał, którego tak bardzo potrzebujemy, zwłaszcza dziś, w dobie kryzysu rodziny. Życie Świętej Rodziny, to życie, do którego naśladowania wszystkie nasze rodziny są wezwane i zaproszone.

Święta Rodzino módl się za nami!

Ks. Zdzisław

1 STYCZNIA – UROCZYSTOŚĆ ŚWIĘTEJ BOŻEJ RODZICIELKI MARYI



Gdy Kościół wita Nowy Rok, zaprasza nas, abyśmy rozpoczęli go nie tylko od postanowień czy świętowania, lecz przede wszystkim

od modlitewnej refleksji nad Maryją, Świętą Bożą Rodzicielką. 1 stycznia celebруем tę głęboką tajemnicę naszej wiary: że Najświętsza Maryja Panna jest prawdziwie *Theotokos*, Bogurodnicą, Matką Jezusa Chrystusa, który jest prawdziwym Bogiem i prawdziwym Człowiekiem. Uroczystość ta ma swoje głębokie zakorzenienie w Piśmie Świętym oraz w Tradycji Kościoła. Święty Paweł w Liście do Galatów pisze: „Gdy nadeszła pełnia czasu, zesłał Bóg Syna swego, zrodzonego z niewiasty” (Ga 4,4). Macierzyństwo Maryi nie jest jedynie biologiczne; jest ono wyjątkowym uczestnictwem w Bożym planie zbawienia. Przez swoje pokorne „tak” pozwoliła Ona, aby odwieczne Słowo weszło w historię ludzkości, czyniąc Ją Matką Boga, a duchowo, Matką nas wszystkich.

1 stycznia obchodzimy również **Światowy Dzień Pokoju**, który przypomina nam, że Maryja wydała na świat Księcia Pokoju. W świecie naznaczonym podziałami, konfliktami i niepewnością, Maryja wskazuje nam na swojego Syna, źródło prawdziwego pokoju, którego świat dać nie może. Jej życie uczy nas zaufania Bogu, cichej siły oraz wiernej wytrwałości, nawet w chwilach bólu i niepewności.

Maryja zachowywała wszystkie te sprawy w swoim sercu. Na początku nowego roku zaprasza nas, abyśmy uczynili podobnie, zatrzymali się, zastanowili i złożyli nasze nadzieje, troski i plany w ręce Boga. Tak jak Ona nosiła Chrystusa w swoim łonie, tak i my jesteśmy wezwani, by nieść Chrystusa światu poprzez nasze słowa, czyny oraz miłość okazywaną bliźnim.

Uroczystość Świętej Bożej Rodzicielki Maryi przypomina nam, że każdy nowy początek najlepiej powierzyć Bogu przez Jej macierzyńskie wstawienie. Wkraczając w nowy rok, prosimy Maryję, aby nam towarzyszyła, chroniła nasze rodziny, umacniała naszą wiarę, przynosiła uzdrowienie chorym, pocieszenie cierpiącym oraz pokój naszym sercom i całemu światu.



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W Boże Narodzenie celebруем tajemnicę Boga, który stał się Dzieckiem i zamieszkał pośród nas, zapraszając nas do dostrzegania Jego obecności w każdej osobie, którą spotykamy i której służymy. Wasze hojne dary uczyniły tę obecność widzialną i przyniosły nadzieję wielu ludziom. Niech Boża Dziecina hojnie Wam błogosławi i napełnia Wasze serca miłością, pokojem i radością. Dziękujemy Wam za wspieranie tej misji oraz za realny wpływ, jaki macie na życie najuboższych.

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