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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

HIS FACE SHONE LIKE
THE SUN.

— MATTHEW 17:2 —





March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 12:1-4a | 2 Tim 1:8b-10 | Mt 17:1-9

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

What struck me when I first read this passage from the Book of Genesis, in which the Lord speaks to Abraham, is God's proclamation that it is through *his will* and *his work* that the blessings and goodness of Abraham's future will come about. It is not a vague statement, in which the subject is omitted. God clearly says, "I will make your name great." Abraham was a faithful servant of God and sought to obey God's will, but that is not what made his name memorable. It is due to God's will and generosity that Abraham's blessings came about. I sometimes struggle with giving up credit for the good things in my life. I want to believe that *my work*, *my talents*, and *my dedication* have brought about these good things. But the reality is that all of who I am and the skills that I have is a gift. I was created by God and formed by others to hone certain dispositions and talents that have led to my accomplishments. When we come to realize that all we have is a gift, we are able to offer our lives back to be transfigured and glorified by God, who creates and gives all things.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Many scholars identify this moment of the Transfiguration as the climax of the narrative arc of the Gospels, after which Christ's actions lead to his suffering and death. In his passion, Christ demonstrates the ultimate submission to the will of God, taking on the weight of human sin in order to redeem us. In this moment of Transfiguration on the mountain, we glimpse the beauty of the glorification that will result from this perfect obedience to God's will. We, too, are called to surrender ourselves fully to God. Following Jesus' model of humble submission to the Father's will does not involve false humility, in which we are self-deprecating or overly critical of ourselves. Instead, we are called to acknowledge and celebrate our gifts and accomplishments, while also recognizing that who we are and the gifts that we have come from our generous and loving God.

REFLECT

Reflect on the gifts and talents you have been given, as well as the accomplishments that have come about because of these gifts. Take a moment to thank God for all that he has given to you, and ask him to reveal how you can be a witness to his goodness through the prudent use and celebration of these gifts.



A note from the Associate Pastor...

Dear friends,

The second Sunday of Lent we are reminded of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Jesus took Peter, James, and John up the mountain to pray—and while He was praying, His appearance changed. His face shone like the sun; His clothes became dazzling white. Jesus revealed His divine nature to His selected disciples for a brief time. This moment comes at a crucial time in Jesus' ministry. Just before this event, Jesus spoke about His own suffering, rejection, and death, and his disciples were terrified. The Transfiguration is God's response to that fear. Before Jesus walks the road of suffering, He reveals the glory that lies beyond it.

This is deeply meaningful for us during Lent. Lent is a journey that inevitably passes through sacrifice, self-denial, and conversion. At times, it can feel heavy. But Jesus reminds us that the cross is not the end of the story. Glory follows suffering. Resurrection follows the cross.

Moses and Elijah appeared to Jesus; they represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. They have experienced the presence of God on the Holy Mountain. They spoke of His passion and death in Jerusalem. In God's plan, suffering and glory are not opposites; they are like two sides of the same coin.

Peter, overwhelmed, wanted to stay on the mountain. He wanted to build three tents – one for Moses, one for Elijah and one for Jesus. He was so taken up by the glory, that he completely forgot about himself and the two disciples who were with him. But discipleship is not about remaining in moments of glory. The mountain is not the destination; it is the preparation. The disciples must come down because the world below needs salvation. While Peter was speaking, a cloud appeared and the Father's voice heard, saying, "This is my beloved Son; listen to Him," echoing the words spoken at His baptism. Like the disciples we are called to listen to Christ—especially when His words lead us to sacrifice, forgiveness, service, and toward the Cross.

The Transfiguration speaks about our own spiritual journey. God sometimes gives us mountaintop experiences—times of clarity, peace, or joy in prayer. These moments are gifts, not rewards. They prepare and strengthen us for the valley that follows. Glory comes not by avoiding the Cross, but by carrying it with love, following the footsteps of Christ.

Let us, therefore, pray for the grace not to cling to comfort, but to listen to Christ, follow Him down the mountain, and trusting that the path of the Cross leads to the glory of the Resurrection. God bless us all.

Fr. Paul

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

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-
21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

OBSERVANCES:

Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Casimir

Saturday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

LITURGY SCHEDULE / MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 2 — MARCH 8

**.Monday, March 2nd****8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

For the Sick & Suffering

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Jason

† Helena Świątek we wspomnieniu Imienin

† Sylwina Kaczkowski

† Henryk Kwietniewski

Tuesday, March 3rd**8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

† Bobby Canong

† Jadwiga Serafin

† Sr. Salvador, Roberta del Mundo

7:00 pm English Fr. Jason

† Sylwina Kaczkowski

Wednesday, March 4th**8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

Kazimierz Mazurek Health & Blessings

Birthday Blessings for Tresha

† Kazimierz Torba in Memory of His

Name Day † Janina Torba

† Dorota Sawicka

† Maria Żaba

† Kazimierz Baczyński

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Kazimierza Mazurek

Dziękczynna za dar macierzyństwa z prośbą o prawidłowy przebieg ciąży i szczęśliwe rozwiązanie

O Boże Błogosławieństwo i Dary Ducha

Św. z okazji Urodzin dla Ani Wasilczuk

O łaskę powrotu do zdrowia i wszelkie

potrzebne łaski w walce z chorobą nowotworową dla Heleny Mazur i

Elżbiety Kapałka

O udaną operację serca dla Przemysława Gołębiowskiego i szybki powrót do zdrowia

O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla

Marzeny Anszczak z okazji Urodzin

Bogu w wiadomej sprawie dla Joanny

Bogu w wiadomej sprawie dla Łukasza

O zdrowie, Boże Bł. i ulgę w cierpieniu dla Hildzi i Alojza Wojciech

† Kazimierz Torba we wspomnieniu

Imienin

† Janina Torba

† Dorota Sawicka

† Maria Żaba

† Kazimiera i Józef Kapałka

† Władysława i Jan Wojtowicz

† Sylwina Kaczkowski

Thursday, March 5th**8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian Prayer for Vocation**

Health and God's Blessings to Jerry

7:00 pm English Fr. Jason Prayer for VocationElaine & Jim Merkel - God's Blessings on their 49th Wedding Anniversary

† Sylwina Kaczkowski

Friday, March 6th First Friday**8:00 am Confession****8:30 am English Fr. Jason First Friday Devotion**Blessings for all school and parish office staff, parish group members and all Volunteers celebrating March Birthdays
Guidance and safety for Maika, Joanne & Keoni Fernandez**3:15 pm Stations of the Cross****6:00 pm Confession****7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian Stations of the Cross**

O zdrowie dla Marianny i i Boże

Błogosławieństwo dla Rodziny Mroczo

O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Briana i Alana

† Edward Rybka 3 miesiące po śmierci

† Rafał Mosio

† Sylwina Kaczkowski

† Stanisław Niemotko

† Marianna Niemotko

† Karol, Marianna i Wacław Mroczo

† Aleksander Hyrc, Władysław Hyrc

7:30 pm First Friday Devotion**Saturday, March 7th First Saturday****8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian First Saturday Devotion**

Birthday Blessings to Jyothis

Blessings for all school and parish office staff, parish group members celebrating March Birthdays

† Cecilia Rosales Death Anniversary

1:00 pm Northridge Confirmation**Bp. Lawrence J. Sullivan****4:00 pm Confession****5:00 pm English Bp. Lawrence J. Sullivan**

For All benefactors & donors in our Parish

† John Jerome Areno

6:30 pm Polish Fr. Jason

Za darczyńców i ofiarodawców w Parafii SJB

† Olga & Walter Gal

† Anna Grzęda

† Franciszek Nicpoń

† Józef Leś we wspomnieniu Urodzin

† Mieczysław Myśliwiec 12 miesięcy po śmierci

† Bronisława w 20 rocznicę śmierci

† Jadwiga, Jerzy Łapiński oraz Stanisława i Adam Zajac

† Sylwina Kaczkowski

† Cecylia i Edward Mrowiecki

† Stanisława Frątczak

† Zuzanna i Józef Augustyn

† Kazimiera i Czesław Kubaczyk

† Teresa i Henryk Żywica

† Stanisław Obrochta

† Stanisław i Irena Kaźmierczak

7:30 pm First Saturday Devotion**Sunday, March 8th****7:00 am Polish Fr. Jason**

Za darczyńców i ofiarodawców w Parafii SJB

O Boże Błogosławieństwo i opiekę Matki Najświętszej dla Caroline

† Za wszystkich zmarłych z Rodziny

Poborca i Babiarcz

† Michał Rudny w 3 rocznicę śmierci i

zmarli z Rodziny

† Irena Świerk

8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian

For All benefactors & donors in our Parish Health and Birthday Blessings for Adam

Taylor

† Teofilo Flores Death Anniversary

† Rose Carr Death Anniversary

† María Guadalupe Rosales Villegas for eternal life on the anniversary of death

10:00 am English Fr. Sebastian

For All benefactors & donors in our Parish

† Sophie Kowalewicz

† Michelle Gucik

† Vito Joseph Gargano, Theresa M. Gargano, Vincent Joseph Gargano

† Matthew, Bernice & Matt Jr. Wojtaszek

† Dominic D'Souza

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ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK

IS OFFERED FOR: † Manuela Duarte Alvarez-
In Memory of Her Birthday 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 Tripllit
- Patricia
- Lourdes Loraya
- Marian i Maria Dzieciuch
- Barbara Witkos
- Rosetta Bizzotto
- Harry Largent
- Toni Kilroy
- Caridad M. Altares
- Alina Gawlik
- Dolores Motto
- Brooke Johnson
- Silverio Fernandez
- Jannette Mendoza
- Mario Loraya
- Vivian Daoud
- Nanette Sadorra
- Isabel C.Villarroel
- Luke Kowalski
- Joanna Oliwa
- Francisco & Luz Atienza
- Maureen Nathan

- Charlotte & Carl Lindquist
- Rose Manio
- Teresa Parciany
- Junver Isuga
- Chef Raul Arreda
- Baby Joseph Palmert
- Concepcion Ponte
- Charles Stephen Collins
- Ben & Linda Caldea
- Robert F. Adams, Jr.
- Bienvenido Costes
- Mahmoud Srou
- Araceli Madrideojos
- Hedy Sancho
- Alan Enzbigilis Sr.
- Clifford & Judith Drexler
- Sam Pace
- Betts Eleanor
- Helen Williams
- Darlene Neumann
- Stanisława Pabisz
- Kazimierz Pabisz
- Flordeliza H. Sotto
- Pedro H. Sotto
- Nicholas Mazur
- Siony Urgena
- Gloria Arago
- George Frey
- Scott Johnson
- Aurea Prinero
- Emilia Fernandez
- Ernie Tusa



OUR BELOVED DEPARTED:

- Jerzy Siwik
- Helena Kauric
- Piotr Bleszko
- Halina German
- John DeGregorio
- Maria Szozda
- Krzysztof
- Kossakowski



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
- Marian Niemotko
- PFC Seth D. Perkins
- Sgt. Ramiro Cadena
- Pieter Venter
- Jacob Allen
- Robert Monaco
- Scott Rodberg
- Sgt. Daniel Cunningham
- CW4 Louis Haberkorn
- SSGT Michael J. Archam
- A2C Andrew T. Perkins
- Lt. Joseph Disclafani
- Joshua Clavel Ramos
- Chief Ryan Morrow
- Angelina Garza

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

CANDLES OFFERED

THIS WEEK FOR:

Candle 1 Dziękczynna za przeżycie
48 lat w małżeństwie

Candle 2 Z prośbą o opiekę Bożą na
kolejne lata małżeństwa



SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

February 22, 2026 — \$19,463

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.



WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM IN FEBRUARY:

- Mateo Enzo Bank
- Gabriella Concetta Murillo

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. Please contact the parish office for more information or to request a Mass and card.

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 - MARCH 8

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11:30 am Polish Fr. Jason

Za darczyńców i ofiarodawców w Parafii SJB
O Boże Błogosławieństwo i Dary Ducha Św. z
prośbą o wskazówki, mądrość wyborów i siłę dla
Mariusza

O uzdrowienie z choroby, Bożą opiekę i Dary
Ducha św. dla Haliny i Józefa

Alicja Jasak - O Boże Błogosławieństwo, zdrowie i
opiekę Matki Najświętszej na dalsze lata życia z
okazji 70 Urodzin

† Maria i Józef Wojdyła

† Jarosław Mroczek, Jerzy Mroczek, Emilia
Gajewska

† Teresa, Kazimierz Krysztofiak

† Helena Nowomiejska

† Józef Leś we wspomnieniu Urodzin

† Mieczysław Myśliwiec

† Stanisław, Maria, Władysław Cudzych oraz
zmarli z rodziny Wojtanek

† Edward Rybka

† Maria, Feliks, Tadeusz Rutkowski oraz

Filomena, Bolesław, Zdzisław i Jan Samborski

† Czesława Leśniak

† Sylwina Kaczkowski

† Michael Puacz 17 rocznica śmierci, Zdzisław
Puacz, Diane Kenar

† Tadeusz Branicki we wspomnieniu Urodzin

† Marek Poskrobko w 18 rocznicę śmierci

† Jadwiga Serafin

† Zofia i Władysław Zakrocki

† Denisiuk Gertruda 1 rocznica śmierci

† Józef i Narcyza Żarczyński

† Edward Sztaпка

4:00 pm Gorzkie Żale & Mass

6:00 pm English Fr. Sebastian

For All benefactors & donors in our Parish
Health and Birthday Blessings for Adam Taylor



Daylight Saving Time in 2026
begins on **Sunday, March 8, 2026, at 2:00 a.m.**
Clocks will "spring forward" one hour, moving
from 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., which results in an
hour less sleep but more evening daylight.

GROW IN HOLINESS

First of the Month Devotions

This week we observe the **First Friday** (March 6) and **First Saturday** (March 7) of the month. Please join us after the 8:30 a.m. morning Mass on Friday for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and on Saturday for 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.

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.





DAILY MASSES

8:30am / Monday - Saturday
 7:00pm / Monday, Wednesday & Friday (Polish)
 7:00pm / Tuesday & Thursday (English)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS DURING LENT
 3:15pm (English)
 7:00 pm (bi-lingual)

GORZKIE ŻALE

(POLISH LENTEN LAMENTATION)
 Sundays during Lent at 4:00 pm

WEEKLY RECONCILIATION

6:30pm — 7:00pm Monday - Friday
 4:00pm — 5:00pm Saturdays

Lent is a sacred time of grace an opportunity to deepen our relationship with the Lord in a more intentional way. As we journey toward Easter, let us challenge ourselves to do a little more than usual: spend extra time in daily prayer, attend Mass more frequently, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, participate in Lenten devotions, and practice generous almsgiving.

Small sacrifices made with great love open our hearts more fully to God's mercy.

May this Lent be a time of spiritual renewal and transformation for us all.



PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION / ST. JOHN, INDIANA

We cordially invite everyone to join a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Christ's Passion on March 21. The bus will depart at 8:30 AM from the parking lot near the church. During the pilgrimage, we plan to pray the bilingual Stations of the Cross, visit the shrine gift shop, and have lunch at the Shrine of Our Lady of Częstochowa. There will also be an opportunity for confession and to view the display, *1,000 Years of Christianity in Poland*, presented in English. The Mass will be celebrated at 3:00 PM. The total cost is \$70 per person. Registration will take place at the Parish Office. For more information, please contact Deacon Kris.



Uncle Pete's Sack Meal Ministry kicks off its 2026 season the weekend of **March 21-22**, serving those in need throughout the Chicagoland area. A simple sack meal can bring comfort, dignity, and support to someone facing hunger.

Please check the calendar below for this year's key dates and times. On distribution weekends, pick up brown bags and menu guidelines as you exit the Church, then return your prepared meals the following weekend at the designated times.

We hope you'll consider being part of this meaningful ministry.

Questions or interested in volunteering for meal collection or distribution? Contact Dan Vonder Heide at dvonder@luc.edu or 773.910.5536.

God bless,
 Uncle Pete's Ministries

Weekend Sack Distribution	Weekend Sack Collection	
	Saturday	Sunday
March 21-22	March 28 4:30 – 6:45PM	March 29 6:30 – 11:45AM
April 18-19	April 25 4:30 – 6:45PM	April 26 6:30 – 11:45AM
May 16-17	May 23 4:30 – 6:45PM	May 24 6:30 – 11:45AM
June 20-21	June 27 4:30 – 6:45PM	June 28 6:30 – 11:45AM
July 18-19	July 25 4:30 – 6:45PM	July 26 6:30 – 11:45AM
August 15-16	August 22 4:30 – 6:45PM	August 23 6:30 – 11:45AM
September 19-29	September 26 4:30 – 6:45PM	September 27 6:30 – 11:45AM
October 17-18	October 24 4:30 – 6:45PM	October 25 6:30 – 11:45AM

Please Note: There is no Sunday 6:00PM Mass Sack Collection



THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY (DMI) IS NOW OPEN!

St. John Brebeuf Parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ as a parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow in faith.

St John Brebeuf will be utilizing the **Disciple Maker Index Survey to assess our greatest opportunities and strengths. It is designed to:**

- **Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.**
- **Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.**
- **Help parishioners to grow in their faith.**

We need your help and ask for your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in our relationship to Christ. The 10-15 minute survey will be available from **February 18th through March 31st**. The link to the online survey is <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/p52cdp> or simply scan the QR code that is on all parish social media and our parish website. Paper copies will be available in both Polish and English at the South and North entrances of the church and at the Parish office. There will be boxes at both locations and a receptacle by the parish office to return the paper surveys.

All responses will be confidential. We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Father Jason and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. Survey results will be shared this summer with the parish.

Thank you for helping with this important project!



THE WOMEN'S CENTERS
OF GREATER CHICAGOLAND
CHANGING HEARTS, HELPING
WOMEN, SAVING BABIES!

February 5, 2026

Rev. Jason Torba
St. John Brebeuf Catholic Church 8305 N. Harlem Ave.
Niles, IL 60714

Dear Father Torba,

We would like to express our gratitude to you, the families and staff of St. John Brebeuf Parish for participating in the 2025 Baby Bottle Project for The Women's Center. The total collected in this year's campaign was \$8,719.22. This is a fantastic effort, and we are truly grateful for everyone's generosity.

The Baby Bottle Project is our primary fundraiser. Because of your continued support, we can provide women with counseling, material goods assistance, pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, and more. For over 40 years, all of our services have been free of charge!

To date, The Women's Center has saved over 41,000 babies. This has been made possible because we have been blessed with the support of so many wonderful souls like you and everyone involved from St. John Brebeuf. Thanks to you, we will continue in our efforts to promote a culture of life.

Hopefully, with your prayers and assistance, we will see an end to abortion in our lifetime!

God bless you.

Sincerely,
Lowell Wallace Project Manager

5116 North Cicero Avenue • Chicago, Illinois 60630
(773) 794-1313 / (773) 794 - 16 22

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ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH
FISH FRY DINNER

FEBRUARY 27 / MARCH 6
MARCH 13 and MARCH 20
4:30pm - 6:30pm



HOSTED BY: Holy Name Men's Club - Catholic Women's Club - Parish School Association (P/SA) - Boy Scouts — Girl Scouts - Filipino Americans - Polish Hospitality Group

MENU

*Fish prepared by Lone Tree Manor
 (beer, wine, bottled water and soda will be available for purchase)*



FISH PLATTER - \$15.00 PRE-SOLD
\$17 AT DOOR / LIMITED SERVINGS

(side of Tartar sauce)
 mixed vegetables
 potato pancake and soup
 coffee, lemonade, water

2/27 Cod fish
 3/6 White fish
 3/13 Cod fish
 3/20 White fish

PIEROGI PLATTER - \$15.00 PRE-SOLD
\$17 AT DOOR / LIMITED SERVINGS

Sauerkraut and Mushroom Pierogi with mixed vegetables and potato pancake, soup coffee, lemonade, water

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March 4 / 7:00pm

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Anyone interested in joining, please contact 'Steve Baggio at 773-315-1621.



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Drodzy Przyjaciele,

W drugą niedzielę Wielkiego Postu przypominamy sobie o Przemienieniu Pańskim. Jezus zabrał Piotra, Jakuba i Jana na górę, aby się modlili – a gdy się modlił, Jego wygląd się zmienił. Jego twarz zajaśniała jak słońce; Jego szaty stały się olśniewająco białe. Jezus na krótko objawił swoją boską naturę wybranym uczniom.

Ten moment nadszedł w kluczowym momencie posługi Jezusa. Tuż przed tym wydarzeniem Jezus mówił o swoim cierpieniu, odrzuceniu i śmierci, a Jego uczniowie byli przerażeni. Przemienienie Pańskie jest odpowiedzią Boga na ten lęk. Zanim Jezus przejdzie drogę cierpienia, objawia chwałę, która się za nią kryje.

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Mojżesz i Eliasz ukazali się Jezusowi; Reprezentują oni odpowiednio Prawo i Proroków. Doświadczyli obecności Boga na Świętej Górze. Mówili o Jego męce i śmierci w Jerozolimie. W Bożym planie cierpienie i chwała nie są przeciwieństwami; są jak dwie strony tej samej monety.

Piotr, przytłoczony, chciał pozostać na górze. Chciał zbudować trzy namioty – jeden dla Mojżesza, jeden dla Eliasza i jeden dla Jezusa. Był tak pochłonięty chwałą, że całkowicie zapomniał o sobie i dwóch uczniach, którzy z nim byli. Ale bycie uczniem nie polega na trwaniu w chwilach chwały. Góra nie jest celem, lecz przygotowaniem. Uczniowie muszą zejść, ponieważ świat poniżej potrzebuje zbawienia.

Gdy Piotr mówił, pojawił się obłok i usłyszano głos Ojca, mówiący: „To jest mój Syn umiłowany, Jego słuchajcie”, co powtórzyło słowa wypowiedziane podczas Jego chrztu. Podobnie jak uczniowie, jesteśmy wezwani do słuchania Chrystusa – zwłaszcza gdy Jego słowa prowadzą nas do poświęcenia, przebaczenia, służby i ku Krzyżowi. Przemienienie Pańskie mówi o naszej własnej duchowej podróży. Bóg czasami obdarza nas doświadczeniami na szczycie góry – chwilami jasności, spokoju lub radości w modlitwie. Te chwile są darami, a nie nagrodami. Przygotowują nas i umacniają na drogę doliny, która po nich nastąpi. Chwała przychodzi nie poprzez unikanie Krzyża, ale poprzez niesienie go z miłością, podążanie śladami Chrystusa. Módlmy się zatem o łaskę, by nie przywiązywać się do pocieszenia, lecz słuchać Chrystusa, podążać za Nim z góry i ufać, że droga Krzyża prowadzi do chwały Zmartwychwstania. Niech Bóg nam wszystkim błogosławi.

Ks. Paul



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Droga Krzyżowa

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(Wszystkie katechezy autorstwa ks. Edwarda Stańko.)



Spotkania rozpoczniemy Mszą Świętą o godz. 8:30 rano.

Po Mszy Świętej zapraszamy na Różaniec Święty, który odmówimy w Kaplicy Maryjnej za głównym ołtarzem. Następnie przejdziemy do budynku parafialnego, do sali „C”, gdzie podamy kawę uwarzoną przez naszego kapelana, ks. Sebastiana. A

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DZIEWIĘĆ PIERWSZYCH PIĄTKÓW MIESIĄCA W OBJAWIENIACH MAŁGORZATY MARIII 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, 7 marca zapraszamy na Nabożeństwo Pierwszo-sobotnie wynagradzające Niepokalanemu Sercu Maryi, które rozpocznie się o godz. 7:30PM.

Intencja Papieska na marzec 2026

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