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# ST. JOHN BREBEUF

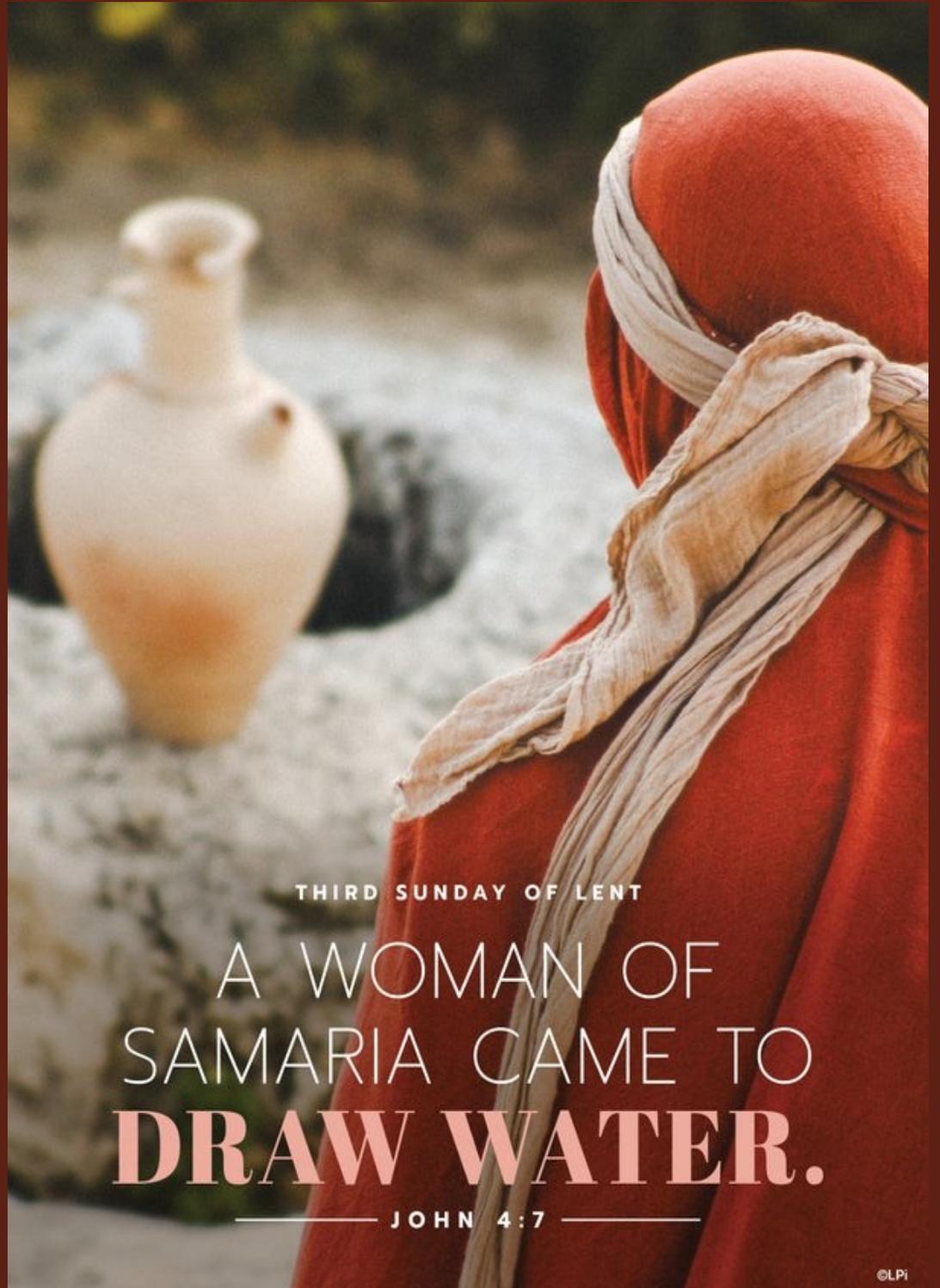
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We are a people of faith who respond to our Baptismal call to holiness by caring for one another and journeying together with Christ through prayer, sacraments, lifelong formation and service in light of the Gospel and Catholic Tradition.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

A WOMAN OF  
SAMARIA CAME TO  
**DRAW WATER.**

— JOHN 4:7 —



March 8, 2026

## Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7 | Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 | Jn 4:5-42

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

As the Israelites wandered in the desert, Moses heard their cries and recognized their deeper need, not simply for water, but for hope. And so Moses calls upon the Lord, who gives them water in the desert, revealing his trustworthiness. In the big and little ways that we ask the same question - "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" - our loving and generous Father reminds us that he has not abandoned us and that his goodness will ultimately prevail. It's easy to become disgruntled like the Israelites when there is great pain and suffering around us. But through the ways that we care for one another and the peace that we find in prayer, the Father reminds us that he stands with us, granting us sustenance and grace.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When Christ told the woman at the well that those who drink the water he gives will never thirst again, she thought he was offering literal water. Christ was instead revealing his own identity as the Son of God. This woman, who hears the words of Christ and knows God's promise of a Messiah, is filled with hope as she comes to recognize that the Lord indeed was in her midst. And I find it interesting that when she told people in town of her encounter with Christ, she told them of how he saw the mistakes of her past. Jesus loved her, and called her to step into the fullness of who she could be by turning away from the past that she clung to. We live in a world where we have very real physical needs, like the Israelites who thirsted, and the need to be seen in love, like the Samaritan woman. Ultimately, at the core of both of these needs is the desire for the hope that only God can give. When we serve our neighbors and look upon others with love, we can also be the vessel through which the presence of God is made known.

### **WITNESS**

In our world, people are constantly asking the question, "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" Reflect on one way that you can share the Good News of the Gospel through word or action to make the presence of God known to those in your community.



**A note from the Associate Pastor...**

Dear friends,

The encounter, between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, reveals that it is God who seeks the sinner, not the other way. Jesus, tired from the journey, sat by Jacob’s well and asked the woman who came to draw water: “Give me a drink.” This request opens the door to a life-changing encounter for the woman. God often meets us not in dramatic moments, but in the ordinary moments of our life.

The woman came to the well at noon, ALONE. She is isolated from the rest of the community due to her sinful life. She has known broken relationships and disappointments. Yet Jesus did not turn away from her. Instead, He engaged her in conversation, breaking cultural, religious, and moral barriers. A Jew speaking with a Samaritan woman was unthinkable in those days, yet Jesus revealed that God’s love is not limited by prejudice or social boundaries. He met her exactly where she was.

Jesus spoke to her about living water that quenches a deeper thirst than physical water ever could. The woman initially misunderstood, thinking in practical terms, “you have no bucket, and the well is deep: how could you get this living water?” But Jesus gently leads her from the need for physical water to the depths of her heart. Like her, we often seek fulfilment in things that cannot truly satisfy us—success, relationships, possessions, or even recognition. But only God can satisfy the deepest longing of our hearts. Our hearts are made for God ALONE.

When Jesus revealed His knowledge of her life, the woman was not crushed by shame but awakened to truth. She recognized Him as a prophet and then, as the Messiah. Genuine conversion begins with honesty. True worship is no longer about place or rituals alone, but about worshipping the Father in Spirit and in Truth. God desires a relationship grounded in sincerity, humility, and openness to His grace.

Transformed by this encounter, the woman left behind her water jar and runs back to the town. Having encountered Christ, she became a witness, inviting others to “come and see” the Messiah. Her past no longer defined her; her encounter with mercy did. Through her testimony, many came to believe in Jesus.

Jesus still waits for us at the well. He knows our stories, our wounds, and our desires. He does not ignore our brokenness, but enters it, offering us living water that leads to eternal life. Will we allow Him to quench our thirst, and will we, like the Samaritan woman, become witnesses of the grace we have received? May this lent be a time of encountering God in every situation in our life. May 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: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/  
Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/  
Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

**OBSERVANCES:**

Monday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Jesus did not convert the Samaritan woman with miracles. He converted her with presence. He was not afraid of her sins or her failures. He listened to her. He sat with her. Let us learn from this: when we are present to others, we can show them the face of God.

## LITURGY SCHEDULE / MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 9 — MARCH 15

**Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>****8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

† Ferdynand & Maria Wojcik  
 † Casiano Costes Death Anniversary  
 † Juan Mora Death Anniversary  
 † Francisca Amatong Birthday Remembrance  
 † Jules Artajo

**7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian**

O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo z okazji 80 urodzin dla Czesławy Przybysz  
 † Sylwina Kaczkowski  
 † Barbara Ziejka  
 † Irena Luszowska miesiąc po śmierci  
 † Jadwiga Serafin 4 miesiące po śmierci  
 † Za dusze śp. Beaty w rocznicę śmierci

**Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>****8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

† Conrad Schoenmann Death Anniversary  
 † Jules Artajo

**7:00 pm English Fr. Jason**

† All Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>****8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

† Danny O'Donnell Birthday Remembrance  
 † Virginia Ruscitti  
 † Bienvenido Dela Cruz Birthday Remembrance

**7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian**

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

† Daniel O'Donnell we wspomnieniu urodzin

**Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>****8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

† Jack Friedman Birthday remembrance  
 † Dominic D'Souza 40 Days after death  
 † Józef and Bronisława Pudło

**7:00 pm English Fr. Sebastian**

† Dominic D'Souza 40 Days after death

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>****8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

† All Souls in Purgatory

**3:15 pm English Stations of the Cross Fr. Sebastian****7:00 pm Polish Stations of the Cross Fr. Jason**

† Zofia Szpara

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>****8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

Ronnensz - Birthday health and God's Blessings  
 † Kunjannamma Chirayil

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

† Matthew, Bernice & Matt Jr. Wojtaszek  
 † John Jerome Arenó

**6:30 pm Polish Fr. Jarek Zieliński Polish Mission**

O Boże Błogosławieństwo w nowej pracy dla Izabeli

† Stanisław Szypcio

† Józef Leś

† Adam Weryński we wspomnieniu Urodzin

† Stanisław Obrochta

† Helena i Nicola Kauric

† Piotr Bleszko

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>****7:00 am Polish Fr. Jarek Zieliński Polish Mission**

† Janina Warko

† Buczak Krystyna w 1 rocznicę śmierci oraz Władysław Buczak

† Za wszystkich zmarłych z Rodziny Poborca i Babiarz

† Urszula, Jadwiga, Józef Siek

**8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

† Arthur and Dorothy M. Kapchinski

**10:00 am English Fr. Sebastian**

† Vito Joseph Gargano

† Michelle Gucik

† Philip Grossman and all deceased members of the Grossman Family

† Dominic D'Souza

† Steve Zaryczny

† Zeny Halal on the 40th day of her passing

† Luisita Del Rosario on the 40th of her passing

**11:30 am Polish Fr. Jarek Zieliński Polish Mission**

Joseph D. - o zdrowie, Boże Błogosławieństwo i potrzebne łaski w dniu Urodzin

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

† Maria Wojdyła

† Józef Leś

† Mieczysław Myśliwiec

† Stanisław, Maria, Władysław Cudzych oraz za zmarłych z rodziny Wojtanek

† Edward Rybka

† Czesława Leśniak

† Olga i Karol Mucha

† Jadwiga Serafin

† Irena, Antoni Żarczyński, Czesław i

Helena Miskiewicz

† Michael i Ramona Hess

† Adam Jabłoński

† Jerzy Karol Łaniewski

† Elżbieta i Marcei Czarnecki

† Helena Rafałko 9 rocznica śmierci

† Piotr Bleszko

**4:00 pm - Gorzkie Żale + Mass (Polish)**

Z prośbą o uzdrowienie dla Aleksandry Warzecha

**6:00 pm English Fr. Jason**

† All Souls in Purgatory



**ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK**

**IS OFFERED FOR:** Dzięczny z prośbą o dalszą opiekę dla Marii, Mirosława i Celiny

**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
- 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 Srour
- Araceli Madrideo
- 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:**

- Jozef Gibes
- Jane Bauer
- Zofia Miecznikowska
- Alina Kruk
- Jon Michael Johnson
- Jaroslav Podkopal



**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** O Boże Błogostawieństwo i Dary Ducha Św. z prośbą o wskazówki, mądrość wyborów i siłę dla Mariusza

**Candle 2** O wszelkie potrzebne łaski na dalsze lata wspólnego życia dla Halina i Wesley Witkowski



**SUNDAY OFFERINGS:**

**March 1, 2026 — \$16,377**

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](http://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.



## 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

Attending the **Stations of the Cross** invites us to walk with Jesus on His journey to Calvary. As we move from station to station, we remember the depth of His love and the sacrifice He made for us. It is a moment to pause, reflect on our own lives, and unite our struggles with His suffering.

In this prayer, we learn that even in pain and difficulty, God is present.

The Stations help us grow in gratitude, compassion, and faith, reminding us that the path of the Cross ultimately leads to the hope of the Resurrection.



## 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.

## The Way of the Cross

DOWNTOWN CHICAGO, GOOD FRIDAY 2026



**April 3, 2026**  
**Gather at 8:30 am**

With Most Rev. Mark Bartosic, Auxiliary Bishops of Chicago

Reflections by Fr. John Kartje, Rector of Mundelein Seminary

Each year we follow the passion of Christ in the heart of our city, where thousands of people carry their cross every day. Through choral music, Gospel passages, reflections, and our silent procession, we hope to enter more deeply into the events of Good Friday and their meaning for us today. We ask to experience the exceptional Presence of Christ among us as a real answer to the needs of our hearts.

[www.wayofthecrosschicago.org](http://www.wayofthecrosschicago.org)  
[info@wayofthecrosschicago.org](mailto:info@wayofthecrosschicago.org)



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 The Catholic Lay Ecclesial Movement Communion and Liberation

[WWW.WAYOFTHECROSSCHICAGO.ORG](http://WWW.WAYOFTHECROSSCHICAGO.ORG)

**STARTS @ 8:45 am**

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH**  
 (110 W. Madison St.)

**Tentative Route:**

**DALEY PLAZA**

(Dearborn/Washington)

**VETERANS MEMORIAL**

(Riverwalk @ State/Wacker)

**WRIGLEY BUILDING**

(Michigan @ Chicago River)

**WATER TOWER PLAZA**

(Michigan/Chicago)

**HOLY NAME CATHEDRAL**

(State/Superior)

**ENDS @ 11:50 am**



# Walking with Jesus

## *Lenten Parish Mission*



Retreat Master - Fr. Mike Knotek -  
Vicar for the pastoral and professional  
development of priests in the Archdiocese  
of Chicago and the executive secretary of  
the Archdiocesan Placement Board

### **Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, March 21st at 5 pm**

**Sunday, March 22nd at 8:30 am, 10 am, 6 pm**

### **Weekday Masses**

**March 23rd–24th, 2026 at 7 pm**

**Confessions at 6 pm on March 24th**

St. John Brebeuf Church, 8305 N Harlem Ave, Niles, IL 60714



## 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!

YOUNG ADULTS

# CATECHISM STUDY

EVERY **TUESDAY 7:30 PM**

**ST JOHN BREBEUF**  
8307 N Harlem Ave, Niles, IL 60714

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Kolbe House Jail Ministry

# PALM SUNDAY PRAYER WALK AT COOK COUNTY JAIL

**Sunday, March 29, 2026 | 3 p.m.**  
2801 West 24th Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60623

Let us commemorate the beginning of Holy Week with a family-friendly, ecumenical procession of palms, drumming, song and prayer around Cook County Jail. We will remember moments of Jesus’ passion and connect them to the experiences of those impacted by violence and incarceration. Together, we will recommit to hope, healing, and human dignity as a Church and as a society.

Groups are welcome and parking is available. For more information, contact Olivia Riddle at [oriddle@kolbehouseministry.org](mailto:oriddle@kolbehouseministry.org) or scan the QR code.

Feel free to bring small instruments like tambourines, small drums, and shakers, and palm branches if they are part of your faith tradition.

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

**KID'S PLATTER- \$5.00**  
 Cheese Pizza  
 lemonade, water



**FOR ADDITIONAL FISH FRY INFORMATION CALL**  
 Dennis O'Donovan @ 847-744-2927, Andy Beierwaltes @ 847-966-6961,  
 John Jekot @ 847-651-7624

**ST. JOHN BREBEUF**  
 Rev. Thomas P. May Parish Ministry Center / 8305 N. Harlem Avenue - Niles

**PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE PARISH OFFICE**  
 8305 N. Harlem Avenue - Niles, IL  
 online at [www.sjbrebeuf.org](http://www.sjbrebeuf.org)



**SUNDAY,  
 MARCH 8**

**ST. JOHN  
 BREBEUF**

REV. THOMAS P. MAY  
 PARISH MINISTRY CENTER  
 8305 N. HARLEM AVENUE -  
 NILES

**\$ 15.00 / FOR  
 15 GAMES**

**PAY-OUTS  
 DETERMINED BY  
 ATTANDANCE**

**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

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Annual Catholic Appeal  
835 North Rush Street  
Chicago, IL 60611-2030  
312.534.7959  
annualcatholicappeal.com

February 23, 2026

Reverend Jason J. Torba  
St. John Brebeuf  
8307 North Harlem Avenue  
Niles, Illinois 60714-2616

Dear Father Torba,

The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal raised \$15.3 million. This clearly attests to the generosity of our good people in the Archdiocese and the generosity of your parish community of St. John Brebeuf. It is also a testimony to the leadership that you and your staff have exercised. With your encouragement, direction, and good example, your parish has generously supported the Appeal that advances the mission and ministry of the Archdiocese.

The theme of the 2025 Appeal was *Together we bring hope*. It echoed the theme of the Jubilee Year, *Pilgrims of Hope*. It also expresses our aspirations for parish renewal in the Archdiocese. Helping our communities, schools, religious education, ministry formation, social initiatives, and the global outreach of Catholic Relief Services—all this does indeed bring hope.

The final installment of your rebate will be applied to your Parish Financial Services (PFS) account in early March. Please see the attached summary for specific details.

Father Torba, please thank the people of St. John Brebeuf in my name. Their generous contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal enables us to bring hope. Let them know that I will be a good steward of their gifts and that I will remember them in my prayers and Masses.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Business Manager

Our rebate from last year's Annual Catholic Appeal amounted to \$16,501.50. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our parish.



## Z biurka Księdza Wikariusza...

Drodzy Przyjaciele,

Spotkanie Jezusa z Samarytanką przy studni ukazuje, że to Bóg szuka grzesznika, a nie odwrotnie. Jezus, zmęczony podróżą, usiadł przy studni Jakuba i poprosił kobietę, która przyszła po wodę: „Daj mi pić”. Ta prośba otwiera kobiecie drzwi do spotkania, które odmieni jej życie. Bóg często spotyka nas nie w dramatycznych chwilach, ale w zwyczajnych chwilach naszego życia.

Kobieta przyszła do studni w południe, SAMA. Jest odizolowana od reszty społeczności z powodu swojego grzesznego życia. Doświadczyła rozbitych związków i rozczarowań. Jednak Jezus się od niej nie odwrócił. Zamiast tego, nawiązał z nią rozmowę, przełamując bariery kulturowe, religijne i moralne. Rozmowa Żyda z Samarytanką była w tamtych czasach nie do pomyślenia, ale Jezus objawił, że miłość Boga nie jest ograniczona uprzedzeniami ani barierami społecznymi. Spotkał ją dokładnie tam, gdzie była.

Jezus mówił jej o wodzie żywej, która gasi pragnienie głębsze niż woda fizyczna. Kobieta początkowo źle rozumiała, myśląc w kategoriach praktycznych: „Nie masz wiadra, a studnia jest głęboka: skąd weźmiesz tę żywą wodę?”. Jezus jednak łagodnie prowadzi ją od potrzeby fizycznej wody do głębi jej serca. Podobnie jak ona, często szukamy spełnienia w rzeczach, które nie mogą nas prawdziwie zaspokoić – w sukcesie, relacjach, dobrach materialnych, a nawet uznaniu. Ale tylko Bóg może zaspokoić najgłębsze pragnienie naszych serc. Nasze serca są stworzone WYŁĄCZNIE dla Boga.

Kiedy Jezus objawił jej swoją wiedzę o jej życiu, kobieta nie została zdruzgotana wstydem, lecz przebudzona do prawdy. Rozpoznała w Nim proroka, a następnie Mesjasza. Prawdziwe nawrócenie zaczyna się od szczerości. Prawdziwe uwielbienie nie polega już tylko na miejscu czy rytuałach, ale na uwielbieniu Ojca w Duchu i Prawdzie. Bóg pragnie relacji opartej na szczerości, pokorze i otwartości na Jego łaskę.

Przemieniona tym spotkaniem, kobieta zostawiła swój dzban i pobięła z powrotem do miasta. Spotkawszy Chrystusa, stała się świadkiem, zapraszając innych, aby „przyjść i zobaczyć” Mesjasza. Jej przeszłość już jej nie definiowała; to spotkanie z miłosierdziem ją definiowało. Dzięki jej świadectwu wielu uwierzyło w Jezusa. Jezus wciąż czeka na nas przy studni. Zna nasze historie, nasze rany i nasze pragnienia. Nie ignoruje naszego złamanego serca, lecz wkracza w nie, oferując nam wodę żywą, która prowadzi do życia wiecznego. Czy pozwolimy Mu ugasić nasze pragnienie i czy, jak Samarytanką, staniami się świadkami otrzymanej łaski? Niech ten Wielki Post będzie czasem spotkania z Bogiem w każdej sytuacji naszego życia. Niech Bóg nam wszystkim błogosławi!

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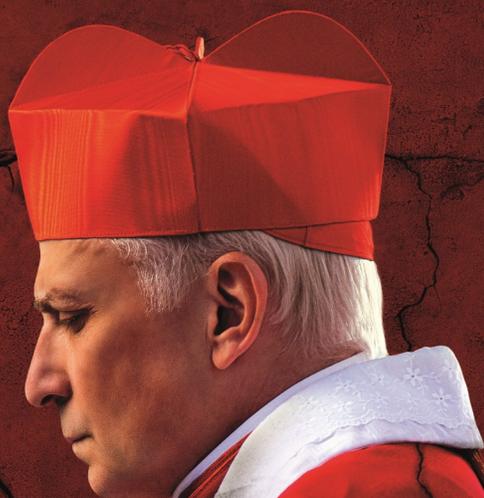


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