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ST. JOHN BREBEUF

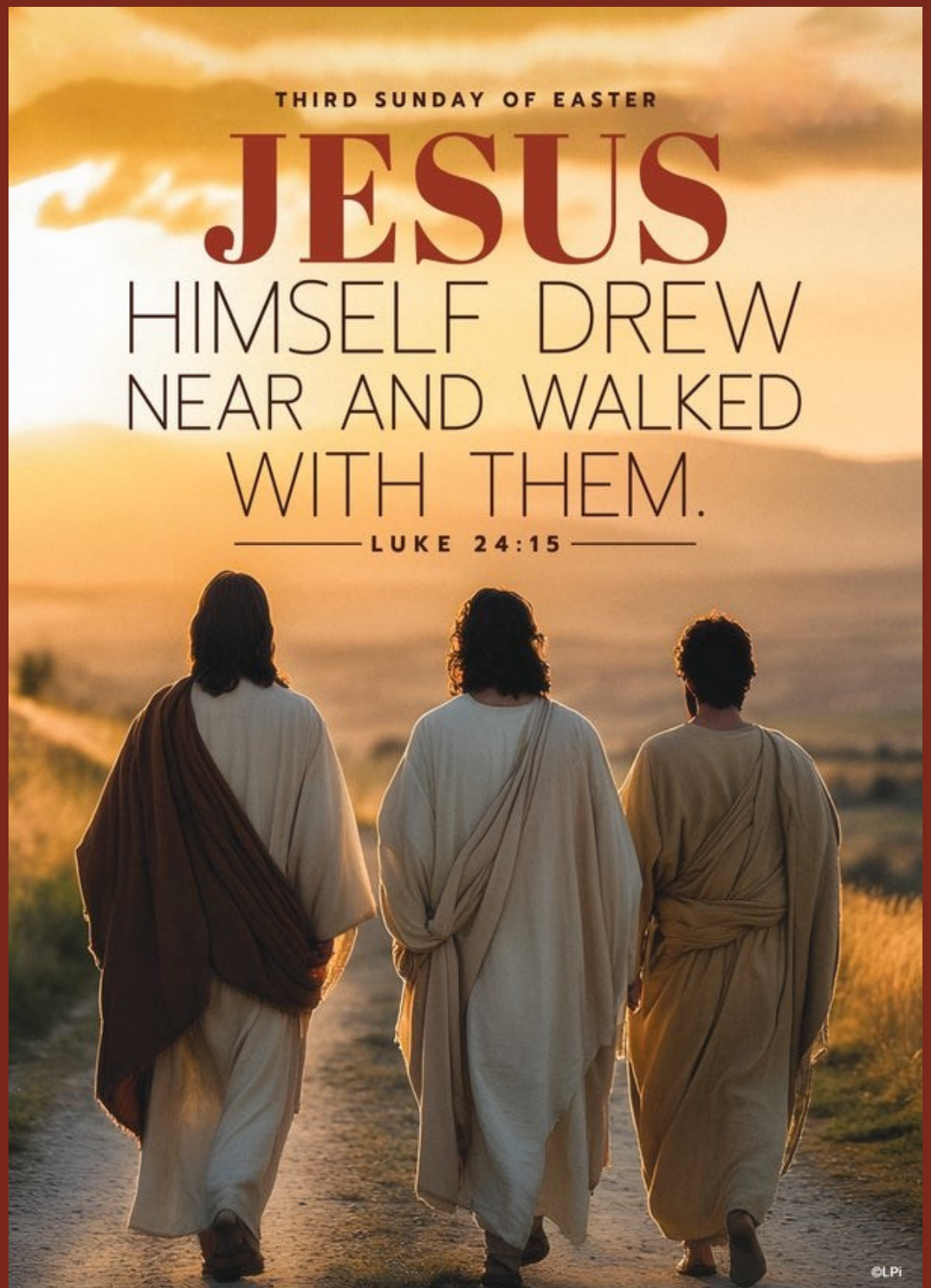
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We are a people of faith who respond to our Baptismal call to holiness by caring for one another and journeying together with Christ through prayer, sacraments, lifelong formation and service in light of the Gospel and Catholic Tradition.



April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Acts 2:14, 22-33 | 1 Pt 1:17-21 | Lk 24:13-35

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

If I lived at the time of Christ and caught Jesus' eyes while passing him in the streets, would I recognize him as the Messiah? You and I are made in the image and likeness of God. We are the adopted children of the Father. Would my soul be drawn to Christ as two magnets are drawn to one another? I believe that when we are in full and perfect communion with Christ, our entire being will be drawn to the Lord and instinctively rejoice in the glory of God. But on this earth – a world broken by sin – our eyes are clouded and we do not see clearly. In the Gospel today, as the pair of disciples encountered Christ, we read that “their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.” Christ had preached and worked miracles and died in faithful obedience to the Father’s will. He had been raised and was present again fully glorified. Yet, they could not see who it was before them in that moment. In our world today, it is easy to become blinded by sin and miss seeing Christ in our midst. But just as he walked the streets of Nazareth growing up and walked along the road to Emmaus after his resurrection, Christ continues to walk among us today.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When we look at the example of the disciples traveling to Emmaus, we see a blueprint for how we might improve our vision to see the Lord’s presence more clearly. They listened carefully as Jesus reminded them of Scripture, they spoke to him and urged him to remain near to them, and they broke bread with him. After all of this, “their eyes were opened and they recognized him.” We can also come to see Christ more clearly by encountering him in Scripture, by speaking to him in prayer, and by encountering him in the sacraments – particularly by regularly receiving the graces offered in confession and receiving the Eucharist. In doing this, we not only clear our own vision, but we align our thoughts and actions to be more like those of Christ, participating in the Father’s mission to draw humanity back to himself.

WITNESS

After the disciples recognized Christ, they returned to the others and “recounted what had taken place on the way.” This suggests that when we encounter Christ, we are not meant to keep it to ourselves! This week, consider how you can humbly share with a friend or family member how you have encountered Christ.





A note from the Associate Pastor...

Dear friends,

The Risen Jesus appears to two of his disciples who were going away from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They are not just going away from the City of God; they are walking away from hope. They had great expectations when they left everything and followed the Lord. Jesus whom they trusted, had been crucified. Their dreams are shattered.

Jesus joins their company. They were surprised to know that this stranger was the only person who was unaware of the things that happened in Jerusalem. They said to him: we had hoped that he would be the one to redeem Israel. How often have we said the same?

We had hoped and prayed for healing for a dear one, but rather experienced untimely death. We had hoped for peace in our world, but war destroys civilizations and brutally massacre innocent civilians. We had hoped and prayed for a different outcome... but we live in the fear of the uncertainty that the tomorrow will bring about.

Like those disciples, we too walk through moments of confusion, disappointment, and even loss of faith. Christ comes and walks with us, but like the disciples we do not recognize Him. He is present even when we do not perceive Him. In our darkest moments when God seems absent, He is closest to us. He does not immediately reveal Himself. He listens. He lets them speak about their pain. Then He begins to explain the Scriptures, helping them understand that death was not the end, but part of God's plan. Slowly, something begins to change within them: "were not our hearts burning within us?" Christ works gently from within. He rekindles hope before He reveals His face. At the breaking of the bread, they recognized Him.

Every mass is a journey to Emmaus. We come carrying our burdens, our disappointments. We listen to the Word of God, and our hearts begin to burn again. And in the breaking of the bread, He reveals Himself to us as the Bread which came down from Heaven to nourish us. He is truly present in our midst in the Church, in the Scriptures, in the Sacraments and in the Eucharist.

Having encountered the Lord, the disciples return to Jerusalem with great joy. Their sorrow turns into mission. An encounter with the risen Christ always changes us. It moves us from discouragement to hope, from isolation to community, from fear to courageous witness.

Let us invite the Lord to walk with us again. Let us allow Him to open our minds and set our hearts on fire. And when we meet Him in the breaking of the Bread, may we go forth with renewed faith and joy to love and serve. 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 in

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

OBSERVANCES:

Tuesday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: *Earth Day*
Thursday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr;
Arbor Day
Saturday: St. Mark, Evangelist

LITURGY SCHEDULE / MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21 — APRIL 29

**Monday, April 20th****8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

Pat Drouillard Birthday Health & God's Blessings

† Dorothy M. Kapchinski
 † Helmut Schneider Sr. Death Anniversary
 † Krystyna Bojda

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

† Józef Kuliś ósmy miesiąc po śmierci
 † Bronisława i Edward Augustyn
 † Jadwiga Serafin
 † Katarzyna Sawicki
 † Antoni Herman i zmarli z Rodziny Herman, Szlopek, Pieczarka
 † Stanisława Borowiec - Wyżlic

Tuesday, April 21st**8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

† Henryk Stankiewicz
 † Bruce Meyer

7:00 pm English Fr. Paul

† Katarzyna Sawicki
 Sheila Miehle Health & God's Blessings

Wednesday, April 22nd**8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

† Claudio Salvador Death Anniversary
 Lalu Luka-Birthday blessings and graces from God

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian St. Rita**Devotion**

Birthday God's Blessings for Aleksandra
 O łaskę powrotu do zdrowia dla Przemysława Gołębiowskiego i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla jego Rodziny
 Prośba o znalezienie dobrej pracy dla Roberta
 Dziękczynna, Panu Bogu za udaną operację serca Przemysława i wyleczenie z choroby raka Elżbiety
 Prośba o wypełnienie się woli Bożej w życiu Heleny Mazur
 † Katarzyna Sawicki
 † Stanisława Borowiec - Wyżlic

Thursday, April 23rd**8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

† David John Meyer
 God's blessings and graces for Alese

5:30 pm Rehearsal & Confession**7:00 pm English Fr. Paul**

† Katarzyna Sawicki

Friday, April 24th**8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

Thaddeus "Ted" Szewc - Good health and God's Blessings on his **100th Birthday**

For a successful surgery and speedy recovery for Marian Czysz

† Eva Balagot Contreras, Georgina Pataki, Gil Contreras, Herminia Antonio
 † Henry Velasquez

† Bogumiła Brozek Birthday remembrance

† Luna Rotor Lipnica Birthday Remembrance

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

† Katarzyna Sawicki
 † Stanisława Borowiec - Wyżlic

Saturday, April 25th**8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

Thanksgiving and Blessings for Simon

11:00 am Confirmation Bp. Robert Fedek**4:00 pm Confession****5:00 pm English Fr. Sebastian**

Thaddeus "Ted" Szewc Good health and God's Blessings on his **100th Birthday**
 Birthday Blessings and good health for Gregoria Valencia Calaycay Silvano

† Sam & Gloria Fazio
 † John Jerome Areno

† Joseph Dobek

† Julia Dobek

† Sophia Dobek

† Susanne West Barrios Death Anniv.

6:30 pm Polish Fr. Jason

† Stanisław Wysocki

† Anna Siowko

† Stanisław Obrochta

† Stanisław i Irena Kaźmierczak

† Józef Leś

† Józef "Joseph" Gibes 2 ms. po śmierci

† Michael Jakubow

† Adrian Cholewa

† Katarzyna Sawicki

† Jan Pondo 4 rocznica śmierci

† Gerhard i Gertrude Nether

† Paul Domański

Sunday, April 26th**7:00 am Polish Fr. Jason**

† Za wszystkich zmarłych z Rodziny Poborca i Babiarsz

8:30 am English Fr. Mike Solazzo

Thaddeus "Ted" Szewc Good health and God's Blessings on his **100th Birthday**

† William Thilmany 3rd Death Anniversary

† Richard Saviano Birthday Remembrance

† Robert Bougher 13th death anniversary

† Krzysztof Ruta Death Anniversary

10:00 am English Fr. Paul

Alan Cozzi Birthday Health and Blessings
 Blessings & Thanksgiving for Cozzi Family
 God's presence and protection for Caroline & baby during the pregnancy and delivery

Helena Gnatek God's Blessings, Health and Strength with gratitude on occasion of 95th Birthday

Thaddeus "Ted" Szewc Good health and God's Blessings on his **100th Birthday**

Nina Turk Health and blessings on her Birthday, heartfelt prayers and well wishes for exam success

Good health and God's Blessing for a Dear Neighbor

† Michelle Gucik

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

† Zofia Kowalewicz 6 miesięcy po śmierci

† William Thilmany Death Anniversary

† Antonia Dias Birthday Remembrance and departed Soul of Eugenio R. Dias

† Rick Saviano Birthday Remembrance

† Rick Saviano and Lois Saviano (living parishioner, wife of Rick) Wedding anniv.

† Eugene Geno Berchem

11:30 am Polish Fr. Jason

† Maria i Józef Wojdyła

† Krzysztof Kuzebski

† Mieczysław Myśliwiec

† Stanisław, Maria, Władysław Cudzich

oraz za zmarłych z rodziny Wojtanek

† Edward Rybka

† Zdzisław i Michael Puacz, Janina i Józef Puacz, Genowefa i Józef Mazur, Aniela Wojtysiak

O Boże Bł. i dary Ducha Św. z prośbą o wskazówki, mądrość wyborów i siłę dla Mariusza

Karolia i Kuba D. - O zdrowie, Boże Bł. i

potrzebne łaski w dniu Urodzin

O zdrowie i Boże Bł. dla Rodziny Kowalczyk i Kowalski oraz Krystyny Fijor

† Józef Leś

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ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK IS OFFERED FOR:

God's Blessings, health & strength with gratitude for Helena Gnatek on occasion of 95th Birthday

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 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
 Francisco Mandigma
 Rosa Moreano
 Corazon Sanchez
 Jovita Aro



OUR BELOVED DEPARTED:

Susan Zafiropoulos Grazyna Szkutnik Lorraine Gawle
 Joseph Cesna Bozena Zlotek Marleine Golden

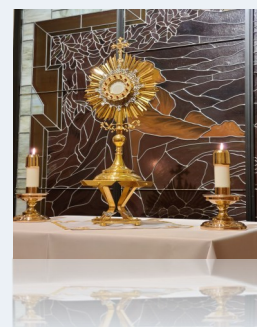
OUR MILITARY: *Please pray for those serving in the military, and for a peaceful and just solution to conflict and violence.*

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

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES OFFERED THIS WEEK FOR:

Candle 1 Dla Syna Dawida i Ewy - O Boże Błogosławieństwo i potrzebne łaski

Candle 2 † Za dusze śp. Rodziców i Braci



SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Easter, April 12 — \$19,798

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, za hojność, zaangażowanie oraz za to, że tworzycie naszą wspólnotę.



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.

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.



GENERATION TO GENERATION AT ST. JOHN BREBEUF

Thank you to those of you who have made early commitments to the Generation to Generation campaign at St. John Brebeuf. We are proud to share our campaign has raised almost \$1,000,000 toward our campaign goal!

Our share of the funds will be used to help us accomplish our important parish priorities.

- Establishing a Capital Improvement Fund
- Strengthening Our Ministries
- Planning for Growth

If you have any questions regarding the campaign, please reach out to Father Jason, Deacon Andy, or a member of our campaign team.

Coming Up!

Many of you will receive your campaign materials in the mail over the next week. **If you have not received your materials by next weekend, we will have an extra copy of your materials available after Mass.** Please stop by the Main Doors after Mass next weekend April 18th and 19th to receive your campaign materials and ask our campaign team any questions.



MASS INTENTIONS*Continued from page 5*

† Józef Leś
 † Benedykt Pacyna
 † Stefan i Marianna Szwarz
 † Władysława, Kazimierz Urbaś oraz
 Jan Błoniarz

† Jadwiga Serafin
 † Zdzisław Serocki
 † Katarzyna Sawicki
 † Maria i Jan Bafia
 † Czesława i Marek Leśniak
 † Jan Pondo 4 Rocznica smierci
 † Piotr Bleszko

O zdrowie, Boże Błogosławieństwo i
 dalszą opiekę Bożą dla Heleny i
 Stanisława Bafia w 34 rocznicę ślubu
 O zdrowie, Boże Błogosławieństwo,
 opiekę Matki Bożej i dary Ducha św.
 dla Marzeny z okazji Imienin

O zdrowie, Boże
 Błogosławieństwo, dary Ducha św. i
 wszelkie potrzebne łaski na dalsze lata
 wspólnego życia dla Marzeny i
 Bogusława z okazji 19 rocznicy ślubu
 Wanda Fic -O Boże Błogosławieństwo z
 okazji Urodzin

O zdrowie i potrzebne łaski dla Ireny i
 Jana Gajowniczek w 69 rocznicę ślubu
 O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla
 Jadwigi i Jerzego

† Alfreda Zajac
 † Elżbieta Wierusz 2 rocznica śmierci
 † Małgorzata Prus
 † Mieczysława Wójcik w 14 rocznice
 śmierci

† Bernard Malski we wspomnieniu
 Urodzin
 † Michał Kmiotek
 † Za zmarłych z Rodziny Niemotko,
 Hyrc, Sak, Komor, Mroczko, Fidrockich,
 Piekarskich, Pużewskich, Nowik,
 Olechno, Zabielskich, Wojtach,
 Januszewskich

6:00 pm English Youth Mass

Fr. Sebastian

Thaddeus " Ted " Szewc Good health
 and God's Blessings on his 100th Birth-
 day

God's Blessings, Health and Strength
 with gratitude for Helena Gnatek on
 occasion of 95th Birthday

† Michael Johnson
 † Józef "Joseph" Gibes

MY PARISH APP

We invite all parishioners to download our par-
 ish app, **MyParishApp**, on their phones.

Through the app, you can access the parish
 events calendar, the bulletin, daily readings,
 links to livestreamed Masses from our church,
 and Mass announcements. You can download the app here:

<https://mypari.sh/w5do>. Please also use the QR code below for easy access.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us
 and says: "Peace be with you!". During Mass we
 turn to each other and say, "Peace be with you!" As
 you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box
 you say, "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry. Is
 there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Soci-
 ety of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor, the
 suffering, and the deprived. All information will be strictly confiden-
 tial. Contact the Parish Office at (847) 966-8145



St. John Brebeuf Parish invites you to the monthly

ST. RITA DEVOTION

Every 22nd day of each month after the evening mass

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



MARRIED IN 1976?

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS?

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on **Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.** The mass will be celebrated at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60654.

Please email gwa@archchicago.org or contact your parish office with any questions. To register online, please visit pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding.

To register, please click [here](#) or scan the QR code.

We hope to see you there!



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



QUIGLEY DAYS

April 25, 2026

High school age men are invited to share Mass at Bishop Quarter House in Chicago followed by a morning of games at Ohio Street Beach.

Scan code to register.

For more information contact Katie Hazen at khazen@archchicago.org.



MISERICORDIA CANDY DAYS - APRIL 22-25

Misericordia provides the highest quality of care for more than 650 individuals with developmental disabilities in an environment of love, dignity and respect. This April be part of something special and support their 41st Annual Candy Days! You can lend a hand by donating online or volunteering your time to collect donations! If you see volunteers out in your community on April 22-25, make a donation and you'll be rewarded with a packet of Haribo Gummy Bears! Let's help keep Misericordia Strong! Please visit our website for more information <https://www.misericordia.com/events>

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS AND GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - APRIL 26

Join us for a Holy Hour and Mass at Holy Name Cathedral, to pray for an increase in all vocations in the Archdiocese of Chicago. On Sunday, April 26, a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration will begin at 4pm, followed by 5pm Benediction and Mass at 5:15pm.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR GIRLS

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) is offering a 4-year \$1,000 scholarship to eligible high school senior girls. Applicants are required to submit a 300-word essay titled: *"How Would You, as a Young Catholic Woman, Navigate the Challenges We Face in the World Today?"* (Essay must be typed and double-spaced on a standard 8.5 x 11 page.). Application details and guidelines are available at: accw.archchicago.org

Deadline: April 30

For more information, please call (312) 534-8325.

MAY 3RD PARADE BANQUET

The Alliance of Polish Clubs in the USA and the May 3rd Parade Committee warmly invite you to a banquet celebrating May 3rd Constitution Day.

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2026

Location: Jolly Inn / 6501 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago, IL

Time: 6:30 PM

Tickets: \$150

For reservations, please email: zkprusa@gmail.com

or call: 773-741-1477

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

May 3rd Constitution Parade is looking for volunteers aged 18 and over to help on the day of the parade, May 2, 2026. Training and attire will be provided. After the parade, volunteers are invited to a meal. For more information, please call 773-992-0857.



Saturday, May 2, 2026



A 22-mile walking pilgrimage from the National Shrine of St. Joseph to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion. Shorter routes available. Scan the QR code to the right or go to walktomary.com to register!



REMINDERS / PARISH LIFE
AT ST. JOHN BREBEUF
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.

NOW ENROLLING

St. John Brebeuf School

Preschool - Eighth Grade

Tours and Shadow Days available

Email: office@sjbschool.org
Phone: (847) 966-3266
www.sjbschool.org

All are welcome to explore the school, meet the staff, and see what makes us great!

BINGO

SUNDAY,
MAY 17

ST. JOHN
BREBEUF

REV. THOMAS P. MAY
PARISH MINISTRY CENTER

\$ 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

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Pull Tab Lic

ATTENTION ST. JOHN BREBEUF SENIORS

We invite you to join our group, and become members of our "GOLDEN AGERS CLUB". We meet every Tuesday morning, Room C in the Ministry Center from 9:45 am til 1:30 pm. If you enjoy socializing and playing some BINGO, our club is the place to meet. So please consider visiting us soon!

ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH WEEKENDER

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Each Sunday, at the 10:00am English Mass and the 11:30am Polish Mass before the Scripture readings begin, children ages 4-12 are called forward, and sent with a blessing to a separate room for a Gospel lesson. They will hear the same Scriptures that are proclaimed at Mass, but explained on a level that younger children can understand. The children will return to their family in church after the Creed, as the Offertory and Liturgy of the Eucharist begins.



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Bags and instructions will be available as you exit the church. The effort is simple. Please prepare **two sack meals**, each containing:

- 2 sandwiches (meat only) on white or wheat bread or a roll (*Please no condiments or cheese*)
- 2 hard-boiled eggs
- 1 small bag of chips
- 1 apple or orange (*no bananas*)
- 2-3 cookies or one small candy bar
- 1 small bottle of water or juice box
- 1 paper napkin

Drop-Off Times:

Saturday, April 25

4:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

April 26

6:30 am—11:45am

Meals may be dropped off at the front of the church:

Please consider being part of this ministry and helping care for those who are struggling with hunger. **Thank you for your generosity and support.**

God bless, *Uncle Pete's Ministries*



Z biurka księdza wikariusza...

Drodzy przyjaciele,

Zmartwychwstały Jezus ukazuje się dwóm swoim uczniom, którzy oddalali się od Jerozolimy w stronę Emaus. Nie tylko oddalają się oni od Miasta Bożego; odchodzą również od nadziei. Żywili wielkie oczekiwania, gdy porzucili wszystko i poszli za Panem. Jezus, któremu zaufali, został ukrzyżowany. Ich marzenia legły w gruzach. Jezus dołącza do ich grona. Ze zdumieniem odkrywają, że ten nieznamy jest jedyną osobą nieświadomą wydarzeń, które rozegrały się w Jerozolimie. Mówią do Niego: „A my mieliśmy nadzieję, że to On wyzwoli Izraela”. Jakże często my sami wypowiadaliśmy te same słowa?

Mieliśmy nadzieję i modliliśmy się o uzdrowienie dla bliskiej nam osoby, lecz zamiast tego doświadczyliśmy przedwczesnej śmierci. Mieliśmy nadzieję na pokój w naszym świecie, lecz wojna niszczy cywilizację i brutalnie masakruje niewinnych cywilów. Mieliśmy nadzieję i modliliśmy się o inny obrót spraw... lecz żyjemy w lęku przed niepewnością, którą przyniesie jutro.

Podobnie jak tamci uczniowie, my również przechodzimy przez chwile zagubienia, rozczarowania, a nawet utraty wiary. Chrystus przychodzi i kroczy wraz z nami, lecz – tak jak uczniowie – nie rozpoznajemy Go. Jest obecny nawet wtedy, gdy Go nie dostrzegamy. W naszych najmroczniejszych chwilach, gdy Bóg wydaje się nieobecny, jest nam najbliższy.

Jezus odkrywa swojej tożsamości przed uczniami od razu. Słucha. Pozwala im mówić o ich bólu. Następnie zaczyna wyjaśniać Pisma, pomagając im zrozumieć, że śmierć nie była końcem, lecz częścią Bożego planu. Powoli coś zaczyna się w nich zmieniać: „Czy serce nie pałało w nas?”. Chrystus działa łagodnie, od wewnątrz. Roznieca na nowo nadzieję, zanim objawi swoje oblicze. Przy łamaniu chleba rozpoznali Go.

Każda Msza Święta jest podróżą do Emaus. Przychodzimy, niosąc nasze ciężary i rozczarowania. Słuchamy Słowa Bożego, a nasze serca znów zaczynają płonąć. I w łamaniu chleba On objawia nam się jako Chleb, który zstąpił z Nieba, aby nas nakarmić. Jest prawdziwie obecny pośród nas: w Kościele, w Piśmie Świętym, w Sakramentach i w Eucharystii.

Spotkawszy Pana, uczniowie wracają do Jerozolimy z wielką radością. Ich smutek przemienia się w misję. Spotkanie ze Zmartwychwstałym Chrystusem zawsze nas odmienia. Przenosi nas od zniechęcenia do nadziei, od izolacji do wspólnoty, od lęku do odważnego świadectwa.

Zaprośmy Pana, aby znów szedł wraz z nami. Pozwólmy Mu otworzyć nasze umysły i rozpalić nasze serca. A gdy spotkamy Go przy łamaniu Chleba, wyruszymy naprzód z odnowioną wiarą i radością, by kochać i służyć. Niech Bóg błogosławi nam wszystkim!

Ks. Paul

SRODA, 22 KWIETNIA MSZA ŚW. Z NABOŻEŃSTWEM DO ŚW. RITY

22-go dnia każdego miesiąca zapraszamy na Mszę św. połączoneą obrzędem poświęcenia róż. Gromadzimy się w naszym kościele podczas Mszy św. wieczornej, aby modlić się w szczególnych intencjach, przez wstawiennictwo św. Rity, patronki spraw trudnych i beznadziejnych, za osoby dotknięte boleśnie przez los: chore, samotne, opuszczone, zdradzone, ale nie tracące wiary. Będzie można nabyć róże, które zostaną poświęcone podczas tego Nabożeństwa. Poświęcone kwiaty można zabrać do domu lub podarować osobie przeżywającej trudności.



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INTENCJE MSZY ŚWIĘTYCH



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Pocztą: Ofiarę za intencję prosimy wysłać na adres: *Mass Intentions, St. John Brebeuf, 8305 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, IL 60714* podając intencję Mszy św., datę i godzinę oraz dołączyć swoje imię i numer telefonu. Prosimy o zgłoszenie prośby z 2-tygodniowym wyprzedzeniem dzwoniąc pod numer (847)966-8145 abyśmy mieli wystarczająco czasu na jej otrzymanie i umieszczenie w biuletynie parafialnym.

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Saturday 8:30 am 5:00 pm, 6:30 pm (Polish)
Sunday 8:30, 10:00 am & 6:00 pm (English)
7:00 am and 11:30 am, (Polish)
Daily Mass Monday - Saturday 8:30 am
7:00 pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday (Polish)
7:00 pm Tuesday & Thursday (English)

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4pm - 5pm // Monday - Friday 6:30pm—7pm
First Friday: 8am—8:30am & 6pm - 7pm (English & Polish)