

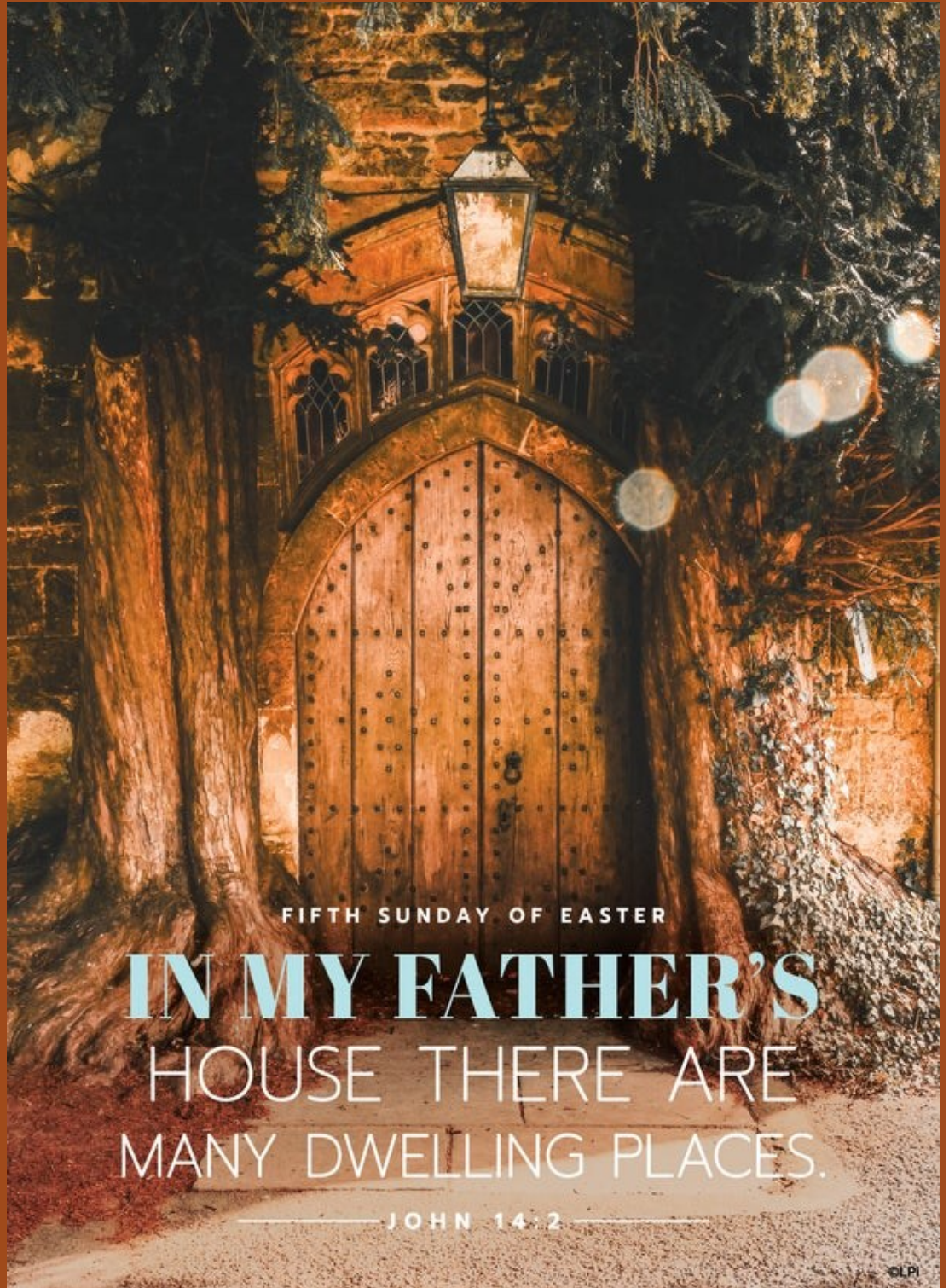
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We are a people of faith who respond to our Baptismal call to holiness by caring for one another and journeying together with Christ through prayer, sacraments, lifelong formation and service in light of the Gospel and Catholic Tradition.





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May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7 | 1 Pt 2:4-9 | Jn 14:1-12

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

When the needs of ministry became overwhelming, the Apostles did not say they would sleep less or pray less in order to have more time to serve others. Instead, they appointed leaders from the community to help so they could continue to devote themselves to prayer and preaching. This reminds me of a story I read about Saint Teresa of Calcutta, in which the sisters of the Missionaries of Charity asked to be excused from the mandatory daily Holy Hour because the needs of the poor were so overwhelming. Saint Teresa is said to have responded that the sisters should then spend not one, but two hours in prayer each day. She knew that the foundation of a life of service was a life of prayer. We are asked in all that we do to rely not on our own abilities, but to humbly recognize that all we have to give comes from God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The cornerstone of our lives – the piece that gives strength to everything else that grows within us – is our relationship with God. The works of our vocation are meant to flow from that relationship. And so coming to know Jesus through prayer is at the core of serving others. In my vocation as a wife and mother, I sometimes get consumed in completing tasks and only realize at the end of the day that I have not prayed. But even Christ, the Son of God, tells us in the Gospel that “the Father who dwells in me is doing his works.” Life in the Trinity means that the love of the Father flows through the Son. If Jesus does not rely on his own being to preach and serve, I certainly cannot respond to God’s call to love my family apart from him. As we complete the daily tasks of our vocations, we must remember that the ultimate call of a life of holiness is to allow God’s love to flow forth through us.

PRAY

This week, consider how you can develop or strengthen a habit of prayer as the first act of your day. You might be able to pray in silence, or you might choose to incorporate prayer into the activity of your morning. However you are able to establish this routine, be intentional about how you recognize prayer as the cornerstone of all that you do.



Fr. Jason's Corner..

The purpose of our daily efforts

Humanity has always sought God. Man, as a religious being by nature, that is, homo religious, was looking for his Creator; he wanted to see him, get to know him, and understand him. But man was looking for God as if groping; he worshipped plants, animals, or natural phenomena. He was looking for the extraordinary, something unknown, alien, different that aroused curiosity or horror in him. As a result, it was created things that man called "god." He was wrong.

That was until the birth of the Lord Jesus. Then everything changed. For mankind could know the whole truth about the true God. The Son of God, born of Mary, has told us everything about the Father, the full truth about God, about ourselves and about the world. Jesus, living on this earth, showed us what the goal of our daily efforts should be. Especially in the difficult moments of our lives, Jesus' words give us great hope and consolation. Jesus turns our gaze to eternity and the encounter there with God the Father, saying:

In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

In the Easter season, Jesus reminds us that the purpose of our lives is to be with God in eternity. He himself wants to share with us his participation in His victory over sin and death. He invites us to share with Him the glory of heaven, and already here on earth, He shows us the way to reach this goal. Jesus shows us Himself as the *way, and the truth and the life*. He himself is the way that leads us to God the Father, to heaven. He is the truth about our lives and about ourselves. Only in Him can we discover this truth. It is Jesus Himself who is our life - the fullness of life, both here on earth and in eternity. Jesus promises us that by believing in Him, we will do great works.

So let us go with courage into our everyday life. Let us trust in Jesus so that the fears and difficulties of life do not prevail over us, but that Jesus, the way, and our truth and our life, lead us to victory, because God created us for life and victory. Let us take advantage of this invitation of Jesus today and let us follow in our daily lives this path that He Himself is, and in His name, the Church shows.

God bless you!
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
HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY in English: Every Friday 3:00pm in

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/ Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/ Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

OBSERVANCES:

Tuesday: *Cinco de Mayo*

Thursday: National Day of Prayer

LITURGY SCHEDULE / MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 4 — MAY 10

**Monday, May 4th****8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

Brian Trayvilla Birthday Blessings
† Dorothy Wenderski Birthday Remembrance

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Jason

O Dar Mądrości dla Narodu Polskiego
† Katarzyna Sawicki
† Jan Grabowski we wspomnieniu urodzin
† Franciszek Ostrega 4 rocznica śmierci

Tuesday, May 5th**8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

God's presence and protection for Carline & the baby during the delivery
Successful surgery and speedy recovery for Zofia

† Victoriana Costes Death Anniversary

5:30 pm First Communion Confession**7:00 pm English Fr. Paul**

† Belen B. Catarang

Wednesday, May 6th**8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

Health and Birthday Blessings for Ally O'Brien

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O łaskę powrotu do zdrowia dla Przemysława Gołębiowskiego i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla jego Rodziny
Z okazji 1 Komunii św. z prośbą o Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Łucji Wójtowicz i jej Rodziny
Dziękczynna Panu Bogu za udaną operację serca Przemysława i łaskę wyzdrowienia Elżbiety
Do Matki Bożej Nieustającej Pomocy o Dar Chrztu św. dla Bogu znanego dziecka
† Cecylia Tajanko 23 rocznica śmierci i Mikołaj Tajanko
† Marian Pajdzik w 5 rocznicę śmierci
† Kazimiera i Józef Kapałka
† Władysława i Jan Wójtowicz

Thursday, May 7th**8:30 am English Prayer for Vocation Fr. Sebastian**

Health and God's Blessings for Janina Wawrzyniak and her Family

† Rafał Sopata

† Anna Grzęda

† Sr. Salvador, Roberta del Mundo

6:00 pm REP End of School Year**7:00 pm English Prayer for Vocation Fr. Jason**

Jason

Blessings for all Parishioners

Friday, May 8th**8:30 am English SJB School Ribbon Ceremony Fr. Jason**

Imelda Vallejo Birthday Health and God's Blessings

† Ashley M. Galassi Birthday Remembrance

† Dominic D'Souza Birthday Remembrance

† Marcelino Gonzales Jr. Death anniversary and all deceased members of Gonzales Family

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O Błogosławieństwo i potrzebne łaski dla Romka

† Stanisław Świątek we wspomnieniu imienin

† Krystyna Dorsey we wspomnieniu urodzin

† Dominic D'Souza wspomnieniu urodzin

† Stanisław i Ludwika Misiaszek

† Stanisław Dzik we wspomnieniu imienin

Saturday, May 9th**8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

† Lidia and Edward Miszczyszyn

† Julia Bender

† Jadwiga Serafin 6th month Death Anniversary

† Thomas Heavey

11:00am First Communion English

Fr. Jason

2:00 pm First Communion Polish

Fr. Sebastian

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

† Carl and Maria Komorowski

† Genowefa Harłajczyk and the Ostropol-ski Family

† John Brennan and the Brennan Family

† John Jerome Arenó

6:30 pm Polish Fr. Jason

† Olga i Walter Gal

† Mieczysław Myśliwiec 14 miesięcy po śmierci

† Józef Leś

† Ferdynand i Maria Wójcik

† Gerhard i Gertrude Nether

† Stanislaw Obrochta

† Bozena i Janusz Puskarz

† Cecylia Łuczyk 30 rocznica śmierci

Sunday, May 10th 6th Sunday of Easter**7:00 am Polish Fr. Jason**

O zdrowie i opiekę Matki Bożej w dniu urodzin dla Nathan Demiańczuk

† Dorota Sawicka w 5 rocznicę śmierci

† Zofia Persak, Maria Kramarz

† Christopher Rywak

† Za wszystkich zmarłych z Rodziny

Poborca i Babiarcz

† Jadwiga Serafin

† Henryka Holodziuk

† Majka Pikul oraz zmarli z Rodziny Pikul,

Kalata, Bajko i Wołyńskich

† Stanisława, Zofia i Jadwiga Komosa z okazji Dnia Matki

† Jadwiga Cudnowska Death Anniversary

8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian

Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving for Esperanza B. Solis

Elizabeth Prucnal Birthday Blessings

Health and Birthday Blessings for Jessica Swider

† Randy Swift

10:00 am English Fr. Sebastian

Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving for Esperanza B. Solis

Allen and Virginia Harris 12th Wedding Anniversary

God's Blessings for Caroline Cozzi and her newborn Baby on Mother's Day

Gods Blessings for Aniela Sęk, Zofia Mazurek, Halina Żurawski, Alina Bosak-

Kois, Margaret Żebrowski, Anna Czaja,

Maria Dzieciuch & Aleksandra Bąk

† Kazimierz i Janina Torba

† Maria Żaba

† Bolesław Sęk

† Victor and Helena Mazurek

† Małgorzata Przycka

† Olga and Walter Gal

† Michelle Gucik

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

† Peggy Henley on Mother's Day

† Clelia Massimini

† Mary Lou Romano Birthday Remembrance

† Philip Grossman and deceased members of Grossman Family

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ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK IS OFFERED

FOR: God’s blessings for the priests, teachers, and catechists who have helped prepare these children, for their dedication and guidance.

PLEASE PRAY:



OUR SICK:

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| Martha Gfesser | Teresa Parciany |
| Maureen Polcyn | Junver Isuga |
| Fely Ranjo | Chef Raul Arreda |
| Millet Beltran | Baby Joseph Palmert |
| RJ Calisura | Concepcion Ponte |
| Anne Marie Guerrier | Charles Stephen Collins |
| Betty Bukraba | Ben & Linda Caldea |
| Elizabeth Marrinan | Robert F. Adams, Jr. |
| C. Kozeny | Bienvenido Costes |
| Mario Brancato | Mahmoud Srou |
| Pamela Tripllit | Araceli Madrideojos |
| Patricia | Hedy Sancho |
| Lourdes Loraya | Alan Enzbigilis Sr. |
| Marian i Maria Dzieciuch | Clifford & Judith Drexler |
| Barbara Witkos | Sam Pace |
| Rosetta Bizzotto | Betts Eleanor |
| Harry Largent | Helen Williams |
| Toni Kilroy | Darlene Neumann |
| Caridad M. Altares | Stanisława Pabisz |
| Alina Gawlik | Kazimierz Pabisz |
| Dolores Motto | Flordeliza H. Sotto |
| Brooke Johnson | Pedro H. Sotto |
| Silverio Fernandez | Nicholas Mazur |
| Jannette Mendoza | Siony Urgena |
| Mario Loraya | Gloria Arago |
| Vivian Daoud | George Frey |
| Nanette Sadorra | Scott Johnson |
| Isabel C.Villarrol | Aurea Prinero |
| Luke Kowalski | Emilia Fernandez |
| Joanna Oliwa | Ernie Tusa |
| Francisco & Luz Atienza | Francisco Mandigma |
| Maureen Nathan | Rosa Moreano |
| Charlotte & Carl Lindquist | Corazon Sanchez |
| Rose Manio | Jovita Aro |

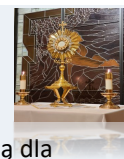
OUR BELOVED DEPARTED:

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

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| 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 Panie Boże, dobry nasz Ojczy, pobłogosław wszystkim dzieciom pierwszokomunijnym. Niech będą dla świata obrazem miłości Chrystusa i Kościoła a Twoje Błogosławieństwo niech pozostanie z nimi na zawsze
Candle 2 Lord, Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist

SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

April 26 — \$15,895

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.



WEDDING BANNS:

I Evelina Mitoraj & Dominik Juzba

WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM IN APRIL

- Celine Emilia Alperto Ho
- Khara Deimante Tejedor Gaizauskas
- Oliver Aleksander Skiba
- Owen Scott Santella
- Mikołaj Canelo Szpara

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

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11:30 am Polish Fr. Jason

O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Anieli Cudzich

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

O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Jadwigi i Jerzego

O Boże Błogosławieństwo i Dary Ducha Św. dla Stanisława w dniu imienin

† Dorota Sawicka w 5 rocznicę śmierci

† Józef Gibes

† Jarosław Mroczek, Jerzy Mroczek, Emilia Gajewska

† Teresa, Kazimierz Krysztofiak

† Helena Nowomiejska

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

† Edward Rybka

† Maria, Feliks, Tadeusz Rutkowski oraz Filomena, Bolesław, Zdzisław i Jan Samborski

† Helena, John Muniak

† Stanisław Lis i Stanisław Klimek we wspomnieniu urodzin

† Zofia Boczar, Janina Puacz, Henryka Giżyńska

† Helena, Czesław Miszkiewicz, Antoni i Irena Żarczyński, Michael i Ramona Hess

† Mieczysław Myśliwiec

† Stanisław Dzik

† Józef Leś

† Helan Pakula

† Stefan i Marianna Szwarz

† Alina Kruk

† Katarzyna Sawicki

† Czesława i Marek Leśniak

† Marian Jagódka

† Zdzisław Serocki

† Józef i Maria Wojdyła

† Zofia Zelasko, Anna Kapinos i

Zofia Wąż

† Cecylia Łuczyk 30 rocznica śmierci

† Za Dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące

6:00 pm English Fr. Paul

† Józef "Joseph" Gibes



MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY

May is the Month of Mary. For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May, but the entire month.

May Devotions in our church take place every day in May:

- **Monday to Friday – after the 7:00 PM Mass**
- **Saturday – after the 8:30 AM Mass**
- **Sunday – after the 6:00 PM Mass**

PARISH LIFE AT ST. JOHN BREEUF

• 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

• Young Adults Catechism Study

Every Tuesday at 7:30pm

• Family Mass

Third Sunday of the month at 10:00am

• Filipino Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month at 10:00am

MY PARISH APP

We invite all parishioners to download our parish 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 at <https://mypari.sh/w5do>



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Spring 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Each May, our hearts turn with gratitude to the mothers and mother figures whose love has shaped our lives. It is a moment to pause, to remember, and to honor the steadfast witness of those who have nurtured us in faith and in hope.

May is also the month when, as an archdiocese, we lift up the vital ministry of our partner, **Catholic Charities**. Their work—rooted in the Gospel and animated by the compassion of Christ—stands as a living sign of the Church’s commitment to accompany mothers and families in need. When we support mothers, we strengthen the fabric of our communities, and the mercy we extend today echoes across generations.

Your generosity to the **Mother’s Day Collection for Catholic Charities** sustains this essential mission. For more than a century, Catholic Charities has served as the Archdiocese’s hands and feet in caring for our neighbors throughout **Cook and Lake counties**, responding to the hardships faced by nearly **300,000 people each year**. This extraordinary reach is possible only because of the faithful support you so consistently provide.

Each year, I ask our parishes to stand with Catholic Charities, and once again I invite you to give with a generous heart. Thank you for your steadfast commitment and your willingness to walk with those who rely on us. Together, we make present the love of Christ, who calls us to bring hope where it is most needed.

As St. Paul reminds us in Romans 5:5, *“And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.”* May that same Spirit guide us as we continue this important work.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago

Next week, our second collection will support Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago in their mission to assist mothers and families in need.

THE WOMEN'S CENTER FUNDRAISER

The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland will be hosting its annual **Blooming for Babies Fundraiser This Mother's Day weekend, May 9-10 at our parish!** We will have 3 gorgeous bouquets to choose from! Bring \$\$\$! Funds raised from the purchase of flowers will help women facing crisis pregnancies The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland



A Heartfelt Thank You!

The Veterans Project held on April 18-19, 2026 was a huge success. Many household and personal items were received along with \$435 in monetary donations.



St. John Brebeuf Parish would like to thank our very generous parishioners for their outpouring of support. The household and personal items were delivered to the Midwest Veterans Closet in North Chicago where Veterans shop for free obtaining the items they need. The monetary donations were provided to the VFW Post #3579 Relief Fund whose efforts are to assist and reduce Veteran homelessness.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our Veterans and please keep them in your prayers.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



In the Gospel today, Jesus says "...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and I will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. The coins placed in the St.

Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ's love and compassion to the poor.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor, the suffering, and the deprived. All information will be strictly confidential. Contact the Parish Office :

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING

Knights of Columbus, North American Martyrs Council 4338, will conduct their Business Meeting on Wednesday, **May 6th at 7 PM in PMC Rm. B.** All members are welcome to join the meeting. We will present our officers slate for the upcoming fraternal year. Fellowship meal to follow. Anyone interested in joining, please contact Steve Baggio at 773-315-1621.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHICAGO PRESENTS

Spirit of Love

Spring Benefit

SUPPORTING SVDP CHICAGO'S FRIENDS IN NEED THROUGHOUT LAKE AND COOK COUNTIES

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

Join Us at Maravela's Banquets
4 Washington St., Ingleside, IL 60041
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Dinner buffet, beer & wine, and dessert will be served

Raffles - Split the Pot - Prizes

YOUNG ADULTS

CATECHISM STUDY

EVERY **TUESDAY 7:30 PM**

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

QR code and GroupMe link

Dueling Pianos Entertainment



Tickets on Sale



GA thru May 10: \$75 per person

Purchase Online at svdpchicago.org/spirit-of-love-spring

Join us for music, food, and fun - all while making a difference in our local communities!

CHILDREN LITURGY OF THE WORD

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. These sessions are not faith formation classes, arts-and-crafts activities, or babysitting during Mass. Rather, the children hear the same Mass readings as adults – but in simpler terms that are easier to grasp.



They came back home understanding the readings so much better and eager to talk about some of the things done to explain these. The lessons stuck with them!

A large, vibrant banner for St. John Brebeuf School. At the top, a blue ribbon with gold lettering reads "NOW ENROLLING". Below this is the school's circular logo, which features a cross and the text "ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL" and "EST. 1955". The background of the banner is a collage of photos showing children in a classroom setting. At the bottom, a young boy is smiling. Text on the banner includes "St. John Brebeuf School", "Preschool - Eighth Grade", "Tours and Shadow Days available", and contact information: "Email: office@sjbschool.org", "Phone: (847) 966-3266", and "www.sjbschool.org". A quote at the bottom says: "All are welcome to explore the school, meet the staff, and see what makes us great!"

ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL



Mission & Philosophy

Jesus instructed: "Go then, to all peoples everywhere and make my disciples; baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be there with you always, to the end of the age." (*Matthew 28: 19-21*).

Since 1955, St. John Brebeuf Catholic School has educated the children of Niles, Illinois, and surrounding communities.

In a statement developed by SJB School teachers and staff in April 2017, there are four core components of our school's mission:

Faith: We believe in God and our faith leads us in our daily lives.

Community: Each member of the school and parish community plays an important role in the growth and success of our children.

Mindset: We believe in the power of "Yet." We encourage students to embrace their learning journey and develop a never-ending passion for knowledge.

Academic: We emphasize academic excellence by focusing on physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual growth.

SJB School is a family. We are a community that is racially, ethnically, and economically diverse. Through a focus on personalized learning and deep Catholic faith, SJB School provides rigorous preparation for student success in high school, college, and life.

St. John Brebeuf is a Catholic school where human culture and knowledge -- enlightened and strengthened by faith -- is shared in a spirit of trust, discipline, and love.

Our school is a living faith community. We witness the presence of Jesus in everything we do.

BINGO

SUNDAY,
MAY 17

ST. JOHN
BREBEUF

REV. THOMAS P. MAY
PARISH MINISTRY CENTER

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UROCZYSTOŚĆ NAJŚWIĘTSZEJ MARYI PANNY, KRÓLOWEJ POLSKI



W 2026 roku uroczystość Najświętszej Maryi Panny Królowej Polski w Kościele katolickim w Polsce będzie obchodzona w sobotę, 2 maja 2026, a nie tradycyjnie 3 maja. Powodem jest to, że 3 maja 2026 przypada V Niedziela Wielkanocna, która w kalendarzu liturgicznym ma pierwszeństwo przed tą

uroczystością. Na prośbę Konferencji Episkopatu Polski Watykan wyraził zgodę na jednorazowe przeniesienie święta.

3 maja (lub w tym roku 2 maja) Kościół katolicki w Polsce obchodzi uroczystość Najświętszej Maryi Panny Królowej Polski, jednej z głównych patronek naszej Ojczyzny. Jest to szczególnie dzień modlitwy za Polskę, za nasz naród, o pokój, jedność i wierność chrześcijańskim wartościom.

Tytuł Królowej Polski ma swoje korzenie w historii naszego kraju. W 1656 roku król Jan Kazimierz, podczas uroczystych ślubów we Lwowie, obrał Najświętszą Maryję Pannę za Królową Polski i oddał Jej pod opiekę cały naród. Od tamtej pory Polacy w sposób szczególny zwracają się do Maryi jako swojej Matki, Opiekunki i Orędowniczki.

W tym samym dniu obchodzimy również rocznicę uchwalenia Konstytucji 3 Maja, dlatego jest to czas wdzięczności za wolność, wiarę i dziedzictwo naszej Ojczyzny.

Niech ten dzień będzie dla nas zachętą do modlitwy za Polskę, za rządzących, za nasze rodziny i za wszystkich rodaków rozsianych po świecie.

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