

JULY
19
2026

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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WHOLE BATCH WAS
LEAVENED.

— MATTHEW 13:33 —





July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Wis 12:13, 16-19 | Rom 8:26-27 | Mt 13:24-43

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

There have been moments in my life when I have not been able to find words for prayer, which leaves my efforts feeling unproductive and fruitless. But prayer's worth is not measured by the words we say. Prayer is the lifting of the mind and the heart to God. We place ourselves in the presence of God and allow our desires, our suffering, and our weakness to be transformed by his grace. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans he writes, "we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings." In prayer, we place our hope in that what we bring to God will be heard and magnified by his divine grace. And as Christians, we live with the intention of pleasing God, and we trust that God transforms our actions into something meaningful as well. As the mustard seed grows into a large tree or a small teaspoon of yeast enlivens an entire loaf of bread, God takes what we offer – regardless of whether or not we have the right words, or even any words at all – and transforms it into something extraordinary.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the first reading, we are reminded of God's leniency in the face of justice. God's mercy does not mean a lack of accountability – Christ desires and commands that we love God and love our neighbor. But in his mercy, he does not condemn us for our sin but rather gives time for us to repent. As a Christian community, we are called to show that same mercy – that same patient forbearance with one another. By doing so, the love of God ripples across a community through acts of charity and compassion, making individuals feel known and cared for. In this kind of environment, like the birds who find rest in the branches of the large mustard bush, all who seek the Lord will find a welcome among God's people.

PRAY

Prayer is not only offered in word but also in sacrifice offered on behalf of another. Today, think of someone who needs your prayers. Bring their intention to God either in word or by offering a sacrifice on their behalf, not thinking about what is equal but what reflects God's mercy.



Fr. Jason's Corner..

Invitation to Listen

In his teaching, Jesus often used images taken from everyday life. On this basis, he preached parables. This Sunday, we hear the parable of the sower.

The sower in the parable is the image of God who is generous in his love and mercy. One may even say that He is like a wasteful farmer because He throws seeds on the road, on the rocky ground and among the thorns. God is wasteful in his love. He shares mercy generously because he wants every person to have life. The greatest sign of God's generosity is that he sent his Son into the world. Jesus, the Incarnate Word, is God's seed that is sown on every ground, that is, in the heart of every person. The four types of ground are a picture of people's different attitudes toward God. Faith is born of listening to and accepting the word of God. For faith to grow, God's word needs the right soil to grow.

The road is a symbol of a man who does not understand the word of God entering his heart. In the first case, it is a question of a person who makes no effort to open himself to the action of God's word. He is indifferent to it, as if by accident it falls into his interior. Such a seed does not have the slightest chance either to germinate or take root. Satan does not have to exert much effort to win a man indifferent to the word of God for himself. He comes and reaps the crop.

A rocky place symbolizes all those who receive the word of God superficially, without deeper reflection and without inner conviction. Momentary euphoria and emotions pass very quickly, but they lack inner conviction and constancy. A superficial acceptance of Christ and his teachings does not bode well for a good future.

The third type of soil is determined by thorns that drown out the grain. Here the Lord Jesus points to people who listen to the word of God, but are easily deceived by the illusion of wealth, career, honors, which are like thorny bushes. They obscure the teaching of Christ in the heart and ultimately lead to a departure from Him.

In the end, the seed falls on fertile soil, which signifies man open to the word of God. He accepts them and shapes his life according to it. Such a man yields a great harvest: a hundredfold, sixtyfold and thirtyfold.

The fruits of the Kingdom of God depend on our personal commitment. God, like a good sower, throws out the word of grace abundantly, giving everyone an equal chance. People always remain free beings, they have the possibility of choice. God does not take away from anyone the freedom He gave him in the beginning. That is why it is so important to listen to Jesus, to be heard to him and his teaching, to follow him, to trust him. This is the only program of a truly successful and happy life. It is also the only source of the deepest meaning of life. Let us live in these days of our lives in intimacy with God and His Word, in order to bear the most abundant harvest.

Have a blessed week! *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 Adoration Chapel

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/
Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/
Mt 20:20-28

OBSERVANCES:

Monday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest

Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene

Thursday: St. Bridget, Religious

Friday: St. Sharbel Makhlof, Priest

Saturday: St. James, Apostle

LITURGY SCHEDULE / MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 20 — JULY 26

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

God's Blessings and protection to James, Jackie and their Family

† Raul Rodriguez Birthday Remembrance

† Patti Porter Birthday Remembrance

† Socorro Arredondo

† Maria Christin Vergara

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

† Maria Maleta 76. rocznica śmierci

† Józef, Rozalia, Franciszk Kuliś

Tuesday, July 21st**8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

God's Blessings and protection to James, Jackie and their Family

Joseph Fattore Birthday Blessings

† Henryk Stankiewicz

† Maria Christin Vergara

7:00 pm English Fr. Jason

Health & Blessings to Christopher

Wednesday, July 22nd St. Rita Devotion**8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

God's Blessings and protection to James, Jackie and their Family

Health and Birthday Blessings for Maria Grzeda

† Clelia Massimini

† Maria Christin Vergara

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O Boże Bł. opiekę MBi Dary Ducha Św. z okazji 80 Urodzin dla Stefanii Kuliś

W specjalnej intencji za Patryka i Daniela

† Maria Gina Luiz & Maree Green S.

Martinez

† Stanisław Plaka

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

God's Blessings and protection to James, Jackie and their Family

Julie Paras Birthday Blessings

Abundant God's Blessings for Teddy Karwowski Family

† Maria Byrski

† Joanne Arenó Birthday Blessings

† Dc. Thomas Paluch

† Eva Balagot

† Nadezda Andric

† Georgina Pataki

† Maria Christin Vergara

7:00 pm English Fr. Jason

Health & Blessings to Christopher

† David Ciolek

† Frank Rosienski 8th year Death Anniv.

† Gil Contreras

Friday, July 24th**8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

Health and Birthday Blessings for Jackie

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Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving for Renato Briones

Dr. Renato Briones Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving

Health and Birthday Blessings for Christopher

God's Blessings and protection to James, Jackie and their Family

† Sam Grisanti Birthday Remembrance

† Jeannie Theresa Reyes Birthday Remembrance

† Maria Christin Vergara

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O obfite łaski MB, Boże Bł. i zdrowie z okazji

urodzin dla Moniki Guzek z rodziną

O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla

Jackie Dohr z okazji urodzin

O zdrowie i opiekę NMP dla Mamy Romy,

światło Ducha Św. dla Brata Marka i powrót

do pełnego zdrowia dla Doroty

Saturday, July 25th**8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

† Teresa Kelly Birthday Remembrance

† Maria Christin Vergara

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

God's Blessings and protection to James, Jackie and their Family

Health and God's Blessings to Patricia

Mathes, Evangeline Kurtzer, Arlene Witte,

Rey Hanley, Judy & Clifford Drexler

† John Jerome Arenó

† The Souls of Stefania & Stanisław Stopa

on their Anniversary of Death

6:30 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O Bł. Boże i opiekę Matki Bożej dla Syna

Adriana w dniu 18 Urodzin

O Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Renaty Dryka z okazji Urodzin

† Stanisław i Irena Kaźmierczak

† Józef "Joseph" Gibes 5 mies. po śmierci

† Genowefa i Jan Rychtarczyk

† Stanisław Obrochta

† Zdzisława Sokół w 1. rocznicę śmierci

† Paul Domanski

† Józef Leś

Sunday, July 26th**7:00 am Polish Fr. Sebastian**

† Czesław i Krzysztof Pietras i zmarli z

Rodziny Pietras

† Za zmarłych z Rodziny Poborca i Babiarez

8:30 am English Fr. Mike Solazzo

Health and God's Blessings to Beata and Christopher Niemyjski

Gabriela Ugarte Birthday Blessings

† Melina Joy Silvestre Birthday Remem-

brance and Death Anniversary

10:00 am English Fr. Jason

Edward Stankiewicz Birthday Blessings

Gabriela Ugarte Birthday Blessings

God's Blessings and protection to James, Jackie and their Family

† Michelle Gucik

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

† Filippo Bonaccorso

† Anna & Augustyn Luc

† Genowefa Gibrak 2nd Death Anniv. & all

deceased members of Kowalewski Family

† Matthew, Bernice, and Matt Jr Wojtaszek

† Maria Christin Vergara - Eternal rest

† Silverio Fernandez – Eternal rest

11:30 am Polish Fr. Sebastian

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

O Boże Bł. i Dary Ducha Św. z prośbą o

wskazówki, mądrość wyborów i siłę dla Mariusza

O zdrowie, Boże Błogosławieństwo i dalszą opiekę Bożą w dniu urodzin

O szczęśliwe rozwiązanie dla Michelle i

Boże Błogosławieństwo dla całej rodziny

O Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Rodziny

Tadeusza Karwowskiego

O Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Renaty Dryka z okazji Urodzin

† Krzysztof Kuzebski

† Edward Rybka

† Zofia Kowalewicz 9 miesięcy po śmierci

† Jan Rychtar

† Władysława, Kazimierz Urbaś oraz Jan

Błoniarz

† Maria i Józef Wojdyła

† Zdzisław Serocki

† Jadwiga Serafin

† Monika Wykurz w 2 rocznicę śmierci

† Jarek Uciński w rocznicę śmierci

† Patryk Gościński w 2 rocznicę śmierci

† Witold Jakubek 2. rocznica śmierci

† Za zmarłych z rodziny Litera i Balewskich

† Józef Leś

† Dorian Dobrzański rocznica śmierci

† Franciszek Puszcza we wspomnieniu 101

Urodzin

† Janina Klim 20. rocznica śmierci i zmarli z

Rodziny Klim

† Marianna i Władysław Olszewski oraz

zmarłych z Rodziny Olszewskich i

Wasilewskich

6:00 pm English Fr. Jason

† Józef "Joseph" Gibes

† Philip Grossman and deceased members of Grossman Family



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK IS OFFERED FOR:

Prayers for Vocations

PLEASE PRAY FOR 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 Parcianny
Junver Isuga

Chef Raul Arreda
Baby Joseph Palmert
Concepcion Ponte
Charles Stephen Collins
Ben & Linda Caldea
Robert F. Adams, Jr.
Bienvenido Costes
Mahmoud Srouf
Araceli Madridejos
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 Primero
Emilia Fernandez
Ernie Tusa
Francisco Mandigma
Rosa Moreano
Corazon Sanchez
Jovita Aro
Lita Rosales
Zbigniew Witkos
Susan Czech



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

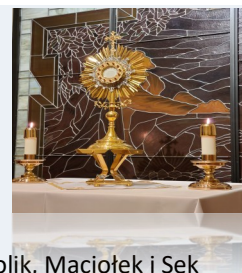
Timothy Casey
Scott Rodberg
Sgt. Daniel Cunningham
CW4 Louis Haberkorn
SSGT Michael J. Archam
A2C Andrew T. Perkins
Lt. Joseph Disclafani
Joshua Clavel Ramos
Chief Ryan Morrow
Angelina Garza

Thomas Neuhengen
Mark Honsa
Pvt. James Cunningham
Marian Niemotko
PFC Seth D. Perkins
Sgt. Ramiro Cadena
Pieter Venter
Jacob Allen
Robert Monaco
Ryan Belluci

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES OFFERED THIS WEEK FOR:

Candle 1 O Boże Błogosławieństwo i potrzebne łaski dla Rodzin: Sęk, Erdle i Kozłowski

Candle 2 † Za Dusze zmarłych z Rodzin: Golik, Maciołek i Sęk



SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

July 5 — \$16,794

July 12 — \$17,504



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 BANNES:



III Eneo Karamani & Mackenzie Ryndak
II Brian Lukaszczuk & Patricia Wojdyla
I David Gottsegen & Anna Maria Slowinski

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Internet: www.sjbrebeuf.org (click the yellow box labeled "Mass Intentions" to fill out the online form) **Mail:** Please mail your offering to: *Mass Intentions, St. John Brebeuf, 8305 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, IL 60714.* Include the name, date, time, and what the intention is for. Also, please include the name and phone number of person requesting the intention. Phone 847-966-8145. *Please make your request 2 weeks in advance so we have time to receive it and place it in the bulletin*



Beautiful Mass cards featuring the image of St. John Brebeuf, the patron saint of our parish, are available for an additional charge from the parish office. These cards are a thoughtful and prayerful way to let someone know a Mass is being offered for them or their loved one. To order one please contact our parish office.

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.

MISSION APPEAL 2026

July 19, in connection with this year's Mission Appeal, the second Sunday collection will be designated to support a project in the Republic of the Congo. A few words from Fr. Maciej Fleszar, the priest overseeing the initiative:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This project is about the construction of a pastoral center in one of the neglected districts of the capital of the country, Brazzaville. The center includes a medical clinic, a primary school, and a parish church. This project was conceived as a living monument dedicated to Pope John Paul II, who - like Pope Leo XIV - saw the future of the Church in Africa. On behalf of the people entrusted to my pastoral care, I ask all of you who care about the future of the Church to support our project. In return, I promise my prayers for your intentions.

Brotherly regards,

Fr. Maciej (Matthias) Fleszar



ST. CHRISTOPHER & BLESSING OF VEHICLES

On July 25, the Church honors St. Christopher, the patron saint of travelers. According to Christian tradition, Christopher devoted himself to serving others by helping travelers cross a dangerous river. One day, he carried a child across the water and discovered that the child was Christ Himself. Because he carried Christ, he became known as Christopher, meaning "Christ-bearer."

For centuries, Christians have sought St. Christopher's intercession for protection and safety while traveling. His example reminds us to carry Christ to others through acts of service, faith, and charity.

In honor of St. Christopher, **vehicle blessings will take place following each Mass on July 26.** Parishioners are invited to bring their cars, motorcycles, bicycles, or other vehicles for a special blessing and prayers for safe travels throughout the year.

As we ask God's protection for all who travel, may St. Christopher watch over us and our loved ones. We look forward to celebrating this special tradition with you.



INVITATION TO THE WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO MERRILLVILLE, IN AUGUST 8-9

Everyone is warmly invited to the 39th Annual Walking Pilgrimage to Merrillville, taking place August 8–9, 2026. The pilgrimage will begin at Immaculate Conception Church, 2944 E. 88th St., on Saturday, August 8. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m., and the pilgrimage will begin immediately afterward.

The registration fee is \$50 for adults and \$30 for children 10 years of age and younger.

Online registration through the Salvatorian Fathers' website begins July 20. In-person registration at our parish will be available from July 25 through August 7.

Buses will depart from our parish parking lot beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 8. Return transportation from Merrillville to our parish will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 9. Pilgrims are encouraged to purchase and wear a T-shirt with our parish logo so that we may be easily recognized as representatives of our parish community.

For more information, please contact Deacon Krzysztof Słowikowski.



St. John Brebeuf Parish invites you to the monthly

ST. RITA DEVOTION

Every 22nd day of each month after the evening mass

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!

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT THE PAUL

Hearing this Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and good deeds, and that he will mercifully gather us into his kingdom. This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish.

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 St. John Brebeuf Parish Office at (847) 966-8145



ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH WEEKENDER

is our weekly communication e-newsletter where you can receive the most recent news regarding our school and parish. To register to receive it weekly please visit our website at:

www.sjbrebeuf.org/sjb-weekender

WILL YOU HELP SAVE UNBORN BABIES?

NorthWest Families for Life **invites you to pray and save lives** outside of the Des Plaines abortion facility. One of the main reasons women give for changing their mind is the presence of someone outside the clinic praying for them. That someone could be YOU! Free training available.

Where:

American Women's Medical
(110 S. River Rd, Des Plaines, IL)

When:

Every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 9:00 -10:30 am

Could you be there one day a month? One hour a week? Any time you can sacrifice will make a difference! You DO NOT need any special training. Just show up on any of the above days and times.

For more information and more ways to be involved in this pro-life ministry, email

Maria at NWFL526@gmail.com or
call Laura 847-651-4877.

www.NorthWestFamiliesforLife.weebly.com

HURTING FROM ABORTION?

There are people who understand and can help. Are you hurting emotionally and spiritually after an abortion? There is hope for your future! If you're suffering because of an abortion, you may feel alone. But you are not. **Call 1-888-456-HOPE.**

COUNSELING SUPPORT LINE

If you feeling anxious or depressed and you'd like to talk with a counselor, please call the Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line at (312) 948-6951 anytime M-F from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Spanish speaking counselors are available. If you leave a message after hours, a counselor will call you back.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department has attorneys and volunteer attorneys available to provide advice in numerous areas of law. If you are unsure about your legal rights or lost in the legal system, they can help. Services include in-depth advice and possible direct representation on many issues, including landlord/tenant disputes, family law, consumer and debtor rights, foreclosure, employment issues, orders of protection, power of attorney, and more. CCLA provides free to low-cost legal services to eligible low-income individuals.

For help and more information, contact the legal advice line at (312) 948-6821.

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QUO VADIS DAYS

Sunday, July 26 – Thursday, July 30, 2026
Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL



Quo Vadis is a camp led by Chicago and Joliet Seminarians, open to young men who have graduated middle school and have an openness to growing in discipleship and fraternity, and learning more about the priesthood.




For information and registration, visit:
chicagopriest.com/events/quo-vadis-days

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 to be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on Sunday, **September 13, 2026 at 2:30pm**. The Mass will be celebrated at Holy Name Cathedral (735 N. State Street in Chicago).

Please email gwa@archchicago.org or contact the parish office with any questions. To register online, please visit pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding. We hope to see you there!



A sack meal can make a real difference for someone facing hunger.

Thanks to the generosity of our parish and school community, nearly **400 sack meals** were provided last month to individuals experiencing food insecurity throughout the Chicagoland area.

This weekend, Uncle Pete's Sack Meal Ministry continues as we serve those facing hunger across the Chicagoland area. Bags and instructions are 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
- 2-3 cookies or one small candy bar
- 1 small bottle of water or juice box
- 1 paper napkin

Sack Meal Drop-Off Times

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

Saturday, July 25

4:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, July 26

6:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Thank you for helping us continue this ministry of caring for our neighbors. Every sack meal is a reminder that someone is loved, remembered, and not alone.

God bless,
Uncle Pete's Ministries

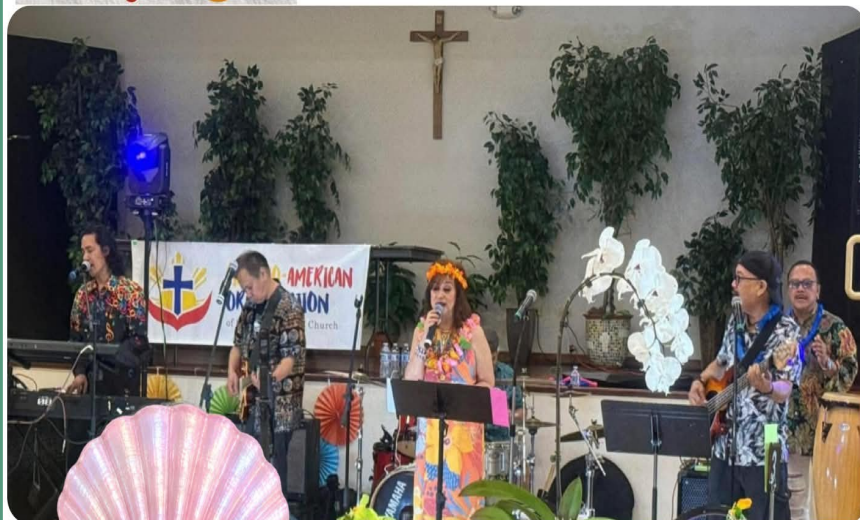
Aloha! SJB Hawaiian Summer Dinner Dance 2026

**Music : Ellen & the Guys
Band w DJ
\$50 prepaid by July 11 /
\$60 after.**

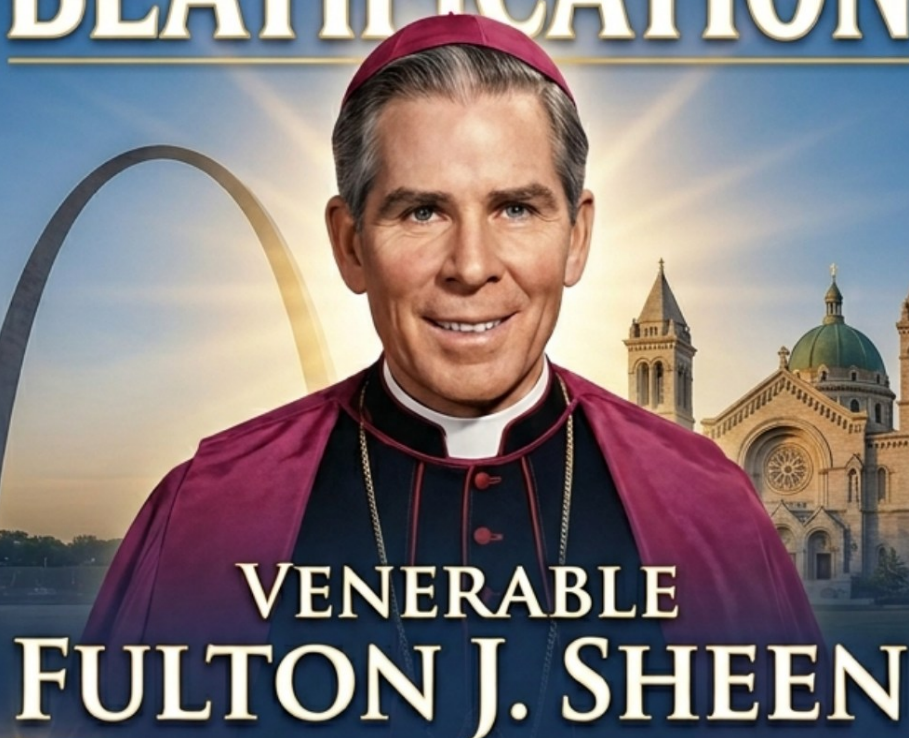
**Saturday, July 25, 2026.
Door opens 5pm. until 11 pm.**

**Attire : Hawaiian .
St. John Brebeuf Ministry
Hall , 8305 n Harlem Ave.
Niles, IL 60714.**

**Pls call : Sofia
Caturan:
847.208.2741,
Ellen Balmadrid-
773.807.4590.
Nellie Leynes-
847.912.8175.
Rose Ladao-
847.858.0662.
Thank you 😊.**



BEATIFICATION



VENERABLE
FULTON J. SHEEN



SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2026 | ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
Journey with us for this once-in-a-lifetime experience!

Pilgrimage under the spiritual direction of
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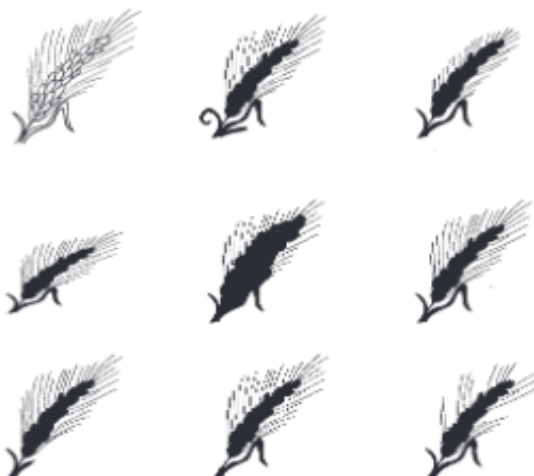
PRAYER

Lord, thank you for gardens of vegetables and fruit orchards.



PUZZLE

Find the matching shadow!



MISSION

I will water the plants at home and drink a cup of water myself.



DRAW

Draw a garden filled with good vegetables and an orchard of good fruit trees.



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Zaproszenie do słuchania

W swoim nauczaniu Jezus często posługiwał się obrazami zaczerpniętymi z codziennego życia. Na ich podstawie głosił przypowieści. Dzisiejszej niedzieli słyszymy przypowieść o siewcy. Siewca w przypowieści to obraz Boga, który jest hojny w swojej miłości i miłosierdziu. Ktoś może nawet powiedzieć, że jest On jak jakiś rozrzutny rolnik, ponieważ rzuca ziarna na drogę, na skalisty grunt i między ciernie. Bóg jest rozrzutny w swojej miłości. Szczodrze dzieli się miłosierdziem, ponieważ chce, aby każdy człowiek miał życie. Największym znakiem hojności Boga jest to, że posłał na świat swojego Syna. Jezus – Słowo Wcielone jest Bożym ziarnem, które jest zasiewane na każdym gruncie, czyli w sercu każdego człowieka.

Cztery rodzaje gruntu to obraz różnych postaw człowieka wobec Boga. Wiara rodzi się ze słuchania i przyjęcia słowa Bożego. Aby wiara mogła wzrastać, słowo Boże potrzebuje odpowiedniej gleby do wzrostu.

Droga jest symbolem człowieka, który nie rozumie słowa Bożego wpadającego do jego serca. W pierwszym przypadku chodzi o człowieka, który nie podejmuje żadnego wysiłku, by otworzyć się na działanie słowa Bożego. Jest mu ono obojętne, jakby przez przypadek spada do jego wnętrza. Takie ziarno nie ma najmniejszej szansy ani zakiełkować, ani zapuścić korzenie. Szatan nie musi się wiele wysilać, aby zdobyć dla siebie człowieka obojętnego na słowo Boga. Przychodzi i zbiera plon.

Miejsce skaliste oznacza wszystkich, którzy przyjmują słowo Boże powierzchownie, bez głębszej refleksji i bez wewnętrznego przekonania. Chwilowa euforia i emocje mijają bardzo szybko, natomiast brakuje im wewnętrznego przekonania i stałości. Powierzchnowe przyjęcie Chrystusa i Jego nauki nie rokuje dobrej przyszłości.

Trzeci rodzaj gleby wyznaczają ciernie, które zagłuszają zboże. Tu Pan Jezus wskazuje na ludzi, którzy słuchają słowa Bożego, ale łatwo dają się zwieść ułudzie bogactwa, kariery, zaszczytów, które są jak cierniste krzaki. Przysłaniają one w sercu naukę Chrystusa i ostatecznie prowadzą do odejścia od Niego.

W końcu ziarno pada na żyzną glebę, która oznacza człowieka otwartego na słowo Boże. On je przyjmuje i według niego kształtuje swoje życie. Taki człowiek wydaje plon wielki: stokrotny, sześćdziesięciokrotny i trzydziestokrotny.

Owoce królestwa Bożego zależą od osobistego zaangażowania człowieka. Bóg jak dobry siewca obficie rzuca słowo łaski, każdemu dając równą szansę. Człowiek pozostaje zawsze istotą wolną, ma możliwość wyboru. Bóg nikomu nie odbiera wolności, którą obdarzył go na początku. Dlatego tak ważne jest, aby słuchać Jezusa, być Mu posłusznym, być posłusznym Jego nauce, iść za Nim, zaufa Mu. Jest to jedyny program życia prawdziwie udanego i szczęśliwego. Jest to także jedyne źródło najgłębszego sensu życia.

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„Dźwigając Mnie, dźwigasz cały świat”. Św. Krzysztof jest jednym z najbardziej popularnych świętych Wschodu i Zachodu. Wiadomo o nim tylko tyle, że pochodził z Azji Mniejszej, z prowincji rzymskiej Licji w dzisiejszej Turcji, i że tam poniósł śmierć męczeńską za panowania cesarza Decjusza ok. 250 r. Istnieje o nim wiele legend.

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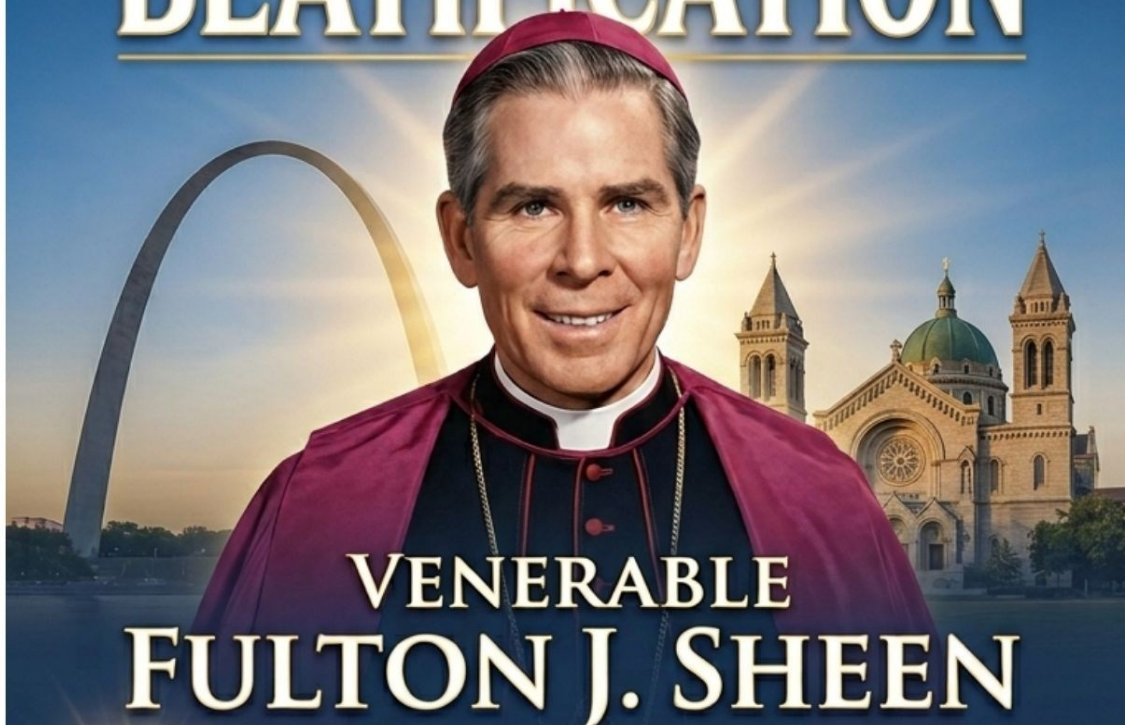


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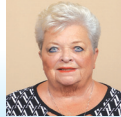
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