

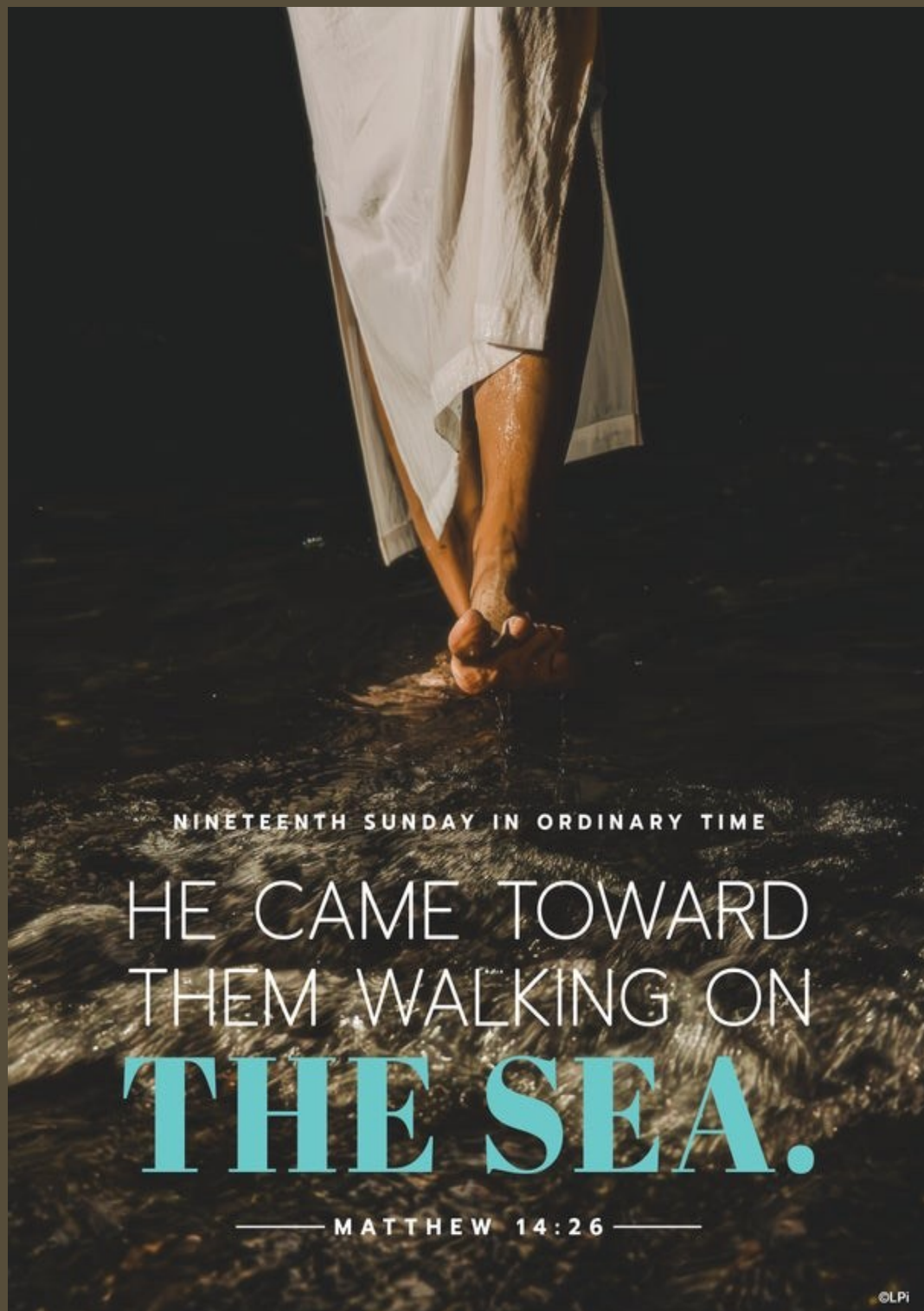
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formation and
service in light
of the Gospel
and Catholic
Tradition.





August 9, 2026

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a | Rom 9:1-5 | Mt 14:22-33

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

As I prepared to become a teacher, a professor reminded me that the most effective way to command the attention of a room full of boisterous students is to lower my voice. Matching their volume only adds to the chaos. But approaching with a low, calm voice demands attention due to the contrast in volume. Prior to the scene in which Elijah encounters God on Mount Horeb, he was fleeing for his life. He was distraught. Likewise, in the Gospel the Apostles were in distress as they were tossed about on the sea. Chaos, anxiety, and distress are unfortunately all too common experiences. But God breaks through our worries and brings peace. God speaks to Elijah in a whisper. Christ walks calmly toward the disciples in the rocking boat. God doesn't match the chaos and the volume of our broken world. When Christ says, "Peace be with you," it is a genuine extension of peace to our weary souls from the Prince of Peace. The challenge for us comes in finding the quiet to experience the peace that Christ offers.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Doing the work of God does not mean that we always have to get louder. Proclaiming the Good News may mean that our words grow softer while the gentleness and peace from the Spirit become more visible. I find it interesting that as the crowds are dispersing and the Apostles are getting into a boat, Jesus finds a spot of solitude to pray. All too often in my own ministry, I see the tasks that need to be completed and disregard my own need for solitude. But it is in this quiet that we hear the voice of God that gives life to ministry and that guides us in the path of holiness. God will not add chaos to the world – peace is in his nature and he cannot act contrary to his nature. And so in the midst of our busyness and brokenness, God lowers his voice and calls us to attention.

LISTEN

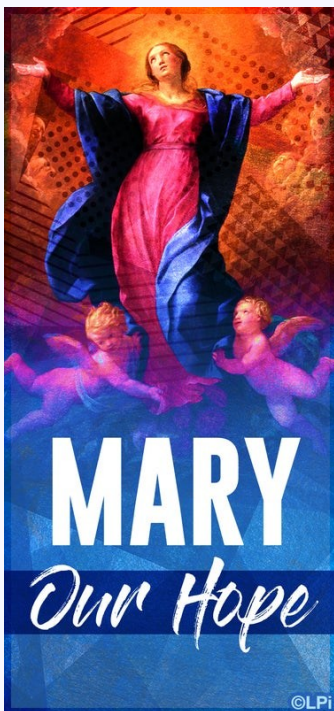
Particularly with the expansive nature of technology, it can be difficult to block out the world in order to silence our minds and hearts. But we know from Christ's example of prayer and from Elijah's experience on Mount Horeb that God speaks to us in the quiet. Spend some time this week in quiet solitude to make yourself available to encounter God and hear his voice.



A Note from the Associate Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

One of the most beautiful solemnities of the liturgical year is fast approaching: the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In some countries, August 15th is considered a holiday. For instance, in Italy, the entire week is often spent on vacation, and many businesses close for the occasion. Some priests have mentioned that Rome itself becomes like a ghost town.



The importance of the Solemnity of the Assumption is deeply embedded in the hearts of Catholics in these regions. Unfortunately, we cannot enjoy a day off for the Assumption. However, this year Solemnity falls on a Saturday, making it easier for us to celebrate. We will have Mass in English at 8:30 AM and Masses in Polish at 7:00 AM and 12:00 noon.

The Assumption reminds us of the Blessed Virgin Mary's important role as our Mother and greatest intercessor. She is without sin, Immaculate, and does not need to pray for herself; she always intercedes for us

Mary loves her children and is deeply concerned about their sanctity. Just as she was taken to Heaven, both body and soul. We too yearn to join her one day. Her piety, humility, and quiet joy serve as examples for our lives. The Solemnity of the Assumption reminds us of these virtues, so let us celebrate it together.

In Polish tradition, flowers are blessed on this day as a gesture of thanksgiving for the harvest. In a way, this day also marks the end of summer. Let us give thanks for the months that have passed through the intercession of our Blessed Mother. Holy Mary, Mother of God – pray for us!

Fr. Sebastian

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: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/
Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1
Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

OBSERVANCES:

Monday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Tuesday: St. Clare, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Thursday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Friday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Saturday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

LITURGY SCHEDULE / MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 10 — AUGUST 16

**Monday, August 10th****8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

Maggie Beierwaltes-Health and Birthday Blessings

God's Blessings to Urszula and Grzegorz on their 30th Wedding Anniversary

† Ceferena Lascano - 20th Death Anniversary

† Jerzy and Teodozja Fey

† The Soul of Zofia Krupa

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Jason

O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo z okazji urodzin dla Maggie Beierwaltes

† Zofia Żukowska 30 dni po śmierci

Tuesday, August 11th**8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

Monica Stankiewicz & Alberto Saberbein 19th Wedding Anniversary

† For the Soul of John Herzig

7:00 pm English Fr. Sebastian

Health & Blessings to Christopher

Wednesday, August 12th**8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

O Boże Błogosławieństwo i potrzebne łaski dla Krystyny Wiecheć z okazji Urodzin

John Mazur Birthday Blessings

Geraldine Harydman Birthday Blessings

† William Uhlig 14th Death Anniversary

† Dale Anderson 12th Death Anniversary

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo z okazji urodzin urodzin dla Geraldine Hardyman I Johna Mazur

O Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Romana Wójtowicz i jego rodziny

† Lester Onyszko 1 rocznica śmierci

† Karolina i Wiktor Skruch

† Jadwiga i Leszek Łopatka

Thursday, August 13th**8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

Zenaida B. Llarena - Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving

† Walter Sewruk

7:00 pm English Fatima Devotion**Father Jason**

O Boże Błogosławieństwo, opiekę Matki Najświętszej i prowadzenie Ducha Św. na drodze siły, wiary i nadziei dla córki

Eweliny z dziećmi i Syna Bartosza

Health & Blessings to Christopher

† Zofia Szpara

† Alina Kruk 6 miesięcy po śmierci

† Joyce Sisto 4th year Death Anniversary

Friday, August 14th**8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

† Chester Janik Death Anniversary

† Kazimierz Hanusiak Death Anniversary

† Chuck Pembleton 3rd year Death Anniversary

7:00 pm Polish Vigil of Assumption**Fr. Jason**

Za chorych i cierpiących

Saturday, August 15th Assumption**7:00 am Polish Fr. Sebastian**

Za dusze w Czyśćcu cierpiące

† The Soul of Daniel O'Donell

8:30 am English Fr. Jason

God's Blessings and protection for Sebastian Mathew and Jake Mathew

For All living Members of St. Queen

Jadwiga and their Families

Health and God's Blessings for Mia

† The Soul of Daniel O'Donell 9th Month Death Anniversary

12:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O zdrowie, Boże Błogosławieństwo oraz potrzebne łaski dla Mamy Marii z okazji Urodzin i Imienin

o Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Rodziców Marii i Mariana

O zdrowie, potrzebne łaski i opiekę Matki Bożej dla Marii Pacyniak

† O życie wieczne dla Małgosi Przyckiej

† The Soul of Daniel O'Donell

5:00 pm English Fr. Sebastian

In Thanksgiving for the newly Baptized child Capri Zofia Cozzi, Her Parents, Godparents and Family. She may grow in the love of God and guided by the Holy Spirit

† Eternal rest for Gustavo A. Saberbein - Chevalier 1st year Death Anniversary

† John Jerome Arenó

† Dale Schwed

† John A. Guerrieri, Jr.

† Enrico Costabile 20th Year Death Anniversary

† The Soul of Daniel O'Donell

6:30 pm Polish Fr. Jason

In Thanksgiving for the newly Baptized child Capri Zofia Cozzi, Her Parents, Godparents and Family

O zdrowie, Boże Błogosławieństwo i opiekę Matki Bożej dla Edyty w rocznicę urodzin

O zdrowie, Boże Błogosławieństwo i opiekę Matki Bożej dla Mai

O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla

Krystyny Bąk

† Stanisław Szypcio

† Edward Rybka

† Eufemia Fiedorowicz w kolejną rocznicę śmierci

† Wiesław Budzik

† Józef Gibes

† Stanisław Obrochta

† Józef Leś

† Waleria i Stanisław Buchaniec, Jan i Stefania Buchaniec, Katarzyna i Ludwik

Pudło, Janusz Gibes, Zofia Kamysz, zmarli

z Rodzin Bieniaszewski i Uliasz

† Jerzy Łapiński 15 rocznica śmierci

† Andrzej Tomaszewski w 23 rocznice

śmierci

† Anna Ciepiela

† Katarzyna i Tomasz Ptasznik

† Maria Rodna i zmarli z rodziny

† The Soul of Daniel O'Donell

Sunday, August 16th**7:00 am Polish Fr. Jason**

O dary Ducha Św i potrzebne łaski dla Darka i Damiana Tajanko

† Za wszystkich zmarłych z Rodziny

Poborca i Babiarz

† Angelica Kowalczyk

† Majka Pikul oraz zmarli z Rodziny Pikul,

Kalata, Bajko i Wołyńskich

8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian

In Thanksgiving for the newly Baptized child Capri Zofia Cozzi, Her Parents, Godparents and Family

† John Corboy Birthday Remembrance

† Arthur & Dorothy M. Kapchinski

† Bolesław Sęk

† Irena Mordell and Edward Mordell

† Bernadetta Augustyn

† Bernadetta Augustyn

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ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK IS OFFERED FOR:

Abundant God's blessings over our school community

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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

OUR BELOVED DEPARTED:

Mary Ann Beller
Paul Jakala

Anthony Curtis



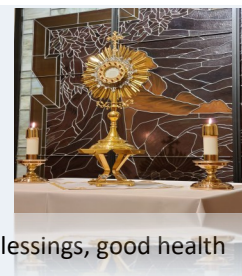
OUR MILITARY: Please pray for those serving in the military, and for a peaceful and just solution to conflict and violence.

Timothy Casey	Thomas Neuheugen
Scott Rodberg	Mark Honsa
Sgt. Daniel Cunningham	Pvt. James Cunningham
CW4 Louis Haberkorn	Marian Niemoćko
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 Luz Rodriguez - Birthday God's blessings, good health for the Family and peace in the World

Candle 2 Luz Rodriguez - Birthday God's blessings, good health for the Family and peace in the World



SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

August 2 — \$15,384

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 tworzyacie naszą wspólnotę.



WEDDING BANNS:



I Michael Quintana & Monika Wlodkowski
I Andrew Page & Karolina Koziarski

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*

WHAT ARE MASS CARDS?

Mass cards are a meaningful Catholic tradition that allows the faithful to offer the Holy Mass for a specific intention. When you request a Mass, a priest offers the Eucharistic celebration for your intention, whether it's for someone who has passed away, is ill, or is celebrating a special occasion. It is a beautiful way to express your prayers, support, and love through the most sacred act of worship in the Church. 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.



*Continued from page 4***10:00 am English Fr. Sebastian**

In Thanksgiving for the newly Baptized child Capri Zofia Cozzi, Her Parents, Godparents and Family

Dr. Ewa Chomka Birthday Blessings

† Deceased Members of Simonides Family

† Michelle Gucik

† Theresa M. Gargano & Vincent Joseph Gargano Birthday Remembrance

† Clelia Massimini

† Natalia Najman 36th Death Anniversary

† Matthew, Bernice, and Matt Jr Wojtaszek

† Eugene Mikowski

† Dr. Christina Chomka Leya Birthday Remembrance

† Maria Chomka Birthday Remembrance

† Maria and Ignacy Chomka Heavenly Wedding Anniversary

† Rozalia and Leopold Leja

11:30 am Polish Fr. Jason

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

O szczęśliwe rozwiązanie dla Nicole i opiekę Matki Bożej

O szczęśliwą podróż do Polski dla Józefy

† Edward Rybka

† Stanisław Józef Gwiżdż 5 rocznica śmierci

† Zdzisław, Michael Puacz, Antonina i

Franciszek Półchłopek i zmarli z Rodziny Półchłopek

† Jan Czerwiński

† Piotr Bleszko 6 miesięcy po śmierci

† Maria i Józef Wojdyła

† Zdzisław Serocki

† Józef Leś

† Daniel Szaciłowski rocznica śmierci

† Jadwiga Serafin

† Tomasz Dmyterko 1 rocznica śmierci

† Jan Mieczysław Piechowicz

† Lucyna Piechowicz

† Maria Kruczek we wspomnieniu Urodzin

† Tadeusz Żurowski w 2 rocznice śmierci

† Tadeusz Domagała 9 rocznica śmierci

† Janusz Krysinski w 5 rocznicę śmierci

† Stefania i Czesław Janiczak

† Danuta Jąkała 8 rocznica śmierci

6:00 pm English Fr. Pawel Adamus

Frank Eberwein 98th Birthday Blessings

In Thanksgiving for the Baptism of Capri Zofia Cozzi

† Philip Grossman and deceased members of Grossman Family

† Frank Rosienski 99th Birthday Remembrance

SAINTS & CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:**August 11 – Memorial of St. Clare of Assisi**

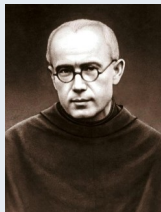
On August 11, the Church celebrates the Memorial of St. Clare of Assisi (1194–1253), one of the great saints of the Franciscan tradition. Inspired by the example of St. Francis, she left behind a life of wealth and privilege to embrace a life of poverty, prayer, and complete trust in God. She founded the Order of Poor Clares, whose members continue her legacy of contemplative prayer and joyful simplicity. St. Clare is remembered for her deep devotion to the Holy Eucharist. According to tradition, she courageously held the Blessed Sacrament before approaching enemies, trusting in Christ's protection for her community. She is the patron saint of television, communications, and the Poor Clares. Her life reminds us that true strength is found in humility, faith, and unwavering confidence in God's providence.

August 12 – Memorial of St. Jane Frances de Chantal

On August 12, the Church celebrates the Memorial of St. Jane Frances de Chantal (1572–1641), a devoted wife, loving mother, widow, and religious foundress. After the death of her husband, she entrusted her life completely to God while faithfully raising her children. Under the spiritual guidance of St. Francis de Sales, she founded the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary (the Visitation Sisters). The order was established to welcome women who desired a life of prayer and service, emphasizing humility, gentleness, and charity. St. Jane Frances de Chantal's life is a powerful witness that holiness can be lived in every stage of life—within marriage, family life, widowhood, and religious vocation. *"Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same loving Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day."* — St. Jane Frances de Chantal

August 14 – Memorial of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe

On August 14, the Church honors St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe (1894–1941), a Polish Franciscan priest and martyr whose life remains a powerful witness to



heroic love and self-sacrifice. A devoted servant of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Maximilian founded the Militia of the Immaculata (Army of the Immaculate) and used the press and modern media to spread the Gospel and foster devotion to Our Lady. During World War II, he was imprisoned in the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz.

When a fellow prisoner, Franciszek Gajowniczek, was condemned to die by starvation, Fr. Kolbe voluntarily took his place. After two weeks in the starvation bunker, he was killed by lethal injection on August 14, 1941. Canonized by St. John Paul II as the "Martyr of Charity," St. Maximilian reminds us that the greatest expression of love is to give one's life for another.

August 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Saturday, August 15, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, honoring Mary's being taken body and soul into heavenly glory. This feast reminds us of the hope of the Resurrection and the promise of eternal life that awaits all who faithfully follow Christ. Because the Solemnity falls on a Saturday this year, it is *not* a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States. Nevertheless, we warmly encourage participation in the celebration of the Mass at 8:30am and to honor Our Blessed Mother on this special feast.



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FATIMA DEVOTIONS / August 13th at 7:00pm

From May until October every 13th of the month we encouraged you to take part in the bi-lingual Fatima Devotions in our church at 7:00pm followed by Rosary procession.

The Thirteenth of the Month Devotions are in honor of the day of the month that Blessed Mary chose for her appearances to the children of Fatima in 1917. Participating in the monthly Fatima Devotions is a beautiful opportunity to grow in faith through the celebration of the Mass, the Rosary, , and the candlelight procession in honor of Our Lady. It is also a time to pray for our families, our parish, our nation, and for peace throughout the world.

"In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

— Our Lady of Fatima

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Our parish family is compiling a list of those currently serving in the United States Armed Forces so that we may keep them and their families in our prayers. If you have a loved one who is currently serving or deployed, we invite you to share their name and branch of service with us. It is our privilege to remember them in prayer and ask God's protection, strength, and peace upon them. Please contact the parish office to include your loved one on our prayer list (847) 966-8145 or office@sjbrebeuf.org



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If you are interested, the V.F.W. would like to facilitate the sending of "Care Packages" by the USO (United Service Organization) to active military members.

Please provide the name, address or APO of the Service Member to Mike Reilly, Jr. Vice Commander at MReilly2220@gmail.com or call 847-825-4588.

The Service Member must have at least 90 days on their deployment.



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**30TH ANNIVERSARY STO. NINO
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9:30 AM - 5:30 PM | **22** | SATURDAY
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30th Santo Niño de Agosto Fiesta Celebration

AUGUST 22, 2026 / 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM

St John Brebeuf Church

8305 Noth Harlem Ave
 Niles Illinois 60714

Please join us for

- 9:30 AM** - Assembly
- 10:00 AM** - Blessing of the Santo Niño Images and Devotional Groups
- 11:00 AM** - Holy Mass
- 12:00 NN** - Procession and Devotional Prayers
- 1:00 PM** - Lunch Break
- 2:00 PM** - Fellowship Program & Sinulog Dance Contest
- 4:00 PM** - Raffle Drawing and Entertainment
- 5:30 PM** - Closing Ceremony / Adjournment

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



Deacon inquiry sessions: For single and married men ages 32-62 who have considered the call to become a deacon; in-person meetings Sept. 21 and April 12, 2027, 7 p.m., at the Diaconate Office, 816 Marengo Ave., Franklin Park; online meetings Nov. 9 and Feb. 22, 2027, 7 p.m.; wives are strongly encouraged to attend; for information or to RSVP to a session, call 708-366-8900.

"Fishers of Men": Oct. 3, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Catholic Scouts are invited to fish in the lake at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein with seminarians; event includes seminarian talk and chapel tour; \$10; registration required; for information, call Tony Steenkolk at 208-921-2417 or email ScouterTonySteenkolk@gmail.com.

Run with the Nuns 5K: Oct. 18, 9 a.m.; on the Mount Assisi campus in Lemont; all-terrain course through natural hills; \$50 adults, \$20 children 12 and under who walk or run with a parent; early bird discount; supports the School Sisters of St. Francis of Christ the King and their ministries; visit runwiththenuns.org.

St. Vincent's Orphanage reunion: Sept. 20, 10:30 a.m. open house, followed by Mass and light lunch; for those who spent time as an infant or child in the care of St. Vincent's Orphanage, as well former staff; at Catholic Charities St. Vincent Center, 721 N. LaSalle St.; free; registration required; for details, contact Lisa Francis at 312-655-7093 or lfrancis@catholiccharities.net.

Sunrise Prayer Service: August 22, 2026

The Black Catholic Deacons of Chicago are hosting the Annual Sunrise Prayer Service on Saturday, Aug. 22. Everyone is invited to join at 6:30 a.m. at Oakwood Beach (41st Street and Lakeshore Drive, Chicago) to pray for peace in our hearts, schools, families and streets. For more information, contact Deacon Gill, 773.933.0027 or deacongill@sbcglobal.net

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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.

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Wniebowzięcie przypomina nam o ważnej roli Najświętszej Maryi Panny jako naszej Matki i największej Orędowniczki. Jest



Ona wolna od grzechu, Niepokalana, i nie musi modlić się za samą siebie; zawsze wstawia się za nami. Maryja kocha swoje dzieci i głęboko troszczy się o ich świętość. Tak jak Ona została wzięta do Nieba z duszą i ciałem, tak i my pragniemy pewnego dnia do Niej dołączyć. Jej pobożność, pokora i cicha radość stanowią wzór dla naszego życia. Uroczystość

Wniebowzięcia przypomina nam o tych cnotach, więc świętujemy ją wspólnie.

W polskiej tradycji tego dnia błogosławi się kwiaty w geście dziękczynienia za plony. W pewnym sensie dzień ten wyznacza również koniec lata. Podziękujmy za minione miesiące za wstawiennictwem naszej Najświętszej Matki.

Święta Maryjo, Matko Boża – módl się za nami!

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W TYM TYGODNIU WSPOMINAMY:

11 sierpnia Kościół wspomina św. Klarę z Asyżu, dziewicę i założycielkę Zakonu Ubogich Pań, zwanych



dziś klaryskami. Zafascynowana przykładem św. Franciszka, porzuciła życie w dostatku, aby całkowicie oddać się Bogu w ubóstwie, modlitwie i służbie. Święta Klara uczy nas, że prawdziwe bogactwo człowieka nie znajduje się w dobrach materialnych, lecz w bliskiej relacji z Chrystusem. Jej życie było świadectwem głębokiej wiary, pokory i całkowitego zawierzenia Bożej Opatrzności. Jest patronką telewizji, mediów oraz dobrej pogody.

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Święta Joanna pokazuje, że droga do świętości prowadzi przez wierne wypełnianie codziennych obowiązków, nawet pośród cierpienia i życiowych doświadczeń. Jej życie było świadectwem głębokiej wiary, zaufania Bożej Opatrzności oraz wielkiej troski o drugiego człowieka.

14 sierpnia Kościół wspomina św. Maksymiliana Marię Kolbego, franciszkanina, kapłana i męczennika, jednego z największych świętych XX wieku. Był gorliwym czcicielem Matki Bożej Niepokalanej, założycielem Rycerstwa Niepokalanej oraz wydawcą „Rycerza Niepokalanej”.

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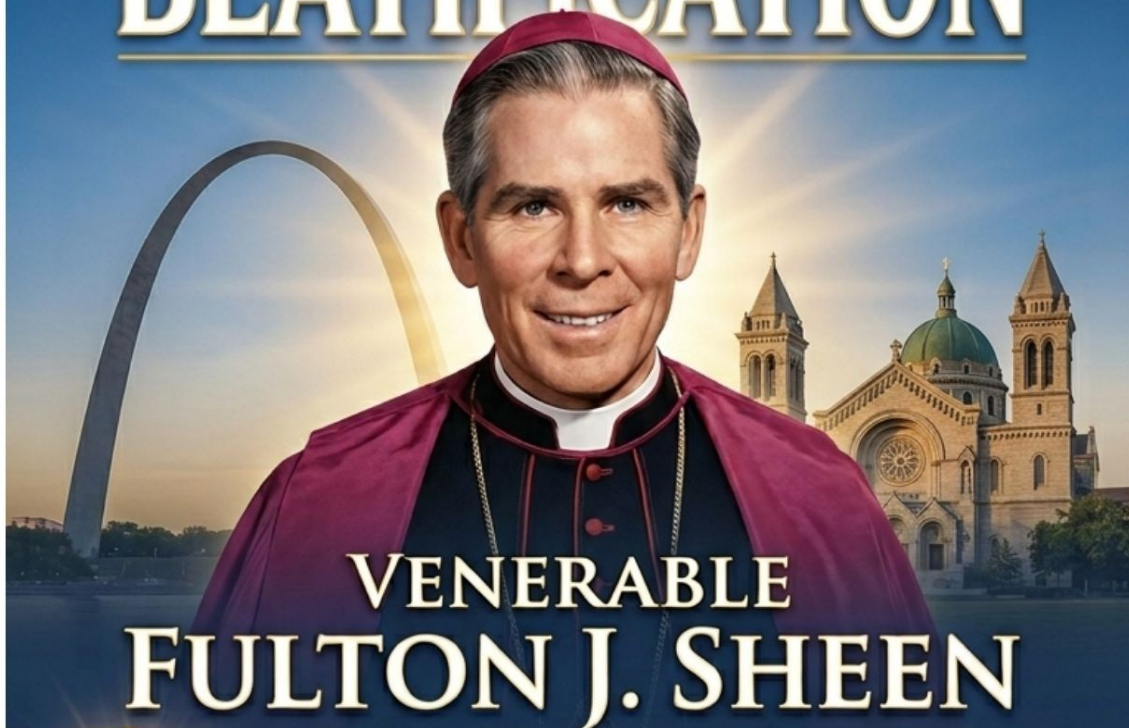
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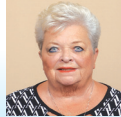
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Saturday 8:30 am 5:00 pm, 6:30 pm (Polish)
Sunday 8:30, 10:00 am & 6:00 pm (English)
7:00 am and 11:30 am, (Polish)
Daily Mass Monday - Saturday 8:30 am
7:00 pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday (Polish)
7:00 pm Tuesday & Thursday (English)

RECONCILIATION:

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