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a people of
faith who
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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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MOVED WITH COMPASSION.

— MATTHEW 18:27 —



September 13, 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Sir 27:30—28:7 | Rom 14:7-9 | Mt 18:21-35

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

It strikes me that the real issue in the Gospel is that the first man whose debt the king forgives fails to see that his fellow servant who owes him a smaller debt is just like himself. "Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?" Sirach asks. I think we sometimes languish in unforgiveness because we think of others' wrongful actions as being somehow worse than ours. As a result, we hold others to a higher standard, while expecting people to easily excuse our failings. Perhaps the first step toward the radical forgiveness that Jesus calls us to in today's Gospel is to foster compassion for our fellow human beings. When we are wronged, it may be helpful to remind ourselves of the classic phrase, "There but for the grace of God, go I." When we recognize that those who wrong us have the same struggles as our own, we are more likely to extend the same mercy we wish to be offered to us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

After the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II by Mehmet Ali Ağca in 1981, the future saint forgave his would-be assassin from his hospital bed, only four days after the shooting that nearly took his life. Later, the pope went to visit Ağca in prison, and the two spoke for more than 20 minutes. Since that time, John Paul's example has stood as a witness to the power of God at work in us; the strength to forgive, it is clear, comes not from ourselves, but from the Lord. Our willingness to receive God's grace and to extend forgiveness to others offers a powerful witness to the goodness of God, who is "kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion."

PRAY

Radical forgiveness is a challenging spiritual practice; it is not easy! To forgive as Christ calls us to requires that we cultivate an interior disposition of humility and compassion. This ancient prayer from St. Ephrem can help to open our hearts to overcome anger or judgment toward those who have wronged us: *Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter. Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience and love. Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins, and not judge my brothers and sisters for you are blessed for ever and ever. Amen.*





A Note from the Associate Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

September is the month when many things happen in our parish. Our parish Oktoberfest is coming up (the first week-end of October), and we are very excited. Soon we will have an opportunity to spend some time together and support our parish and the parish school. We cordially invite you to this enjoyable event.

It is also when our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) and Religious Education Program (REP) begin. Our parish school has already started classes, and we enjoy welcoming the school children back to our campus.

Finally, many people are unaware that our campus also hosts two Polish schools that have just started classes: Nicholas Copernicus Polish School and Maria Skłodowska Curie Polish School.

In total, our parish is a home to around 600-700 children from different educational programs. We should be proud of it. These children are our future, and we should always welcome and support them.

I want to invite you all to pray for all kids. Family is always a home church, and we, as SJB parish, want to make our church a home for everyone. If you know anyone who has children, please invite them to our family masses. The first ones will take place on September 20th at 10 am (English) and 11:30 am (Polish).

Also, we do not want you to forget about Spirituality Groups (2nd and 4th Thursday) and Bible Study in Polish (3rd Saturday of the Month after 6:30 pm Mass).

Last but not least, we would like to invite you to Mass for the Sick on Saturday, September 19th at 10 am. During the Mass, we will administer the Anointing of the Sick to all who participate. Also, we will install the relic of St. Peregrine, the patron of those who suffer from cancer and other serious sicknesses.

We want to make SJB your home. Come forward. You are always welcome. We love YOU!

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: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

OBSERVANCES:

Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop

Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

LITURGY SCHEDULE / MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14 — 20

Monday, September 14th**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross****8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

Dalisay C. Walsh for safe travel to Poland
 O uzdrowienie z choroby Aurelii Drożdżał
 † Dennis Masek 1st Death Anniversary
 † Olinda Vargas Birthday Remembrance
 † Gloria Salvador

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Jason

O uzdrowienie z choroby Aurelii Drożdżał
 Intencja dziękczynna w podziękowaniu
 Panu Bogu za wszystkie łaski i z prośbą o
 Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Danuty i Johna
 oraz ich dzieci i ich rodzin
 † Urszuli Siek w 7 rocznicę śmierci
 † O łaskę nieba dla Antoniego Herman

Tuesday, September 15th**8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

Health and Birthday Blessings for Claire
 McPartlin

Health and God Blessings for Chrisopher
 and Elizabeth Bialobrzewski and their
 Family on their 19th Wedding Anniv.

Thanksgiving of Cecille, Zita and Cely

† Rina Cecilia Gonzalez- Albazzaz 1st month
 Death Anniversary

† Armando Massimini

† John Herzig

† Gloria Salvador

7:00 pm English Fr. Jason

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Health and God Blessings for Chrisopher
 and Elizabeth Bialobrzewski and their
 Family on their 19th Wedding Anniversary

† Rina Cecilia Gonzalez- Albazzaz 1 st
 month Death Anniversary

† Maria and Karol Ratulowski

Wednesday, September 16th**8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

Health and Birthday Blessings for Nellie
 Lynes

Thanksgiving and Blessing for Nellie
 Leynes and the family

† Raymond Grochocki 25th Death
 Anniversary

† Gloria Salvador

† Mark Wydra Birthday Remembrance

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian

O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla
 Nellie Lynes okazji urodzin

Prośba o łaskę powrotu do zdrowia dla
 Danuty i Stanisława Dyląg i Boże

Błogosławieństwo dla ich Rodziny

O Boże Bł. i potrzebne łaski dla Marka

Przybysz z okazji Urodzin

† O spokój duszy i radość wieczną dla Jana
 Klepackiego - miesiąc po śmierci

† Czesława Ostrowska 19 rocznica śmierci i
 Józef Ostrowski

† Bolestaw Soboń

† Wacław Romanowski we wspomnieniu
 urodzin oraz Czesława Romanowska w 4
 rocznicę śmierci

Thursday, September 17th**8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

For People of Poland, to stay strong in
 Faith of Our Lord

For those who serve in the military- Nate
 Hamilton and Shawn Walker, and God's
 protection for their Families

† Gloria Salvador

† Erik Mosson, Janina i Stanisław Drużba

7:00 pm English Fr. Jason

† Maria and Karol Ratulowski

Friday, September 18th**8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

Health and Gods blessings for Peter on his
 Birthday

Warren Dulski 80th Birthday Blessings

† Gloria Salvador

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Jason

O Boże Bł. i Dary Ducha Św. dla członków
 grupy Miłosierdzia Bożego i ich Rodzin

† Józef "Joseph" Gibes

† Rafal Mosio

7:30 pm Divine Mercy Fr. Jason**Saturday, September 19th****8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

God's Blessings and protection for Jake
 Mathew

Warren Dulski God's Blessings on his 80th
 Birthday

Francisco Parada Birthday health and
 God's Blessings

† Gloria Salvador

† Consolacion Leynes Urgena Death
 Anniversary

10:00 am Anointing of the sick**4:00 pm Confession****5:00 pm English Fr. Jason**

Warren Dulski God's Blessings on his 80th
 birthday

Patrick Holohan Health and God's
 Blessings

† Mary Rohrich 10th year Death Anniv.

† Dale Schwed

† Gloria Salvador

† John Jerome Arenó

† Elliott Satinover 8th Anniv. of Death

† Lucille Morano Drblik

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Lednica Bp. Robert**Fedek****6:30 pm Polish Fr. Jason**

Warren Dulski God's Blessings on his 80th
 Birthday

† Stanisław i Irena Kaźmierczak

† Stanisław Obrochta

† Józef Leś

† Jadwiga Łapińska rocznica śmierci

† Henryka Hołodziuk 5 miesięcy po śmierci

† Kazimierz Baczyński

† Jan Klepacki

† Helen Czyżewski

† Ignacy Chomka- 57th Death Anniversary

Sunday, September 20th**7:00 am Polish Fr. Sebastian**

† Emilia Węgiel 13 rocznica śmierci

† Zygmunt Węgiel 28 rocznica śmierci

† Jadwiga Serafin

† Agnieszka Milik

† Majka Pikul oraz zmarli z Rodziny Pikul,
 Kalata, Bajko i Wołyńskich

† Za wszystkich zmarłych z Rodziny

Poborca i Babiarsz

8:30 am English Fr. Jason

Warren Dulski God's Blessings on his 80th
 birthday

† Arthur & Dorothy M. Kapchinski

† Piotr Skowrya Death Anniversary

10:00 am English Fr. Jason

Warren Dulski God's Blessings on his 80th
 Birthday

† Michelle Gucik

† Vito Joseph Gargano, Theresa M.

Gargano, Vincent Joseph Gargano

† Regina Bator 1st Death Anniversary

11:30 am Polish Fr. Sebastian

Krzysztof i Jenney Puacz - o Boże bł. z
 okazji Urodzin

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

O zdrowie, potrzebne łaski i Boże bł. dla

Barbary i Dominika Chowaniec

† Edward Rybka

† Józef Rybka 54 rocznica śmierci

† Stanisław Józef Gwiżdż 5 r. śmierci

† Jan Czerwiński

† Piotr Bleszko 7 miesięcy po śmierci

† Józef Leś

† Marian Grum 2 rocznica śmierci

6:00 pm English Fr. Michal Wyrzykowski

† Philip Grossman and deceased members
 of Grossman Family

† JoAnne Eberwein 94th Birthday
 Remembrance



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK IS OFFERED FOR:

W podziękowaniu za 2 lata małżeństwa z prośbą o dalsze Błogosławieństwo dla Agnieszki i Brendana

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Martha Gfesser
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
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
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
George Frey
Scott Johnson
Aurea Primero
Emilia Fernandez
Ernie Tusa
Francisco Mandigma
Rosa Moreano
Corazon Sanchez
Jovita Aro
Lita Rosales
Susan Czech
Alexander T. Ando
Rosario Dimaculangan
Maria Piotrowska

WEDDING BANNS:

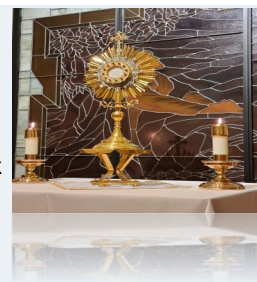


III Christopher Malobabic & Aleksandra Persowska
II Kyle Hazeltine & Emily Jarzabek
II Anthony Tzvey & Karolina Weglarczyk

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES OFFERED THIS WEEK FOR:

Candle 1 Birthday Blessings for Arthur Bąk

Candle 2 Birthday Blessings for Piotr Bąk



SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

September 6 — \$ 15,901

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*

PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

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
John Frei
Jacqueline L. Yurgil
Anthony Kamykowski
Marcin Kulis

Thomas Neuhengen
Mark Honsa
Pvt. James Cunningham
Marian Niemoćko
PFC Seth D. Perkins
Sgt. Ramiro Cadena
Pieter Venter
Jacob Allen
Robert Monaco
Ryan Belluci
Joseph Gacoby
Mark Yurgil
Shawn Walker
Nate Hamilton

Prosimy o modlitwę za wszystkich służących w siłach zbrojnych oraz o pokojowe i sprawiedliwe rozwiązanie konfliktów i przemocy.

THIS WEEK IN THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross | September 14

The Cross, once a symbol of suffering and death, became through Christ a sign of victory, love, and hope. On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we are invited to look at the Cross not only

as a reminder of Christ's suffering, but as the greatest sign of God's love for us.

We all carry crosses of our own: illness, loss, loneliness, worries about those we love, or burdens known only to God. Jesus does not promise us a life without suffering, but He assures us that we never carry our crosses alone. With Christ, even the Cross can become a path to new life.

Our Lady of Sorrows | September 15

The following day, the Church turns our attention to Mary standing faithfully beneath the Cross of her

Son. The closeness of these two celebrations is especially meaningful: where we contemplate the Cross of Christ, we also find His Mother.

Our Lady of Sorrows reminds us that faith does not mean a life without tears or having an answer to every "why." Sometimes faith means simply remaining with God when we do not understand. Mary remained. She loved, trusted, and stood faithfully beside her Son.

As we observe these two special days, may we bring our own crosses to Christ and ask Our Lady of Sorrows to remain close to all who are grieving, struggling, or suffering.



SCHOOL OF
**PARISH
LEADERSHIP**
— AND —
EVANGELIZATION

Congratulations and blessings always!

After a year of prayer and discernment, **Kevin Campbell**, will be enrolled by

Bishop Timothy O'Malley as a candidate for the diaconate through the Deacon Formation Program of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake - School of Parish Leadership and Evangelization. The special liturgy will take place on Sunday, September 20, 2026, at USML's Chapel of the Immaculate Conception starting at 1:30pm.

Candidacy is the first official recognition by the Church of the positive signs of his vocation to the diaconate, which must be confirmed in the next three years of formation—a period that includes spiritual formation and direction, theological reflection, pastoral ministry experiences, academic courses, human/personal development, field education, internships, and much more.

To get to this point in his formation, Kevin has journeyed through a one-year period of discernment called the Aspirant Stage that included prayer, a comprehensive course on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, days of reflection on the deacon's share in the bishop's ministries of Word, Liturgy and Charity, monthly spiritual direction, and retreats during which he prayed and reflected, with his family, over his possible call to Holy Orders.

His wife, Angelica Campbell, also participated in the Aspirant Stage. Her goals were to learn more about the diaconate, and to discern whether she can continue to support her husband through the coming years of formation, and possibly as an ordained deacon. In fact, wives are required to write a letter to Cardinal Cupich that notes their free, informed consent to their husbands' moving to the Candidate Stage.

Overall, the diaconate is thriving in the Archdiocese of Chicago, with more than 500 active deacons. While deacons are found in many parishes of the archdiocese, a frequently asked question is, "What is a deacon?"

With bishops and priests, deacons receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders. They are full-time ordained ministers living in the midst of the world, most often with full-time careers outside the Church. Deacons may baptize, proclaim the Gospel and preach, assist at the Eucharist, witness marriages, officiate at wakes and funeral services, preside at Benediction, minister at other liturgical/prayer gatherings, offer blessings, and more. These are functions most visible in the parish.

But a more important question is, "Who is the deacon?" The deacon is an emissary of the bishop, "the bishop's ear, mouth, heart and soul," as a Christian writer in the Patristic era described them. Once ordained, the deacon is assigned by the bishop to serve the people of God in whatever capacity is most needed by the Church, typically in the parish that helped him discern his diaconal vocation.

All are welcome to attend this Mass!

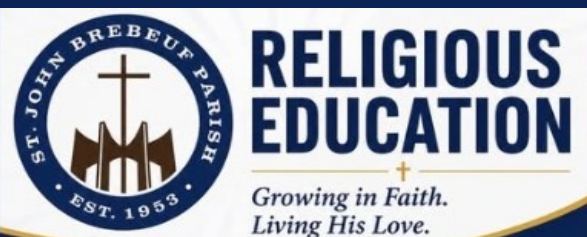
Please keep Kevin, his wife Angelica, all those in formation, and their families in your prayers that they might continue to answer God's call in their lives!

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION — OCIA

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process for welcoming new members into the Roman Catholic Church. OCIA is for:

- Those who are not baptized.
- Those who are baptized in another Christian tradition (i.e., Protestant) and who seek to enter Full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church.
- Baptized Catholics who never had the opportunity to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Those who seek to join the Catholic Church become members of the Catechumenate: an ongoing process that meets people where they are on their faith journey and gently initiates them into the life of the parish and the Catholic Church.

The Sacraments of Initiation are celebrated at the great Easter Vigil Service for those who have discerned the call from God and are ready and able to make the commitment. **2026/27 OCIA Candidate Classes begin Monday . October 5th 2026. Classes will be held every Monday from 6:30-7:30pm** Please visit our website to REGISTER <https://www.sjbrebeuf.org>



REGISTRATION FOR 2026/27 IS NOW OPEN!

CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

DAY THURSDAYS

TIME 6:00 – 7:30PM

GRADES 1–8

SCAN TO REGISTER!



Scan the QR code to register for Religious Education 2026–2027!



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Helping children grow in their relationship with Jesus and build a lifelong Catholic faith.



★ REGISTER TODAY! ★

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: rep@sjbrebeuf.org

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Knights of Columbus, North American Martyrs Council 4338, will conduct their Business Meeting on Wednesday, September 16th at 7 PM at the St. John Brebeuf Parish Ministry Center, Rm. B. Learn more about the Knights by joining us for an open meeting. All guys over 18 are welcome to attend. A fellowship meal will follow the meeting. Anyone interested in joining, please contact Steve Baggio at 773-315-1621.



Quigley Day, Sept. 26

High school age men are invited to enjoy a morning of prayer and an Escape Room, with breakfast and lunch provided. Students may drive themselves and park in the Holy Name Cathedral Parking Garage (14 W. Superior Street) or limited transportation is available. Saturday, Sept. 26 from 8-11:30am. Contact Katie Hazen with any questions at khazen@archchicago.org or 847.508.2023

“Every Child Matters” Pow Wow, Sept. 26

The St. Kateri Center will be co-hosting a free Pow Wow on September 26 from 11am-5pm at Bunker Hill Grove #1 on Harts Road in Chicago (off Caldwell, north of Devon Avenue). There will be Native American Arts & Crafts, Native Dancing & Drums and plenty of Native Food available. For more information, please contact the American Indian Health Service of Chicago at 773-883-9100 or email Cyndee Fox-Starr (cstarr@aihschgo.org) or Jodi Roy (jroy@stbenedict.com).

ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH INVITES YOU TO THE

MASS FOR THE SICK



WITH INSTALLATION OF THE RELICS OF
ST. PEREGRINUS



ANointing OF THE SICK



SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 AT 10 AM

8305 N Harlem Ave, Niles, IL 60714

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



HALINA PO KAYO!

SOLEMN MASS IN HONOR OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ DE MANILA

September 26, 2026
8:30 a.m.

St. John Brebeuf Parish
8305 N. Harlem Ave, Niles



All Filipino Ministries of the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to come together in a spirit of prayer, unity, and camaraderie as we celebrate the Feast Day of San Lorenzo Ruiz.

All Parishes with a Filipino Ministry are encouraged to bring a decorated image of San Lorenzo Ruiz to be included in the Entrance Procession.

Following the Mass, breakfast will be served at the St. John Brebeuf Ministry Center, where everyone is invited to enjoy a time of fellowship and joyful celebration.

RSVP Required

To help us prepare for the potluck brunch and plan the number of attendees, **RSVP is required.** Please email your **RSVP to Filipinoministrychi@gmail.com** on or before **September 12, 2026**, and include the following:

- Number of people attending
- Food or drinks you are willing to share for the potluck (Examples: pandesal, pancit, fruit trays, juice boxes, etc.)

Let's come together, share a meal, and celebrate our community!



UNCLE PETE'S MINISTRIES

SACK MEALS FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

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

Thank you to our parish and school community for another wonderful response last month. Together, we collected **420 sack meals**, which were delivered to **Our Lady of the Angels Mission** for distribution to those in need. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Our September Sack Meal Ministry continues the weekend of **September 19–20**. Bags and instructions will be available as you exit the church. **This is our second-to-last collection of the year**, so we hope you'll join us once again in supporting our neighbors in need.

Participating is easy. 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, September 26
4:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, September 27
6:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Thank you for continuing to support Uncle Pete's and this simple but meaningful ministry. Every sack meal helps remind someone that they are cared for and remembered.

God bless,
Uncle Pete's Ministries



ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH

Parish Scripture Study

Plan to attend our fall scripture study program. We will be studying the **Gospel of Matthew.**

Standing at the start of the New Testament, the Gospel of Matthew provides a bridge from the Jewish world awaiting a Messiah to the emerging Christian world of Jesus and his followers. This Gospel introduces us to Jesus as the Master Teacher whose words of instruction are captured in large teaching sections. The Gospel of Matthew continues to reveal through Jesus' teachings what it means to be a disciple. Matthew reveals a growing tension as Jesus ministers around Jerusalem, is arrested, is crucified, and rises to new life. Revealed as Emmanuel (God with us) at the start of the Gospel, Jesus will promise his continuing presence as the disciples are commissioned at the close of the Gospel. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayer, and access to online lectures are included.



Our Sessions will begin soon. We meet from 10:00 am - 12:00pm.

If interested or would like more information contact Chester Gilbert at bbgilbert@comcast.net or call 847-966-4789.

**JOIN OUR FAMILY
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Chciałbym zaprosić Was wszystkich do modlitwy za wszystkie dzieci. Rodzina jest zawsze „kościołem domowym”, a my, jako parafia św. Jana Brebeuf (SJB), chcemy, by nasz kościół był domem dla każdego. Jeśli znacie rodziny z dziećmi, zachęćcie je do udziału w naszych Mszach św. dla rodzin. Pierwsze z nich odbędą się 20 września: o godz. 10:00 (w języku angielskim) i o 11:30 (w języku polskim).

Przypominam również o spotkaniach grup duchowości po angielsku (w drugi i czwarty czwartek miesiąca) oraz o spotkaniach biblijnych w języku polskim (w trzecią sobotę miesiąca, po Mszy św. o godz. 18:30).

Na koniec chciałbym zaprosić Was na Mszę św. w intencji chorych, która odbędzie się w sobotę, 19 września, o godz. 10:00. Podczas tej Mszy udzielimy sakramentu namaszczenia chorych wszystkim uczestnikom. Dokonamy również uroczystego wprowadzenia relikwii św. Peregryna – patrona osób cierpiących na nowotwory i inne poważne choroby.

Chcemy, aby parafia św. Jana Brebeufa była Waszym domem. Przyjdźcie do nas. Zawsze jesteście mile widziani. Kochamy Was!

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Krzyż, który był znakiem cierpienia i śmierci, przez Chrystusa stał się znakiem zwycięstwa, miłości i nadziei. W Święto Podwyższenia Krzyża Świętego Kościół zaprasza nas, abyśmy na nowo spojrzeli na krzyż nie tylko jako na pamiątkę męki Jezusa, ale jako na znak miłości Boga, która nie cofa się nawet przed największą ofiarą.

Każdy z nas niesie w życiu własne krzyże: chorobę, samotność, troskę o bliskich, rozczarowania czy niepewność jutra. Chrystus nie obiecuje życia bez cierpienia. Pokazuje jednak,

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(J 12,32)

Wspomnienie Najświętszej Maryi Panny Bolesnej

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Dzień po Święcie Podwyższenia Krzyża Kościół kieruje nasz wzrok ku Maryi stojącej pod krzyżem swojego Syna. To nieprzypadkowe sąsiedztwo tych dwóch dni.

Tam, gdzie jest krzyż Chrystusa, jest również Matka, która pozostaje wierna do końca. Maryja Bolesna przypomina nam, że wiara nie oznacza braku też ani odpowiedzi na każde „dlaczego?”. Czasem wiara oznacza po prostu pozostać przy Bogu wtedy, gdy niczego już nie rozumiemy. Maryja nie uciekła spod krzyża. Była obecna, kochała i ufała. Prośmy Matkę Bożą Bolesną szczególnie za tych, którzy dzisiaj cierpią, opiekują bliskich, przeżywają lęk lub niosą ciężary znane tylko Bogu. .

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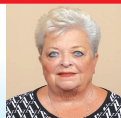


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