

SEPTEMBER

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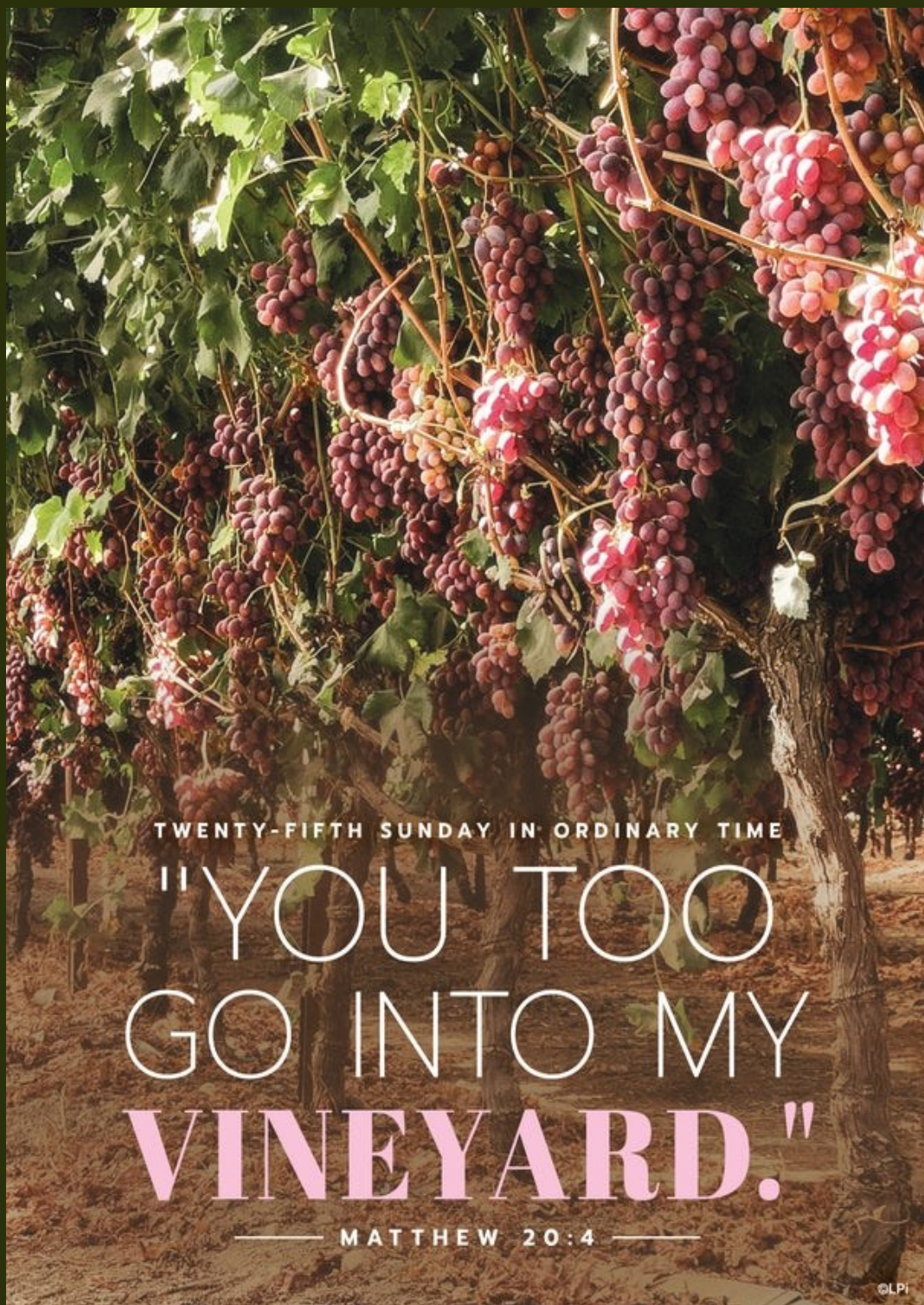
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We are
a people of
faith who
respond to our
Baptismal
call to holiness
by caring for
one another
and journeying
together with
Christ through
prayer,
sacraments,
lifelong
formation and
service in light
of the Gospel
and Catholic
Tradition.





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September 20, 2026

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

 Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Is 55:6-9 | Phil 1:20c-24, 27a | Mt 20:1-16a

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

Writing to the Philippians while in prison, St. Paul feels complete peace about his fate. To stay on this earth means fruitful labor for him; to die means entering eternal life with God. Having lived apart from God in the past, he finds immense joy at being able to labor for the Lord, despite the suffering it entails. Upon first glance, the parable St. Matthew recounts in his Gospel offers a glimpse of God's generous mercy. But reading the parable alongside Paul's letter reveals another layer of meaning: Those who have more time to labor in the vineyard of the Lord are given a great gift – the chance to bear immense fruit. Our long hours laboring in the Lord's vineyard are not something we're meant to merely suffer through on our way to our eternal reward. Rather, they are an opportunity to be drawn into communion with the Lord. As with St. Paul, the joy that comes from realizing that we share in the very life and work of God is available to us now, not only in the life to come.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Each of the vocations to which God calls us requires sacrifice and includes challenges. Living in humble obedience to the will of God is not easy, but it is full of peace. To focus only on the eternal reward offered after death disregards the love, peace, and joy of the kingdom that we are gifted *now*. We are invited to be laborers in the vineyard, co-creators with the Master of the universe. As we creatively and compassionately allow God's love to flow through us, we infuse new life and love into the world around us. When we truly believe that a life lived in Christ is the most abundant life, we stop asking what is fair and we begin to eagerly invite others to join us in the vineyard. Doing the will of God in this life is a reward unto itself.

STUDY

This week, return to the first reading from the prophet Isaiah. As you reflect on his call to "seek the Lord while he may be found," consider the gift of God's love and presence in your life right now. And as we labor in the vineyard, keeping our eyes on the ultimate reward of eternity with our Creator, may we also recognize the immense gift of knowing, loving, and serving God in this life.



A Note from the Associate Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the greatest things about St. John Brebeuf is our group of volunteers. We are so proud of the people who help at our church. So many people are involved in helping the poor and needy, and in assisting with weddings, funerals, and Sunday masses. Our parish would not be the same without these people. They are (and YOU) our treasure!

Our pride is also our altar servers' program. We are so happy to see so many young men and women serving the Lord in the proximity of the altar. We witness their dedication and excitement as they serve! We are happy to see them smiling and helping each other. We are happy that you support them! Thank You!

In September, we always encourage parents to let their children serve and to register them for service. They are close to the Lord, and they feel we need them, and indeed we DO! They really help us priests! When there is a Mass without a server, we even feel lonely (fortunately it doesn't happen often)! We priests are always so excited to see them preparing for the Mass with great fervor and zeal! So may they come! There is no limit! The more, the merrier. Sometimes, kids are stressed when they come, and they are shy for the very first time. However, in most cases, that feeling passes very quickly.

I can proudly say that very few have given up serving over the past couple of years! Our number of great and dedicated servers has reached 105. We do not want to stop! Let the group grow! Encourage your kids to do it. New friendships are born out of this service, and great things can happen if you are close to the Lord.

Let us follow what Jesus said: "Let the children come to me" (Mt 19:14). We do not have limits. May they come! All volunteers are welcome! We are waiting for everyone who wants to serve! No matter what age they are!

God Bless 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: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/
Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/
Lk 9:43b-45

OBSERVANCES:

Monday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist;
National Migration Week

Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

LITURGY SCHEDULE / MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21 — 27

**Monday, September 21st****8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

† All Souls in Purgatory

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Jason

† Za dusze zmarłych z Rodziny Stankiewicz

† Henryk Stankiewicz

† śp. Artur, Helena, Stanisław, Anna, Maciej i Anna

Tuesday, September 22nd**8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

† Peter N. Sauser death anniversary

† Daniel & Barbara Hendrick Anniversary Remembrance

† John Herzig

7:00 pm English Fr. Jason St. Rita**Devotion**

For Sick and suffering

Wednesday, September 23rd**8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

Birthday Blessings for Father Marian

† Frances Kapustka

† Marilyn Mossong Birthday Remembrance

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Jason

O łaskę powrotu do zdrowia dla Danuty i Stanisława Dyląg i Boże

Błogosławieństwo dla ich Rodziny

† Lucyna Ostrowska

† Franciszek Koczwara 3 rocznica śmierci

Thursday, September 24th**8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

Health and God's Blessings for Mark on his Birthday

† Zoila Espinosa Death Anniversary

† Harold Brezinski Birthday Remembrance

7:00 pm English Fr. Jason

† Darek Lorens

Friday, September 25th**8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

For single parents and families in need

7:00 pm Polish Fr. Jason

† Józef "Joseph" Gibes 7 miesięcy po śmierci

Saturday, September 26th**8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

God's Blessings and protection for Jake Mathew

† Rafaela Flores Death Anniversary

5:00 pm English Fr. Mike SolazzoAlice Janis Birthday Health and God's Blessings on her **100th Birthday**

Gloria Ocampo - for healing and God's blessings

† Dale Schwed

† John Jerome Arenó

† Roberto Dimaano Birthday Remembrance

6:30 pm Polish Fr. Jason

O szczęśliwą podróż do Polski dla Rodziny Baran

† Krzysztof Kuzebski

† Stanisław Obrochta

† Józef Leś w 1 rocznicę śmierci

† Jan Klepacki

† Paul Domański

† Jan i Katarzyna Woźniczka

† Joanna & Franciszek Kania

† Maria Węgrzyniak

† Za zmarłych z Rodziny Grzelak i Leś

Sunday, September 27th**7:00 am Polish Fr. Jason**

O szczęśliwą podróż do Polski dla Rodziny Baran

† Franciszek Ryciuk

† Maria Garbic

† Majka Pikul oraz za zmarłych z Rodziny Pikul, Kalata, Bajko i Wołyńskich

† Za wszystkich zmarłych z Rodziny Poborca i Babiary

8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian

† Krzysztof Ruta Death anniversary

† Zuzanna Pelc 12th Death Anniversary and Eugeniusz Pelc 31st Death Anniversary**10:00 am English Fr. Sebastian**

† Michelle Gucik

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

† Erik Theefs 12th Death Anniversary

† Armando and Clelia Massimini

† Bill Hayes

11:30 am Polish Fr. Jason

O Boże Błogosławieństwo i dary Ducha

Św. z prośbą o wskazówki, mądrość wyborów i siłę dla Mariusza

O Boże Błogosławieństwo i opiekę Matki

Bożej oraz Dary Ducha św. dla Marii i

Władysława Ratyński w kolejną rocznicę

ślubu

O szczęśliwy powrót z Polski dla Barbary i

Boże Błogosławieństwo

O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Mariana Majerczyk

O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Marianny Pacyniak

O zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Rodziny Kowalczyk i Kowalski oraz

Krystyny Fijor

† Edward Rybka

† Helena Geneja

† Genowefa i Jan Rychtarczyk

† Józef Leś

† Zofia Kowalewicz

† Sabina, Józef i Mariusz Rozmus, Aniela,

Józef, Kazimierz Ratyński, Krystyna Bos,

Helena i Zygmunt Cwieka

† Jadwiga Serafin

† Cassandra Zilai we wspomnieniu urodzin

† Franciszek Koczwara 3 rocznica śmierci

† Michał, Zdzisław, Janina i Józef Puacz

oraz Zofia, Tomasz i Władysław Boczar

† Władysława, Kazimierz Urbaś i Jan

Błoniary

6:00 pm English Youth Mass**Fr. Sebastian**

† Philip Grossman and deceased members of Grossman family

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.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK IS OFFERED FOR:

Za chorych i cierpiących

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Fely Ranjo	Ben & Linda Caldea
Millet Beltran	Robert F. Adams, Jr.
RJ Calisura	Bienvienido Costes
Anne Marie Guerrier	Mahmoud Srour
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	George Frey
Dolores Motto	Scott Johnson
Brooke Johnson	Aurea Primero
Jannette Mendoza	Emilia Fernandez
Mario Loraya	Ernie Tusa
Vivian Daoud	Francisco Mandigma
Nanette Sadorra	Rosa Moreano
Isabel C. Villarroel	Corazon Sanchez
Luke Kowalski	Jovita Aro
Joanna Oliwa	Lita Rosales
Francisco & Luz Atienza	Susan Czech
Maureen Nathan	Alexander T. Ando
Charlotte & Carl Lindquist	Rosario Dimaculangan
Rose Manio	Maria Piotrowska
Teresa Parcianny	Jadwiga Cholewa
Junver Isuga	
Chef Raul Arreda	
Baby Joseph Palmert	
Charles Stephen Collins	

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Internet: www.sjbrebeuf.org (click the yellow box labeled "Mass Intentions" to fill out the online form)

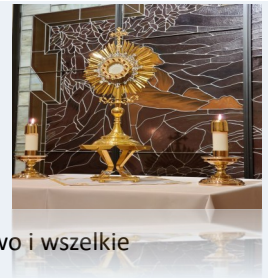
Mail: Please mail your offering to: *Mass Intentions, St. John Brebeuf, 8305 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, IL 60714*. Include the name, date, time, and what the intention is for. Also, please include the name and phone number of person requesting the intention. Phone 847-966-8145. *Please make your request 2 weeks in advance so we have time to receive it and place it in the bulletin*

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES OFFERED THIS WEEK FOR:

Candle 1 O zdrowie, Boże

Błogosławieństwo i wszelkie potrzebne łaski dla Christopher

Candle 2 O zdrowie, Boże Błogosławieństwo i wszelkie potrzebne łaski dla Christopher



SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

September 13 — \$ 16,438

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 Kyle Hazeltine & Emily Jarzabek

III Anthony Tzveyne & Karolina Weglarczyk

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 Niemołko
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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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Dear Parishioners and Catholic School Families,

As our children head back to the classrooms, I am writing to you about a significant opportunity to find additional funds to both public and nonpublic schools in our state. Congress passed a new federal tax credit program for 2027 that could generate hundreds of millions of additional dollars for both public and nonpublic school students in Illinois. For Illinois to participate in the program, Governor Pritzker must opt in.

As an advocate not only for Catholic education, but also for the education of all Illinois children, I ask that you contact the Governor to ask him say "yes" to this program. It will give Illinois taxpayers the choice to contribute to programs that will help all children in our state *and* receive a federal tax credit for their donation. These funds are truly needed. They could help Catholic school families cover tuition, after-school programming, supplies, technology or other much needed items. Donations could also be directed to support programming and other needs for public school students and their families. It could benefit just about every child and every school in our state.

If Governor Pritzker does not opt in, you can still donate to programs such as this, but to receive the tax credit, you will need to donate to a school program in another state. Recent polling suggests that in one year, as much as \$2 billion could be generated to boost education programming in our state. According to that same poll, if Illinois does not opt in, Illinois taxpayers may send as much as \$1 billion for educational services in other states.

The program allows taxpayers a 100% federal tax credit for contributions up to \$1,700. Any family earning up to 300% of the regional median income may qualify for scholarship assistance. This means more than 90% of all K-12 students would be eligible for support in Illinois.

OPT IN FOR OUR KIDS

Stronger Together. **Better for Illinois.**

A federal tax credit scholarship program for K-12 Education

- **Benefits ALL types of schools.** Can add up to almost \$2 billion in new resources to public and private schools. **It doesn't take from existing funding.**
- **Supported by Illinoisans.** Nearly 7 in 10 Illinoisans support opting into this program.
- **Keeps Illinois dollars here.** If Illinois doesn't opt in, it has been reported that people will donate up to \$1 billion to schools in other states to receive the tax credit.
- **Opportunity** for public and private school families to work together for a common goal – to support ILLINOIS kids.



It's a tax credit. It's voluntary. It's popular. It works.

HOW IT WORKS

- Taxpayer contributes to a scholarship granting organization which uses the funds to support scholarships for K-12 students.
- Taxpayer receives tax credit for their donation.

WHO BENEFITS

- Students from ALL backgrounds
- Kids in public, private and faith-based schools.

Call Governor Pritzker today!

Tell him: **OPT in for Illinois KIDS!** Call **217.782.6830**

or visit gov.illinois.gov/contact-us/voice-an-opinion.html



Learn more about the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit and how it helps Illinois families.



Catholic Conference
of Illinois

According to our polling data, Illinois taxpayers will contribute to the program regardless of whether Illinois opts in or not. Shouldn't Illinois dollars benefit Illinois school children?

Please visit <https://www.ilcatholic.org/federal-scholarship-tax-credit-program/> for more information and to learn how to send a message to the Governor and ask him to opt-in to the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit. You can also call the Governor's office directly at 217.782.6830.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

SAINTS OF THIS WEEK:

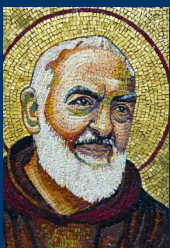
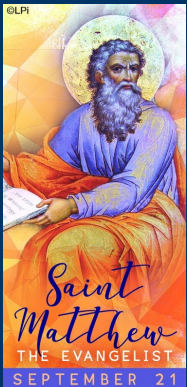
Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Monday, September 21

Before becoming one of the Twelve Apostles, Matthew was a tax collector, a man many people would have judged by his occupation and past. Jesus looked at him differently. He simply said, "Follow me." Matthew got up, left his old life behind, and followed Him. His story reminds us that God does not define us by our past. He sees who we can become when we allow Him into our lives. Matthew's response also challenges us. Following Christ is more than admiring His teachings; it requires trust, courage, and sometimes the willingness to leave behind what keeps us from Him.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Padre Pio Wednesday, September 23

Padre Pio is remembered for the extraordinary events associated with his life, including the stigmata, but perhaps his greatest lesson is found in something much simpler: his deep trust in God through suffering. His life was marked by physical pain, misunderstanding, prayer, and countless hours spent hearing confessions and helping people return to God. He understood that faith does not mean a life without difficulties. It means learning to place those difficulties in God's hands.

His well known words, "Pray, hope, and don't worry," continue to speak to us because worry so easily takes over our hearts. Padre Pio reminds us that prayer may not immediately change our circumstances, but it can change the way we carry them. This week, his example invites us to bring to God what is troubling us rather than trying to carry everything alone. St. Padre Pio, teach us to pray faithfully, hope confidently, and trust God even when the road is difficult.



ST. RITA DEVOTION

Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 PM

We invite you to join us for a special Mass and Devotion to St. Rita, the patron saint of difficult and seemingly impossible causes. Each month, we gather to entrust to God, through the intercession of St. Rita, those who are carrying particularly heavy crosses: the sick, the lonely, the abandoned, the betrayed, and all who are facing painful or seemingly hopeless situations, yet continue to hold on to their faith.

During the Mass, blessing of the roses. Roses will be available for purchase before Mass and, once blessed, may be taken home or given to someone who is experiencing a difficult time. The rose has become a beautiful symbol of St. Rita: a sign of hope when there seems to be no way forward, and a reminder that even amid suffering, new life can still blossom. Near the end of her life, Rita asked for a rose from the garden of her childhood home. Although it was winter, a single rose was found in bloom, a tender reminder of God's love and care for her. Come and bring with you the intentions that weigh most heavily on your heart. Together, through the intercession of St. Rita, let us place our most difficult concerns into the hands of God and ask for the grace to trust Him even when we cannot yet see the way forward.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS

Knights of Columbus, North American Martyrs Council 4338, will conduct their annual Memorial Mass at the regularly scheduled 10 AM Mass on Sunday, October 4th. The Memorial Mass allows members of our council to acknowledge the passing of our fellow Worthy Brother Knights and show our gratitude for their service of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, the principles of our Order. All are welcome!



VFW #3579 SUPPORTS ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBERS

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.

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



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



BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE - THANK YOU!

Once again, the Parishioners of St John Brebeuf show generosity by supporting our annual "Back to School Drive" This

year's schools included students of St. John Brebeuf, Marillac School, St. Sylvester and St. Mal achy School. We delivered 12 boxes of supplies in August 2026. Thank you for your kindness. Uncle Pete's Ministry.



We sincerely thank **Mr. Stanisław Luberta**, as well as **Andrzej Parada** and **Jan Sok**, who assisted him in making a cart for storing and transporting the carpet in our church. May God reward their kindness, generosity, and gift of time with His abundant blessings.

Serdecznie dziękujemy panu Stanisławowi Lubercie oraz panom Andrzejowi Paradzie i Janowi Sokowi, którzy pomagali w wykonaniu wózka do przechowywania i przewożenia dywanu w naszym kościele. Niech Pan Bóg wynagrodzi ich życzliwość, poświęcony czas i bezinteresowną pomoc swoim obfitym błogosławieństwem.

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**

Sack Meal Ministry continues this weekend. Bags and instructions are available as you exit the church. 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. and **Sunday, September 27**
from 6:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Thank you for continuing to support Uncle Pete's. God bless!

BETHLEHEM ART | SEPTEMBER 26 / 27

We will host representatives of the Catholic Christian Community from Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the Holy Land who will be displaying handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles. Due to the political conflict and the reduction of tourism, the Catholic Community has come to depend more on the sale of these articles abroad to survive and to keep their faith and Christian presence in the holy land. The woodcarvings are beautiful and reflect faith and love for the Lord.

Please consider purchasing a gift that will be remembered and cherished for yourself or someone dear to you. The handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles will be available for purchase after all the weekend Masses.



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Powodem do dumy jest dla nas również program postęgu ministranckiej. Cieszymy się, widząc tak wielu młodych ludzi – chłopców i dziewczęta – służących Panu przy ołtarzu. Jesteśmy świadkami ich oddania i entuzjazmu podczas postęgu! Radość sprawia nam widok ich uśmiechów i wzajemnej pomocy. Cieszymy się, że ich wspieracie! Dziękujemy!

We wrześniu zawsze zachęcamy rodziców, aby pozwolili swoim dzieciom na podjęcie postęgu i zapisali je do grona ministrantów. Są one blisko Pana i czują, że są nam potrzebne – a naprawdę są! Są dla nas, księży, ogromnym wsparciem! Kiedy odprawiamy Mszę bez ministranta, czujemy się wręcz samotni (na szczęście nie zdarza się to często)!

My, księża, zawsze z radością obserwujemy, jak z wielkim zapałem i gorliwością przygotowują się do Mszy! Niech więc przychodzą! Nie ma żadnych ograniczeń! Im więcej, tym lepiej. Czasami dzieci czują stres lub nieśmiałość, gdy przychodzą po raz pierwszy, ale w większości przypadków uczucie to szybko mija. Mogę z dumą powiedzieć, że w ciągu ostatnich kilku lat bardzo niewiele osób zrezygnowało z postęgu! Liczba naszych wspaniałych i oddanych ministrantów osiągnęła już liczbę 105 osób. Nie chcemy na tym poprzestać! Niech ta grupa się powiększa!

achęcajcie do tego swoje dzieci. Dzięki tej postudze rodzą się nowe przyjaźnie, a bliskość Pana pozwala dokonywać wielkich rzeczy. Idźmy za słowami Jezusa: „Pozwólcie dzieciom przychodzić do Mnie” (Mt 19, 14). Nie stawiamy żadnych ograniczeń. Niech przychodzą! Zapraszamy wszystkich wolontariuszy! Czekamy na każdego, kto pragnie służyć – niezależnie od wieku!

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ŚWIĘCI TEGO TYGODNIA

ŚW. MATEUSZ, APOSTOŁ I EWANGELISTA 21 września

Historia św. Mateusza jest pięknym przypomnieniem, że Bóg patrzy na człowieka inaczej niż świat. Mateusz



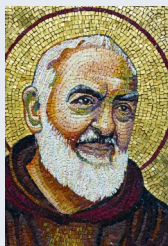
był celnikiem, należał więc do ludzi pogardzanych i odrzucanych przez społeczeństwo. A jednak właśnie przy jego stole zatrzymał się Jezus i powiedział tylko: „Pójdź za Mną”. Mateusz wstał i poszedł za Nim. Chrystus nie pytał najpierw o jego przeszłość. Nie czekał, aż Mateusz stanie się godnym powołania.

Najpierw go powołał, a spotkanie z Jezusem przemieniło jego życie. To także słowo dla nas. Czasami nosimy w sobie ciężar dawnych decyzji, błędów czy poczucie, że jesteśmy niewystarczająco dobrzy. Św. Mateusz przypomina, że dla Boga żadna historia nie jest zakończona. On wciąż przechodzi przez nasze życie i mówi: „Pójdź za Mną”.

Pytanie brzmi nie tyle, czy jesteśmy gotowi, ale czy potrafimy wstać od tego, co nas zatrzymuje, i pójść za Nim.

ŚW. OJCIEC PIO Z PIETRELCINY 23 września

Życie Ojca Pio kojarzymy ze stygmatami, niezwykle mi darami i wieloma świadectwami ludzi, którzy spotykali



go w San Giovanni Rotondo. Jednak najważniejsze w jego życiu nie było to, co nadzwyczajne. Najważniejszy był Chrystus. Ojciec Pio znał cierpienie, niezrozumienie, samotność i duchową walkę. A mimo to pozostał człowiekiem modlitwy i ogromnego zaufania Bogu. Godzinami spowiadał, prowadząc ludzi do pojednania z

Bogiem, a Eucharystia była centrum każdego jego dnia.

Pozostawił nam bardzo prostą duchową wskazówkę: „Módl się, ufaj i nie martw się”. Łatwo ją powtórzyć, znacznie trudniej nią żyć. Szczególnie wtedy, gdy nie znamy odpowiedzi, gdy coś nie układa się według naszych planów albo gdy modlimy się długo i wydaje się, że Bóg milczy.

Ojciec Pio przypomina nam, że zaufanie Bogu nie oznacza, że wszystko będzie łatwe. Oznacza, że nawet w tym, co trudne, nie jesteśmy sami.

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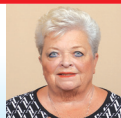


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