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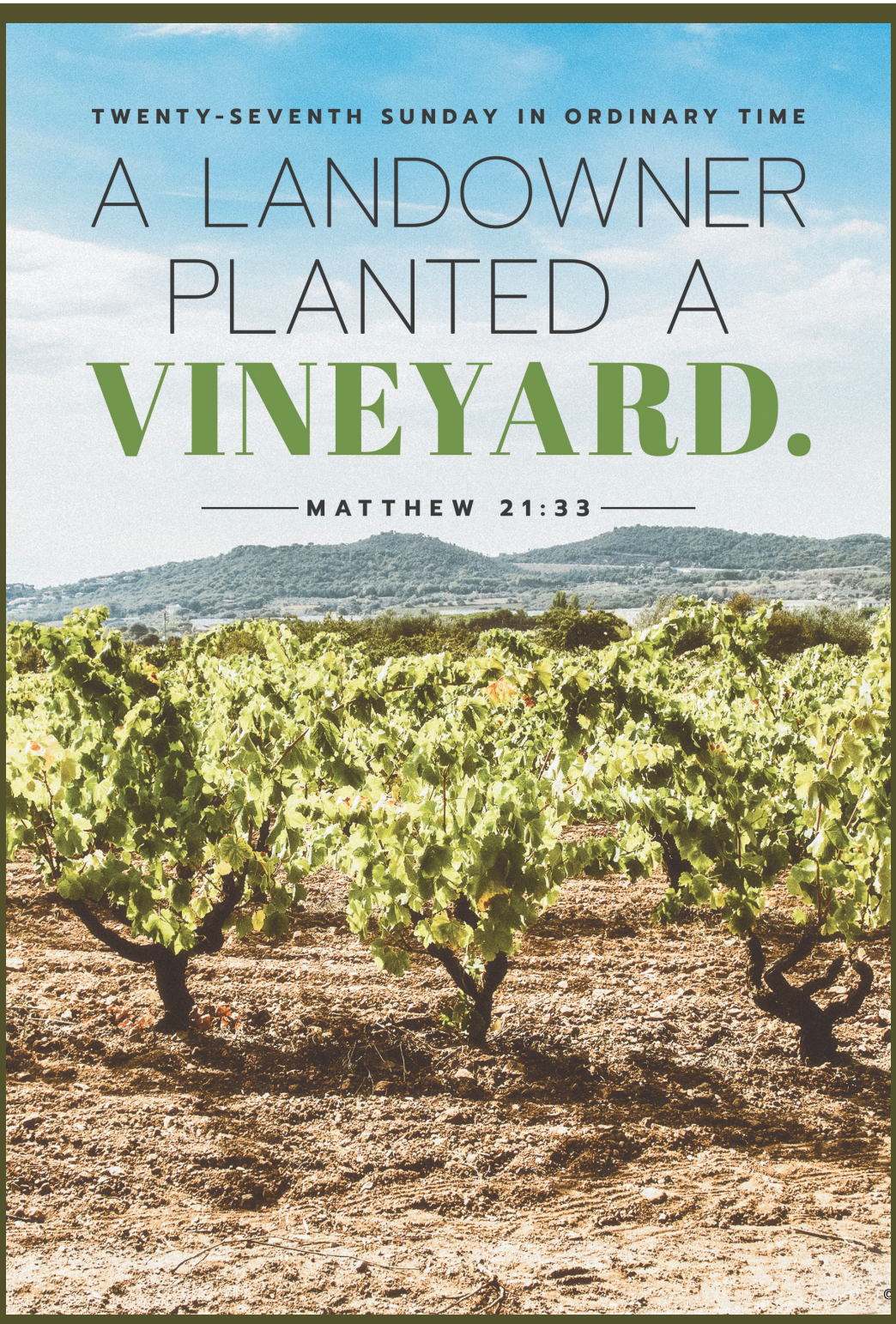
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We are
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who respond to
our Baptismal
call to holiness
by caring for one
another and
journeying
together with
Christ through
prayer,
sacraments,
lifelong
formation and
service in light
of the Gospel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





October 4, 2026

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Is 5:1-7 | Phil 4:6-9 | Mt 21:33-43

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

I enjoy thinking about what it would have been like to hear Jesus' teachings as a first-century Jew. When Jesus calls out the current tenants of the vineyard as being unfaithful, disobedient servants, however, it may have left the crowd feeling a bit anxious. And really, Jesus could say this to each of us at times because, like the wild grapes in the vineyard, when left to our own devices we also have a tendency to fall into sin and produce unsavory fruit. But we also know that Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and he wants our lives in his vineyard to be characterized by that peace. Christ is not condemning, but he is the Son sent to call the tenants back into communion with the Father. He does the same with us too. In acts of great mercy, Christ continues to call us again and again – even after we reject him and turn away from him. Through the Church, the sacraments, the intercession of the saints, and the holy men and women who proclaim the Gospel today, God continues to seek us out so we might know the peace of fruitful service in his vineyard.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Christ longs to give us peace that surpasses all of our fears and anxieties, and he does so by inviting us to be good stewards of his created world and the community of believers. He invites us to work in the vineyard – to offer our gifts and talents to bring forth the fruits of love and joy that overflow from the work of the Holy Spirit within us. We do so with the assurance that salvation is not dependent on us. Our Father has sown the seeds and has prepared the vineyard; we are simply called to reap and preserve what he has brought into being. And so we trust in the overwhelming mercy of God and humbly accept the love and communion that we do not deserve.

REFLECT

Just as the landowner sent messengers to the tenants of the vineyard, God sends people to us to proclaim the Gospel. Who are those people in your life who are calling you to a deeper relationship with God? How can you open your heart to hear the message of love and peace that they are proclaiming?



FROM THE DEACON

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The changing of the seasons brings with it a major transition in my own life. At the end of October, my wife and I will be moving to Baltimore to be closer to our son and his wife.

I have never been good at saying goodbye, and it is certainly not easy to leave such familiar surroundings after so many years. I have been truly blessed to be among you and deeply privileged to serve you as your deacon.

This Sunday, we remember St. Francis, who also left behind the familiar, unafraid of change and the unknown. God called me to serve here at St. John's for a reason.

As I look ahead to this move, I see it as a sign that God now wants me in another place for a purpose as well. Answering the call to the diaconate was the most fulfilling decision of my life though after 40 years of marriage, I should clarify that marrying my wife was the absolute best decision! (I'm not entirely sure she would agree with the order of those two, but we have shared many wonderful and some very challenging moments together). With God's help, and through your constant presence and prayers, we always pulled through.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that we are not the owners of this world. Instead, we are called to use the time and talents given to us to serve God and the people around us. It has been a source of boundless joy to be with you. Your friendship and kindness have been a great gift that I feel rarely deserved. Journeying together on pilgrimages was an amazing experience, and serving alongside our priests and fellow deacons has been a truly happy time.

We will carry these wonderful memories with us forever. I suppose you will finally get a little rest from my long homilies now! However, please remember to keep us in your prayers, as we will need all the spiritual support you can offer.

Be assured, we will keep you in our prayers as well. Please never stop discovering the beauty of God and the depth of His amazing love for us.

With gratitude and blessings,

Deacon Chris Słowikowski

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
LEGION OF MARY (every Tuesday at 3:00pm)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/ Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

OBSERVANCES:

Monday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
Tuesday: St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary
Friday: St. Denis, Bishop; St. John Leonardi, Priest

LITURGY SCHEDULE / MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5 - 11



Monday, October 5th
8:30 am English Fr. Jason
† Corazon Herrera Birthday Remembrance
† Walter Szwedo Birthday Remembrance
7:00 pm Polish Fr. Jason
† Jan i Katarzyna Woźniczka

Tuesday, October 6th
8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian
† Erwin Navarro Death Anniversary
7:00 pm English Fr. Jason
† Marian Widacha Death Anniversary

Wednesday, October 7th
8:30 am English Fr. Paul
† Anna Grzęda
† Barbara A. Bartnicki
† Justino Fadera Birthday Remembrance
† Gleceria O. Rosal Birthday Remembrance
† Florencio Gonzales Death Anniversary
7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian
Prośba o łaskę powrotu do zdrowia dla Danuty i Stanisława Dyląg i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla ich rodziny
O zdrowie, Boże Błogosławieństwo, szczęśliwą podróż do Polski, pobyt i powrót dla Daniela i Kamila Dańko
† Marian Widacha Death Anniversary

Thursday, October 8th
8:30 am English Fr. Jason
† Jules Artajo 19th Month Death Anniversary, Fidel Artajo Jr. and Augustin Rosal
† Susan L. Applegate
7:00 pm English Fr. Sebastian
† Marian Widacha Death Anniversary

Friday, October 9th
8:30 am English Fr. Jason
† Sister Jean Dolores Death Anniversary
† Ferdynand & Maria Wójcik
7:00 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian
† Jadwiga Serafin 11 miesięcy po śmierci
† Marian Widacha Death Anniversary

Saturday, October 10th
8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian
God's Blessings and protection for Jake Mathew
† Lidia and Edward Miszczyszyn
† Julia Bender
4:00 pm Confession
5:00 pm English Fr. Sebastian
Tom & Teresa Byrne 30th Wedding Anniversary
Gloria Ocampo - for healing and God's blessings
† Bob Wolff 10th Year Death Anniversary
† Roger Miller
† John Jerome Areno
† Matthew, Bernice & Matt Jr. Wojtaszek
† Frank J. Sergot 12th Anniversary of Death
† Christine Janik 1st Year Death Anniversary
6:30 pm Polish Fr. Jason
O zdrowie, Boże Błogosławieństwo i Dary Ducha Świętego dla Artura w dniu urodzin
O opiekę Matki Bożej i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Bogdana z okazji 79. urodzin
† Józef Leś
† Zofia Krupa
† Maria Orzech w 4. rocznicę śmierci
† Kazimierz Baczyński we wspomnieniu urodzin
† Jan Klepacki
† Małgorzata Staszewski w 7. rocznicę śmierci
† Albina Leja
† Stanisław Obrochta

Sunday, October 11th
7:00 am Polish Fr. Jason
† Helena, Wiktor Kielar
† Majka Pikul oraz za zmarłych z Rodziny Pikul, Kalata, Bajko i Wołyńskich
† Za wszystkich zmarłych z Rodziny Poborca i Babiarz
8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian
Health and Birthday Blessings for Florinda Nitti-D'Aquila
10:00 am English Fr. Sebastian
Donna Makowski Birthday Blessings
Health & Birthday Blessings for Florinda Nitti-D'Aquila
† Michelle Gucik
† Vito Joseph Gargano, Theresa M. Gargano, Vincent Joseph Gargano
† Aleksander Barczyński 6th Death Anniversary
† Helen Henricks Birthday Remembrance
† Mary Casseday Birthday Remembrance
† Hilda DeCorrado October Death Anniversary
11:30 am Polish Fr. Jason
O Boże Błogosławieństwo i Dary Ducha Świętego z prośbą o wskazówki, mądrość wyborów i siłę dla Mariusza
O zdrowie, Boże Błogosławieństwo i wszelkie potrzebne łaski dla siostry i rodziców Wojtka
O zdrowie i Boże błogosławieństwo dla Rodziny Drwila
† Edward Rybka
† W 17. rocznicę śmierci za Jana Sendereka oraz za zmarłych z Rodziny Senderek, Juda, Wenek i Korzeń † Józef Leś
† Alicja Aleszczyk w 2. rocznicę śmierci
† Jadwiga Serafin
† Franszka „Anna" Brodzińska Labin
† O radość wieczną w niebie dla Wojtka
† Zdzisław Puacz, Michael Puacz, Zofia, Tomasz i Władysław Boczar
† Maria Barnaś
† Benedykt Pacyna
† Józef Tatkowski miesiąc po śmierci
† Józef Drożdż rocznica śmierci
† Tadeusz Wójcik w 21. rocznicę śmierci
6:00 pm English Fr. Tom May
† Philip Grossman and deceased members of his Family

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK IS OFFERED FOR:

Barbara Duarte - Birthday Blessings from Her Mom Elena Duarte

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Fely Ranjo
Millet Beltran
RJ Calisura
Anne Marie Guerrier
Betty Bukraba
Elizabeth Marrinan
C. Kozeny
Mario Brancato
Pamela Tripllit
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 Parciany
Junver Isuga
Chef Raul Arreda
Baby Joseph Palmert
Charles Stephen Collins
Ben & Linda Caldea
Robert F. Adams, Jr.
Bienvienido Costes
Mahmoud Srour
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
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
Cindy Strong
Jadwiga Cholewa



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 - Health and Blessings for Lydia Ayala-Pol and Family
Candle 2 - † O życie wieczne dla Dusz sp. Janina, Stanisław, Eugeniusz Piechowski

SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

SEPTEMBER 27 — $ 15,170

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity. Your support is essential to our mission and ministry. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and commitment. We're grateful you're part of our community!

Bóg zapłać za nieustanne wsparcie naszej parafii, za hojność, zaangażowanie oraz za to, że tworzycie naszą wspólnotę.





WEDDING BANNS:

III Matthew Mazurkiewicz & Olivia Sankiewicz
II Eric Dian & Shannon McGinnis
I Ryan Holm & Anna Faso

BAPTIZED IN SEPTEMBER

Kaleia Hana De Lara and Adele Jacyniewicz

OUR BELOVED DEPARTED:

Martha Gfesser
Irena Koniecka
Danuta Shehadeh
Leonard Stecky
Czeslawa Dziekowski

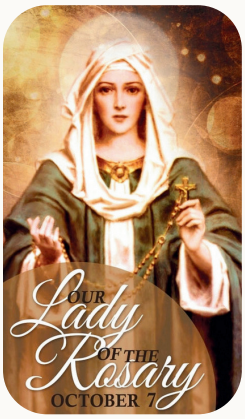
PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

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

Timothy Casey
Thomas Neuhengen
Scott Rodberg
Mark Honsa
Sgt. Daniel Cunningham
Pvt. James Cunningham
CW4 Louis Haberkorn
Marian Niemotko
SSGT Michael J. Archam
PFC Seth D. Perkins
A2C Andrew T. Perkins
Sgt. Ramiro Cadena
Lt. Joseph Disclafani
Pieter Venter
Joshua Clavel Ramos
Jacob Allen
Chief Ryan Morrow
Robert Monaco
Angelina Garza
Ryan Belluci
John Frei
Joseph Gacoby
Jacqueline L. Yurgil
Mark Yurgil



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



OCTOBER 7 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

The Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7, inviting us in a special way to rediscover the beauty and power of the Rosary. This prayer, simple in its form yet profound in its meaning, leads us through the mysteries of the life of Jesus Christ together with Mary.

The history of this feast reaches back to October 7, 1571, and the Battle of Lepanto. As Christian forces faced the powerful Ottoman fleet, Pope St. Pius V called upon the faithful to pray the Rosary, asking the Blessed Mother for her intercession. Following the unexpected Christian victory, the Pope established a feast in thanksgiving, originally called Our Lady of Victory. It later became known as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Church has preserved this celebration not simply as a remembrance of a historical event, but as a testimony to confidence in the power of prayer and Mary's intercession.

When we pray the Rosary, we do not simply speak to Mary. We contemplate Jesus with Mary. We enter Bethlehem, stand beside Christ at the Jordan, follow Him along the road to Calvary, remain with Mary beneath the Cross, and rejoice at the empty tomb. Each mystery brings the Gospel into our prayer to allow Jesus' life to enter our own.

There are times when prayer comes easily, but there are also moments when we are tired, distracted, afraid, grieving, or simply do not know what to say to God. The Rosary is especially precious in those moments. We do not need beautiful words. We need only to take the beads into our hands and begin: Hail Mary, full of grace… Slowly, our worries become prayer, our fears are placed before God, and our hearts become quieter in His presence.

The Rosary is also a powerful prayer for our families. We can place each child, spouse, parent, friend, and especially those who have wandered away from God into Mary's hands. We can pray when we cannot change a situation, when someone we love is suffering, or when the future is uncertain. The Rosary does not promise that every difficulty will disappear. It teaches us something deeper: to remain with Christ, to trust Him, and to allow grace to work even when we cannot yet see the answer.

During October, the month of the Holy Rosary, the invitation is beautifully simple: pick up your rosary and pray it. Pray slowly. Pray faithfully. Pray when you feel something and when you feel nothing. Bring to Mary the people you love, the burdens you carry, and even those intentions that seem impossible. Mystery by mystery, bead by bead, let Mary lead you to Jesus.

STAY AND PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

We encourage you to remain after Mass and join us in praying the Holy Rosary. Let us place our intentions before Our Blessed Mother and, together as a parish family, seek her intercession and protection.



Monday through Friday:

- following the 7:00 PM Mass

Saturday:

- following the 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM Masses

Sunday:

- following the 11:30 AM and 6:00 PM Masses

Stay a few extra minutes. Pray with us. Let us turn to Mary together.

WORLD'S LARGEST ROSARY CRUSADE OCTOBER 10

Please bring your rosary and join thousands of Catholics from all across America praying the Rosary at the same time on Saturday October 10, 2025. We will meet at St. John Brebeuf parish to pray to our Blessed Mother to intercede and heal America.

Please invite your family and friends to come and pray with us:

11:45am - Blessing of Rosaries and Religious articles

12:00 noon – Rosary prayers

As Pope Pius IX stated; "Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world." Let's join together across all America and pray the Rosary to our Blessed Mother to intercede for America. Will you please join us to blanket this great Nation in prayer to our Blessed Mother on Saturday, October 10 with over 22,000 Rosary Rallies across the United States?







The St. Benedict Medal: A Sign of Faith and Protection

The Medal of St. Benedict is a beloved Catholic sacramental that reminds us of our faith in Jesus Christ and our need for God's grace, guidance, and protection. It also invites us to seek the intercession of St. Benedict, the sixth-century monk and father of Western monasticism.

The medal traditionally depicts St. Benedict holding a cross and the Rule he wrote for monastic life. His example calls Christians to prayer, humility, discipline, peace, and faithful service to God. The reverse side of the medal features a cross surrounded by Latin initials that abbreviate a prayer of spiritual protection. Among its central petitions are:

"May the Holy Cross be my light.
May the dragon never be my guide.
Begone, Satan! Do not suggest vain things to me.
Evil is what you offer; drink the poison yourself."

These words express a firm rejection of sin and temptation and a profession of confidence in the victory of Christ. The medal is not a magical charm or superstitious object. Rather, it is a sacramental—a sacred sign established by the Church to deepen our faith and dispose us to receive God's grace.

A St. Benedict Medal may be worn, carried, placed in a home, attached to a rosary, or kept near a crucifix. It should serve as a daily reminder to pray, turn away from evil, seek forgiveness, and live according to the Gospel. The medal is especially meaningful when it leads us to participate more faithfully in the Mass, receive the sacraments, read Scripture, and practice charity toward others.

The medal should be blessed by a priest or deacon according to the Church's approved blessing. Its true purpose is not to replace prayer or Christian responsibility, but to encourage a life centered on Christ. May the St. Benedict Medal remind us of the Benedictine call: Pax—Peace. May it strengthen our trust in God and inspire us to live with faith, courage, and peace in our homes and communities.

Today, you will have an opportunity to pick up the medal and take it home. They are already blessed and will be available at the church exits. Free will donations will support our altar serving program.



Children Liturgy of the Word

Each Sunday, at the 10:00am English Mass and the 11:30am Polish Mass before the Scripture readings begin, children ages 4-12 are called forward, and sent with a blessing to a separate room for a Gospel lesson. They will hear the same Scriptures that are proclaimed at Mass, but explained on a level that younger children can understand. The children will return to their family in church after the Creed, as the Offertory and Liturgy of the Eucharist begins.

These sessions are not faith formation classes, arts-and-crafts activities, or babysitting during Mass. Rather, the children hear the same Mass readings as adults – but in simpler terms that are easier to grasp. They came back home understanding the readings so much better and eager to talk about some of the things done to explain these. The lessons stuck with them!

With Gratitude to the Holy Name Society

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Holy Name Society for their very generous **$5,000 donation to our parish.** We are deeply grateful for their continued generosity, dedication, and commitment to our parish community. Gifts such as this help us continue our parish mission and support the many needs of our church. Thank you to all the members of the Holy Name Society for your generosity and faithful support. May God bless you abundantly for all that you do for our parish!



The Celebration of Cultures / October 24

The Celebration of Cultures will be held on Saturday 10/24, from 3-7 PM. Join us for a fun-filled event with cultural food and entertainment. **Presale Tickets - 25 tickets for $20 will be sold after all Masses on Oct 10-11 and 17-18.**
Presale Tickets may also be purchased at the Parish Office. Tickets at the door will be $1 each

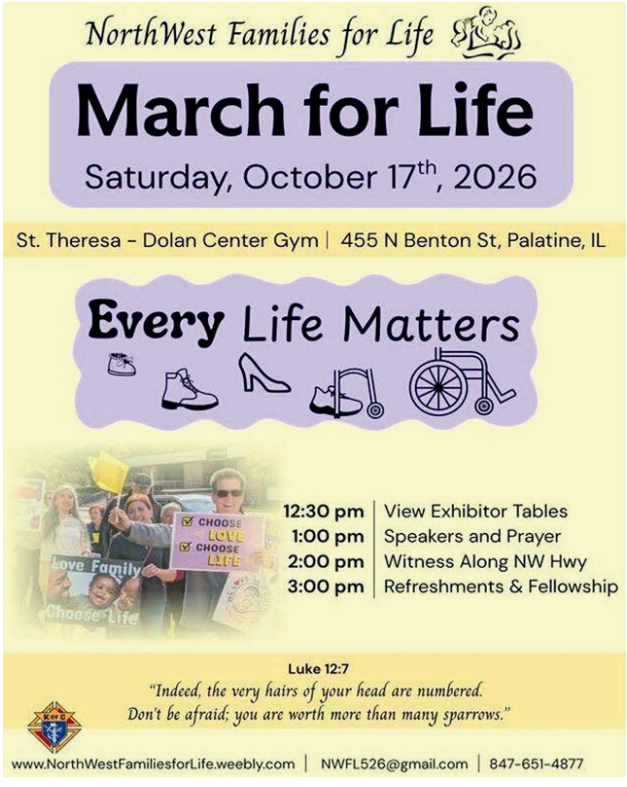
RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4 — 3PM

Prayer for Life

Jesus, Lord and Giver of Life, I thank You now with all my heart for the moment, when out of nothing, You called me into existence - when You gave me life. I thank You for that moment when Your creative love pronounced those words over me, "Let it be!" While I am thanking You for my life, I wish to recognize the fragility of all life. I bring before You all children who today are conceived in their mother's wombs. May their parents rejoice in the gift of life and may they be welcomed in love. Jesus, You came to serve life. May Your Spirit of "Life-Giver" and "Lover of Life" possess the hearts of all. Drive far from us the spirit of death and destruction. Enable us to serve life with love and deep respect. May Your Spirit of Life possess us, renew us, heal us and bring us Your peace. Amen



All are invited to pray a bi-lingual Rosary and Prayers for Life with Chaplet Prayers and Benediction. Knights of Columbus will have an Honor Guard for Our Lady of Guadalupe Image, Patroness of the Unborn.



BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

Beginning on Saturday, October 17th, St. John Brebeuf Parish and the Knights of Columbus, North American Martyrs Council 4338, will be participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year the three locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved over 41,000 babies, and their mothers, from abortion since opening in 1984.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from the church on October 17th through October 30th, fill it with your spare change and/or donation, and return it the weekend of October 31st through November 8th. This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note the Baby Bottles cost almost $1.00 per bottle and are sanitized for re-use afterwards so please return upon completion of the project. Thank you for helping defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

CROP HUNGER WALK / OCTOBER 18 — 2:00PM

Team St. John Brebeuf is once again participating in the Niles-Park Ridge CROP Hunger Walk *(CROP = Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty)*. We will join a dozen other Christian churches this year. Everyone is invited. **Please arrive by 1:45 PM at Park Ridge Community Church**, 100 Courtland Ave, Park Ridge, for a three-mile Hunger Walk. The Walk begins and ends at Park Ridge Community Church. Participating seventh & eighth graders will earn 3 service hours for Confirmation Preparation. Invite your families and friends. Canned Goods and Dry Food donations and cash donations are appreciated! **All participants must register at:** ***https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/st-john-brebeuf-2***

fFor additional information, please contact Deacon Andy Beierwaltes at ajbeierwal@aol.com or (847) 966-6961



Appeals of Our Lady: Marian Apparitions & Shrines of the World

Our Lady of Ransom in Niles is hosting a unique opportunity to explore the Appeals of Our Lady: Marian Apparitions & Shrines of the World exhibit, inspired by the work of St. Carlo Acutis. Featuring 144 Church-recognized Marian apparitions and shrines from around the world, the exhibit invites visitors to encounter the rich history of Marian devotion.

Exhibit Viewing Hours In Paluch Hall
Thursday, October 8 | 11:00 AM-2:00 PM
Friday, October 9 | 11:00 AM-2:00 PM
Saturday, October 10 | 4:00 PM-7:30 PM
Sunday, October 11 | 9:00 AM-2:30 PM







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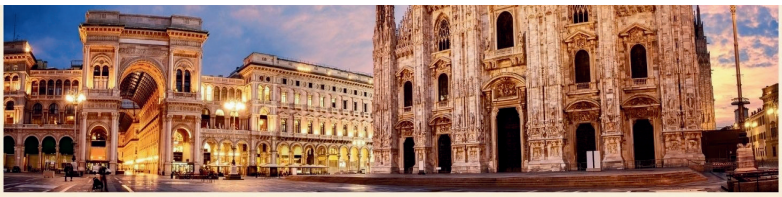
Local Upcoming Weekend: October 16-18th 2026 in Libertyville, Illinois

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email **Chicago@helpourmarriage.org**

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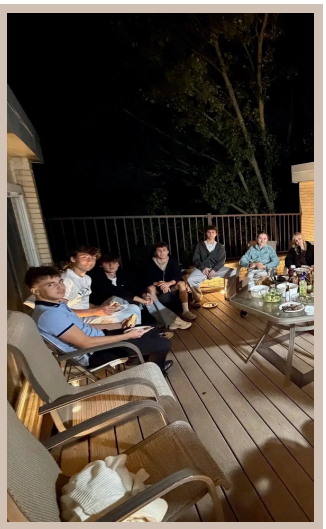
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W tą niedzielę obchodzimy wspomnienie Św. Franciszka, który opuścił znajome miejsce i nie bał sie zmian i nieznanego. Wierzę, że Bóg posłał mnie do posługi w Parafii Św. Jana Brebeuf i że miał w tym swój cel, dlatego patrzę w przyszłość z nadzieją, że Bóg poprowadzi mnie w nowe miejsca w jakimś celu.

Odpowiedź na powołanie do służby jako diakon było bardzo dobrą decyzją, chociaż bez wątpienia najlepszą było małżeństwo. W tym roku obchodziliśmy 40-ą rocznicę tego Sakramentu. Przeżyliśmy wspólnie wiele radosnych i wiele bardzo trudnych chwil.

Z pomocą Bożej łaski, dzięki waszej obecności i waszym modlitwom udało się przejść przez losowe trudności. Niedzielna Ewangelia przypomina nam o tym, że nie jesteśmy włodarzami tego świata. Mamy używać czasu i zdolności danych nam na służbę Bogu i ludziom. Bycie w tej wspólnocie to wielka radość, a wasza przyjaźń i życzliwość to dary na które nie zasłużyłem.

Nasze wspólne pielgrzymki były niezwykłym doświadczeniem, a służba u boku naszych księży i diakonów czasem wielkiej radości. Zabierzemy z Niles wiele wspaniałych wspomnień. Teraz odpocznicie nieco od moich długich homilii, ale proszę módlcie się w naszej intencji, będziemy potrzebować waszych modlitw. A my, w naszych modlitwach będziemy pamietać o Was. Proszę nieustannie odkrywajcie piękno Boga i niezwykłą Jego miłość do nas.

Szczęść Boże,

Diakon Krzysztof Słowikowski





Medal św. Benedykta: znak wiary i ochrony

Medal św. Benedykta to cenione w Kościele katolickim sakramentalium , które przypomina nam o wierze w Jezusa Chrystusa oraz o naszej potrzebie Bożej łaski, prowadzenia i ochrony. Zachęca nas również do szukania wstawiennictwa św. Benedykta – żyjącego w VI wieku mnicha i ojca zachodniego życia monastycznego. Medal tradycyjnie przedstawia św. Benedykta trzymającego krzyż oraz Regułę, którą napisał dla życia zakonnego. Jego przykład wzywa chrześcijan do modlitwy, pokory, dyscypliny, pokoju i wiernej służby Bogu. Na odwrocie medalu znajduje się krzyż otoczony łacińskimi skrótami, które stanowią treść modlitwy o ochronę duchową. Do najważniejszych zawartych w niej próśb należą:

*„**Niech Krzyż Święty będzie mi światłem.***
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Słowa te wyrażają stanowcze odrzucenie grzechu i pokusy oraz wyznanie ufności w zwycięstwo Chrystusa. Medal ten nie jest magicznym amuletem ani przedmiotem zabobonnym. Jest natomiast sakramentalium – świętym znakiem ustanowionym przez Kościół, by pogłębiać naszą wiarę i usposabiać nas do przyjmowania Bożej łaski.

Medal św. Benedykta można nosić przy sobie, umieścić w domu, dołączyć do różańca lub położyć obok krzyża. Powinien on służyć jako codzienne przypomnienie o konieczności modlitwy, odwracania się od zła, szukania przebaczenia i życia według Ewangelii. Medal nabiera szczególnego znaczenia, gdy prowadzi nas do wierniejszego uczestnictwa we Mszy świętej, przyjmowania sakramentów, czytania Pisma Świętego i praktykowania miłości bliźniego.

Medal powinien zostać pobłogosławiony przez kapłana lub diakona zgodnie z zatwierdzonym przez Kościół obrzędem błogosławieństwa. Jego prawdziwym celem nie jest zastąpienie modlitwy czy chrześcijańskiej odpowiedzialności, lecz zachęta do życia skoncentrowanego na Chrystusie.

Niech medal św. Benedykta przypomina nam o benedyktyńskim wezwaniu: *Pax* – Pokój. Niech umacnia naszą ufność w Bogu i inspiruje do życia pełnego wiary, odwagi i pokoju w naszych domach oraz wspólnotach.

Dzisiaj będzie mozliwość zabrania medalików do domu. Są one już poświęcone i będą dostępne przy wyjściach z kościoła. Dobrowolne ofiary wesprą nasz program dla ministrantów.

CELEBRATION OF CULTURES / 24 PAŹDZIERNIKA

Celebration of Cultures, czyli nasze coroczne Święto Kultur, odbędzie się w sobotę, 24 października, w godzinach od 3:00pm - 7:00pm. Czekają na Was pyszne potrawy z różnych stron świata, wspaniałe występy oraz okazja do wspólnego świętowania bogactwa kultur naszej parafialnej wspólnoty. **Bilety w przedsprzedaży będą dostępne po Mszach św. 10 i 11 oraz 17 i 18 października, a także w biurze parafialnym. Pakiet 25 biletów kosztuje $20.** W dniu wydarzenia bilety będzie można zakupić przy wejściu w cenie $1 za bilet. Serdecznie zapraszamy do wspólnego świętowania!

AKCJA BABY BOTTLE (BUTLEKA DLA MALUSZKA)

Poczęwszy od 17 października prosimy wszystkich do współudziału w akcji zbierania funduszy dla Centrum Kobiet (The Women's Center). Centrum Kobiet jest organizacją która pomaga kobietom w ciąży, będących w trudnej sytuacji finansowej. Centrum Kobiet służy doradą, pomocą i modlitwą. Przeciętnie w ciągu roku, otrzymuje pomoc ponad *pięć tysięcy* kobiet. Pomoc ta, to niezbędne rzeczy dla młodego dziecka jak: mleko, pieluchy, krzesełka do samochodu, wózki itp. Codziennie odprawiana jest Msza w. o godz. 12:00 w południe oraz odmawiany jest Rożaniec i Koronka do Miłosierdzia Bożego w intencji wszystkich kobiet będących w ciąży.

Z WDZIĘCZNOŚCIĄ DLA HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Z całego serca dziękujemy Holy Name Society za niezwykle hojną ofiarę w wysokości $5,000 na rzecz naszej parafii. Jesteśmy bardzo wdzięczni za ich nieustanną hojność, zaangażowanie i troskę o naszą wspólnotę parafialną. Takie dary pomagają nam kontynuować naszą misję oraz wspierać bieżące potrzeby naszego kościoła. Wszystkim członkom Holy Name Society składamy serdeczne Bóg zapłać za hojność i nieustanne wsparcie. Niech Bóg obficie wynagrodzi Wam dobro, które czynicie dla naszej parafii!

7 PAŹDZIERNIKA • WSPOMNIENIE NAJŚWIĘTSZEJ MARYI PANNY RÓŻAŃCOWEJ



Wspomnienie Matki Bożej Różańcowej ma swoje korzenie w wydarzeniach z 1571 roku. W obliczu wielkiego zagrożenia papież św. Pius V wezwał wiernych do modlitwy różańcowej i prosił Maryję o wstawiennictwo. Po zwycięstwie chrześcijańskiej floty pod Lepanto, 7 października, ustanowiono święto, które z czasem otrzymało nazwę wspomnienia Matki Bożej Różańcowej.

Różaniec jest modlitwą szczególnie cenną wtedy, kiedy sami nie znajdujemy już słów. Możemy powierzyć Maryi nasze dzieci, małżeństwa, choroby, lęki, trudne decyzje, osoby oddalone od Boga i sprawy, które po ludzku wydają się beznadziejne. Maryja przyjmuje nasze troski, ale zawsze prowadzi nas dalej, do swojego Syna. Październik przypomina nam więc o bardzo prostym geście: wziąć różaniec do ręki i zacząć się modlić. Nie tylko wtedy, kiedy potrzebujemy pomocy, ale każdego dnia. Dziesiątka po dziesiątce, tajemnica po tajemnicy, różaniec może prowadzić nasze serce do coraz większej ufności Chrystusowi.



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- w niedziele po Mszy św. o godz. 11:30am i 6:00pm.

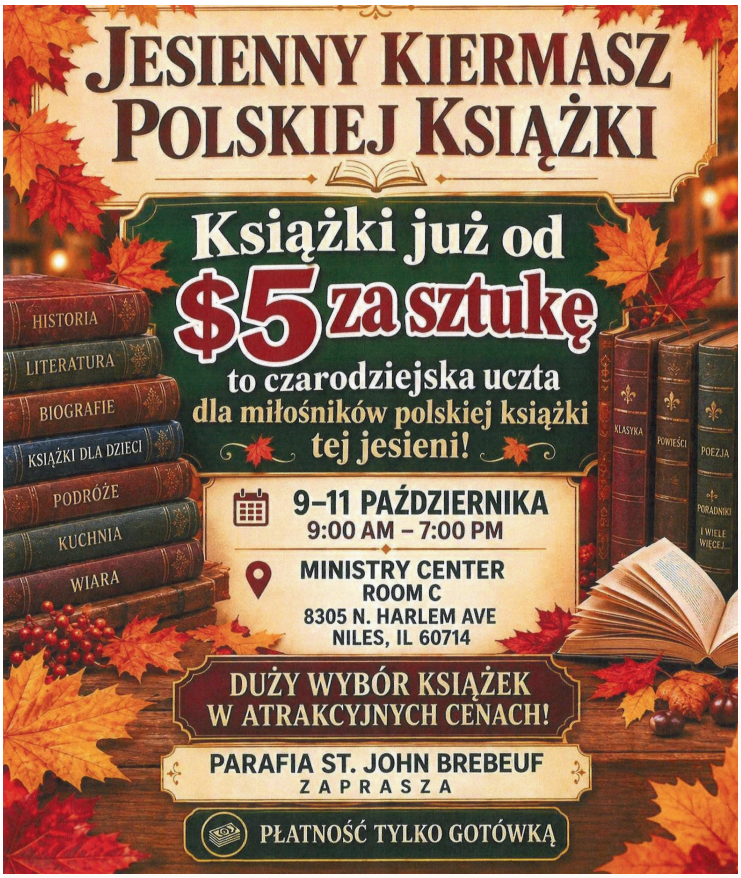
Osoby, które nie mogą przybyć na tę modlitwę do świątyni, zapraszamy, aby modlić się na różańcu w dom**u.**

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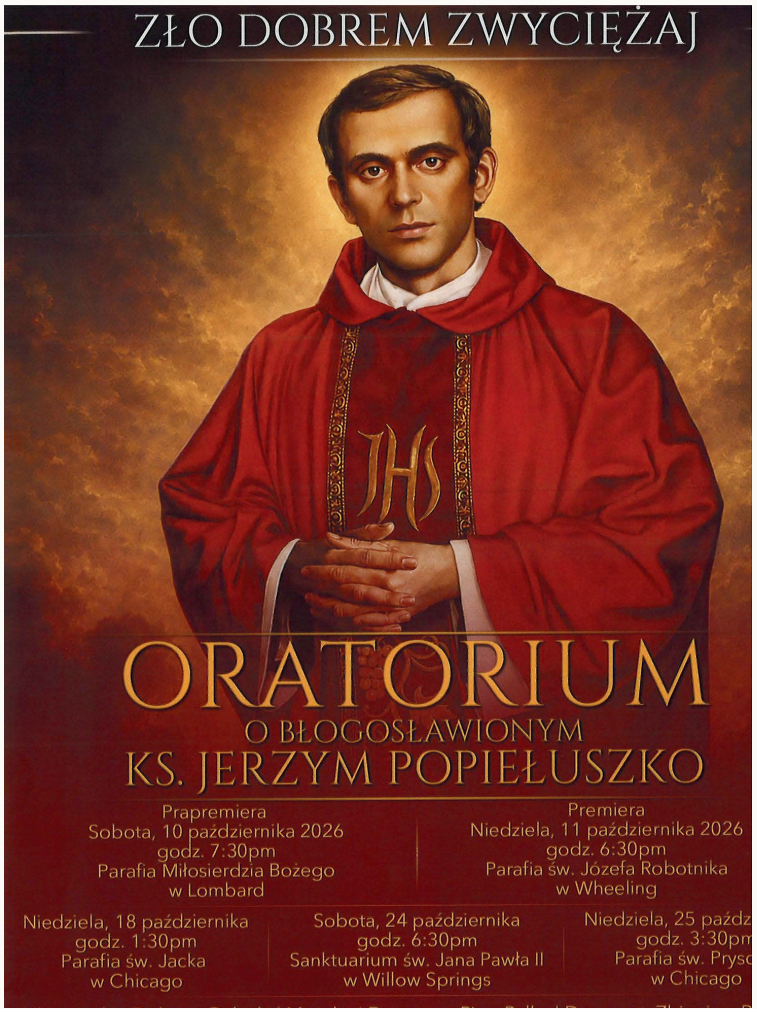
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