



St. John Brebeuf School

Weekly Newsletter

March 13, 2026

A Letter from Mr. Taylor

Dear St. John Brebeuf Families,

It was a joy to walk through this year's Invention Convention and see the creativity and curiosity of our students on full display. I loved reading the posters created by our 3rd and 4th graders highlighting famous inventors and their inventions, and it was especially exciting to see the original ideas and problem-solving presented by our 5th graders. The projects reflected thoughtful research, imagination, and hard work from everyone involved. Thank you to Ms. Atto, Mrs. Starczewski, and Mrs. Pomper for guiding our students through this wonderful learning experience. It was truly a great success.

Last Saturday, several of our students represented our school at the Regional Science Fair at Wheeling High School, and they did an outstanding job. Congratulations to Jaxon C., Quincy M., and Tommy G., who earned a gold medal for their project measuring the activity of the enzyme invertase. Their work was awarded Best in Category for Biochemistry at the middle school level and qualified for the state competition. Congratulations as well to Dani R. and Ritta I., who earned a gold medal for their project measuring caloric density in snack foods. They were also selected as the middle school recipients of the Iota Sigma Pi Women in Chemistry Award and qualified for the state competition. Isaac N., Kamden A., and Evan D. earned gold for their project examining how well humans can detect AI writing. Charlie S. and Tyler O. received gold for their project identifying microplastics in water samples, while Josh S. and Ace O. earned gold for their project on preventing browning in apples. Finally, Angelina A., Gisele, and Marylen N. received a silver medal for their project comparing the effectiveness of different hand lotions. We

are incredibly proud of all of our young scientists and their dedication to the scientific process. A special thank you to Ms. McPartlin for guiding and supporting these students throughout their work.

Please remember to submit your Pizza Day orders by Monday to support both our Student Council and Divine Mercy Academy in Kenya. Pizza Day will take place next Friday, March 20. Students and staff can enjoy a slice of pizza and a Capri Sun for \$3.00, with an additional slice available for \$2.00. It's pizza with a purpose, and a great way to support a meaningful cause.

Our Cereal Drive is also continuing to build momentum. We have collected nearly 100 boxes so far, which is wonderful to see. Please continue sending in cereal to help support families and local food banks in need. The drive will run through next Friday, March 20.

On Monday, we will host our Open House for families interested in Preschool and Kindergarten. Current and prospective families are welcome to visit, tour the school, meet our staff, and learn more about what makes St. John Brebeuf such a special place to learn and grow.

Finally, please mark your calendars for next Sunday's annual Easter Egg Hunt. Join us after the 10:00 a.m. Mass for breakfast, egg hunting, and a chance to meet the Easter Bunny. It's always a wonderful event for our families, and more details can be found later in this newsletter.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our students and school community. Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,
Mr. Adam Taylor
Principal

Important Dates to remember:

March 16th - Preschool & Kindergarten Open House (6:00 pm-7:00 pm)

March 17th - St. Patrick's Dress Down Day (See below)

March 19th - St. Joseph's Dress Down Day (See below)

March 21st - Daddy Daughter Dance

March 22nd - SJB Easter Egg Hunt (following 10:00 am Mass)

- Sports Photos - 3:00 - 5:30 pm in Flanagan Hall

March 27th - Living Stations of the Cross (1:00 pm & 3:15 pm)

- Stations of the Cross through the streets of Niles @ 6:00 pm

March 29th - 10:00 am Family Mass

March 31st - Talent Show Try Outs @ 2:15

April 1st - P/SA Meeting at 6:30 pm in Room 2

April 2nd- 12th - **Easter Break**

April 13th - Athletic Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm in Room 2

April 15th - Spring Musical & Art Show

April 23rd - Confirmation Rehearsal @ 5:30 pm

April 24th - Talent Show @ 1:00 pm

April 25th - 8th-grade Confirmation

April 29th - 8th-grade field trip to Springfield

ST. JOHN BREBEUF

CEREAL DRIVE!

GOAL: 500 BOXES!

Led by
UNCLE PETE'S MINISTRY
HELPING LOCAL FOOD BANKS & FAMILIES IN NEED!

Cheerios
Lucky Charms
FROSTED FLAKES
RICE KRISPIES

DONATE BOXES OF CEREAL!

DROP OFF IN THE FRONT OFFICE

MARCH 2ND - MARCH 20TH

Collecting Cereal for those in need!



St. John Brebeuf Preschool-Kindergarten Open House



All Families welcome to come see what SJB is about.
Monday, March 16, 2026
6-7pm



In our faith-driven classroom, students enjoy enriching weekly specials including Spanish, Library, Music, Art, and Physical Education.

Join us for a tour of our classrooms, meet our teachers, and discover what makes St. John Brebeuf special.



8301 N. Harlem Ave
Niles
847-966-3266
WWW.SJBschool.org

Flexible Preschool Options:

- Multi-day enrollment
- Full-day or half-day choices
- Before and after care available



St. John Brebeuf School Presents:

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

\$1 Dress Down!
Pay \$1 and wear GREEN
on March 17th



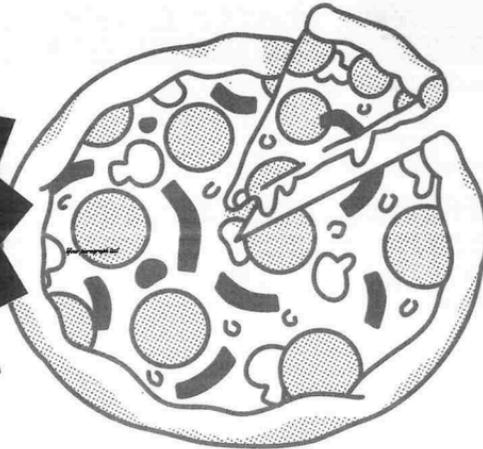
\$1 Dress
Down!
March 19th

HAPPY ST. JOSEPH'S DAY



CHEESE
Pizza
Lunch

*Support
Divine
Mercy
School in
Kenya!*



Friday, March 20th!

Order yours today!

Just \$3 for a slice and Capri Sun

Additional slice \$2.00

Sponsored by SGB Student Council

[Click here to download the order form](#)

Daddy/Daughter Dance

SJB P/SA PRESENTS

Daddy Daughter Dance

21 MARCH 2026

AT 6:30 PM

Bring daddy, grandpa or someone special and join us for a night to remember at a new location!

9131 NILES CENTER RD SKOKIE
60076

\$45 Per Couple
\$10 for each additional daughter

Cash or checks payable to SJB P/SA

Any questions please contact
Shamiram: 847-507-2129
Marie:847-456-4704

RSVP by March 19th



Easter Egg Hunt



ST. JOHN BREBEUF TEACHERS
AND STAFF PRESENT



EASTER EGG HUNT



SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026
SJB'S SOUTH LAWN AFTER 10AM MASS

Help Us Fill the Eggs! 🐣

We are collecting raffle prizes, plastic eggs, and small items to fill the eggs for our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. If you are doing some spring cleaning and find any **NEW** items that children would enjoy, please consider donating them. If you would prefer to purchase something, please scan the QR code to visit our Amazon Wish List for suggested items. Please send all donations to the school by March 18th.

Thank you for your support!



Class of 2026 Lou Malnati's Pizza Coupon Fundraiser



Dear Families,

Thank you for your tremendous support of our 8th-grade class through the purchase of Lou Malnati's pizza coupons. Your generosity goes a long way, and the students are truly grateful for your encouragement as they work toward their final year at St. John Brebeuf.

Because of your support, this fundraiser has been a success. A very limited number of pizza coupons are still available for purchase in the school office while supplies last. If pizza night is calling your name, we're ready for you.

Thank you for always showing up for our students and our school community. Your support makes a difference, one slice at a time.

Athletics

SJB VOLLEYBALL

PACK THE PLACE!



SATURDAY, MARCH 14

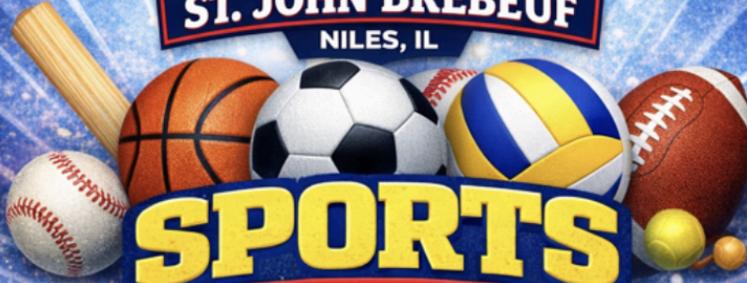
SCHEDULE OF GAMES:

10 AM - 6TH GIRLS	2 PM - 5TH BOYS
11 AM - 5TH GIRLS	3 PM - 6TH BOYS
12 PM - 7TH GIRLS	4 PM - 7TH BOYS
1 PM - 8TH GIRLS	5 PM - 8TH BOYS

**ROSE CEREMONY FOR THE
CLASS OF 2026 AT THE 1 PM AND 5 PM GAMES!**

SJB

ST. JOHN BREBEUF
NILES, IL



SPORTS

PHOTO DAY!

MARCH 22, 2026

3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Individual & Team Photos!
Wear Your Sports Uniform!



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JR JAGUARS

Spirit Squad

Open to those in grades 1-3!
Join the Jaguars Squad during one of the
basketball half times next season!

April 27, May 4, May 11 & May 18

4:15 PM - 5:30 PM

\$30 Per Child-Includes T-Shirt
SJB Gym - Click "Join Now"!



SJB TRACK!

● Calling all 4th-8th Graders!

MEET DATES:
APRIL 19
APRIL 26
MAY 3



[Register Here!](#)

School Safety Patrol



Yellow

Angelina A
Ritta I
Quincy M
Adam Z

Thank you for keeping us safe at arrival and dismissal

A Note from Superintendent of Schools, Greg Richmond

Dear Catholic School Families,

[The UChicago Parent Survey](#), part of our annual Climate, Culture and Catholic Identity Survey, is currently open. This is a friendly reminder to complete the survey at your convenience if you have not already done so.

All responses are completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child. Schools receive only summary-level information reflecting overall parent and student feedback.

To participate, please click the button below and select “parent survey.”

[Complete the parent survey now](#)

A parent survey report will be generated once at least 20 percent of your school's families respond, though our goal is much higher. Strong participation helps provide more meaningful insights, so we hope to hear from at least half of our school families. Thank you in advance for helping us reach that goal.

While individual responses remain private, the overall parent report will be shared with your principal and the Office of Catholic Schools. These insights help school leaders better understand family experiences and guide future planning and improvement efforts. Your voice truly makes a difference.

The Parent Survey remains open until March 20.

If you have questions about the survey, contact UChicago Survey Support at 1-866-440-1874 or impact-surveys@uchicago.edu.

Thank you again for taking part in this important effort.

In Christ,

Greg Richmond

Superintendent of Catholic Schools

Kiddos Lunch Program



Lunch ordering is now open, but you only have until Wednesday of next week at midnight to place your lunch orders

Returning Kiddos Customer?

Remember to **create a new account** at the start of each school year, so we have the most up-to-date information, including grades, teachers, etc.

The attached **Kiddos Ordering Flyer for 2025** has all the details you'll need to order, along with the **Restaurant Info Flyer**, with the fresh and scratch-made scoop on the restaurants serving your school.

If we can help with anything at all, please let us know at support@kiddoscatering.com

Order Now

Ready For a Break? Here's How to Order Lunches!

First things first... **Order, Change or Cancel** → **By Wednesdays at Midnight, for the next week's lunches.**

- 1 Head to Your School's Lunch Page**
Click here: www.kiddoscatering.com/sfb
Tip: Bookmark this on your computer or save to your phone's home screen.
- 2 Create A New Account**
Everyone starts fresh each school year so we have the most up-to-date info about your family, like your child's grade and your contact information.
- 3 Let Us Email You**
Be sure to allow emails from Kiddos, we only send what matters: reminders, lunch service notices, and updates.
- 4 Place Your Lunch Order**
For the easiest ordering view, click on the **Student Calendar** tab located on the right side of the order form.
- 5 Export Your Order to Your Device Calendar**
Go to the History Tab
Select Download Calendar

YOU'RE IN FOR A TREAT!

Quick Tips

Menus & Pricing: Click the name of a menu item (not the checkbox) to see its description and price.
Included Sides: Want to see what sides are included? Click the "Sides" link under the restaurant name.

Have questions? **We're here to help!** Email: support@kiddoscatering.com
Call: 773-360-8081

Lunch service you'll love, every day.

A Fresh & Modern Approach

We bring school lunch service out of the dark ages with tons of fresh and scratch-made menu choices **every day**, including healthy options, from the neighborhood restaurants you already love and trust.

Real Relief—When You Need It

A school lunch is only nutritious if it's eaten. With so many daily food choices, you can always find something your kids will eat and love, so you can use the service any time you need.

- Enjoyment Guarantee:** If lunch isn't loved, it's credited—really!
- Flexible Online Ordering:** Order, change, or cancel week to week.
- One Easy Ordering Screen:** Order for all kids and all dates, on one screen.
- Calendar Integration:** Sync your lunch orders to your calendar with one click.
- All-Inclusive Meals:** All available sides included with every lunch.
- Affordable:** Costs less than if you ordered from a lunch delivery service.

Passport to the World

Same journey, different paths. Passport to the World was created to give kids a fun, engaging way to explore life in other countries, highlighting the similarities in our daily routines while sparking curiosity about new cultures, foods, and places. Follow along on Instagram or Facebook.

Let's Collaborate! We'd love the menu to reflect what your family enjoys, so let us know your restaurant and entrée preferences.

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**Every day easier.
Every lunch yummiier.
Everyone happier.**

KIDDOS
we get lunch

Inside Kiddos Lunches

The fresh and scratch-made scoop on the restaurants serving your school.



BUONA

Buona's menu features scratch-made recipes crafted from premium ingredients, including all-natural chicken with no antibiotics, fresh pastas (not dried) with house-made sauces, and pizzas made from hand-rolled dough and premium cheeses.

Culver's

Culver's menu features fresh beef and all-white meat hand-breaded chicken tenders. They're committed to sourcing the best ingredients to prepare meals that are not only delicious, but also fresh.

Panda's

Panda's chefs wok-cook every meal in small batches using fresh-cut veggies and real ingredients, no high-fructose corn syrup, ever. Their scratch-made approach captures bold flavor, aroma, and signature "Wok Hei" with every bite.

Lou Malin's

Every Lou Malin's pizza is handmade from scratch with the finest and freshest ingredients. Each year, the team hand-selects California vine-ripened tomatoes for the perfect sweet and tangy taste, and their fresh mozzarella comes from the same small dairy partner of over 40 years.

Potbelly

Potbelly crafts every sandwich to order, starting with fresh-baked Tostito bread. Premium meats, cheeses, crisp veggies, and house-made sauces are prepared fresh, while cookies are baked in shop daily for that irresistible taste.

Panera

Panera brings cozy comfort with warm sandwiches, freshly made soups, crisp salads, and bakery favorites. Everything is crafted with clean ingredients and tender, responsibly raised chicken for food that's wholesome, flavorful, and feel-good.

ZUPAS

Cafe Zupas preps fresh, premium ingredients every morning for their scratch-made soups and sandwiches, pairing them into wholesome combos kids love to eat.

California Pizza Kitchen

California Pizza Kitchen is known for its creative, California-style pizzas along with bold salads and pastas. Every dish is made with premium toppings that are hand-cut and prepared fresh in-store each day.

 Every day easier. Every lunch yummiier. Everyone happier. **KIDDOS**

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EPIC

Epic Burger focuses on "a more mindful burger," serving all-natural and halal beef and chicken options made without processed ingredients, a fresh, flavorful take on a classic.

Fajita Petes

Fajita Petes serves fresh, flame-grilled fajitas with homemade tortillas and sides like rice, beans, and queso, all scratch-made for bold Tex-Mex flavor.

Jet's

Jet's Detroit-style pizza starts with fresh dough handmade daily from a proprietary flour blend, baked in custom steel pans for a light, airy center and crispy, caramelized crust. Their Jet Fuel sauce is made from high-quality vine-ripened tomatoes.

Giordano's

Giordano's signature mozzarella is made exclusively for them by Wisconsin cheesemakers, aged to perfection and shredded fresh daily. Their pizza sauce is prepared in-house each day from hand-picked tomatoes.

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Kind regards,

Kiddos Lunch Team

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School Uniforms



We are partnering with Schoolbellies for our school and PE uniforms. The items can be ordered online or in person by visiting the Schoolbellies store, located at 7246 West Foster Avenue in the Harlem-Foster Shopping Centre. PE uniforms are now required for all students in Kindergarten through eighth grade. The uniforms should be worn all day on PE days. If you have not received your PE uniform at the beginning of the school year, students may wear black or navy blue shorts (or sweatpants), with a black or navy blue t-shirt (or crew neck sweatshirt). Hoodies are not allowed. All students

are expected to be in full uniform as soon as possible. Please visit our website [here](#) for more information.

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1. Go to: treering.com/validate
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Parish News



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Become an Altar Server



BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER. We invite all children who have received the First Holy Communion to join our Altar Servers! Please, go to our website sjbrebeuf.org, download the registration form, fill it out, and send it to Fr. Sebastian - szebrowski@sjbrebeuf.org

St. John Brebeuf Children's Choir

Just a friendly reminder that choir rehearsals take place every Tuesday:

- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM at school for Grades 3-4,
- 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM at the church (music room) for Grades 5-8.

If your child is interested in joining, please contact the choir director, Mrs. Ewa Kowcz-Fair, at 773-551-0284.

Let your children grow in faith and music! This is a wonderful opportunity to develop musical skills, build friendships, and enjoy meaningful time together.

2025 Children's Choir Form

Dear Parents,

My name is Ewa Kowcz-Fair, and I am the SJB Laudate Children's Choir Director. I'd like to share with you some information about scholarships and benefits that your child may be eligible for simply by being part of the choir.

As we all know, students can receive scholarships in high school or college for sports, but they can also earn them by participating in choir or music programs that demonstrate growth in their skills. I have many choir alumni who have already graduated from college and still reach out to me with fond memories of their time in choir.

Some students have told me it all started in 3rd grade, when they learned how to properly communicate with audiences, use correct diction while speaking, and sing both in groups and as soloists. I also hear stories of them landing solos in high school, traveling across the U.S., and winning awards in modern musical productions. The key is consistency - being involved in choir throughout grade school and high school can build lifelong skills that stay with them and may even open doors in the future.

If your child is in 3rd grade or above and enjoys singing, please consider giving them the gift of music - it's an investment that will bear fruit in their future. We are here at SJB.

- Grades 3 - 4 meet on Tuesdays at 2:00 PM at school.
- Grades 5 and up meet on Tuesdays at 5:00 PM in the Music Rehearsal Room at the church.
- Children from our Parish Families (Grades 5 and up) meet on Thursdays at 5:00 PM in the Music Rehearsal Room at the church.

We sing at School Masses, Family Masses, annually downtown at the Pueri Cantores Festival, and occasionally out of town.

Please feel free to call me with any questions about the choir.

Thank you,

Ewa Kowcz-Fair
Laudate Children's Choir Director
773-551-0284

Holy Name Men's Club

ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH

FISH FRY DINNER

FEBRUARY 27 / MARCH 6
MARCH 13 and MARCH 20
4:30pm - 6:30pm



HOSTED BY: Holy Name Men's Club - Catholic Women's Club - Parish School Association (P/SA) - Boy Scouts — Girl Scouts - Filipino Americans - Polish Hospitality Group

MENU

*Fish prepared by Lone Tree Manor
(beer, wine, bottled water and soda will be available for purchase)*

 <p>FISH PLATTER - \$15.00 PRE-SOLD \$17 AT DOOR / LIMITED SERVINGS</p> <p>(side of Tartar sauce) mixed vegetables potato pancake and soup coffee, lemonade, water</p> <p>2/27 Cod fish 3/6 White fish 3/13 Cod fish 3/20 White fish</p>	 <p>PIEROGI PLATTER - \$15.00 PRE-SOLD \$17 AT DOOR / LIMITED SERVINGS</p> <p>Sauerkraut and Mushroom Pierogi with mixed vegetables and potato pancake, soup coffee, lemonade, water</p>
	 <p>KID'S PLATTER- \$5.00 Cheese Pizza lemonade, water</p>

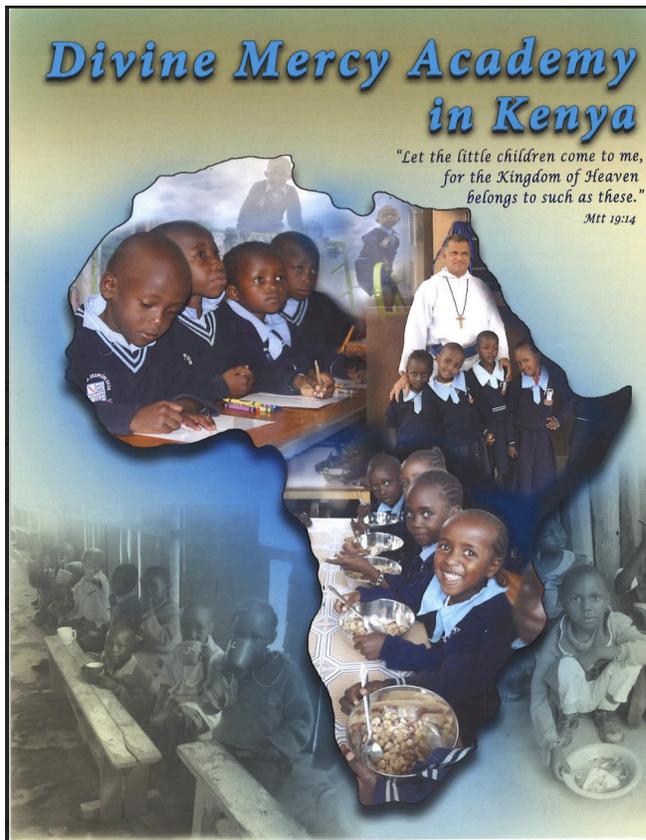
FOR ADDITIONAL FISH FRY INFORMATION CALL
Dennis O'Donovan @ 847-744-2927, Andy Belerwaites @ 847-966-6961,
John Jekot @ 847-651-7624

ST. JOHN BREBEUF
Rev. Thomas P. May Parish Ministry Center / 8305 N. Harlem Avenue - Niles

PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE PARISH OFFICE
8305 N. Harlem Avenue - Niles, IL
online at www.sjbrebeuf.org



Divine Mercy Academy in Kenya



Dear Friends of the Poor,

In 2008, the Missionaries of the Poor opened a food kitchen for starving children in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya. Over time, the missionaries came up with the idea of an educational program to give children a chance to get out of the surrounding poverty and live with dignity.

When in 2012 volunteers from Chicago came to the mission for the first time and saw the enormity of the needs, they decided to organize help. Thanks to the support they received from the people of good will, volunteers have started to help the missionaries financially with various construction projects. Within five years, an orphanage, a new school, a kitchen with a dining room, toilets, a common room and a small medical clinic were built.

Today, 120 children ages 4 to 7 study at Divine Mercy Academy. The children come from families living in dire poverty and many of them coming from single parent households. Students receive free education, uniforms, shoes, backpacks and school supplies. The school serves two hot meals, which are often the only food the children will receive for the day.

At school, children learn their native language and English. They learn about the culture of their country and about God during religion lessons. Children have time to play and rest. Surrounded by the love and tender care of their teachers, they feel safe and loved.

The School of Divine Mercy functions thanks to the generosity of many people. You too can become an instrument of God's love and give hope to the poor children from the slums of Nairobi! Please join us in supporting Divine Mercy Academy.

The total schooling cost

- Tuition --- \$30
- Books and Supplies --\$20
- School Uniform --- \$20
- Shoes and Backpack - \$10
- Food Program--- \$60
- Total ---\$140

Checks should be payable to the Missionaries of the Poor with memo: Kenya School Project

Checks can be mailed to: Missionaries of the Poor P.O. Box 34095 Chicago IL, 60634

For more information, please contact: Antia 773-936-2235 or Daiva 708-899-0293



The Missionaries of the Poor express their sincere gratitude for your support and remember you in their daily prayers.

Youth Ministry



St. John Brebeuf

Youth Ministry



Every 3rd Sunday of the month



**MASS AT 6PM
AND MEETING
AFTERWARDS**



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www.sjbrebeuf.org



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Church Schedule

ST. JOHN BREBEUF CHURCH

Holy Masses:

Sunday:

In English: 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass), 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 6:00 pm

In Polish: 6:30 pm (Vigil Mass) 7:00 am, 11:30 am

During the week

Monday-Saturday: In English - 8:30 am, 7 pm (Tuesday, Thursday)

In Polish - 7:00 pm (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

Other devotions and services:

Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament: 24/7 (access with the key tag)

Rosary: weekdays after the 8:30 am Mass

First Friday of the month: Confession at 8:00 am, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Confessions: Monday-Friday 6:30 pm; Saturday 4 pm

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Wednesdays after
8:30 am (English) and 7 pm (Polish)

First Saturday of the Month Devotion - after 8:30 am mass (English)
and 6:30 pm (Polish)

Family Mass - third Sunday of the month at 10 am (English)
and 11:30 am (Polish)

Fillipino Mass - Fourth Sunday of the month at 10 am

REP program - every Thursday from 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Youth Mass - Every 3rd Sunday of the month at 6 pm

Spirituality Group - second Thursday of the Month (after 7 pm Mass)
& fourth Thursday of the month (after 8:30 am Mass)

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