



St. John Brebeuf School

Weekly Newsletter

March 27, 2026

A Letter from Mr. Taylor

Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone who joined us last Sunday for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. What a tremendous turnout. The laughter, the energy, the simple joy of children racing across the lawn. It was a beautiful sight. It truly felt like our community at its best. I am deeply grateful to our staff who gave their time and hearts to make the day such a success. I have never been part of a more generous and dedicated group of people, and it shows in moments like these.

We were also blessed this week by a powerful and moving presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross. Our seventh-grade students brought the Passion of Jesus to life with reverence and care, and each student played their role with sincerity and grace. Our eighth-grade choir added a layer of beauty that lifted the entire experience. It was more than a performance. It was a prayer. Thank you to Mrs. Guzman, Mr. Burgos, and Mr. Mertes for their time, guidance, and unwavering dedication.

Easter is now just ahead, and the anticipation is building. This Sunday, we celebrate Palm Sunday and gather for our monthly Family Mass. I hope to see many of our school families there as we begin this most sacred time together.

We are also nearing our Easter Break. Please note that there will be no school from Thursday, April 2nd, through Sunday, April 12th. Classes will resume on Monday, April 13th. A well-earned rest is just around the corner.

Wishing you a peaceful and blessed weekend. And to our volleyball teams heading into the playoffs, play hard, play together, and enjoy every moment.

Sincerely,

Mr. Adam Taylor

Principal

Important Dates to remember:

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

SJB JAGUARS SEMI-FINAL GAMES! TOMORROW!

SJB JAGUARS

SJB SEMI-FINALS

- 7TH GIRLS VS SRB
March 28 @ 10:30 AM at Resurrection College Prep
- 8TH GIRLS VS SPC BLUE
March 28 @ 1:30 PM at Resurrection College Prep
- 7TH BOYS VS ELIZABETH
March 28 @ 2:00 PM at St. Patrick High School (Unopposed 1 time)
- 8TH BOYS VS BERCHMANS
March 28 @ 3:00 PM at St. Patrick High School (Unopposed 1 time)

GO, JAGUARS!!!!



JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER

Donate while you Dine!

Please Join Us at Culver's Restaurant
Benefitting St. John Brebeuf Class of 2026!

April 14

5PM – 8PM

7310 W. Dempster St, Morton Grove, IL 60053



Class of 2026 Lou Malnati's Pizza Coupon Fundraiser



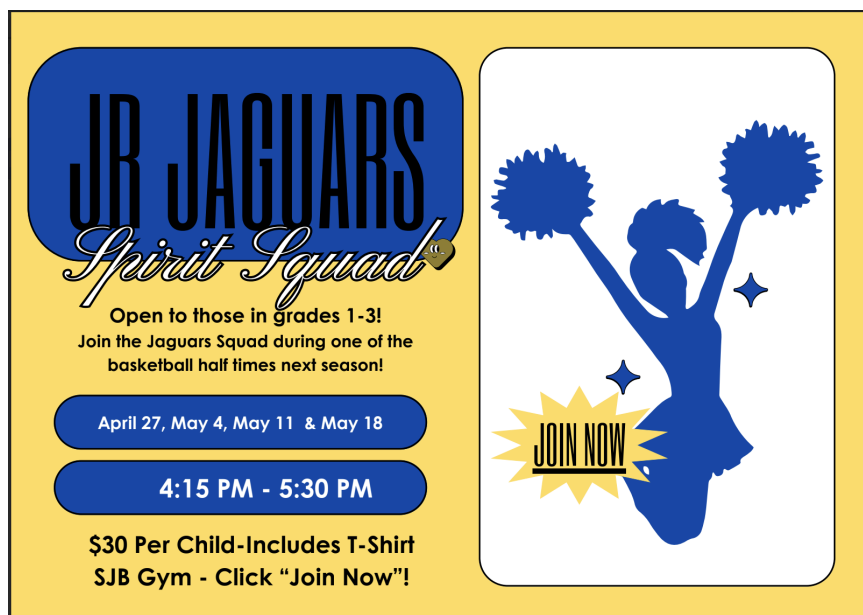
Dear Families,

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



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"!

JOIN NOW

The poster features a blue silhouette of a cheerleader holding pom-poms, with a yellow starburst containing the text 'JOIN NOW'. The background is yellow with blue rounded rectangular boxes for text.

[Click here to register](#)

SUB TRACK!

• **Calling all 4th-8th Graders!**

MEET DATES:
APRIL 19
APRIL 26
MAY 3



Register Here!

[*Click here to register*](#)

School Safety Patrol



Turquoise

Kayla A
Kamden A
Sebastian M
Daniela R

Thank you for keeping us safe at arrival and dismissal

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

Kind regards,

Kiddos Lunch Team

Follow us on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#)

School Uniforms



We are partnering with Schoolbelles for our school and PE uniforms. The items can be ordered online or in person by visiting the Schoolbelles 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.

Treering Yearbook



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ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL
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*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

Deadline: **Apr 17**

To purchase your yearbook, use the QR code below or:
Must be a parent or student 13 years or older

1. Go to: treering.com/validate
2. Enter your school's passcode:

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Parish News



Please click [here](#) to visit our parish website



The poster features a photograph of a street at dusk with a large wooden cross in the foreground and a crowd of people walking away. The text is overlaid on a dark blue background.


**STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON
THE STREET OF NILES**

**MARCH 27
@ 6 PM**

**FOLLOWED BY
THE MASS IN
THE CHURCH**

**ST. JOHN BREBEUF
CHURCH**

8305 N HARLEM AVE, NILES, IL 60714
SJBREBEUF.ORG

2026 HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

MARCH 28/29 - PALM SUNDAY
 Saturday - 5:00 pm (English), 6:30 pm (Polish); Sunday - 8:30 am,
 10:00 am & 6:00 pm (English); 7:00 am & 11:30 am (Polish)
 Monday & Tuesday - March 30 & 31 and Wednesday -
 April 1: Mass 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

**LENTEN PARISH RECONCILIATION
(ENGLISH/POLISH) / WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**
 5:30pm - 7:00 pm & 7:30pm - 9:00 pm

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2
 8:30 am Morning Prayer
 5:30 pm The Lord's Supper (English)
 7:30 pm The Lord's Supper (Polish)
 After Liturgy Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 and Adoration until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3
 8:30 am Morning Prayer
 3:00 pm Station of the Cross (Bilingual)
 5:30 pm The Lord's Passion (English)
 7:30 pm The Lord's Passion (Polish)
 Following Liturgy Adoration at the Tomb of Jesus
 until Saturday 2:30pm

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4
 8:30 am Morning Prayer
EASTER BASKETS BLESSING IN PARISH MINISTRY CENTER
 9:30 am - 2:00 pm (every 30 min)
 7:30 pm Easter Vigil (Bilingual)

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 5
 6:00 am Sunrise Mass (Polish), 8:30 am (English); 10 am (English);
 11:30 am (Polish) / No 6:00 pm Mass

EASTER MONDAY - APRIL 6
 8:30 am (English), 12:00 noon (Polish), 7 pm (Polish)

For more information visit our website at www.sjbrebeuf.org
 or call 847-966-8115



Disciple Maker Index Survey

Thank you for participating in the Disciple Maker Index survey. This survey will provide you with the opportunity to reflect on your own spiritual growth and provide feedback on the efforts of the parish to help you grow.

This survey should take 10 - 15 minutes to complete. Your responses are kept confidential.

Parish Information
 Archdiocese of Chicago

St. John Brebeuf (Niles)

Pastor: Zdzislaw Torba

Start Survey →



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



BINGO!

Sunday, April 12, 2026
St. John Brebeuf
Rev. Thomas P. May Parish Ministry Center
8305 N. Harlem Avenue – Niles

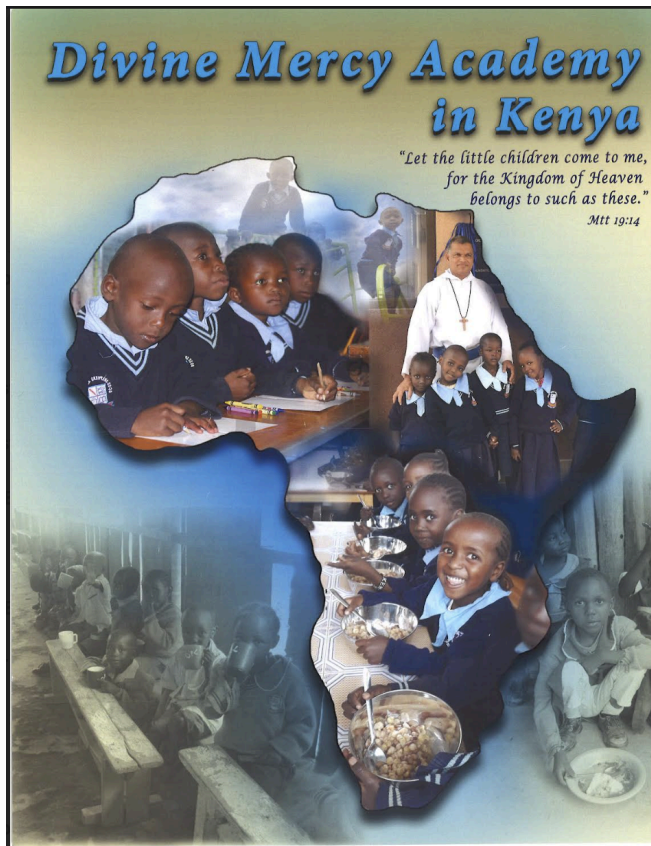
\$15.00 for 15 Games
Pay-Out's determined by Attendance

**Additional Chance to Win
PULL TABS AVAILABLE!!!!**

Doors Open at 2:30pm – Games Begin at 3:00pm
Refreshments Available

For Further Information Contact
Dennis O'Donovan at 847-744-2927
John Jekot at 847-651-7624

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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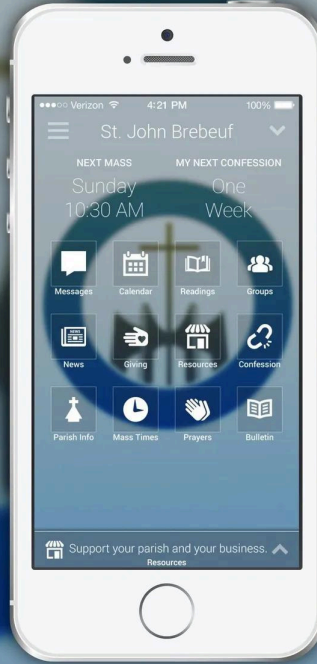
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Church Schedule

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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