



St. John Brebeuf School

Weekly Newsletter

April 03, 2026

A Letter from Mr. Taylor

Dear SJB Families,

It's hard to believe we've turned the calendar to April. The school year has a way of picking up speed just when you think you've found your rhythm, and here we are, already deep into the final stretch. The days are full, the weeks move quickly, and yet they are filled with so much to celebrate.

Our volleyball teams have given us plenty to cheer about this season. I offer heartfelt congratulations to all of our athletes, and special recognition to our 8th-grade girls for winning their division, our 7th-grade girls for earning second place in the CSCC Conference, and our 8th-grade boys for capturing their third consecutive CSCC Conference championship with an undefeated season. That kind of consistency doesn't happen by chance. It comes from discipline, teamwork, and pride. We are incredibly proud of our Jaguars.

As we approach this sacred time, we pause to reflect on the sacrifices Jesus made for us during the Easter Triduum. I encourage you to review the Church's service schedule included later in this newsletter, and to take part as you are able. Tomorrow evening, the Tomb of Christ Adoration will begin at 9:00 p.m. and continue through 8:00 a.m. on Holy Saturday. Our altar servers will be present throughout the night, and each parish group has been invited to help support this time of prayer. Our school community has been assigned the 12:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. hour. If you can spend some time in the church during that hour, your presence would be deeply appreciated.

Thank you to the many families who have already completed their re-registration for the 2026–2027 school year. Your prompt response truly helps us as we begin planning for the year ahead, especially when it comes to staffing and classroom preparation. If you have not yet re-enrolled, I ask that you please do so as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly. We have also been encouraged by the number of prospective families visiting SJB, with many tours taking place and students spending time shadowing in our classrooms. Word of mouth remains one of our strongest assets, so I invite you to share your positive experiences and encourage friends and family to consider SJB for their children’s education. There is always room for more in our Jaguar family.

Looking ahead, April and May promise to be busy and exciting months. We are especially eager to launch a new fundraiser, our Boosterthon Fun Run. This year’s event will take place on May 4th, and with its space exploration theme, the timing could not be more fitting. We are hopeful for full participation from our families as we work together to support important school improvements, including enhancements to technology and curriculum resources. More details will be shared soon, but for now, consider this your official countdown to a fun and meaningful event.

As we enter Easter, I wish each of you a joyful celebration filled with peace, renewal, and time well spent with those you love. May this season bring rest and a renewed spirit to your homes. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday, April 13th.

With gratitude,
Mr. Adam Taylor
Principal

Important Dates to remember:

April 2nd- 12th - Easter Break

April 10th - Boosterthon website activated

April 13th - School Resumes

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

April 15th - Spring Musical & Art Show @ 6:30 pm in the PMC

April 23rd - Confirmation Rehearsal @ 5:30 pm

April 24th - Talent Show @ 1:00 pm

April 25th - 8th-grade Confirmation @ 11:00 am in the Church

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

May 1st - Fun Fair

May 4th - Boosterthon Fundraiser

May 5th - 2nd Grade's First Reconciliation @ 5:30 in the Church

May 6th - P/SA Meeting @ 6:30 in Room 2

May 8th - 8th Grade Ribbon Mass during the 8:30 mass in the Church

May 9th - 2nd Grade's First Holy Communion @ 11:00 am in the Church

May 11th - Athletic Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm in Room 2

May 15th - May Crowning @ 1:00 pm in the Church

May 17th - 10:00 am Family Mass

May 18th - 8th Grade's Fun Field Trip

May 20th - Awards Day @ 1:30 pm in the Church

May 22nd - 8th Grade's Retreat and Dance

May 25th - No School - Memorial Day

May 28th - 8th Grade's Last Day of School

May 29th - 8th Grade Graduation @ 6:00 pm in the Church

A promotional banner for St. John Brebeuf School. The background is a dark blue space with golden stars and a glowing cross on the left. A large blue banner at the top reads "NOW ENROLLING" in gold. Below it is the school's circular logo, which features a cross and the text "ST JOHN BRBEUF SCHOOL" and "EST. 1955". The school name "St. John Brebeuf School" is written in large white letters, with "Preschool - Eighth Grade" on a gold ribbon below. Contact information is provided in a white box: "Email: office@sjbschool.org", "Phone: (847) 966-3266", and "www.sjbschool.org". A quote in white text says, "All are welcome to explore the school, meet the staff, and see what makes us great!". The banner includes several photos: a classroom scene, a boy and girl with baskets, and a close-up of a smiling boy.

NOW ENROLLING



St. John Brebeuf School

Preschool - Eighth Grade

**Tours and Shadow
Days available**

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the school, meet the staff,
and see what makes us
great!*

Boosterthon Fun Run

**Our Fundraiser
IS COMING SOON!**

mybooster.com

St John Brebeuf School Families!

We're thrilled for this year's spring fundraiser — St. John Brebeuf Boosterthon! Our goal is to raise \$30,000 for school improvements to benefit our students at St John Brebeuf School.

Why are we excited?

- ✓ Easy-to-use fundraising platform
- ✓ Character-building program
- ✓ Fitness celebration event for every student!

Families will gather donations through MyBooster.com by simply sharing your student's page with friends and family. Every share makes a difference!

Students will also enjoy 'Star Quest 5,' an exciting character-building adventure where they'll learn important values through space-themed figures and activities.

Key dates to remember:

Sign Up Online at mybooster.com

04/10/2026

Kickoff in school

04/24/2026

Event Day

05/04/2026



Stay tuned for more details and follow us on social media for updates!

The school's Boosterthon website will be active on April 10, 2026

Night of Roses

I'm proud to share that our own Mrs. Michelle Grzeda has been nominated for the Youth Excellence Award. She consistently goes above and beyond for our students, and this recognition is well deserved. I encourage you to take a moment to cast your vote in her support.

We also celebrate Mr. Mike Dutkin, nominated for the Voluntary Service Award. As a former SJB parent, he has given so much of his time and energy to support our school community and its students.

Please use the link below to support both Mrs. Grzeda and Mr. Dutkin. Thank you for standing behind these two outstanding members of our community.

A blue, rounded rectangular button with a white border and the word "Submit" in white, bold, sans-serif font centered on it.

Submit

Class of 2026



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

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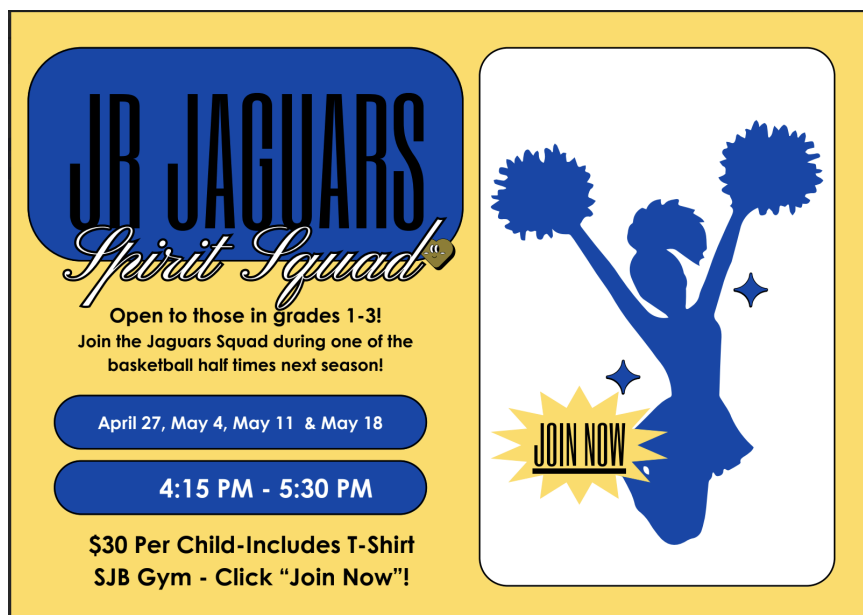
Dear Families,

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

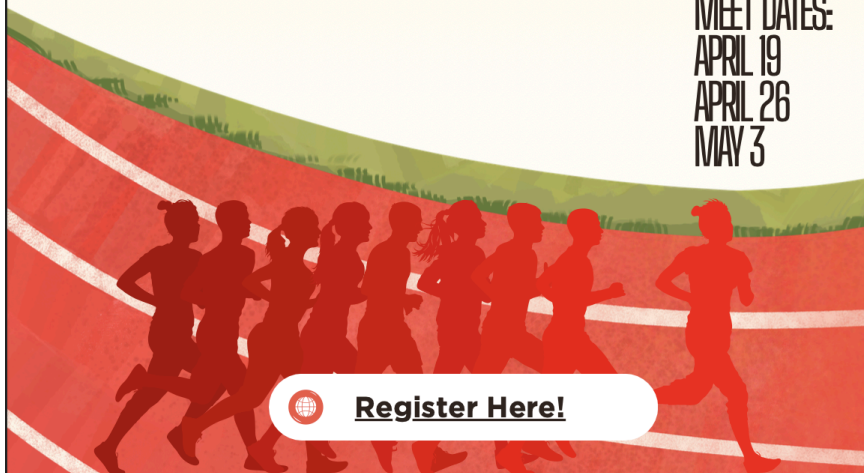
The poster features a blue silhouette of a cheerleader with pom-poms, a starburst graphic, and a yellow background.

[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



Blue

Zoe C

Jaden C

Karina L

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



Capture your memories in this year's

ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL

yearbook

Customize your 2 free pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Google Drive and more
- Answer fun memory questions to help remember the year
- The 2 custom pages are free and are printed only in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages are just \$1.99.

Regular price: **\$14.72**
*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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Please click [here](#) to visit our parish website

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

LENTE 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 817-966-8115

Tomb of Christ Adoration
Adoracja Grobu Chrystusa
– Good Friday/Holy Saturday Night

Time	Group	Grupa
9 pm – 10 pm	Litany to the Sacred Heart/Divine Mercy Novena/Lenten Lamentations	Litania do NSPJ/Nowenna do Bożego Miłosierdzia/Gorzkie Żale
10 pm – 11 pm	St. Jadwiga the Queen Society/Polish School Parents and Staff	Stowarzyszenie Królowej Jadwigi/Polska Szkoła im. Mikołaja Kopernika
11 pm – 12 am	English Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers/Fil-Am Group	Anglojęzyczni Lektorzy i Szafarze Eucharystii
12 am – 1 am	Altar Servers Parents/SJB School Parents & staff	Rodzice Ministrantów/Szkola św. Jana Brebeufa
1 am – 2 am	Women's Club/Men's Club/REP Parents and Teachers	Katolicki Klub Kobiet/Katolicki Klub Mężczyzn/ Program Nauczania Religii – Rodzice i Nauczyciele
2 am – 3 am	Knights of Columbus/Young Adults	Rycerze Kolumba/ Grupa Młodych Dorosłych
3 am – 4 am	Polish Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers	Polskojęzyczni Lektorzy i Szafarze Eucharystii
4 am – 5 am	Divine Mercy Group/ St. Rita's Group	Grupa Bożego Miłosierdzia/ Grupa św. Moniki
5 am – 6 am	Rosary Groups/ St. Monica's Group	Kółka Różańcowe/Grupa Nieustającego Różańca/ Grupa św. Moniki
6 am – 7 am	St. Vincent de Paul Society/Uncle Pete's Ministry	Stowarzyszenie Wincentego a Paulo/Grupa Uncle Pete's
7 am – 8 am	Priests and Deacons	Księżą i Diakoni

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

NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament "National Championship Game"



Viewing Party At:

St. John Brebeuf

Monday, April 6, 2026

Rev. Thomas P. May Parish Ministry Center

8305 N. Harlem Avenue, Niles - Doors open at 7:00pm & Tip off at 7:30pm

(Hosted by the St. John Brebeuf Holy Name Men's Club)

New or Renew Membership @ \$15.00

Refreshments Will Be Served

(Beverages and snacks)

For Further Information Call

Dennis O'Donovan @ 847-744-2927

John Jekot @ 847-651-7624

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

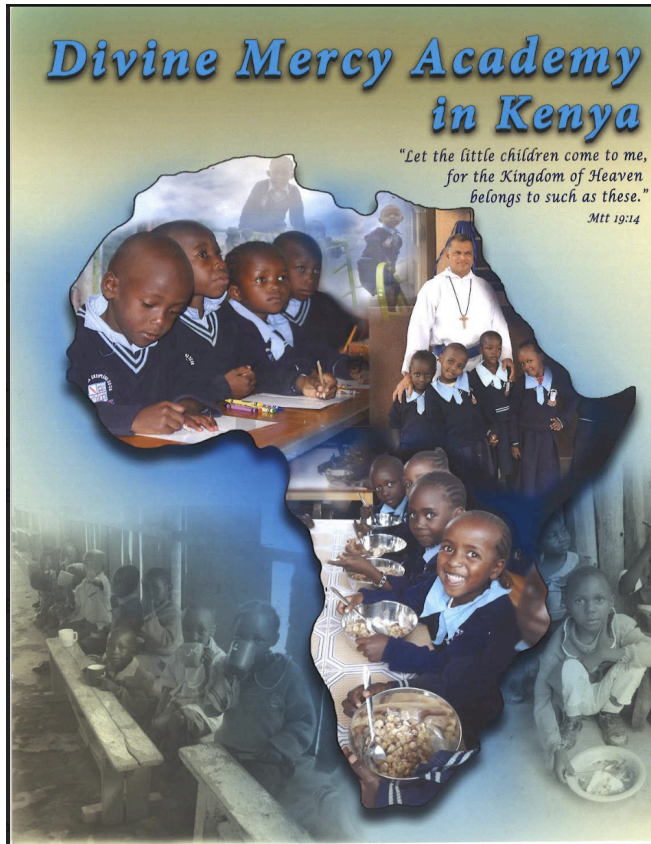
**Additional Chance to Win
PULL TABS AVAILABLE!!!!**

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

For Further Information Contact
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Bingo License #B-04157
Pull Tab License #P-02154

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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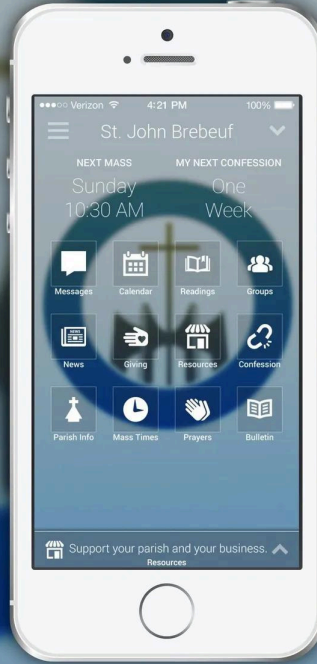
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Church Schedule

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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