



St. John Brebeuf School

Weekly Newsletter

May 01, 2026

A Letter from Mr Taylor

Dear SJB School Families,

Tonight is our Fun Fair, and I hope to see everyone there enjoying a wonderful evening together as a school community! From carnival games and prizes to delicious food and lots of laughter, it promises to be a fantastic night for all ages. A heartfelt thank you goes to our amazing P/SA for planning and organizing this incredible event. Their hard work and dedication help make nights like this possible for our families and students.

Our Boosterthon Fun Run is almost here! Monday, May 4th is going to be such an exciting day for our students. Please make sure that your child is registered for the event, as only registered students will be able to participate in the Fun Run activities. We are already halfway to reaching our fundraising goal, which is an incredible accomplishment. Thank you for the support you have already shown. I know we can finish strong together! Donations will continue to be accepted through May 10th. Students may come to school dressed in school spirit wear or their PE uniforms for the event.

After the Fun Run, be sure to stay hungry and head over to Portillo's on Dempster for this month's P/SA Bite Club from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Skip the cooking and enjoy dinner with family and friends while supporting SJB at the same time. Portillo's will generously donate 20% of sales back to our school. You can dine in, carry out, or place an order to go using the code PORTILLOS20. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

May 4th through May 8th is Teacher Appreciation Week. Our teachers work tirelessly each day to educate, guide, encourage, and care for our students, and we are incredibly blessed to have

such a dedicated faculty at SJB. I encourage all families to take a moment sometime next week to thank your child's teacher for all of the amazing things they are doing in the classroom each and every day. A kind note, prayer, or simple word of appreciation can truly brighten a teacher's day and remind them how valued they are within our school community.

Thank you as well to Mrs. Starczewski and our fabulous fourth grade class for making and selling beautiful Rosary bracelets. The bracelets were blessed by Father Sebastian during Mass today, making them even more meaningful for those who purchased them. Through their efforts, the class raised an amazing \$500 for our school. Fourth grade, thank you for your creativity, generosity, and excellent work!

This was also an exciting and educational week for our eighth grade class. On Wednesday, Ms. Giannelli and I traveled with the students to Springfield to learn more about our state's history and government. During the trip, we visited the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, Lincoln's Tomb, the war memorials at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Lincoln's Home, and the Old State Capitol building. It was a meaningful day filled with learning, reflection, and many memorable experiences.

Please keep our second graders in your prayers as they prepare for their First Reconciliation and First Communion. Next Tuesday, the class will celebrate the sacrament of First Reconciliation in church. It is a beautiful time of reflection, forgiveness, and preparation before receiving the Body of Christ for the first time next Saturday. Thank you to Mrs. Beierwaltes for guiding her students so thoughtfully through these sacred moments in their faith journey.

I hope you all have a wonderful evening and a relaxing weekend. Thank you for your continued support of our school community, and do not forget to keep those Fun Run donations coming as we head into Monday's big event!

Kind regards,
Mr. Adam Taylor
Principal

Important Dates to remember:

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

School News



NOW ENROLLING



St. John Brebeuf School

Preschool - Eighth Grade

Tours and Shadow Days available

Email: office@sjbschool.org
Phone: (847) 966-3266
www.sjbschool.org

All are welcome to explore the school, meet the staff, and see what makes us great!

The banner features a golden background with a blue starry sky. A large blue ribbon at the top contains the text 'NOW ENROLLING'. Below it is the school's circular logo. The school's name 'St. John Brebeuf School' is written in a large, white, serif font. Underneath, 'Preschool - Eighth Grade' is written in a smaller white font. A white box contains contact information: 'Email: office@sjbschool.org', 'Phone: (847) 966-3266', and 'www.sjbschool.org'. Below the contact box, a quote in italics reads: 'All are welcome to explore the school, meet the staff, and see what makes us great!'. The background includes images of children in a classroom and a young boy smiling in the foreground.

Archdiocese of Chicago Growth Scholarship



NEW TUITION OPPORTUNITY!
FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN GRADES 1–8

A new opportunity is opening doors for families seeking a **strong, faith-filled education.**

Through the **Growth Scholarship** offered by the **Archdiocese of Chicago**, eligible students entering grades 1–8 from public schools may receive valuable tuition assistance to join our school community.

- **NEEDS-BASED SCHOLARSHIP:** Welcomes new families.
- **ACCESSIBLE CATHOLIC EDUCATION:** Expanded income eligibility compared to traditional programs.
- **MAKE A CHANGE:** Now is the time to explore a faith-filled environment.

Explore what our school has to offer—where academic excellence, faith, and a sense of belonging come together.

REACH OUT TODAY TO LEARN MORE!

Phone: (847) 966-3266 Website: www.sjbschool.org

Please share the news! The Archdiocese is offering tuition assistance to public school families looking to enroll in Catholic schools. All are welcome.

Parish New Student Scholarship

NEW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP \$2,000 TUITION ASSISTANCE

**Available for NEW Preschool
through Fifth Grade students.**

Join a faith-centered community
where students grow academically,
spiritually, and
socially.

This limited-time opportunity makes a
St. John Brebeuf education more
accessible
than ever.

**APPLY TODAY • LIMITED SPOTS
AVAILABLE**

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Please spread the word! Our parish is offering a \$2,000 Tuition Assistance Scholarship to any new full-time Preschool - Fifth Grade students. Please register on our school website and apply in FACTS to be considered for the scholarship. Thank you.

Boosterthon Fun Run




Dear St John Brebeuf School Families,

Who's ready for a weekend challenge?! 🙋 Enter a \$90 flat donation or \$3 per Lap donation before Monday to snag a **GLOW IN THE DARK EDITION** keychain!

😬 Good luck!

St. John Brebeuf Boosterthon is MONDAY! 🎉 which means this weekend is the **LAST CHANCE FOR DONATIONS** on [MyBooster.com](https://mybooster.com) before our big event!

🔥 We are **SO CLOSE** to reaching our goal. Can you help us? Every donation, no matter what size, makes a **HUGE** impact on our school!

Help us reach our \$30,000 for Technology and Curriculum Improvements 

1. **SIGN UP** your student(s) on [MyBooster.com](https://mybooster.com).
2. **SHARE** with your family/friends using the **SHARE** tools on MyBooster.com.
3. **GIVE** a donation.



SJB P/SA PRESENTS

FUN FAIR

MAY 1

5-8 PM

PMC

***GAMES *CASH CONCESSIONS**
***FACE PAINTING *AND MORE!**

\$15 PER CHILD - ADULTS ARE FREE!

SJB DOES NOT PROVIDE SUPERVISION. PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW OR AT THE DOOR. WRISTBANDS WILL BE GIVEN AT THE EVENT. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SJB P/SA AND INCLUDE YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND GRADE.



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May 4, 2026

Niles, IL

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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03/30/2026

SJB Staff & Students
8301N Harlem Ave
Niles, IL 60714

Dear Staff & Students,

Wishing you a peaceful and joyous Easter! As we celebrate the joy of Easter, we write to you with a heart full of gratitude. This sacred season reminds us that new life is possible through the Resurrection of our Lord. In a special way, it is also a time for us to recognize the many blessings we receive through the generosity of faithful friends like you.

Your kindness and commitment to continue to support our mission among the poorest children in Nairobi, Kenya, make it possible for us to reach out to those in need. Because of your generosity, lives are touched and the love of Christ is made visible in our society

There are 120 poorest children and their families who benefit from your generous contribution - free education, meals, clothing and medical assistance. Sixty physically and mentally challenged children and adults are also given residential care at Good Shepherd Home. All the services are provided free of cost and there are no administrative fees.

Please know that you are remembered in our daily prayers. May the Risen Christ fill your hearts with peace, your homes with joy, and your lives with abundant blessings. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in this mission. We are deeply grateful. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Paul Vilangappara

2026 Charitable Contribution- \$ 200.00

No goods or services were given for this donation.

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Blessed is he who considers the poor; the Lord delivers him in the day of trouble. Psalm. 41:1

Class of 2026 Lou Malnati's Pizza Coupon Fundraiser

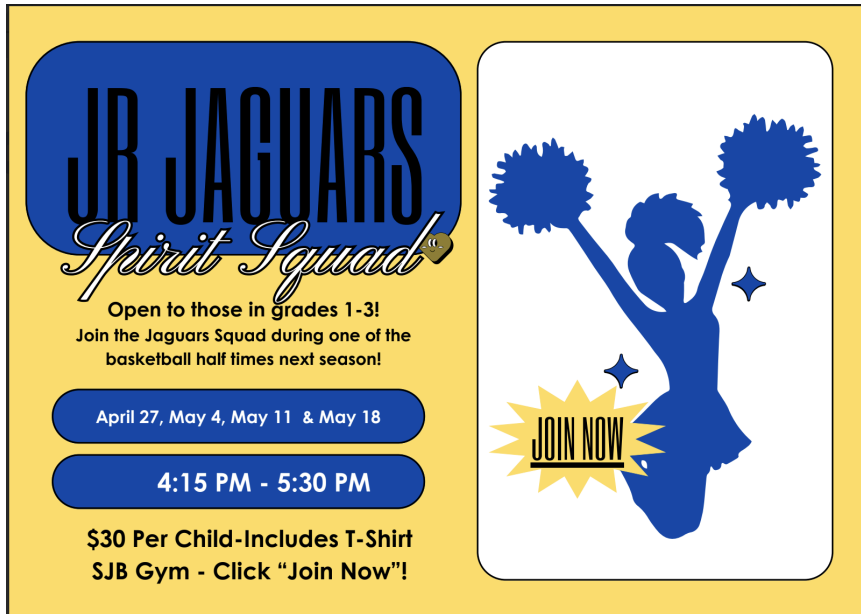


Dear Families,

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.



The graphic is set against a yellow background. On the left, a blue rounded rectangle contains the text 'JR JAGUARS' in large, bold, white letters, with 'Spirit Squad' in a white script font below it. To the right of this rectangle is a white rounded rectangle containing a blue silhouette of a cheerleader with pom-poms and a yellow starburst with the text 'JOIN NOW'. Below the blue rectangle are two more blue rounded rectangles containing dates and times, and a final line of text.

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"!

[Click here to register](#)

Spring Market Faire



Spring Market Faire

Saturday - May 9, 2026

9 am - 2 pm

Free to the Public!

Prairie View Community Center
6834 Dempster Street, Morton Grove, IL 60053

*Art, Beauty & Health, Clothing, Food, Giftware, Home Goods, Jewelry,
Morton Grove Community Groups, Pet Items, Restaurants, Various
Services and Much More!*

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Coupon to the first 100 adult attendees (one per family) and a Free Photo Booth!*



Want to be a vendor at this event?

A 6 foot table & 2 Chairs are \$55.00 (\$20 for MGCCI Members)

Please email us to check on availability at...

DIRECTOR@MGCCI.ORG

School Safety Patrol



Pink

- Stefan B
- Terezka D
- Abigail L
- Isaac N

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.

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.

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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, May 17, 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

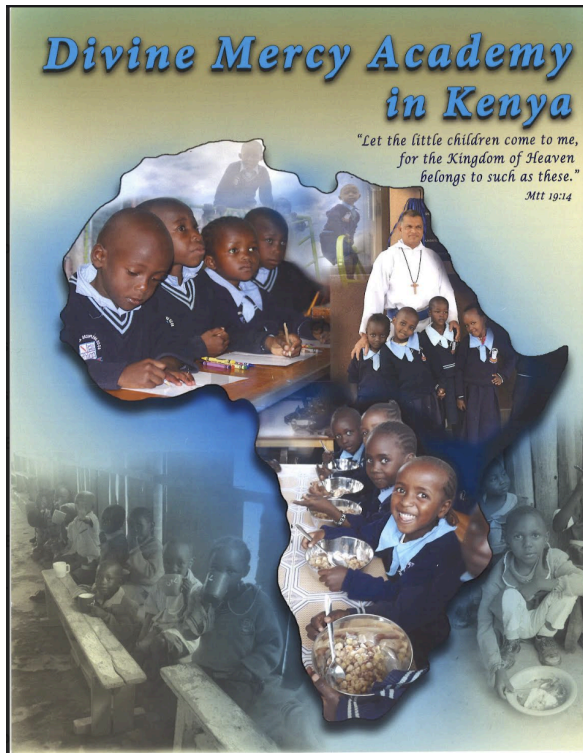
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Refreshments Available

For Further Information Contact
Dennis O'Donovan at 847-744-2927
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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

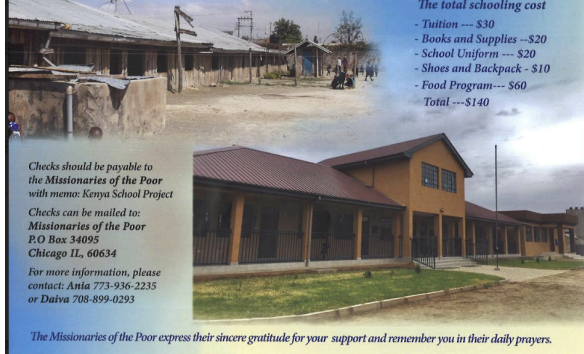
- Tuition --- \$30
- Books and Supplies ---\$20
- School Uniform --- \$20
- Shoes and Backpack - \$10
- Food Program--- \$60
- Total ---\$140

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: Amla 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.



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St. John Brebeuf
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Ministry**



Every 3rd Sunday of the month



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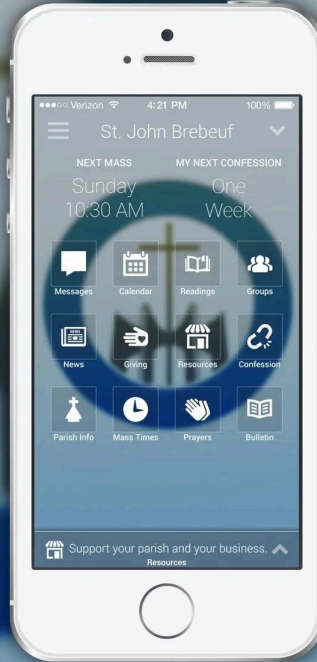
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Church Schedule

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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