



# St. John Brebeuf School

## Weekly Newsletter

May 08, 2026

### *A Letter from Mr Taylor*

Dear SJB Families,

I was so proud and excited during this year's 8th Grade Ribbon Ceremony. I have known many of these students for a long time, which made the evening especially meaningful and a little bittersweet. The ceremony served as a beautiful reminder that their time at SJB is quickly coming to an end, and soon they will begin the next chapter of their lives in high school. It was a wonderful celebration of their growth, accomplishments, and the bright futures ahead of them. The reception afterward was equally beautiful, and I would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped plan, organize, and set up such a memorable evening for our students and families.

This past Monday, we held our first-ever Fun Run, hosted by Boosterthon, and they certainly did not disappoint. The event was filled with music, dancing, skipping, singing, and nonstop energy from our students and staff. It was incredible to see so much joy packed into one field. Thank you to all of the parents and family members who came out to cheer on the students. Your support meant the world to the classes and helped make the event even more special. So far, we have raised just over \$20,000 toward our \$30,000 goal, and there is still time to gather donations. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so generously to support our school. Every donation helps strengthen the opportunities we can provide for our students.

Tomorrow, our second graders will continue their spiritual journey as they receive their First Holy Communion. Earlier this week, the class celebrated First Reconciliation during a beautiful ceremony in the church. It was incredibly moving to see the students speak with the priest, pray for forgiveness, and take another important step in their faith lives. Following the ceremony, each student received a certificate, rosary, and prayer book to help guide them on their path.

Tomorrow's First Holy Communion Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the church, and all are welcome to join us in celebrating this special occasion. Thank you to Mrs. B. for her dedication, guidance, and care in preparing the students for these meaningful sacraments.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and all those who lovingly take on a mothering role a very happy and healthy Mother's Day this Sunday. Your love, sacrifice, strength, and endless support shape the lives of our children each and every day.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you, and you deserve to be celebrated not just this weekend, but always.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Regards,

Mr. Adam Taylor  
Principal

**Important Dates to remember:**

**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

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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 white. 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 a large, white, serif font. Below that, a yellow banner reads "Preschool - Eighth Grade". Further down, the text "Tours and Shadow Days available" is displayed. A white box contains contact information: "Email: office@sjbschool.org", "Phone: (847) 966-3266", and "www.sjbschool.org". At the bottom, a quote reads: "All are welcome to explore the school, meet the staff, and see what makes us great!". The banner is decorated with images of children in a classroom and a young boy smiling in the foreground.

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## 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](http://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.

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## ***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**

**(847) 966-3266**

**[office@sjbschool.org](mailto:office@sjbschool.org)**



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.

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## *Boosterthon Fun Run*



Thank you to all of our friends and families for supporting our Boosterthon Fun Run. Thanks to your hard work, we were able to raise just over \$20,000 towards Technology and Curriculum Improvements! There are still two days left to gather donations. From the entire faculty and staff at SJB, THANK YOU!

# **Missionaries of the Poor - Thank You!**



## **MISSIONARIES OF THE POOR**

P O Box 34095  
Chicago, IL 60634-0095, USA  
Phone: (847) 312-6144 or (224) 490-8270  
[www.missionariesofthepoor.org](http://www.missionariesofthepoor.org)

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*



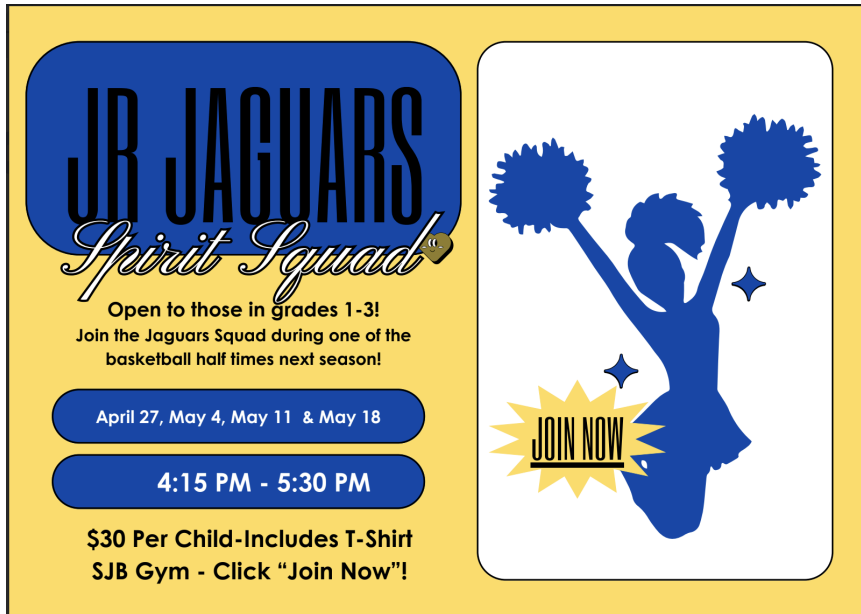
Dear Families,

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.

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The graphic is set against a yellow background. On the left, a blue rounded rectangle contains the text 'JR JAGUARS' in large, bold, black letters, with 'Spirit Squad' written in a white cursive font below it. To the right of this rectangle is a white rounded rectangle containing a blue silhouette of a cheerleader with pom-poms, a star, and a yellow starburst with the text 'JOIN NOW'.

**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](#)

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# 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!*

*Live Music, Refreshments for sale, Free Raffles with items from our vendors, \$2  
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*



### **Brown**

- Aturina B
- Keiko F
- Michal F

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](mailto:support@kiddoscatering.com)

**Order Now**

Kind regards,

Kiddos Lunch Team

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

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## ***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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## It's not too late to purchase the 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.

### To purchase and customize your yearbook, use the QR code below or:


Must be a parent or student 13 years or older

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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](http://sjbrebeuf.org), download the registration form, fill it out, and send it to Fr. Sebastian - [szebrowski@sjbrebeuf.org](mailto:szebrowski@sjbrebeuf.org)

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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](#)

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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

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# ***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***

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

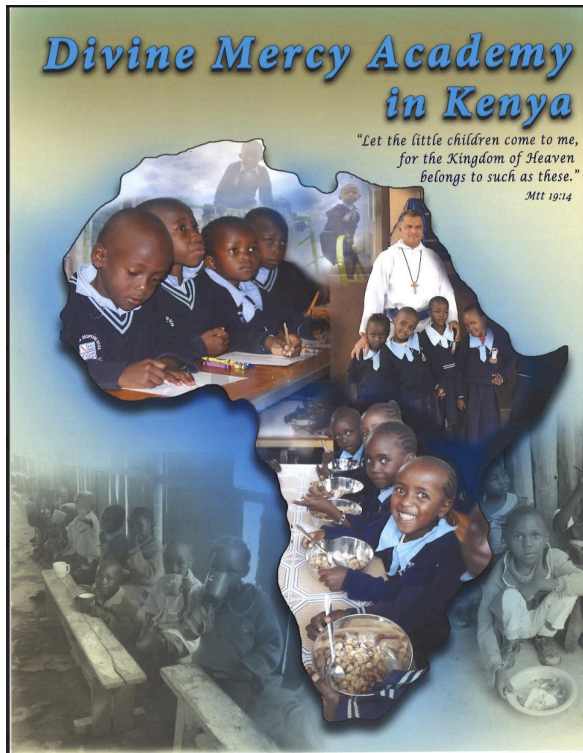
Doors Open at 2:30pm – Games Begin at 3:00pm  
***Refreshments Available***

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

Bingo License #B-04157  
Pull Tab License #P-02154

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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

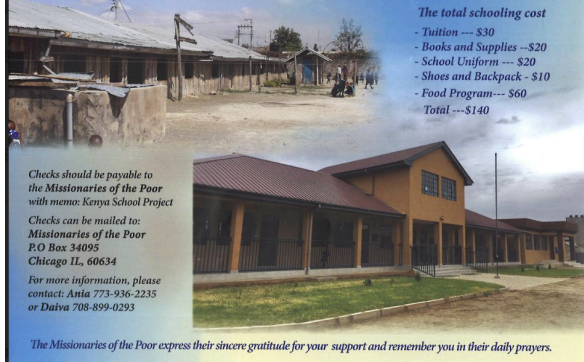
- Tuition --- \$30
- Books and Supplies ---\$20
- School Uniform --- \$20
- Shoes and Backpack - \$10
- Food Program--- \$60
- Total ---\$140

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.



# Youth Ministry



St. John Brebeuf  
**Youth  
Ministry**



Every 3rd Sunday of the month



**MASS AT 6PM  
AND MEETING  
AFTERWARDS**



8305 N Harlem Ave, Niles, IL 60714  
[www.sjbrebeuf.org](http://www.sjbrebeuf.org)



# St. John Brebeuf "my Parish" app

## Catholic Life Every Day

— with the St. John Brebeuf App —



### Messages

Easily connect all week



### Calendar

Events, Locations, RSVP



### Readings

Daily Readings from USCCB



### Prayers

Set Reminders, Send Requests



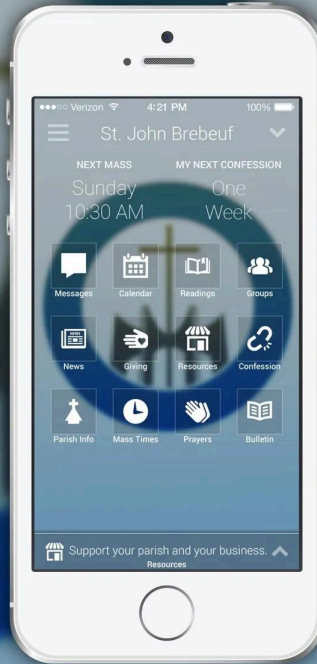
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## Church Schedule

### 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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