



St. John Brebeuf School

Weekly Newsletter

May 22, 2026

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Next week will be a meaningful and emotional one for our school community as we celebrate several important milestones. We will gather for our Preschool Celebration, Kindergarten Graduation, and finally our 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony. These students have worked incredibly hard throughout the school year, and this celebration is truly well-deserved. Watching our students grow, mature, and prepare for the next chapter of their educational journey is one of the greatest blessings of working in Catholic education.

As we head into the longer holiday weekend, I hope your family has the opportunity to relax, recharge, and spend time together. Thank you, as always, for your continued support, kindness, and partnership throughout the school year.

Kind regards,
Mr. Adam Taylor

Principal

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School News



Ann & Robert H. Lurie
Children's Hospital of Chicago

SJB
LET'S WEAR PURPLE!

Join Us & Wear Your Favorite Purple Shirt!
CELEBRATE WITH AGGIE
to show our St. John Brebeuf Spirit.

Give a donation to wear purple on May 26th. Donations will go to Lurie's Children's Hospital



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!

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.

\$1 RAFFLE!

LAST RAFFLE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

TWO WINNERS!

EACH WINNER GETS ONE FUN PRIZE!

teenie NEE DOH FUZZ BALL

Zesty Green Tickled Pink

Purplicious Orangerageous

The Velvet Squeeze!

WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD - Small parts. This toy is a small ball. Not for children under 3 years. 3+

OR

teenie NEE DOH FAB FOUR

Color Change Ripples

Glow Swirl!

Squish the Dough, Feel the Flow!

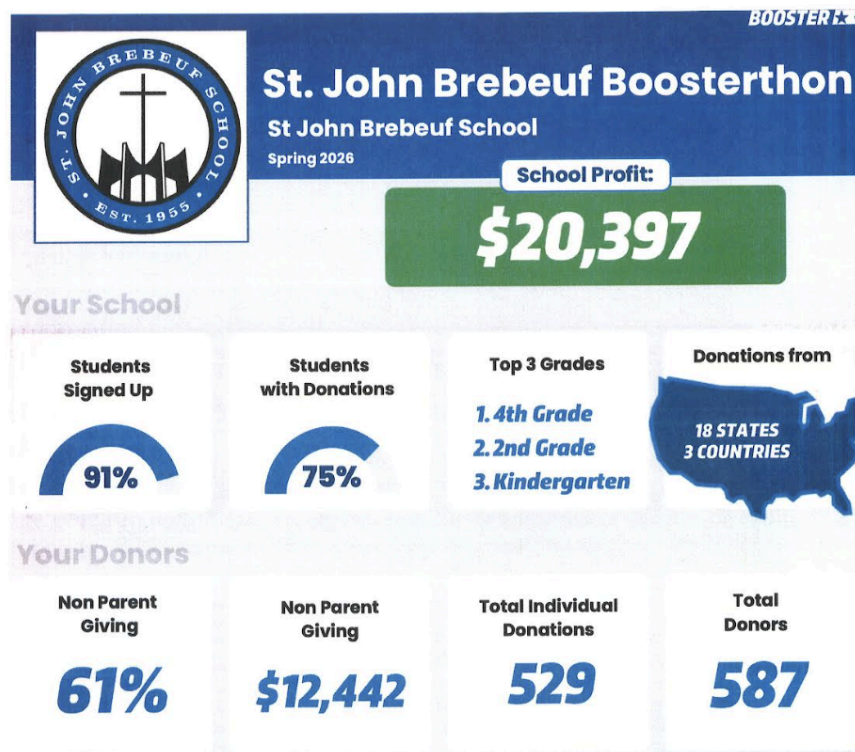
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STOP BY MRS. GRZEDA OR MRS. POMPER WITH YOUR MONEY TO RECEIVE **A RAFFLE TICKET!**

TWO WINNERS WILL BE PICKED ON THURSDAY, MAY 29TH!

GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE!

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 \$20,397 towards Technology and Curriculum Improvements! From the entire faculty and staff at SJB, THANK YOU!

Class of 2026 Lou Malnati's Pizza Coupon Fundraiser

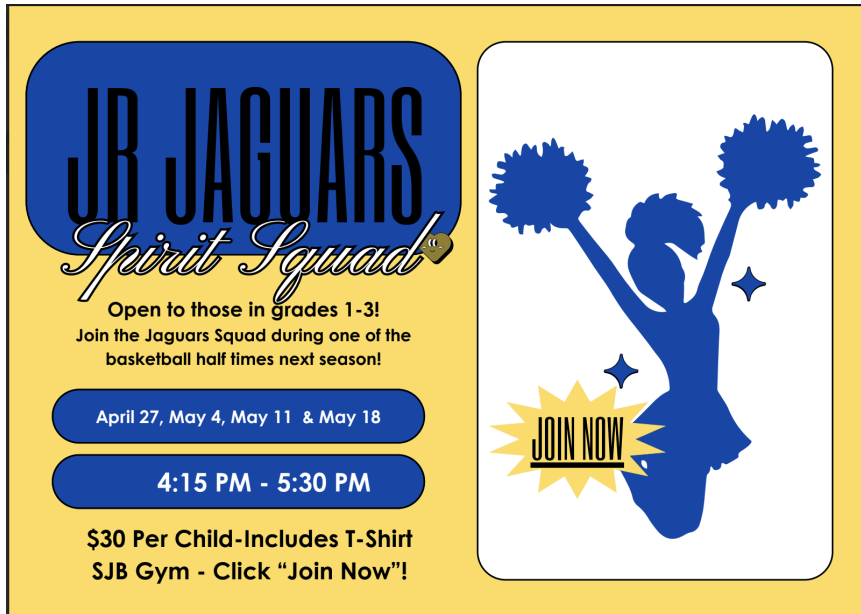


Dear Families,

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 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 rounded 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](#)

School Safety Patrol



Gray

James A
Evan D
Olivia S

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.

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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2. Enter your school's passcode:
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Parish News



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

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

MEGA BINGO

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Rev. Thomas P. May Parish Ministry Center
8305 N. Harlem Avenue - Niles

FREE Admission (Must be 18 & over to play)
(Hosted by Holy Name Men's Club)

\$15.00 for 15 Games
All Pay-Outs at \$50.00

FINAL GAME JACK-POT AT \$500.00

Additional Chance to Win
PULL TABS AVAILABLE!!!!

Doors Open at 2:30pm - Games Begin at 3:00pm
Refreshments Will Be Available

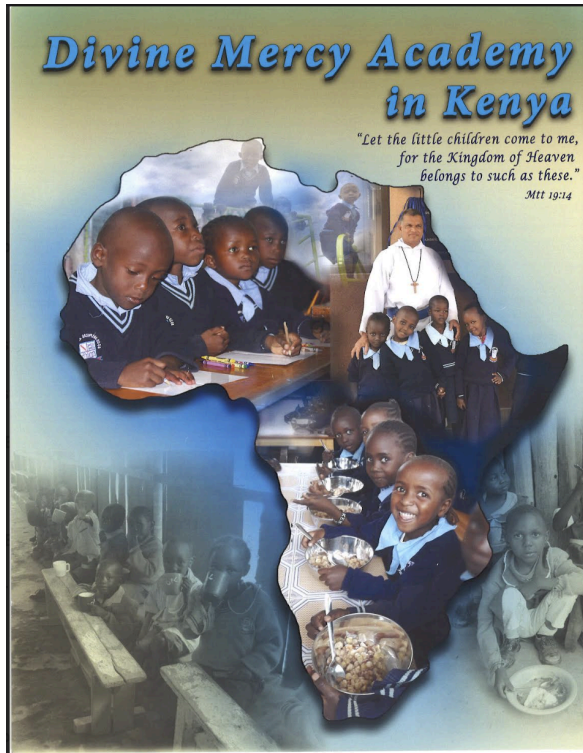
For Further Information Contact
Dennis O'Donovan at 847-744-2927
John Jekot at 847-651-7624

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

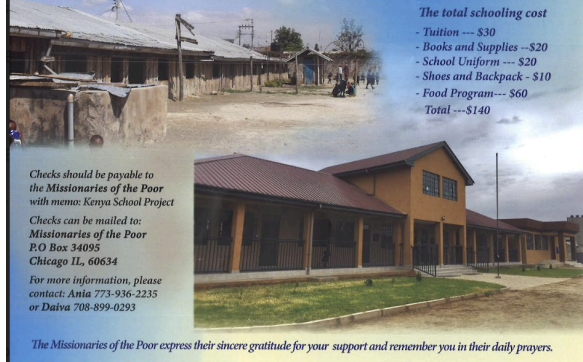
- Tuition --- \$30
- Books and Supplies ---\$20
- School Uniform --- \$20
- Shoes and Backpack - \$10
- Food Program --- \$60
- Total ---\$140

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: Ania 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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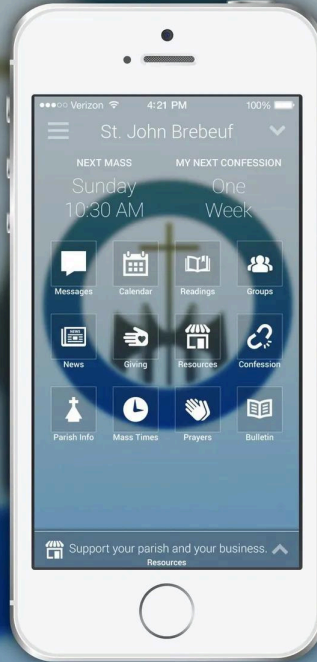
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Church Schedule

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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