



# St. John Brebeuf School

## Weekly Parent Newsletter

### September 05, 2025

#### ***A Letter from Mr. Taylor***

Dear SJB families,

This week, our students have begun taking the first of three i-Ready Diagnostic tests for the school year. The purpose of these tests is to help us see which areas of Reading and Math our students have already mastered and where they may need more guidance. This information helps us better adjust our curriculum to meet each student's needs. If your child's class hasn't taken the diagnostic yet, they will be doing so soon. Please note that these scores will not be reflected on report cards.

Our next P/SA Bite Club is coming up soon! On Wednesday, September 11th, please visit Portillo's at 8832 West Dempster Street (across from Lutheran General Hospital) between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Twenty percent of sales will benefit our P/SA. Be sure to mention that you are there for the SJB fundraiser when ordering at the counter. You can also support us by ordering online or through the Portillo's app for pickup using the code PORTILLOS20 in the "Coupon Code" field before checkout. Thank you in advance for your support!

Also, don't forget that carnival wristbands for our upcoming Carnival and Oktoberfest are now available! Wristband order forms are available in both the school and parish offices. The cost is \$60 per wristband, and each one is valid for the entire carnival weekend. All proceeds from this event will directly benefit our school. More details can be found later in this newsletter.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of St. John Brebeuf School. We have many exciting things ahead, and I hope you and your families enjoy a joyful and fun-filled weekend together!

Kind regards,  
Mr. Adam Taylor  
Principal

**Important Dates to remember:**

**September 8th** - 7th-grade field trip to Camp Duncan  
- Athletic Board Meeting (6:30 pm in Room 2)

**September 10th** - P/SA meeting (6:30 pm in Room 2)

**September 11th**- Altar Server training (10:00 am - 10:30 am)  
P/SA Portillo's Bite Club (5:00 pm - 8:00 pm)

**September 12th** - Altar Server training (9:15 am - 9:45 am)

**September 15th** - Altar Server training (9:15 am - 9:45 am)

**September 18th-21st** - SJB Carnival and Oktoberfest

**September 26th** - No School - Staff Professional Development

**September 28th** - Our Lady of Guadalupe Retreat (Mandatory for 8th grade; optional for 7th grade)

**September 30th** - Midtrimester

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***2025 SJB Carnival and Oktoberfest***



**St. John Brebeuf**

**CARNIVAL & Oktoberfest**

Thursday, September 19th - 5:00 pm - 10:30 pm  
Friday, September 20th - 5:00 pm - 10:30 pm  
Saturday, September 21st - 12:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
Sunday, September 22nd - 12:30 - 10:00 pm



The poster features a bright orange background. At the top, the text 'St. John Brebeuf' is written in a large, black, serif font with a drop shadow. Below this, the words 'CARNIVAL & Oktoberfest' are displayed in a playful, stylized font. 'CARNIVAL' is in a yellow, outlined font with a marquee border, while '& Oktoberfest' is in a bold, black, outlined font. The event schedule is listed in a simple black font below the title. On the right side, there is a circular logo for St. John Brebeuf School, which includes a cross and the text 'EST. 1955'.

[Click here to sign up and volunteer](#)

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If you or your business would like to sponsor the event, please click [here](#) to download the sponsorship form.

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## **Carnival Wristband Early Bird Sale**



### **St. John Brebeuf Carnival** **September 18th - 21st** **Mega Pass Order Form**

This pass is good for unlimited rides at the *All Around Amusement Carnival* for all four days, from opening until closing. **Please return this form to the school office** and you will receive a Mega Pass voucher that must be exchanged for a wristband when you arrive at the carnival. The *All Around Amusement* employee will secure the wristband, which cannot be removed until closing night.

Absolutely no transfers of the band are allowed to anyone else or you will lose your band and no refund will be given. Some rides have height/age restrictions and will not be appropriate for every rider. The wristband entitles the bearer to unlimited rides but you must wait in ride lines. Preferential line position is not given to anyone, with or without the wristband. \*SOME ATTRACTIONS MAY NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE MEGA PASS\*

If the wristband must be removed (sports, dance, etc.) Please remove it while at home, place it in a secure location, and return it to the specified location at the carnival to receive a replacement wristband. If you do not bring the old wristband back, you will not receive a replacement band. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!

WE USE WATER-RESISTANT WRISTBANDS THAT CAN BE SUBMERGED IN WATER

No refunds on MEGA PASS after it is purchased for any reason, including, but not limited to:  
Weather    Ride Selection    Illness    Rides down for maintenance  
Stapled or taped wristband    Any other method of securing a wristband other than the way it was placed on the wrist originally    Loss of Advance Sales Unlimited Ride Ticket wristband

BY PLACING MY NAME TO THIS FORM, I AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED ABOVE. \_\_\_\_\_ (Please initial)

Name of Wearer: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_



**FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025**

[Click here to download the order form](#)

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## **Drop Off Procedure**

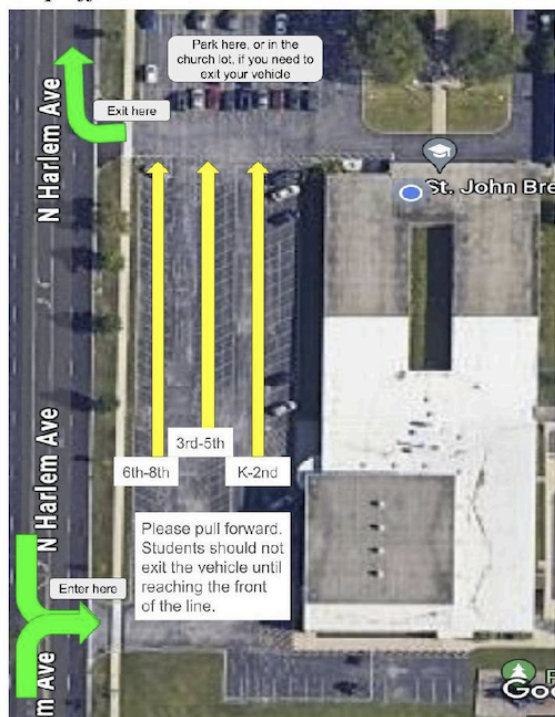
Please see the diagrams below for drop-off and pick-up procedures. During morning drop-off, students should wait until the vehicle has reached the front of the line to exit. With three lanes of traffic, we are responsible for the safety of all students. Also, please be courteous to our fellow school families. Students should exit the car as quickly as possible once the vehicle has reached the front of the line. Also, if you need to assist your child during drop-off, please use the first two lanes. We would like lane 3 (closest to Harlem Avenue) to move quickly. If you would like to walk with your child or have more time to wish him/her well before school, please park in the church parking lot.

After school, all students will be dismissed through the front entrances of the building.

Preschool through second grade will continue to leave through the main doors. Students in grades three through eight will leave from the garden doors near the PMC. Our front parking lot will remain open, and cars can now enter and exit at any time. Please use caution when walking through this parking lot.

The patrol will no longer be stationed in the front parking lot after school; instead, they will be stationed near the church driveway. Also, please pass this information to any family or friend who may pick up your child.


Please note, our safety patrol is only present to guide students and families while crossing the driveway outside the church. They are dismissed around 3:05 pm. It is the families' responsibility to supervise their child (ren) once their classes are dismissed for the day.





## Portillo's P/SA Bite Club

You're invited to a  
**Portillo's®**  
**FUNDRAISER**



*Eat Portillo's and give back.*

*Come join us!*

*Keep 20% of the Proceeds*

Join us at Portillo's for a fundraiser to support:  
**St. John Brebeuf P/SA**

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| When:                     | at the Portillo's located at: |
| <b>September 11, 2025</b> | <b>8832 W.Dempster</b>        |
| <b>5:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b>  | <b>Niles, IL</b>              |

20% of sales will benefit your organization. Order online or in app for pickup using code **PORTILLOS20** before checkout in the "Coupon Code" field, or show this flyer or a digital version to cashier when ordering at the restaurant. Valid on drive thru, pickup, kiosk, and in restaurant orders.

**Portillo's**  
FOR GOOD

[portillos.com/community](https://portillos.com/community)

For online/app orders to qualify for the fundraiser, orders must be placed for pickup only, from the participating restaurant, on the fundraiser date and during the listed fundraiser hours. Gift card purchases, delivery orders, and orders placed on the third party websites are excluded from the fundraiser. Online ordering subject to availability. \$2.00 minimum fundraising sales required for the organization to receive donation. Cannot be combined with other offer codes.

**WE'RE HIRING! APPLY AT [PORTILLOS.COM/CAREERS](https://portillos.com/careers)**

## ***School Safety Patrol***



**September 8th - September 12th**

Yellow Team

Angelina A

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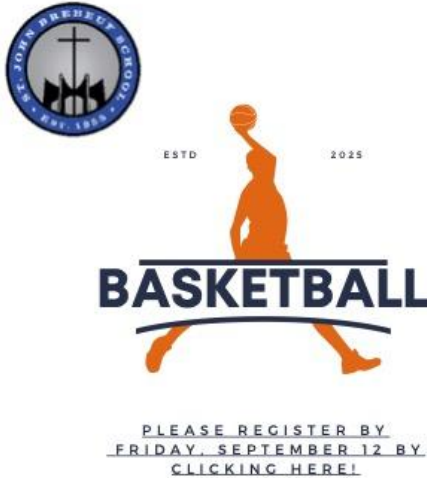
Adam Z

Please arrive at school no later than 7:55 am each day.

Thank you for helping keep our school community safe.

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***2025 SJB Basketball Registration***



*Click on the image to register*

***LAST CALL- CROSS COUNTRY REGISTRATION***

**SJB CROSS COUNTRY**



*Click on the image to register*

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## ***Kiddos Lunch Program***



We're excited to kick off another year of Kiddos Lunches!

In case the lunch info from school hasn't made its way to you yet, we didn't want you to miss out:

Lunch ordering is now open, **but you only have until Wednesday next week (September 3rd at midnight) to place your lunch orders for the first week of service.**

### **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 grade, 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](mailto:support@kiddoscatering.com)

**Order Now**

## Ready For a Break?

### Here's How to Order Lunches!

First things first...

Order, Change or Cancel

By Wednesdays at Midnight, for the next week's lunches.

- 1

**Head to Your School's Lunch Page**  
Click here: [www.kiddoscatering.com/sfb](http://www.kiddoscatering.com/sfb)  
Tip: Bookmark this on your computer or save to your phone's home screen.
- 2

**Create A New Account**  
Everyone starts fresh each school year so we have the most up-to-date info about your family. Like your child's grade and your contact information.
- 3

**Let Us Email You**  
Be sure to follow emails from Kiddos, we only send what matters: reminders, lunch service notices, and updates.
- 4

**Place Your Lunch Order**  
For the easiest ordering view, click on the **Student Calendar** tab located on the top left of the order form.
- 5

**Export Your Order to Your Device Calendar**  
Go to the History Tab  
Select Download Calendar

**YOU'RE IN FOR A TREAT!**

### Quick Tips

**Menus & Pricing:** Click the name of a menu item (not the checkbox!) to see its description and price.

**Included Sides:** Want to see what sides are included? Click the "Sides" link under the restaurant name.

**Have questions? We're here to help!**

Email: [support@kiddoscatering.com](mailto:support@kiddoscatering.com)

Call: 773-360-8081

## Lunch service you'll love, every day.

### A Fresh & Modern Approach

We bring school lunch service out of the dark ages with tons of fresh and scratch-made menu choices **every day**, including healthy options, from the neighborhood restaurants you already love and trust.

### Real Relief—When You Need It

With so many daily food choices, you can always find something your kids will eat and love, so you can use the service any time you need.

**Enjoyment Guarantee:** If lunch isn't loved, it's credited—really!

**Flexible Online Ordering:** Order, change, or cancel week to week.

**One Easy Ordering Screen:** Order for all kids and all dates, on one screen.

**Calendar Integration:** Sync your lunch orders to your calendar with one click.

**All-Inclusive Meals:** All available sides included with every lunch.

**Affordable:** Costs less than if you ordered from a lunch delivery service.

### Passport to the World

*Same journey, different path.*

Passport to the World was created to give kids a fun, engaging way to explore life in other countries, highlighting the similarities in our daily routines while sparking curiosity about new cultures, foods, and places. Follow along on Instagram or Facebook.

**Let's Collab!**

We'd love the menu to reflect what your family enjoys, so let us know your restaurant and entrée preferences.

**Every day easier.**  
**Every lunch yummier.**  
**Everyone happier.**

## Inside Kiddos Lunches

The fresh and scratch-made scoop on the restaurants serving your school.

**BUONA**

Buona's menu features scratch-made recipes crafted from premium ingredients, including all-natural chicken with no antibiotics, fresh pastas (not dried) with house-made sauces, and pizzas made from hand-rolled dough and premium cheeses.

**Calver's**

Calver's menu features fresh beef and all-white meat hand-breaded chicken tenders. They're committed to sourcing the best ingredients to prepare meals that are not only delicious, but also fresh.

**Panda's**

Panda's chefs wok-cook every meal in small batches using fresh-cut veggies and real ingredients, no high-fructose corn syrup, ever. Their scratch-made approach captures bold flavor, aroma, and signature "Wok Hu" with every bite.

**La Maitria**

Every Lou Maitria's pizza is handmade from scratch with the freshest and freshest ingredients. Each year, the team hand-selects California vine-ripened tomatoes for the perfect sweet and tangy taste, and their fresh mozzarella comes from the same small dairy partner of over 40 years.

**Spinnery**

Portbelly crafts every sandwich to order, starting with fresh-baked Turoso bread. Premium meats, cheeses, crisp veggies, and house-made sauces are prepared fresh, while cookies are baked in shop daily for that irresistible taste.

**Panera**

Panera brings cozy comfort with warm sandwiches, freshly made soups, crisp salads, and bakery favorites. Everything is crafted with clean ingredients and tender, responsibly raised chicken for food that's wholesome, flavorful, and feel good.

**ZUPAS**

Cafe Zupas preps fresh, premium ingredients every morning for their scratch-made soups and sandwiches, pairing them into wholesome combos kids love to eat.

**California Pizza Kitchen**

California Pizza Kitchen is known for its creative, California-style pizzas along with bold salads and pastas. Every dish is made with premium toppings that are hand-cut and prepared fresh in-store each day.

Every day easier. Every lunch yummier. Everyone happier.

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The fresh and scratch-made scoop on the restaurants serving your school.

**EPIC**

Epic Burger focuses on "a more mindful burger," serving all-natural and halal beef and chicken options made without processed ingredients, a fresh, flavorful take on a classic.

**Fajita Pete's**

Fajita Pete's serves fresh, flame-grilled fajitas with homemade tortillas and sides like rice, beans, and queso, all scratch-made for bold Tex-Mex flavor.

**Jet's**

Jet's Detroit-style pizza starts with fresh dough handmade daily from a proprietary flour blend, baked in custom steel pans for a light, airy center and crispy, caramelized crust. Their Jet Fuel sauce is made from high-quality vine-ripened tomatoes.

**Giordan's**

Giordan's signature mozzarella is made exclusively for them by Wisconsin cheesemakers, aged to perfection and shredded fresh daily. Their pizza sauce is prepared in-house each day from hand-picked tomatoes.

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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 by visiting the Schoolbelles store located at 7246 West Foster Avenue, in the Harlem-Foster Shopping Center. 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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# 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, Instagram, Google Drive & more.

Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.

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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***

Love to sing? Want to have fun with friends while praising God? The Children's Choir is open to all 3rd–8th graders! It's a great way to share your voice, bring joy to others, and grow in faith. Check out the information packet linked below to learn more.

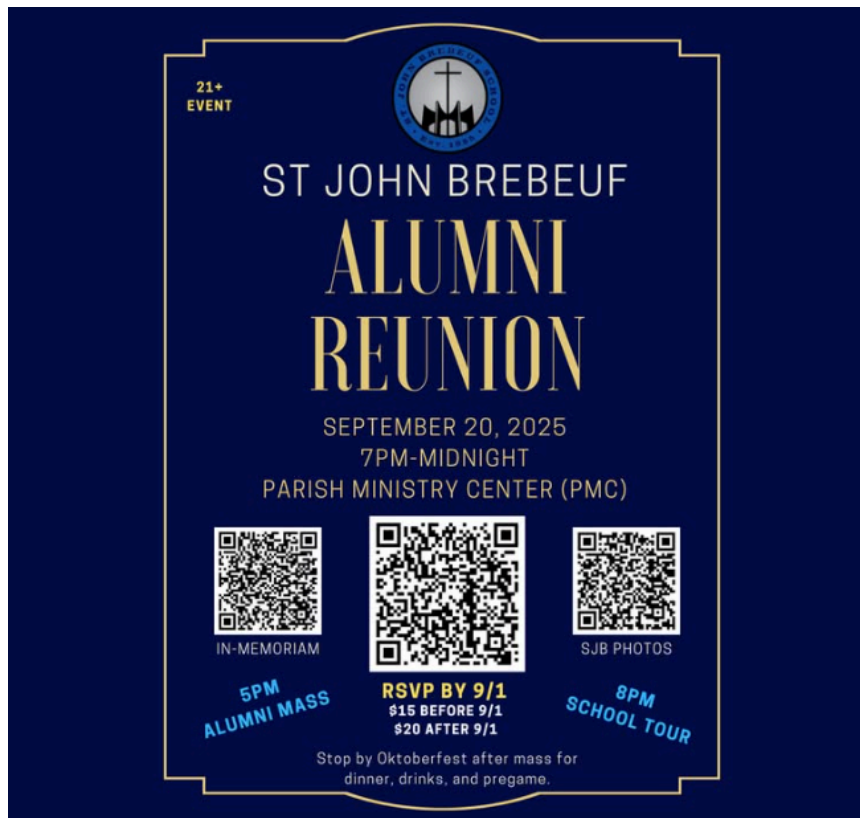
Grades 3 & 4 practice on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm

Grades 5-8 practice at 5:00 pm in the Church

[2025 Children's Choir Form](#)

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## ***Alumni News***



**ST. JOHN BREBEUF ALL-CLASS REUNION**

September 20th, at 5 p.m. Mass at St. John Brebeuf Church, 8305 N. Harlem Ave., Niles; 7 p.m. to midnight, All-Class Reunion in the Parish Ministry Center; contact Shelley Fallon (847) 774-8159M for details.

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## ***Holy Name Men's Club***

### **St. John Brebeuf Holy Name Men's Club** ***"Watch Party"***



### **Chicago Bears vs Minnesota Vikings**

Monday, September 8, 2025

St. John Brebeuf

Rev. Thomas P. May Parish Ministry Center

8305 N. Harlem Avenue – Niles

*"Under a Tent Party" In Parking Lot*

*In Case of Inclement Weather Inside Ministry Center*

**Game Time 7:15pm**

***"Doors Open @ 6:30pm"***

***"Membership Drive"***

New or Renew 2025/26 Membership @ \$15.00

*(Membership required for admittance)*

***Refreshments Will Be Served***

Brats & Hot Dogs – Beer – Wine – Soft Drinks

**For Further Information Call**

**Dennis O'Donovan @ 847-744-2927 or John Jekot @ 847-651-7624**

# GOLFERS WANTED

## ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



*Hosted by St. John Brebeuf Holy Name Men's Club  
All Are Welcome....Bring Your Family and Friends*

**Sunday, September 21, 2025**

Arlington Lakes Golf Club  
(1211 S. New Wilke Road – Arlington Heights)  
Just South of Central Road

**\$80.00 Per Golfer - Includes 18 Holes of Golf, With Cart**  
*Choice of hot dog or brat with chips and soft drink beverage during your round of golf*  
**Must be Paid in Full by 09/16 to Guarantee Your Tee Times**

### 50/50 Raffle



**First Tee Off @ 11:00am**

*Make Your Reservations NOW as They Go Quickly!!!!*  
Jim Lange 847-826-1676  
Dennis O'Donovan 847-744-2927

## St. John Brebeuf



# **BINGO!**

Sunday, September 28, 2025

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


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## 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)



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## *Mass for the Sick*

ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH INVITES YOU TO THE

# MASS FOR THE SICK



WITH INSTALLATION  
OF THE RELICS OF

**ST. RITA OF  
CASCIA**



**ANointing  
OF THE  
SICK**



**SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 AT 10 AM**

8305 N Harlem Ave, Niles, IL 60714

**SJBREBEUF.ORG**





## ***Lednica Young People Celebration XX***

**Lednica 2000 Association  
invites you to**

**Lednica Young People Celebration XX  
Saturday, September 27, 2025  
5:30pm – 9:30pm**

**"Always Upwards"**

**Fr. Marek Smółka**

Coordinator of Polish Ministry in Archdiocese in Chicago will preside

**Fr. Sebastian Żebrowski**

Associate Pastor of St. John Brebeuf in Niles Leadership

**St. Rosalie Church**

**6750 W Montrose Ave, Harwood Heights, IL 60706**

Bring your own folding chair or a blanket to sit on.

Suggested donation \$5.00

**More information:**

jolawasko@aol.com

773.573.5430



## 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



### Bulletin

Convenient mobile access

And Much More!

**Download our app today!**

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Text **APP** to phone number **55321**, or  
visit **myparishapp.com** to download



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**Google play**



## 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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