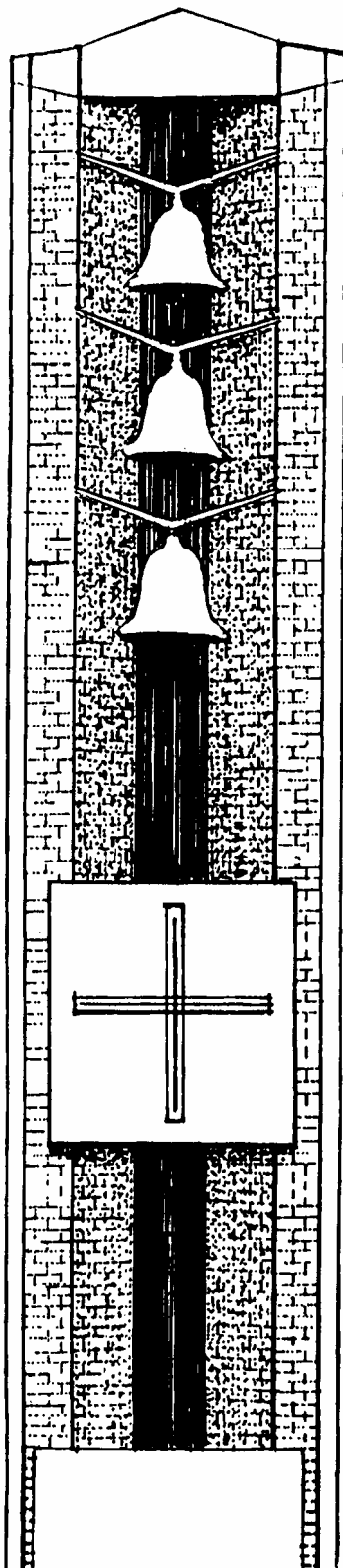


Saint John Fisher Parish

August 23, 2009

Twenty-first Sunday In Ordinary Time



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Weekend Liturgies

4:00 P.M. Saturday

8:00, 10:00 A.M., and 12:00 Noon Sundays

Weekday Morning Liturgies

Monday through Friday 6:30 A.M. Communion Service

Monday through Saturday 8:30 A.M. Daily Mass

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic Community of St. John Fisher, formed by the gospel, nourished by the Eucharist, and united by love, are called to celebrate the kingdom of God and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and action.

PRAYER SUPPORT FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

We would like to keep parishioners and all those who are serving in the military in our prayers, especially: MSG Kevin Daley; Sp4 James Garrity; Sp4 Kevin Garrity CPL Thomas Leonard, USMC; Recruit Raymond Doran; Daniel Wagner; Pvt 1st Class Michael Carroll, USMC; PFC Lane Kreisl, 82nd Airborne; Major Eric Dougherty, USMC; Lance Cpl Kevin Butler, USMC; Lt.jg Meghan Ryan; Pvt. Christopher Dinaso; PFC Ryan Hensley; AW2 Devin E. Williams, USN; PFC Steven Folliard; Sgt. John T. LaGiglia; Captain Michael McCann, US Army; Kevin Roche; Steve Ayon; Pvt. Anthony Schmidt; PFC Terrance Wilson, US Army; Lance Cpl. Robert Brennan Carroll, USMC; Lt. Patrick F. McInerney, USN.; 1st Lt. Patrick Tierney, USMC; Kyle Sellers, USAF; Lance Cpl Brennan C. McDonald, Jr., USMC; LCPL Jack Fitzpatrick, USMC; AN Joseph L. Boyce, USN; Darin Oberhart, USN-MA1; Sgt. Thomas Hopman, USMC

SUMMER MISSION APPEAL

WELCOME SISTER JOANNE VANDER HEYDEN!

MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS



This weekend, August 22-23, Sister Joanne Vander Heyden, a Franciscan Sister of the Sacred Heart whose Motherhouse is in Frankfort, IL., will be speaking at all the Masses about the missionary works of her community. The Franciscan Sisters are a Catholic women's religious congregation with a 130-year history in the United States doing works of neighborly love. They co-sponsor hospitals, long-term care facilities, and serve in several schools and parishes in Illinois, Indiana and California. Since 1964 they have ministered in Brazil at Icoaraci and Barcarena, near the mouth of the Amazon River, and most recently have opened another mission at Curucamba. The Sisters form small base communities to teach and spread our Catholic faith. They accompany and assist the people who live in some of the most impoverished regions of Brazil. Your generosity will help to support and further this important work among the poorest of the poor.

ATTENTION! ANYONE WHO HAS MEMORIALIZED A SANCTUARY TILE

I am preparing a binder to record the memorial inscribed on the back of the new sanctuary tiles. If you have memorialized a tile or tiles, please see me in the church/school foyer after Mass this weekend, after Mass next weekend, August 29 and 30, or after Mass the next weekend, September 5 and 6. I will have a form where you can write/print what was inscribed on the tile.

Father Marion

HAVE YOU VISITED www.stjohnfisher.org?

This is the address of the new parish website that is now up and running. Be careful to omit a period after “st” - something that might come naturally—or you might not find yourself going anywhere. More parish information is being added every week and the weekly Sunday bulletin is now online. The parish calendar will also be available and will be updated from month to month as new activities and events are scheduled. There will be a link to the school website and complete sacramental information, including all of our information for preparing funerals and weddings. You’ll also find updates about our 60th anniversary year final celebration, Fisherfest, and communications from our soon to-be established Parish Pastoral Council. Eventually, you will be able to make contributions or, hopefully, buy a Fisherfest raffle ticket online through Paypal.

Because the Sunday bulletin will now be available in this format, we will be cutting down on printed bulletins and saving a few trees, But don’t worry, the printed word won’t go away entirely; we’ll continue to print as many bulletins as we determine are needed each week, and all registered parishioners will still receive special mailings the old fashioned way.

We’re grateful to SJF graduate Dan Reed for creating this new avenue of communication for the parish and we hope it will become as effective as the school website has been for the past several years.

R.C.I.A . RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

This program is for:

- 1.) non-baptized adults who are interested in the possibility of becoming Roman Catholic;
- 2.) adults baptized in a Protestant tradition who want to know more about Roman Catholicism;
- 3.) baptized Catholic who would like to complete the sacraments of Christian Initiation and have not had the benefit of much Catholic education.

Anyone interested in the R.C.I.A. program is invited to an introductory meeting on **Tuesday, September 22nd, in the rectory**. The meeting will **begin at 7:30p.m.** and **conclude by 9:00p.m.** For more information, Call Father Marion at the rectory. The phone number is (773) 445-6565.

P.S. St. John Fisher parishioners and friends: You may have neighbors, relatives and friends who don’t know about the R.C.I.A. program unless you tell them. Invite them to give Father Marion a call.

PARISH PICNIC—AUGUST 30—MUNROE PARK



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Please join us at the Annual Back to School Picnic on **Sunday August 30 (please note date correction)** at Munroe Park. The picnic will kick-off with **Noon** mass at the park. Please note there will no Noon mass at St John Fisher that day. After mass, complimentary hot dogs, brats, and chips will be served. Pop and water will be available for a nominal charge. The SJF Holy Name Society will be hosting the day. There will be games, beanbag tourney, raffles, and a special Early Bird Fisherfest drawing at the picnic. This is a great way to kick-off the start of the school year so grab some neighbors or come on up and meet some neighbors.

We will see you there!!!

Fisherfest News

A special raffle drawing will be held at the parish picnic. All tickets purchased before Noon on August 30th will be eligible for the Procrastinator drawing and the grand raffle. Buy your ticket now and have more opportunities to win. If you have any questions or need a ticket delivered to your home, please call **Kevin Kaplan 773.908.2886**.

THANK YOU FROM OUR LADY GATE OF HEAVEN CHURCH

Dear Deacon Reilly and Generous St. John Fisher Parishioners:

With the downturn in our economic stability, our food pantry has suffered. The resources that we depended on previously to stock our pantry supplies have decreased and disappeared in many cases. Our inventory has suffered greatly. The urgency and demand for emergency food distribution has increased with many more families needing food.

Because of your generous gifts of food and school supplies, we are able to feed approximately seventy-five families per month. This will provide food for many homeless adults, hungry children and elderly patrons. We are eternally grateful to you and the generous parishioners of St. John Fisher.

Sincerely,

Father Mel Hermanns, ofm, Cap., Pastor

Kenneth Wells, Pantry Coordinator

ST. JOHN FISHER SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Join the St. John Fisher parish family, starting Wednesday, September 8th, in a Spiritual Adoption Program. Participants in the program pledge a daily 10 second prayer for a baby who is in danger of abortion. While the “spiritually adopted child” will remain unknown to his/her spiritual “parent”, God knows who the child is. You are encouraged to name your adopted child and give him/her an identity. At the end of the nine month prayer period, we will celebrate the births of our spiritually adopted babies with a baby shower. All gifts collected at shower will be given to Birthright and the Women’s Center to help mothers in need. Pick up your prayer cards at any of the masses on the weekend of September 5th and 6th.

“And all things whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive”
- Matthew 21:22

LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY’S SUPPORT GROUP HELPS GRIEVING CHILDREN

(New session starts in September)

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers offers a community grief support program specifically designed to help children cope with the death of a loved one. In order to provide and meet the need for support and guidance to grieving children, Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers created the Heart Connection.

“Grieving the death of a loved one as a child is just not something we want them to experience.” says Peg Schneider, Bereavement Coordinator with the Heart Connection Program. “Yet, we know from television, newspapers, our neighborhood, as well as our families, that it does happen more frequently than we’d ever care to imagine.”

The Heart Connection was founded in 1995 and has served more than 1,000 children ranging from 5 to 18 years of age. The children are placed in groups with children of their own age and similarity of loss and guided by very dedicated and caring professionals who help them understand and express the painful feelings associated with missing their loved one. Through creative art activities, music and sharing, the children and their families find healthy ways to cope and express their grief. The necessary support and guidance is offered to help them begin their healing and give them the reassurance and confidence of a future full of hope and promise.

The fall session of Heart Connection begins on Monday, September 21, and continues for eight consecutive Mondays from 6:15 to 7:30p.m. at the hospital. There is no fee, but pre-registration is required. A support group for Spanish speakers is also offered at the same time. For inquiry or registration please call Peg Schneider, R.N., Chaplain, and Meghan Llanes, LCSW, Co-Coordinators (708) 229-5484.



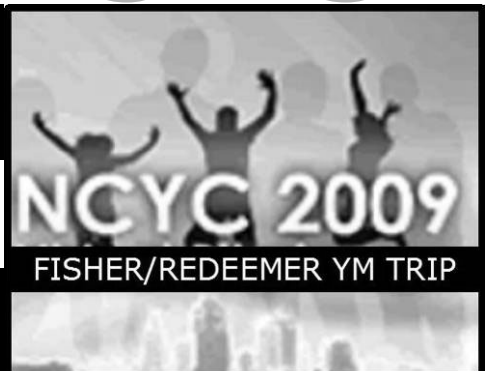
Youth Ministry - be part of something BIGGER!



**ARE YOU
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NOW?**

**ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
ARE INVITED TO NCYC!**

**FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT KIM MADONIA
708-275-8922 * EMAIL: youtharethefuture@hotmail.com**



**To learn more about the National Catholic Youth
Conference, check out these great websites:**

NCYC OFFICIAL WEBSITE:

<http://ncyc.nfcym.org/>

NCYC PROMO VIDEO:

<http://ncyc.nfcym.org/ncycpromo.htm>

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), is an exciting three-day experience of prayer, community and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones. The schedule includes general sessions, workshops addressing a wide variety of topics including Catholic spirituality and prayer, social justice issues, sexuality and leadership. There are also opportunities for reconciliation, daily liturgy, and special activities such as concerts, a dance, and comedy club. The thematic park is a unique venue incorporating traditional exhibits with interactive educational and recreational activities and vendors.

*If you are interested in joining us this year please contact Kim Madonia.
Spots are limited so please call/email ASAP!*

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Please feel free to contact the Director of Youth Ministry,
Kim Madonia at 708.275.8922 or e-mail at youtharethefuture@hotmail.com

CANTORS/LECTORS

Saturday, August 29

4:00 PM **Cantor:**
Reader:

Sunday, August 30

8:00 AM **Cantor:**
Reader:
10:00 AM **Cantor:**
1st Reader:
2nd Reader:
12:00 PM **Cantor:**
Reader:



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, August 29

4:00P M
Eucharistic Sacristan: M. Redmond

Sunday, August 30

8:00 AM
10:00 AM
Eucharistic Sacristans: L. Fitzgerald and A. Schumann
12:00PM

If you are contemplating making a will or changing your will and plan to leave something to charity, please keep St. John Fisher Parish in mind. A bequest to your parish continues your love and concern for your parish long after your life on earth has been completed.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE

Monday, August 24

6:30AM **NO** Communion Service
8:30AM Louise Konzen — *SJF Women's Club*
Edward J. O'Donnell — *SJF Holy Name Society*

Tuesday, August 25

6:30AM **NO** Communion Service
8:30AM Raymond J. Murphy — *Mrs. Murphy*
Geraldine Hayes — *Hayes Family*

Wednesday, August 26

6:30AM **NO** Communion Service
8:30AM Merle R. Hall — *Lorraine Chynoweth*
Joyce Wall — *Regina Arndt*

Thursday, August 27

6:30AM **NO** Communion Service
8:30AM Mary Krause — *Marge Reynolds*
Margaret Peyton — *Joan Schatzman*

Friday, August 28

6:30AM **NO** Communion Service
8:30AM Frances Carey — *Kathleen Carey*
Marjorie Condon — *SJF Women's Club*

Saturday, August 29

8:30AM Valley C. Nitsche — *Family*
Kevin Dowling — *Family*
2:00PM Wedding of Krista Anderson and
Timothy Ryan
4:00PM Parishioners

Sunday, August 30

8:00AM Virginia Brockhaus — *Family*
Mary Kay McGrath — *Cabrini and John McInerney*
10:00 AM Special Intention — *Briody Family*
Larry Graziano — *Art, Terry and Brian Erickson*
12:00AM Margaret Signorelli — *Colette and Joe Fitzgerald*
Daniel Butkus — *Margaret Griffin*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:41-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SCHOOL NEWS

BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDERS!

The schedules for the first week of school/pre-school are as follows: Please note that classes begin at 7:50a.m.

Wednesday, August 26	First Day of School (K-8)	7:50 - 11:30a.m. <i>Dismissal</i>
Thursday/Friday, August 27-28	Full Days of School (K-8)	7:50a.m. - 2:25p.m.
Monday—Thursday August 31—September 3	Full Days of School (K-8)	7:50a.m. to 2:25p.m.
Friday, September 4	7:50a.m. to 11:30a.m.	<i>Dismissal</i>
<i>Monday, September 7</i>	<i>LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL</i>	



PRE-SCHOOL

Monday, August 31	4 year Pre-School Open House A.M. 9:00-9:45a.m.; P.M. 10:00-10:45a.m.
Tuesday, September 1	3 year Pre-School Open House A.M. 9:00-9:45a.m.; P.M. 10:00-10:45a.m.
Wednesday, September 2	4 year Pre-School Standard Hours A.M. 7:50a.m.-10:45a.m; P.M. 11:30a.m.– 2:20p.m.
Thursday, September 3	3 year Pre-School Standard Hours A.M. 7:50a.m-10:45a.m.; P.M. 11:30a.m.-2:20p.m.
Friday, September 4	<i>No Pre-School</i>
Monday, September 7	<i>No Pre-School</i>

The **Hot Lunch Program** will not begin until **Thursday, October 1, 2009**. Order forms will be distributed to the classrooms after the start of the school year. Milk and water will be available as of Monday, August 31st. Students should bring their bag lunches to school on all full days of school in September.

Students (K through 8th) should be in full uniform for the first day of school, August 26th. Khaki or navy walking shorts or capris are part of the school uniform and maybe worn **until October 1st**. Shorts can not be more than 2 inches above the knee.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FUN?!

Fisherfest 2009 Mega Bracelets now available!

This year, again, Fisherfest 2009 will be offering Mega Bracelets. A \$40.00 fee will allow unlimited carnival rides any time the fest is operating. The mega bracelets are available on a **PRESALE ONLY** basis and are non-refundable, non-transferable, and can be used only by one person.

A voucher will be available for purchase for \$40.00, payable when the voucher is picked up, at the times outlined. The voucher will be redeemed for a mega bracelet at the fest when a mega bracelet will be affixed to the carnival rider's hand.

Sales of vouchers began will continue until Thursday September 17th at 8:00 PM. Sales hours are as follows:

Sundays	After 10:00 AM Mass in church foyer
Wednesdays	7:00-8:00 PM in back of the old convent

Special sales hours will be in effect the week of September 14th.

Monday Sept 14	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM (Old convent)
Tuesday Sept 15	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM (Old convent)
Wednesday Sept 16	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM (Old convent)
Thursday Sept 17	2:00 PM to 3:30 PM and 7:00 to 8:00PM (Kane Hall)

FISHER FEST 2009 – CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF FAITH, FAMILY & FUN

2009 SJF 25th Anniversary Fisher Fest Raffle is here!!!!!!!!!!!!

This year will be the 25th Anniversary of St. John Fisher “FISHER FEST”. With this impressive milestone we would like to make the 2009 FF Raffle more exciting than ever before. We are pleased to announce that this years Grand Prize has been increased to \$30,000.00. In addition we have increased prize amounts and added new CASH prizes including 10 new \$100.00 Bi-Weekly Winners for even more opportunities to WIN!

Buy your tickets NOW!! Remember all purchased tickets are eligible for each and every “Early Bird Drawing” so increase your odds and buy now! . Purchase your ticket now and you may be among the August Early Bird winners!

Tickets will be sold outside the Church after all masses or in the Rectory.

SJF Raffle Committee is looking for volunteers for 25th Anniversary Fisher Fest Raffle. Please contact Kevin at number above if interested.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

... **St. Bernadette School** looking for alumni to celebrate 60 years with a big birthday party at the 15th Annual Ribfest (including free birthday cake!) on Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 4:00p.m. to 11:00p.m. Ribfest features great food, beer garden, raffle, split-the-pot, bean bag tournament, games and entertainment for the kids.

... **The Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph offer a Grief Recovery Outreach Program** beginning on Monday, September 14th and concluding on November 16th. The program will be held at The Well, 1515 West Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, from 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. Cost of \$160.00 includes all ten sessions and materials. For more information, contact Cecilia (708) 528-0200. To register, visit www.csjthe.well.org and go to the registration tab.

... **Vicariate V Ministry Commission** offers an Evening of Centering Prayer at St. Germaine Parish (98th and Kolin Avenue in Oak Lawn) on Thursday, September 10th, 7:00-8:30p.m. Bet Brophy will be the facilitator of this evening. This program is free. Call Carol Conway (708) 636-5060 for more information.

... **Vicariate V Ministry Planning Commission** invites all to an Evening with John Angotti, renowned composer and music minister on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:30p.m. in St. Barnabas Church (10134 South Longwood Drive). John Angotti will be joined by music minister from surrounding parishes for this evening of song, renewal, inspiration and prayer. This is event is free. To register or for more information, call St. Barnabas (773) 779-1166.

... **Academy of Our Lady/Longwood Reunion** to be held on Saturday, October 10th with a gathering at 10:30a.m. at the Lourdes Grotto on AOL's former campus for a prayer service and tour of the school. On Sunday, October 11th. Mass will start the day at 10:30a.m., followed by brunch at 11:30a.m. at the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel. Brunch tickets are \$40.00 (Cash bar)/ Reservations required by Monday, October 5th. For more information, call the Alumnae Office (773) 445-2300 or visit the website [www.AcademyOfOurLady Alumnae.org](http://www.AcademyOfOurLadyAlumnae.org)

... **St. Xavier Pastoral Ministry Institute** presents R. Scott Appleby, Phd., on Thursday, September 10th at 7:00p.m. in the McDonough Chapel. His topic will be *A Time of Peril—A time of Promise: Lay Ministry in the Church Today*. This special presentation will explore the particular challenges and opportunities facing lay leaders and lay ministers today.

... **The Chicago Area Council of Boy Scouts of America (Arrowhead District)** invite all interested parish families to gather with the Scout Units of *The Great Scout Adventure* to be held the weekend of August 29-30 in Blue Island's Memorial Park (127th and Highland Avenue). This weekend celebration will kick off the 100 year anniversary of Boy Scouts of America and will include a multitude of events for both Boy Scouts and the general public. Opening ceremony at 8:00a.m. and concluding live music concert at 8:00p.m.



BACK TO SCHOOL COFFEE AND DONUTS

Please join the Women's Club for Back-To-School Coffee Donuts on August 26th at 8:25a.m. in Kane Hall.

SUPPORT THE REST SHELTER THIS SUMMER

The **REST Shelter** continues to provide a safe place for homeless women, and every other Friday, volunteers from St. John Fisher provide an evening meal, prepared just for them. We are the only group that has consistently provided this kind of support to the shelter and we can be very proud of our contribution. We are so grateful for the many parishioners who have faithfully sent donations and given up their Friday nights to help out at the shelter. And the need continues if you want to do something good for someone less fortunate, here's your opportunity. *Paper products, breakfast cereals, Koolaid and sugar, and ice tea mix* are always appreciated. If you are able to provide some or all of the meal, the sign up sheets to volunteer are found on the bulletin board by the priest sacristy. Please consider giving up one Friday evening this summer. You'll be glad you did! We leave around 7:00p.m. and return before 11:00p.m. Please include your phone number on the sign up sheet. If you have any questions, please call **Betty Kort (708) 425-1805** or **Don Skonicki (847) 530-2317 or (773) 238-6932**.

Upcoming dates at the shelter will be: **August 28, September 11 and 25**

SAVE THE DATE!!!

The final event celebrating St. John Fisher Parish's 60th anniversary will be the **Parish Homecoming on Saturday, October 17, 2009**. The event welcomes all adult parishioners, past and present, as well as all adult graduates. There will be food, beverages, music and the opportunity to connect with each other.

For information please call the Rectory (773) 445-6565 or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773) 239-8428.

ST. JOHN FISHER CHAMPIONSHIP SOFTBALL GAME

On Saturday, August 15th, Munroe Park was the setting of the St. John Fisher League Championship Games. The day was hot with a hollowing wind that blew sand over all the fields. In attendance was over 950 softball fans, friends and family members watching to see which team would prevail over the day. Ten teams started at 10:30a.m. and played 15 good and close games to see which two teams would advance to the championship game. The Brown Team and the Blue Team were the top two teams.

The Brown team scored 7 runs in the first inning and 2 in thee sixth inning for a total of 9 runs. The Blue Team scored in the third, fourth and fifth innings but lost the game 9-5.

At the conclusion of the games free sandwiches, cool salads, beer, soda and cold water were enjoyed by the fans and a good time was had by all.

Congratulations to the members of the winning Brown Team: Captain, *Marty O'Hara*, winning pitcher, *Phil La Giglia*, and team members, *Jim Madden, Joe Sullivan, Jimmy Welsh, Ken Frederking, Ed Lowery, Eric Horkavy, Terry Doran, Tom Schmalz, Bill Kowal, Dan Finn, Brendan Winters and Steve Scazeca*.



*As for me and my household,
we will serve the Lord.*

- Joshua 24:15b

FISHERFEST 2009 NEEDS YOU!

SEPTEMBER 18 — 19 — 20

Would you like to meet some wonderful and fun people?

Do you enjoy good food and great live entertainment?

Do you want to get involved but NOT over-committed?

If you answered “YES” to any of these questions, we have the perfect opportunity for you! Show **YOUR** support for St. John Fisher by volunteering some of your time (even a couple of hours_ and talent to help in the year’s biggest **FUNdraiser!**

Simply fill out the form below and return it to the rectory office or in the Sunday Offertory Collection baskets. A committee member will contact you.

Please indicate which area you are interested in helping and the time most convenient.

Friday evening Saturday afternoon Saturday evening Sunday afternoon Sunday evening

Ticket Booth Security Refreshments Kid’s Area Set-up/Take Down

Name _____

Phone: _____

Time(s) Available: _____

Volunteer Area(s) _____

WALK FOR LIFE

Please join the St. John Fisher Respect Life group on a “Walk For Life” on **Sunday, September 13th.**

Location: St. Alexander Church (121st Street at 71st Avenue in Palos Heights).

Open Registration starts at 8:00a.m. followed by Mass at 9:00a.m.

3.8 mile round trip walk begins at 10:00a.m.

If you are unable to join the walk, consider sponsoring the St. John Fisher walkers. You can sign up to walk or make a donation/pledge on the weekend of September 5-6, after any of the weekend masses. Look for us outside the main entrance of the church. Proceeds will benefit the pro-life work at the Women’s Center of greater Chicagoland. Anyone interested in walking, may contact **Peg Graeber (773) 238-3847**. Visit www.womens-center.org or pick up a flyer on the tables in the back of church to learn more about the Walk For Life.

WALKING WITH GOD IN THE SACRED UNIVERSE

The Sisters of St. Joseph in LaGrange offer a four-session introductory class that provides insight into the God of the Universe, the God “within” and the God who is closer than we might dare to imagine. Classes to be held on Wednesdays September 16, 23, 30 and October 7 from 1-2:30p.m. at The Well, 1515 West Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL. To register, visit www.csjthewell.org and go registrations or call (708) 482-5048.

PARISH PRIESTS

Rev. Robert Kyfes, Pastor
Rev. Marion Soprych, Associate Pastor
Rev. Arthur Marat, Resident
Rev. Thomas J. Purtell, Pastor Emeritus

Associate

Rev. Thomas McCarthy, O.S.A.

Deacons

Deacon Robert Carroll Deacon Raymond Reilly
Deacon Couple Tom and Mary Siska

Sister Jean Anne McGrath, C.S.J., **Principal**

Elena Chermak, D.Min., **Dir. of Religious Education**
(773) 238-1851

Music Directors

Michael Carso, **(708) 396-2738**

Alan Bukowiecki

(312) 403-2512

Kim Madonia, **Youth Minister (708) 275-8922**

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Sundays at 1:15 P.M.

Baptismal Preparation Class, 11:30 A.M. First Sunday of Month. Contact Rectory for details. A Baptismal Preparation Program is a requirement in the Chicago Archdiocese.

Reconciliation: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays 3:00 to 3:45 P.M. or by appointment

Marriage: Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory at least **six months** before the wedding. One partner must be registered and actively practicing the faith at St. John Fisher at least 6 months before any wedding date will be set. Both parties must be at least 19 years of age.

Communion for Homebound Parishioners: Members of our parish family who are ill or homebound, please call the parish office and a Minister of Care will bring communion to your home at your convenience.

New Parishioners: New Parishioners are most welcome and formal registration is essential for the sacraments, letters of sponsorship, etc. Please call the Parish Office to fill out a registration form.