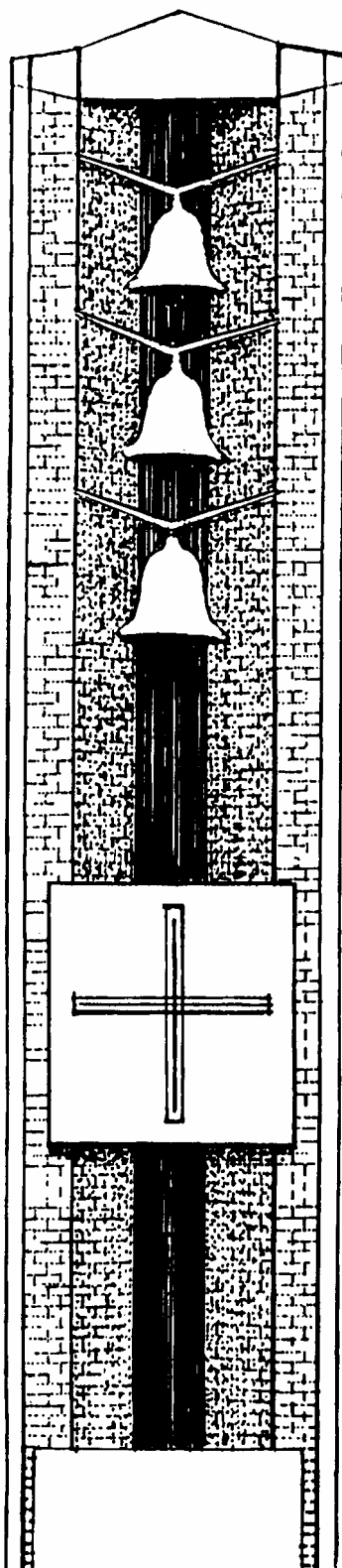


Saint John Fisher Parish

December 27, 2009

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



The child
grew to maturity



and was
filled with wisdom

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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 8:15 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.

REST IN PEACE

Please remember especially in your prayers this week: Patricia Carroll, mother of parishioner Patricia Wood.

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; PFC Steven Folliard; Sgt. John T. LaGiglia; Captain Michael McCann, US Army; Kevin Roche; Steve Ayon; Pvt. Anthony Schmidt; PFC Terrance Wilson, US Army; Cpl. Robert Brennan Carroll, USMC; Lt. Patrick F. McInerney, USN.; Captain 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; CA Christopher Chirillo, USA.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (A holy day of obligation)

New Year's Eve – Thursday, December 31st

Vigil mass at **4:00p.m.** followed by

New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil for Peace until midnight

New Year's Day – Friday, January 1st

ONE mass at **10:00a.m.**

BETWEEN JOBS MINISTRY

The mission of the Between Jobs Ministry is to provide practical and spiritual resources to support the unemployed and underemployed of our parish. We welcome those who are between jobs or looking to improve their current situation. We also continue to build up our resources. If you are interested in helping with practice interviews or networking tips, please contact us. We meet on Sunday after the 10:00a.m. mass in the Rectory. If you can't join us then, or want to volunteer or learn more about the ministry, contact *Mary Mat Anders (773) 239-3624, Jim White (773) 322-2518 or Deacon Tom.*

STEWARDSHIP = TIME - TALENT - TREASURE

WELCOME.....

.... to all who come to celebrate these days of Christmastime at St. John Fisher. We're grateful to all who are here week in and week out and we hope that those who join us only from time to time will return often in 2010 to experience and celebrate the Lord's saving presence in this community of faith. May the God who chose to be revealed in a humble home in Bethlehem find a welcome home in all our hearts during these Christmas days and throughout the coming year.

THANKS.....

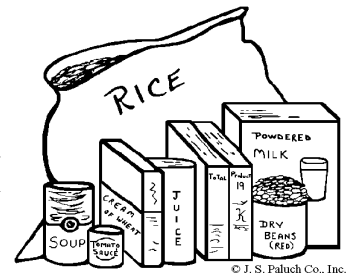
....to all who have contributed in any way to our celebration of Christmastime, especially to those who minister so faithfully in all aspects of our liturgy and prepare the environment for worship, not only at Christmas, but throughout the year. We are so richly blessed by your gift of generous service.

NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL

As in past years, our New Year's Eve Vigil will begin immediately after the 4:00p.m. vigil mass on Thursday, December 31st, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and it will conclude just before midnight with Benediction. At various times throughout the evening, we will join in common prayer for peace and hope in our troubled world. Plan now to spend at least one hour on December 31st asking God to bless our lives and our earth with the peace that the angels promised so long ago "to those on whom God's favor rests."

GENEROSITY WEEKEND - JANUARY 2nd & 3rd

Start the New Year and the new decade off with a resolution to bring a non-perishable food item to the **First Generosity Weekend** of 2010. The dates will be Saturday, January 2nd and Sunday, January 3rd. All food items gathered will be donated to an area food pantry that needs to replenish their supplies after the Christmas holidays. Cold weather means long lines of people waiting and hoping for a bag of food. Help us, help them — **hunger never goes away**. Suggested items include:



Boxes of Cereal
Pancake Mix
Ramen Noodles
Soups (instant or cans)
Small bags of rice or beans
Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese
Spaghetti's

Boxes of Pasta
Spaghetti Sauce
Cans of Fruits / Vegetables
Gatorade
Fruit Juices
Instant Potatoes
Jiffy Mixes (Cord Bread)

Cans of Baked Beans
Baby Foods
Hot Chocolate Mixes
Jello / Pudding Mixes
Cans of Chili / Beef Stew
Tuna / Chicken Salad Kits
Canned Meats (Ham / Tuna)

THANK YOU TO A GENEROUS PARISH!

On the weekend of December 12th and 13th, our St. Vincent de Paul Society received \$889.60 to be used for the benefit of our needy parishioners. This was a most generous amount considering the difficult economic challenges many are facing. On behalf of the needy, we say THANK YOU!

THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY

Change the date: Starting on Wednesday, January 20 (not the 13th) Father Bob has agreed to facilitate The Great Adventure Bible Study by Jeff Cavins. We will cover the study titled **A Quick Journey Through the Bible.** For more info you can visit the website, www.greatadventureonline.com . This is open to all parishioners. We will meet every two weeks on Wednesday at 8:00p.m. in the rectory. There will be a charge of \$22.00 for the student pack and orders will be made on December 30th. Please call or *Amy Goggin (708) 499-2090* if you would like to participate.

DUST OFF YOUR BOWLING BALL AND GRAB YOUR SHOES!

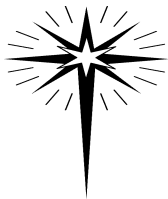


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Save the date for The FSA Annual Candlelight Bowl on Saturday, January 16, 2009 at Bleekers Bowl. Look for registration forms and additional information after Christmas break. Questions and suggestions can be directed to Anne Doligale (238-5944) or Colleen Nitsche (238-3397).

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION UPDATE — MONTH 4

The little baby now weighs six ounces and has fingernails and eyelashes and his/her own unique fingerprints which will remain the same until death. The baby's taste buds are working and the sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore. At this month rapid eye movements (REMs) can be detected—a sign of dreaming. The spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All he/she needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong. What a miracle this baby is! Thanks for your prayers.



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EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

The Epiphany is being celebrated on Sunday, January 3rd. Please join us after the 10:00a.m. mass for cake and coffee in the school foyer to celebrate the Brilliance of Our Lord's Kingship and the privilege that we have of being called his sons and daughters. Also, there is a wonderful tradition to blessing your home and family on the Epiphany, so remember to pick up your own House Blessing prayer kit at all of the church entrances that weekend.

SUPPORT THE REST SHELTER

Blessings to all this Christmas Season. Let's start the New Year by support the **REST Shelter**. We need volunteers to provide an evening meal for 40 homeless women, or to travel the shelter and help serve dinner. We do make a difference. We are so grateful for the many parishioners who have faithfully sent donations. Col weather clothing like sweaters, sweatshirts, coats are needed. Paper products, Breakfast cereals, Koolaid and sugar. The sign up sheets to volunteer are found on the bulletin board by the priest sacristy. Please consider giving up one Friday evening as this new year begins. 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 questions, please call *Betty Kort (708) 425-1805* or *Don Skonicki (847) 530-2317* or *(773) 238-6932*.

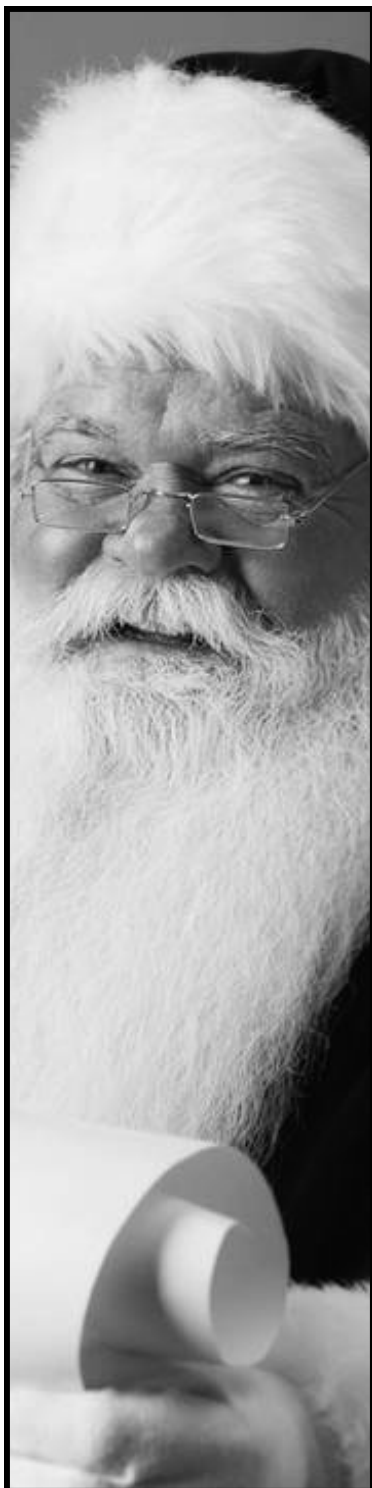
Upcoming dates for the REST Shelter are: January 1st, 15th, 29th—February 12th, 26th—March 12th, 26th

CHILDREN'S CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Monday, January 25th—6:30p.m. Rectory Basement Meeting Room
For more information, contact *Amy Goggin (708) 499-2090* or email gogginreg@comcast.net

Youth Ministry - be part of something BIGGER!

If you're on the "NICE" list, join us for these events!



JR. HIGH LOCK IN - Sat, Jan 9th

All 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade students invited to join us! Our ALL NIGHT LOCK IN will take place at Hollywood Park! We have a great party package and are looking forward to a FUN night! Invite your friends and make sure your paperwork is filled out on time! Packets are available in the Parish Rectory NOW! Please read all of the information carefully and return forms by Jan 5th! If there are parents interested in chaperoning this event, please contact Kim Madonia.



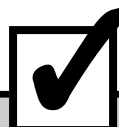
JR. HIGH SKI TRIP - Mon, Jan 18th

All 7th, & 8th Grade students invited to join us! We will be spending your day off skiing at The Grand Geneva Resort. Packets will be available in the Parish Rectory on and after Dec 30th. Please read all of the information carefully and return forms by Jan 13th! If there are parents are interested in chaperoning this event, please contact Kim Madonia.



HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE OVERNIGHT SKI TRIP - Feb. 5th - 6th

All High School and College students invited to join us! We will be skiing during the wee small hours of the morning (11P.M.- 4 A.M.) at Chestnut Mt. Resort. There are seventeen trails ranging from bunny to black diamond and the diverse snowboard terrain park in the Midwest, Chestnut Mt is a skiing and snowboarding paradise with nine lifts! The Terrain Park is the largest of its kind in the Midwest. A triple chairlift takes you to seven acres of quarter pipes, tabletops, rails, kickers, box jumps, logslides, and two half pipes! If there are parents interested in chaperoning this event, please contact Kim Madonia.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE EVENTS!

***March 6th - 7th: TEEN CRHP #5
RETREAT "What Light"**

***June 19th - 26th: MISSION TRIP
WEEK IN HARLAN KENTUCKY**

DROP - IN SCHEDULE:

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FROM 6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. ON:

Dec. 30th NO DROP IN * Jan. 6th at MHR (Convent 2nd floor)

We hope to see you on Wednesday! Feel free to invite your friends!

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, January 2

4:00 PM Reader: **D. Brennan**

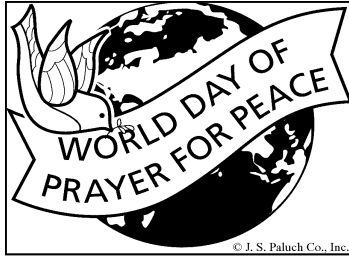
Sunday, January 3

8:00 AM Reader: **M. F. Hayes**

10:00 AM 1st Reader: **S. Mahoney**

2nd Reader: **D. Mahoney**

12:00 PM Reader: **K. McIlvain**



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, January 2

4:00PM 1.) C. Cihocki; 2.) H. Peirce; 2.) P. Tierney; E.M.1) W. McCloskey; E.M.2) K. Kozek (T); E.M.3) Deacon Siska; E.M.4) M. Jurek; E.M.5) S. Tesmond

Eucharistic Sacristan: M. Redmond

Sunday, January 3

8:00 AM E.M.1) Deacon Reilly; E.M.2) J. Standring (T); E.M.3) J. Standring
10:00 AM 1.) P. McGlinchey; 2.) P. McGovern; 3.) K. O'Hara; E.M.1) P. McGovern (T); E.M.2) S. Spagnoli; E.M.3) Deacon Carroll; E.M.4) L. Fitzgerald; E.M.5) A. Schumann

Eucharistic Sacristan: L. Fitzgerald and A. Schumann

12:00PM E.M.1) D. Garvey (T); E.M.2) K. Murnane; E.M.3) Deacon Siska; E.M.4) P. Ashe; E.M.5) K. McElligott

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE

Monday, December 28

6:30AM Communion Service

8:15AM Joseph Krause — *Tony and Barbara White and Family*

John and Jacqueline Thiese — *Nancy Boardman*

Tuesday, December 29

6:30AM Communion Service

8:15AM Thomas G. Bugan, Sr. — *Bugan Family*

Wednesday, December 30

6:30AM Communion Service

8:15AM Frank Wahlen — *Wife*

Chester Sepiol — *Family*

Thursday, December 31

6:30AM Communion Service

8:15AM Mary August — *Kathy and Mitch Sadus Daly, Shine and Pickett Families —*

Ellen Daly

4:00PM Parishioners

Friday, January 1— Holy Day of Obligation

6:30AM **NO** Communion Service

10:00AM Gerald Brown—*Joyce Family*

Saturday, January 2

8:15AM All Souls Remembrance

4:00PM Parishioners

Sunday, January 3

8:00AM Mary Janus — *Thomas Pinto*

Craig Ford — *Jack and Carol Coffman*

10:00 AM Richard E. Dyczkowski — *Family*

Nick Resce — *Resce Family*

12:00PM Rita M. Cholke — *O'Grady Family*

James Garrett — *Dachota Family*

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1: 19-28

Sunday: Is 60: 1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a; 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

7th and 8th GRADES—FIRST TRIMESTER HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following 7th and 8th grade St. John Fisher students who achieved Honor Roll status during the first trimester of the school year.

7th Grade

Straight A Honors

Maggie Austin
Colleen Caulfield
Claire Cunningham
Molly Fahy
Mary Graeber
Allie Herman
Danny Hogan
Samantha Horkavy
Colleen Lindgren
Shannon Maloney
Jenny Miller
Matt Mitchell
Lizzy O'Hara
Matt Preslicke
Jack Regnier
Maggie Reilly
Danielle Rogers
Dan Rooney
Emily Rux
Gabi Scott

First Honors

Marty Bechina
John Brandt
Claire Cahill
Elizabeth Carrane
Shane Clifford
Avery Coney
Olivia Del Valle
Elizabeth Gill
Elinore Hope
Christina Konrath
Caroline Levanovic
Lauren Levanovic
Kevin Lipman
Sarah Lowery
Maddy Majka
Tim McCarthy
Andrew Paull
Bridget Rickert
Erin Rickert
Collin Rook
Luke Simon
Sarah Spencer
Nicholas Wood
Sten Zelek

Second Honors

Maggie Bentley
Pat Broderick
Eric Burke
Tom Enright
Brendan Fleming
Tom Gainer
Richard Goggin
Bridget Gorman
Katelyn Hurst
Sophia Julio
Bobby Kopale
Claire Leslie
Ricardo Marquez
Bailey Marth
Conner McAlilly
Erin McComb
Danny Paluch
Matt Ryan
Erin Shultz
Nicole Stoll
Cullen Walsh

8th Grade

Straight A Honors

Sarah Bowen
Tim Carlson
Eileen Carroll
Ryann Connors
Sam Connolly
Jacob Daggy
Ben Hardy
Anne Marie Hogan
Corey Hojek
Wil Hughes
Tom Inzinga
Emma Littleton
Ian McGinnis
Brian Neumann
Mary June O'Connell
Frances O'Malley
Kevin Shanahan
Mitch Strahlman
Kevin Sullivan
Mary Heather Walsh
Matt Walsh
Michael Welin
Anne Zwick

First Honors

Maddie Allen
Katie Bangs
Kayla Benoit
Jordan Coney
Krista DiBennardi
Thomas Dowling
Robert Hovey
Nick Hroma
Courtney Joyce
Jackie Kell
Mallory Maxwell
Hannah Murphy
Kara Rusch
Brooke Schmidt

Second Honors

Tom Carroll
Jake Caulfield
Sarah Conway
Alexandra Delgado-Watland
Ray Foster
Brandon Horton
Megan Kelly
Dan Mahoney
Chris O'Grady
Tess Pomorski
Jake Sanchez
Charlie Scott
Gina Stoll
Sam Vestal
Caitlyn Wahl
Kara Wilkison

January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i> ONE mass at 10a.m.	2 GENEROSITY WEEKEND
3 <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany</i> GENEROSITY	4 School classes resume Scout Board	5	6 Boy Scouts—7p.m.	7	8	9 8th grade Game Night
10 CFF <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	11	12 Women's Club Social	13 <i>Athletic Comm. Board</i> 7:30p.m.—school Boy Scouts	14 FSA meeting 7:00p.m.—School Holy Name Hockey Night	15	16 Market Day
17 CFF	18	19	20	21	22	23 <i>Parish Council</i> Commissions meeting 9:00a.m.
24 <i>Family mass—10a.m.</i> <i>Open House following the mass</i>	25 <i>Catholic Schools Week</i> <i>Children's Book Club</i>	26 <i>Women's Club Board</i>	27 Boy Scouts	28	29 <i>Girl Scout Sleepover</i>	30 <i>The Sacrament of Confirmation</i>
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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. A marriage preparation program is a requirement in the Archdiocese (Pre-Cana, Discovery Weekend, etc.).

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: We welcome you! Please introduce yourself to us. We ask that you register in the rectory office.