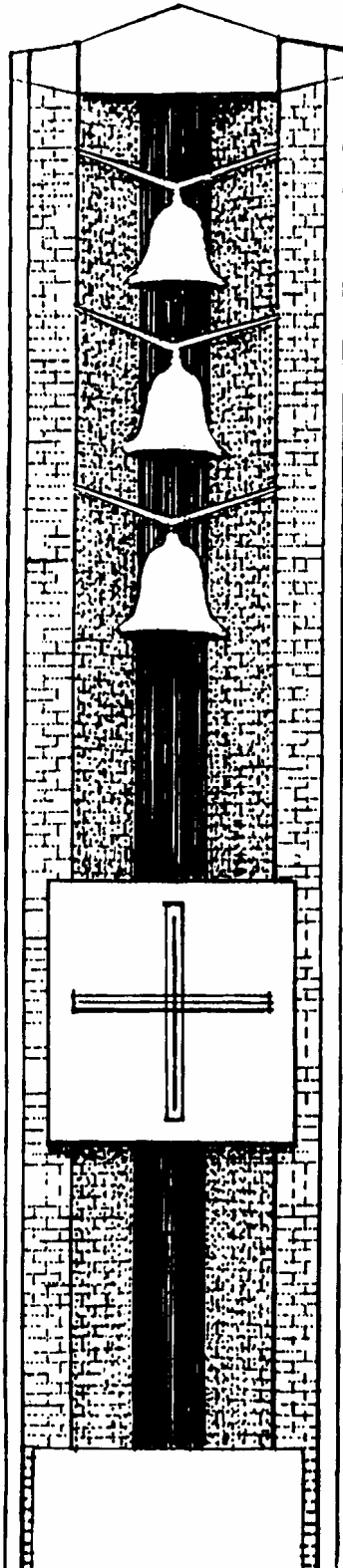
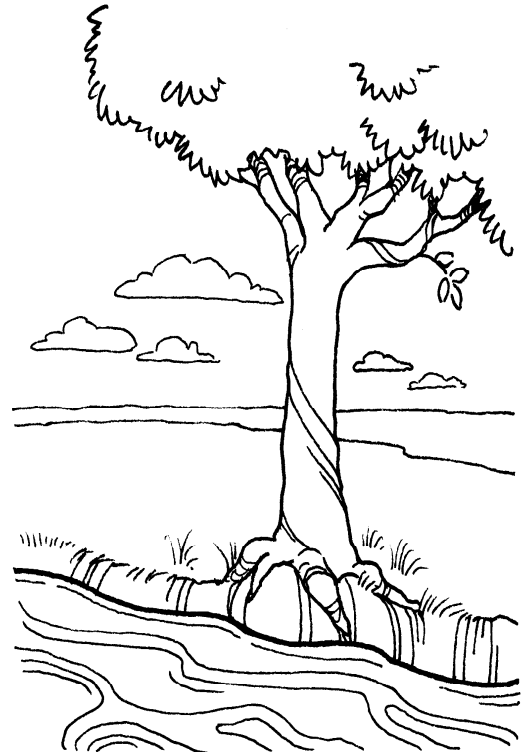


Saint John Fisher Parish

February 14, 2010
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*The one who trusts
the Lord is like
a tree planted
near running water*



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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.

BAPTISM

We welcome the following children into God's Family:

Ava Catherine Kintz
Connor Joseph Spatz

Cristobal Robledo
Jonathan Robledo

REST IN PEACE

Please remember especially in your prayers this week: James McKeever, Sr., father of parishioner Jim McKeever; Parishioner Mary Jane Maher, mother of parishioner Mary Johnson; Parishioner Robert Allard, husband of Mary Jane.

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.

MSGR. KEN VELO TO SPEAK AT ST. JOHN FISHER

This year's Lenten Mission at St. John Fisher, *A Time of Grace and Growth*, will begin on Sunday, February 28th, at 7:30p.m. in the church, 103rd and Fairfield, and continue at the same time on Monday, March 1st and Tuesday, March 2nd. The Mission presenter this year is **Msgr. Kenneth Velo**, former President of the Catholic Church Extension Society, and currently Senior Executive of Catholic Collaboration for DePaul University and President of the Big Shoulders Fund.

Msgr. Velo is probably best known, though, for his long association with Joseph Cardinal Bernardin as the Cardinal's executive assistant and close friend. Having grown up in our area, Msgr. Velo knows our community well, and is looking forward to presenting his one and only Lenten Mission of 2010 at St. John Fisher. We invite you to join us on these three nights to experience Msgr. Velo's wit, wisdom and faith-filled insights into living the Christian life.

LENT 2010

Back to basics is perhaps the best, or at least the simplest way to describe the way the forty days of Lent should affect the lives of believers. And what are those basics? Jesus himself identifies them in the gospel we hear on Ash Wednesday: “When you **fast**... when you **pray**... when you **give alms**...” Those have long been considered the three “disciplines” of Lent. And discipline is certainly what’s needed if we are to make prayer, fasting and almsgiving as central to our lives as they should be.

Prayer grounds us, not only in the discipline of lent, but in every other dimension of Christian life. Lent offers us the opportunity to examine how prayer is woven throughout each moment of life, from the time we wake to the moment we close our eyes in sleep. Does your day begin with prayer, with words of praise for the gift of another dawn? Are prayers of blessing and thanks integral to every meal of the day? Does a prayer of trust acknowledge the Lord’s presence beside you at home or work or school? Does your day end with petition for the needs of the world and prayers of gratitude for the blessings of the day? Do you pray each Sunday with the community and take advantage of other opportunities offered by the parish, especially the **Parish Mission on February 28, March 1 and 2 with Msgr. Ken Velo**? If any of this is missing, let a new spirit of prayer take root and blossom in your life during the coming Lenten days.

Fasting is the discipline of Lent that helps us make room in our filled and busy lives for the life that really matters: our life with and in the Lord. Fasting in the Christian tradition has most often been associated with food. But all that the law of the Church demands of us now is that we **fast** (eat less) on only two days each year: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday—and only then if we are of a certain age. On Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent, we must **abstain** from meat—again, if we are of a certain age. But if that is the only fasting we embrace during Lent, what are we saying about the importance of our life in and with Jesus? There is probably much more that most of us need to do when it comes to fasting. If food does occupy a central place in life, perhaps the Friday evening Soup Suppers are for you. But what about fasting from TV or the internet? Abstaining from cigarettes or alcohol? Fasting from laziness or busyness? Abstaining from anger, impatience or gossip? The list could go on and on. Decide this week what fasting or abstaining is needed in your life so you can begin to appreciate the life that really matters, in and with the Lord.

Almsgiving—generosity—is the third discipline of Lent. Like prayer and fasting, it is a basic element of the Christian life year-in and year-out. Almsgiving is **not** what we do with our leftovers, but what we give from the substance of our lives. Almsgiving is what Christians do **before**, not after, their own needs are satisfied; it is the powerful proclamation of trust in the providence of an extravagantly generous and loving God.

Each one of us must decide just how (and how much) prayer, fasting and almsgiving will mark our Lenten journey. But every parish has a responsibility to provide opportunities for the members of the community to live out the disciplines of Lent. So, **here** are those opportunities! Make some or all of them a part of your Lenten journey this year.

PRAYER

Ash Wednesday – February 17: Masses will be at **6:30, 8:15 and 10:00a.m. and 7:30p.m.** Ashes will be distributed **during** these masses, **not** before and **not** after. Please understand that we can’t say exactly when the distribution of ashes will take place at each mass.

Daily Mass: Monday thru Saturday at 8:15a.m. There will also be the usual 6:30a.m. Communion Service, Monday thru Friday.

Friday Way of the Cross: From February 19 through March 26, at 7:30p.m., you are invited to walk with Jesus on his journey to Calvary.

FASTING

Friday Lenten Supper: This year, we have decided to schedule just two Lenten Suppers to be hosted by several parish groups working together. So, come to Kane Hall between 6:00 and 7:15p.m. on Fridays, February 19 and March 26 for a Lenten Supper that could be anything from pasta to soup to fish. We suggest that you take the money you would spend on a family meal on that night and contribute it to our Lenten Almsgiving recipients.

ALMSGIVING

This year, we will divide your Lenten almsgiving sacrifices between two very worthwhile causes: the **Little Sisters of the Poor**, right here in Chicago, and **Catholic Relief Services**, to assist them in their efforts to provide food and other assistance for the earthquake-ravaged families of Haiti.

ASH WEDNESDAY – February 17

“Trace a cross, Lord, not only on our foreheads, but on our hearts....” That Ash Wednesday prayer echoes the words from the prophet Joel that we will hear this week: “Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord your God.” Whether we see ashes as a reminder of mortality (“Remember that you are dust...”) or a commitment to change our lives (“Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel”), the reception of ashes on our foreheads says that we have made a **conscious and prayerful decision** to enter into the spirit and discipline of Lent with all our heart.

With that in mind, we invite you to begin Lent this Wednesday, February 17, by coming to church to receive ashes **in the context of prayer**, rather than on the run from home to work to shopping to home again. Lent, like every season of Christian life, demands that we **make time** to acknowledge our absolute dependence on God and on the Christian community in which we most clearly experience the presence of God in our lives. There will be four masses on Ash Wednesday: **6:30, 8:15 and 10:00a.m. and 7:30p.m.** Ashes will be distributed **during** these masses—**not** before and **not** after. Our school children will be at the 10:00a.m. mass, but anyone is welcome.

As with other sacramentals, ashes do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit as the sacraments do; but, by the Church’s prayer, they **prepare** us to receive grace and help us cooperate with it. If, for some reason you miss receiving ashes this Wednesday, that’s OK. Ashes do not make any of us better Christians; prayer does. If your schedule doesn’t allow you to stay at mass at least until ashes are distributed, then it’s probably better to make some time to pray on your own and ask the Lord to “trace a cross on my heart”. Then you can take advantage of some of the opportunities offered during the coming weeks of Lent to deepen your relationship with the Lord and with your fellow Christians.

HELPING HANDS GLOWING HEARTS

Helping Hands Glowing Hearts is a confidential volunteer service organization dedicating to serving the needs of our St. John Fisher community. Our volunteer list is long and their talents are diverse so tell us what you need and we will make it happen - cooking, shoveling, odd jobs, errands, etc. Confidential nomination forms can be found in the back of church and in the rectory or send an E-Mail hhghofsjf@gmail.com. Tell us what we can do to help you, a family member, neighbor or friend.



CATHOLICS COME HOME - ADULT FORMATION IN LENT

During this upcoming Lenten season, parishes throughout the Archdiocese will be hosting adult formation nights focusing on common questions about our faith, including:

- What do I mean when I say "I believe?" What is the connection between Jesus and the Church?
- How do the Sacraments put us in contact with God? Why does the Church put such emphasis on Sunday Mass?
- How does faith make a difference in dealing with the "tough stuff" of life--suffering, death, evil and sin?
- What is prayer? Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the saints?
- Why are marriage and sexual morality so important in a Catholic faith perspective?
- What does it mean to live in this world (citizen, worker, parent) as a believer?

In our area, these formation evenings will take place on the Fridays of Lent, beginning February 19, at Our Lady of the Ridge, 10811 S. Ridgeland in Chicago Ridge. All the sessions will begin at 7:30p.m. For more information, contact Our Lady of the Ridge at 708-425-3800.

**STEWARDSHIP =
TIME - TALENT - TREASURE**

Youth Ministry - be part of something BIGGER!

THE TIME HAS COME...



**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 28th
1:00 P.M.
St. John Fisher
KANE HALL**

All High School
Students & chaperones
who would like to be
part of the Mission
Trip to Harlan,
Kentucky 2010

**MUST ATTEND THIS
INFORMATIONAL
MEETING!**



**If this is your first trip
YOU MUST BRING A PARENT WITH YOU!**

* The dates of the trip are June 19th-26th

DROP - IN SCHEDULE:

**ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FROM 6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. ON:
Feb. 17th at MHR (Convent 2nd floor) * Feb. 24th at SJF (Rectory Basement)
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, February 20

4:00 PM Reader: P. Brandt

Sunday, February 21

8:00 AM Reader: A. O'Reilly
10:00 AM 1st Reader: J. Zelek
2nd Reader: R. Carroll
12:00 PM Reader: E. Hynes



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, February 20

4:00PM 1.) J. McVady; E.M.2) P. Hayes; 3.)
M. Ochs; E.M.1) C. Bicek (T); E.M.2)
C. Cihocki; E.M.3) J. Miller; E.M.4) N.
Del Valle; E.M.5) M. Jurek

Eucharistic Sacristan:

Sunday, February 21

8:00 AM E.M.1) Deacon; E.M.2) W. Winters
(T); E.M.3) N. North
10:00 AM 1.) A. Schumann; 2.) S. Murnane; 3) M.
Schumann; E.M.1) J. Rooney; E.M.2)
M. Rooney (T); E.M.3) Deacon; E.M.4)
P. Gribble; E.M.5) G. Gribble

Eucharistic Sacristan: J. Boyle

12:00PM E.M.1) Deacon; E.M.2) D. Gardner
(T) E.M.3) R. Walsh; E.M.4) K.
McElligott; E.M. 5) C. Galvin

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE

Monday, February 15

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Constantine Zebrauskas — Jeannie
Silvia Pesavento — Joanne and Phil
Pesavento

Tuesday, February 16

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Irene Mack — Bernice Guse

Wednesday, February 17 (Ash Wednesday)

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM John Stanis (100th Birthday) — John
Stanis
10:00AM All Souls Remembrance
7:30PM Parishioners

Thursday, February 18

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM John and Nora Deane — Norine Quinlan

Friday, February 19

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Arthur Gatz — Kroll Family

Saturday, February 20

8:15AM Raymond Murphy — Mary Murphy
Albinas Ozys — Wife
4:00PM Parishioners

Sunday, February 21

8:00AM Alice Jeros — St. John Fisher Women's
Club
Steve Hlivyak — Family
10:00 AM Marion Bronson—Tom and Ann
Maloney
James and Michael Cushing — Family
12:00PM Bobby Kresse — Kresse Family
Philip Gavin — Dave and Gayle Finn

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58: 9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 19:8-13;
Lk 4:1-13

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.

DAD'S AND KID'S

Please join the St. John Fisher Holy Name Society for our
Annual Mass and Breakfast
A great SJF tradition!

This year we are combining Dad's and Son's and Daughter's into one spectacular
event!

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21st

10:00am MASS

Followed immediately in Kane Hall

Raffles - Prizes - Entertainment - Doughnuts - Milk/OJ



Super Bowl excitement on Bourbon Street was matched by the spirit of a terrific party in Kane Hall last Sunday. Guests were treated to big screen views of a great game, delicious food, and an enthusiastic gathering of friends, neighbors and football fans. Thanks to all who attended, who purchased a raffle ticket, or who worked in various capacities to help make the party so successful. Special thanks to Jackie Long who attends to EVERY detail of the party. Joe Guinane and his remarkable food committee provided a wonderful buffet. The decorations committee created a great environment for watching the game.

Congratulations to the Sloyan Family who were the lucky winners of the large screen plasma television.

MARDI GRAS CONCERT

FEBRUARY 16th

7:30p.m.

IN CHURCH

Come join us for our **Annual Mardi Gras Evening**. A concert will be presented followed by a reception in Kane Hall with New Orleans Style Cuisine.

BRING A FRIEND!

PASSPORTS 2010 – 16th ANNUAL SJF ATHLETICS FUNDRAISER

The Athletic Association invites you to join us on **Saturday, March 6, 2009** at 7:00 PM at St. John Fisher, for a chance to “tour the world”, enjoy food and beverages from other countries, enjoy music from *Johnny and Coax*, and share delightful conversation with your neighbors and friends; Proceeds benefit the St. John Fisher Athletic programs.

Tickets will be available after the 4:00 PM and 10:00 AM masses the week of February 21st and 28th.

Tickets are \$40 per person and include entertainment, food, signature drinks, and open bar. Please purchase your tickets early to assure your attendance at this enjoyable evening. For more information, please call (708) 424-3268.

Thank you for your support of St. John Fisher Athletics.



St. John Fisher's spirit of hospitality was very evident last Saturday. The seventh grade parents baked and served for the reception that followed the beautiful Confirmation ceremony. Special thanks to *Mary Kay Gorman, Mary Miller, Jill Austin, Anne Maloney, Vicki Janozik, Laura Paull, Sue Mc Carthy, Laura Ford, and Mary Anita Hope* who provided such a warm welcome to Bishop Perry and our eighth graders, their parents and special guests.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OPENINGS

If you are interested in supporting the athletic programs at St. John Fisher by giving of your time and talents, the Athletic Association has a great opportunity for you. The Athletic Association is looking for new members to help manage and organize our athletic programs as we begin preparation for the 2010-2011 school year. If you are interested, please contact *Tom Scannell (708) 424-3268* or tomscannell@scannelllaw.com for details.

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. If you are interested in helping with practice interviews or networking tips, please contact us. We meet on Sunday after the 10:00am Mass in the rectory. If you can't join us then, or want to volunteer or learn more about this ministry, contact *Mary Pat Anders (773) 239-3624, Jim White (773) 322-2518* or *Deacon Tom*.

VIRTUS TRAINING

All school and parish volunteers who work with children are required to attend the Archdiocese-mandated “*Protecting God's Children*” program. **St. John Fisher is hosting a session in Kane Hall on February 25th at 7:00p.m. All participants must pre-register.** To register, go to www.virtus.org and click on “registration.” Additional information about virtue requirements is available on the school website. If you have any questions, please contact *Katie Welin (773) 233-6652*.

COMMUNITY NEWS

... *19th Ward Youth Foundation* hosts a Family Ice Skating Party, Sunday, February 21st at Mt. Greenwood Park, 3725 West 111th Street. Admission is \$1.00 and includes skate rental and refreshments. RSVP to matthewoshea@wowway.com

... *Brother Rice Alumni Dads* host Texas Hold'em Poker Night, Friday, February 26th. Doors open at 6:30p.m.-Poker starts at 7:30p.m. Call Bob (708) 425-0261 or Ed (708) 636-8386 for ticket information.

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**
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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.