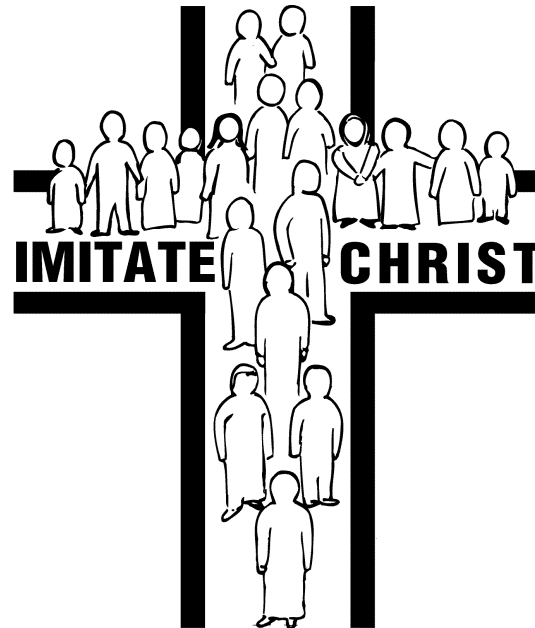
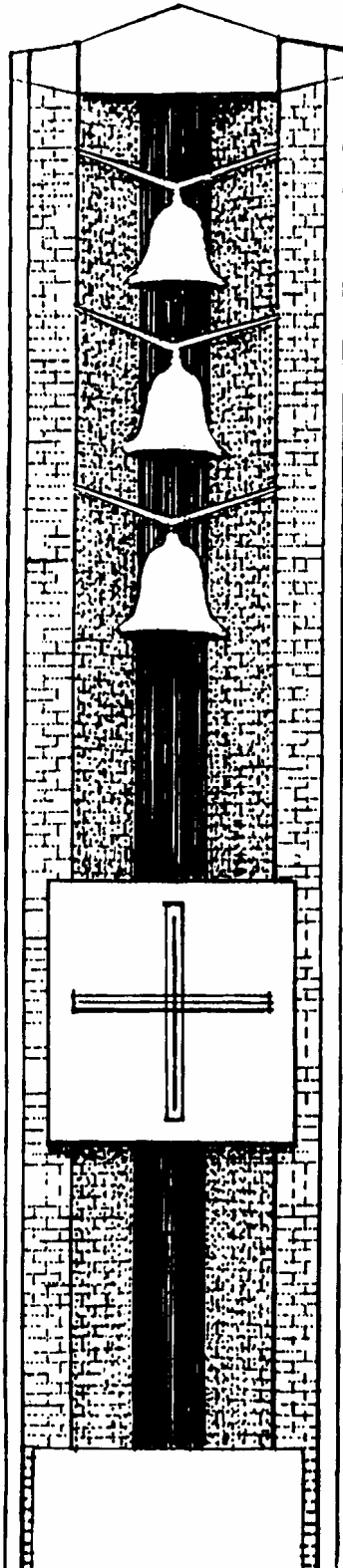


Saint John Fisher Parish

February 28, 2010
Second Sunday of Lent



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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.

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.

SOMETHING NEW FOR THE LENTEN MISSION – BABYSITTING!

Attending the Parish Mission three nights in a row—February 28, March 1 & 2—can be challenging for those with small children. But this year, thanks to our Youth Ministry Program, babysitting will be provided in Kane Hall each night of the Mission, beginning at 7:00p.m. until the conclusion of each evening's session. There will be no charge for this service, but a freewill offering will be most welcome to help fund the teens' Summer Mission Trip

GAVIN COYLE RETURNS – TUESDAY, MARCH 9

Yes, Gavin's long-awaited return is coming soon: **Tuesday, March 9 at 7:30p.m.** in church. The immensely talented singer, musician and songwriter delighted us two years ago during our Lenten Mission centering on Celtic spirituality and returned in December, 2008 for an Advent-Christmas concert. Since then, he has returned a few times to St. John Fisher to sing at a wedding and a funeral, but not for a full-scale concert of authentic Irish songs, plus "songs of stage & screen" from his latest CD.

As in the past, Gavin will be accompanied by our own talented parish musicians, including Music Directors Alan Bukowiecki and Mike Carso. If Gavin's previous concerts are any indication, expect nearly two hours of amazing music. And remember: there is no set charge for extraordinary experience; we will simply ask for a freewill offering to cover Gavin's fee. Anything left over will go toward the recent improvements in our church sound system. We've also reminded Gavin to bring enough copies of all his CD's which our choir members will help to sell on Gavin's behalf during intermission and after the concert. If you want to hear tracks from any of those recordings, just enter **Gavin Coyle** in your search engine.

Although he has many appearances scheduled in the next month or two, the nearest venue to us is in Wheaton. So be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about this terrific opportunity to hear the delightful and inspiring music of Gavin Coyle on Tuesday, March 9th, right here at St. John Fisher!

LENTEN ALMSGIVING

This year, we've decided to divide Lenten Almsgiving between two very worthy recipients: **The Little Sisters of the Poor** and **Catholic Relief Services Haiti Outreach**.

Today, we'll provide you with plastic storage bags, decorated by our school children, in which you can store and return your offerings, either weekly (in the baskets you'll find at all the doors) or at the conclusion of Lent on Holy Thursday. One concrete way to remind yourself to share your abundance during these Lenten days would be to place an **empty bowl** from your own cupboard in the center of your kitchen or dining room table; you could simply leave it empty throughout Lent as a reminder of those who have so little, or you could place your offerings in it on a regular basis, then bring those offerings back to church each weekend or anytime before Holy Thursday.

A representative of the Little Sisters of the Poor will be here on March 6 and 7 to speak briefly at all the masses about the work they do right here in Chicago. The continuing need for assistance to the earthquake victims of Haiti shouldn't require any explanation in church; the images from TV and other news sources should be a sufficiently vivid reminder of that need.

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. Our next event is planned for **Thursday, March 11th at 6:30p.m.** at the St. John Fisher Rectory meeting room. Two of our human resources / hiring experts, **Lorraine Guse** and **Catherine Klinger**, will conduct mock interviews. They will share their skills in knowing what can work in a candidate's favor as well as what behavior and language to avoid. 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**.

GENEROSITY WEEKEND - MARCH 6th & 7th

Many families in the South Shore neighborhood of St. Bride's Parish were grateful by the very generous donations to their Food Pantry in February. Next weekend, March 6th and 7th will be our next Generosity Weekend and once again, we ask that you bring a non-perishable food item to one of the weekend masses that can and will be distributed to another local food pantry. Suggested items include:

Pasta Products	Fruit Juices	Coffee / Tea	Jiffy Mixes (Corn Bread)
Pasta Sauces	Canned Fruits	Hot Chocolate Mix	Cans of Chili, Hash or Beef Stew
Peanut Butter / Jelly	Baby Foods	Crackers	Cans of Baked Beans
Canned Soups	Cereal	Instant Potatoes	Pancake Mix / Syrup
Canned Vegetables	Tuna Fish	Jello / Pudding Mix	Flour
Macaroni & Cheese	Rice	Cooking Oil	Sugar

WOMEN'S CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS...

***Sunday, March 14th**--St. Joseph's table, immediately following 12pm mass, in Kane Hall.

***Tuesday, March 16th**--We will be hosting an Irish soda bread reception, in Kane Hall, following the 7:30pm mass. Irish dancers will be there to entertain. If you are able to bake, please drop off your soda bread, in Kane Hall, before mass. Thank you!

***Due to the Lenten mission, on March 2nd, we will **NOT** be hosting a March social.

***The April 6th meeting (Spring gardening) will be moved to the following Tuesday, April 13th, due to Spring break. More information to come.

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.

2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS MAILED

In the past few weeks, contribution statements were mailed to registered parishioners who use Sunday envelopes and who contributed \$250.00 or more during the 2009 calendar year. We've limited statements to those who have given that amount or more in an effort to save money on postage. However, if you contributed less than that amount and would still like a statement for taxes, just call the rectory and we'll be happy to send you one.

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 hhghofsif@gmail.com. Tell us what we can do to help you, a family member, neighbor or friend.



Youth Ministry - be part of something BIGGER!

TEEN CRHP #5 RETREAT

*Please keep our team and invitees
in your prayers.*

**Our retreat is March 6th - 7th, if
you are interested in helping out
with a meal or would be
interested in dropping off snacks
or baked goods please contact
Kim Madonia 708.275.8922
youtharethefuture@hotmail.com**



MISSION TRIP 2010 INFORMATIONAL MEETING

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

**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:

March 3rd NO DROP IN * March 10th 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, March 6

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

Sunday, March 7

8:00 AM Reader: **J. White**
10:00 AM 1st Reader: **C. O'Malley**
2nd Reader: **R. Carroll**
12:00 PM Reader: **D. Moore**



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, March 6

4:00PM 1.) A. Kozek; 2.) R. Mahoney; 3.) C. Bicek; E.M.1) J. Rooney; E.M.2) K. Kozek; E.M.3) J. McVady; E.M.4) M. Kozek; E.M.5) C. Cihocki

Eucharistic Sacristan: M. Redmond

Sunday, March 7

8:00 AM E.M.1) J. Standring; E.M.2) J. Standring (T); E.M.3) M. Bertling
10:00 AM 1.) A. Schumann; 2.) M. Schumann; 3.) N. Zelek; E.M.1) Deacon Siska; E.M.2) J. Boyle (T); E.M.3) K. Sullivan; E.M.4) E. Boyle; E.M.5) H. Zelek

Eucharistic Sacristan: J. and S. Murphy

12:00PM E.M.1) Deacon; E.M.2) K. Murnane (T); E.M.3) P. Ashe; E.M.4) L. Shallow; E.M.5) M. Fried

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE

Monday, March 1

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Deceased Members of Herlihey and Dion Families — *Family*
Helen and Edward Prokop—*Family / Friends*

Tuesday, March 2

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM All Souls Remembrance
Jane O'Hara — *Family*

Wednesday, March 3

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Sis Costello — *John Lusk Family*

Thursday, March 4

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Maloney Family — *Kitty Lynch*

Friday, March 5

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Rita Hernandez — *Quintero Family*
7:30PM Way of the Cross

Saturday, March 6

8:15AM Rev. John Deane — *Norine Quinlan*
4:00PM Parishioners

Sunday, March 7

8:00AM Raymond Klees — *Jerry Brockhaus*
Mary Jane Maher — *SJF Women's Club*
10:00 AM James P. McGrath — *Eileen, Beth, Lisa and Betty*
Margaret LaGiglia — *Dempsey Family*
12:00PM Margaret Mary Ahern — *Bill and Joan Rogers*
Robert J. Allard — *SJF Holy Name Society*

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 OF THE WEEK:

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10,16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 PARISH LENTEN MISSION—7:30p.m. Msgr. Ken Velo (Hospitality:	2 PARISH LENTEN MISSION—7:30p.m. Msgr. Ken Velo (Hospitality: Scouts)	3 Boy Scouts—7p.m.	4 Spring Sports Parent meeting	5 Way of the Cross	6 GENEROSITY WEEKEND Athletic Board Fundraiser
7 Third Sunday of Lent GENEROSITY WEEKEND	8	9 AN EVENING WITH GAVIN COYLE	10 Boy Scouts 7p.m.—Kane Hall Athletic Comm. Board	11 FSA meeting	12 Way of the Cross	13 Market Day
14 Fourth Sunday of Lent St. Joseph's Table 1:00p.m.—Kane Hall	15	16 ST. PATRICK'S EVE PROCESSION & MASS—7:30p.m. Soda Bread Reception	17 Boy Scouts—7p.m.	18	19 Way of the Cross	20 Parish Life Comm. 9:15a.m.—School Conference room Holy Name Food Drive
21 Fifth Sunday of Lent Grandparents' Mass 10:00a.m.	22 School Book Fair continues thru Thursday Children's Book Club	23 School Board—7:30p.m.	24 LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION 7:30p.m.—Church Boy Scouts	25 Holy Name	26 Lenten Supper 6:00p.m.—Kane Hall (Athletic Bd.& Holy Name) Way of the Cross	27 Holy Name Food Drive Kane Hall &
28 PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY HOLY WEEK begins.....	29	30	31 Boy Scouts—7p.m. Rector's meeting room	HOLY THURSDAY Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30p.m.	GOOD FRIDAY Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death—3:00p.m. Tenebrae—7:30p.m.	EASTER VIGIL The First Mass of Easter 7:30p.m.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER — March 5, 2010 “Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God”

The people of St. John Fisher are invited to join the community at St. Cajetan at 1:00p.m. on Friday, March 5th for the 123rd Annual World Day of Prayer. World Day of Prayer (WDP) is an international event that unites Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women and men in over 170 countries in prayer. Throughout the day, from the first sunrise to the last sunset, our prayers follow the sun’s path around the globe. Spoken in hundred of languages and dialects, WDP strives to bring “informed prayer and prayerful action” to our communities. The theme of this year’ prayer is “Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God” and was written by the Christian Women of Cameroon. A coffee and tea reception will follow the prayer service. For additional information, please contact **Betty Kort (708) 425-1805**

HELPING THE HOMELESS—CAN WE COUNT ON YOU DURING LENT?

Volunteers are needed for the REST Shelter! Do you have time to prepare some or all of the meal on February 26th, March 12th or March 26th? These are the Friday nights during Lent that we are scheduled to provide and serve dinner. Needed us main dish (tuna casserole or mostaccoli, salad, bread and butter and desserts, brownies or cookies) for about 45 women. And a couple extra pairs of hands to help serve the meal would be great also. We leave around 7:00p.m. and return by 11:00p.m. What are you doing on Friday night during Lent? The people who volunteer are always glad they took time out of their busy schedules to help. The shelter can always use pantry items, such as coffee, koolaid, sugar, paper products (dinner plates, napkins and cups). Your generosity is appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the rectory. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board at the southeast entrance—the choir/organ side of the church. Any questions, please call **Betty Kort (708) 425-1805**.

UPCOMING DATES DURING LENT

MARCH 12th, MARCH 26th

COMMUNITY NEWS

... **Mother McAuley Fashion Show and Luncheon** to be held on March 27, 2010 at Drury Lane Oakbrook, features lunch, fashions from local specialty stores and wonderful gift baskets and raffle prizes. Reservations may be made by calling (773) 909-4124. Visit the website www.mothermcauley.org for details.

... **Mt. Assisi Academy** invites junior high girls and their families to Open House Weekend on Saturday, March 6th and Sunday, March 7th from 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m. Faculty and students will be available for tours and conversation. For more information, call Camille Auskalis (630) 257-7844, ext. 39.

... **Irish Soda Bread Contest** to be held Wednesday, March 17th at 115 Bourbon Street. Loaves of Bread to be registered between 3:00-7:00p.m. Judging begins at 7:30p.m. Doors open at 6:00p.m. Grand Prize is 2 round trip airline tickets to Ireland. Call Theresa (708) 388-8881 with any questions or for more information.

PARISH PRIESTS

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

Associate

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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.