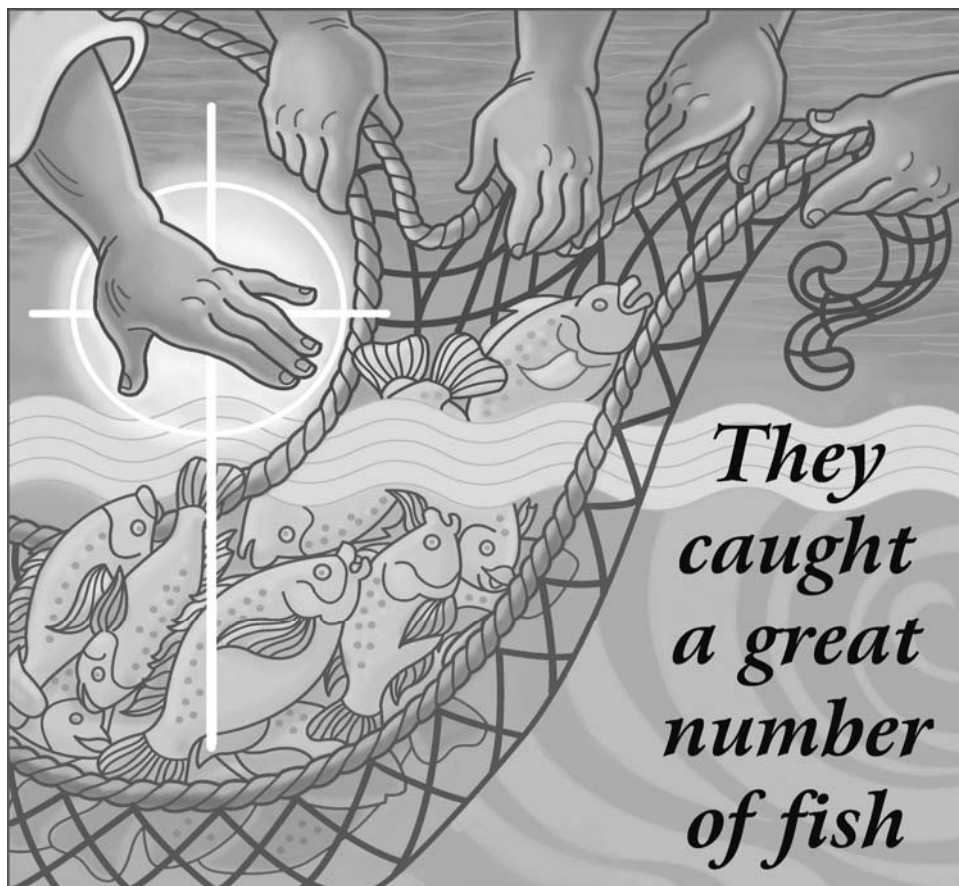
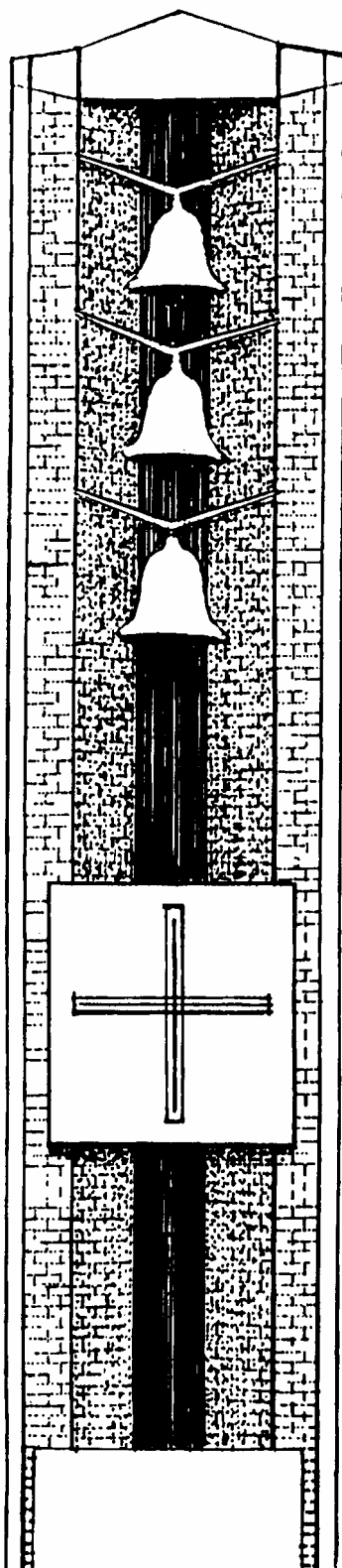


Saint John Fisher Parish

February 7, 2010

Fifth 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 8:15 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

Mary Kate Guinane
Charlotte Rose Senese

Nolan Liam Kress
Grace Gloria Vrablic-Barnhouse

REST IN PEACE

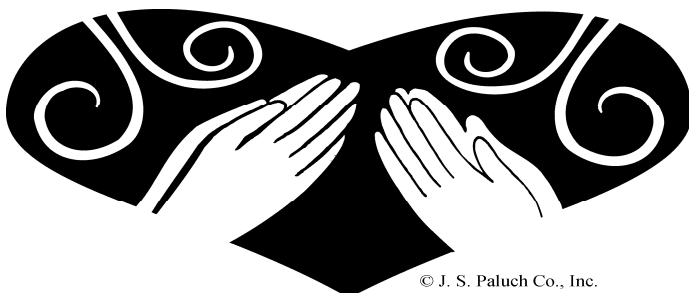
Please remember especially in your prayers this week: Parishioner Martha Duch; Arthur E. Gatz, father of parishioner Al Gatz.

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.

HELP FOR HAITI

Many people have inquired about a collection for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. At a recent staff meeting, we decided to make Haiti one of our **Lenten Almsgiving** recipients—via Catholic Relief Services—along with the Little Sisters of the Poor to whom we had already committed. Millions of dollars are flowing into Haiti now, but the need will certainly continue for many, many months. So our offerings during Lent will not only help the people of Haiti in their rebuilding efforts, but will also remind us that they will need help long after many in our world have forgotten about this latest crisis.



*I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth.*

- Psalm 138:1

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Now that we're well into a new year, more than half-way through our fiscal year, and ready to prepare a new budget for Fiscal 2011, we need to look at the remainder of 2009 and compare with 2008. As I began to review the entire first half of Fiscal 2010, I realized that I had somehow forgotten to report on September and October; I must have gotten all wound up writing about liturgy and neglected these reports. My apologies....

September 2008 – BUDGET: \$49,200.00...ACTUAL: \$43,667.00...DOWN: \$5,533.00
September 2009 – BUDGET: \$49,200.00...ACTUAL: \$40,648.00...**DOWN: \$8,552.00**

October 2008 – BUDGET: \$49,200.00...ACTUAL: \$40,642.00...DOWN: \$8,558.00
October 2009 – BUDGET: \$49,200.00...ACTUAL: \$45,165.00...**DOWN: \$4,035.00**

November 2008 - BUDGET: \$61,500.00...ACTUAL: \$55,355.00...DOWN: \$6,154.00
November 2009 - BUDGET: \$61,500.00...ACTUAL: \$52,660.00...**DOWN: \$8,840.00**

December 2008 - BUDGET: \$49,200.00...ACTUAL: \$47,413.00...DOWN: \$1,787.00
December 2009 – BUDGET: \$49,200.00...ACTUAL: \$45,072.00...**DOWN: \$4,128.00**

In addition, you gave a total of **\$4,274.00** in those four months to our Sharing Parish, St. Ann; **\$3,023.73** in the Mission Co-op Appeal (back in August, but not posted until September); **\$2,596.43** to the September Seminary Appeal; **\$1,301.20** on World Mission Sunday (back in October, but not posted until November); **\$1,660.65** to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development in November; and **\$3,313.75** to the Retirement Fund for Religious in December. That's a total of over **\$16,169.00** for those special appeals!

No one has to be reminded that these are difficult financial times for everyone, including St. John Fisher and all the parishes of the Archdiocese. There's no question that it's more important to pay the mortgage and put food on the table than it is to give to one's parish or to other special appeals. Nevertheless, two important facts remain. First, you are indeed **very** generous in responding to special appeals like those listed above as well as to the everyday needs of St. John Fisher; thank you for that! But the second fact is that our parish has some very real and basic needs that must always be addressed and can't be ignored, regardless of offering income: salaries, health insurance and benefits for our employees; utility bills and maintenance expenses, including unexpected repairs; property liability insurance payments to the Archdiocese....and much more.

We really do operate on a fairly bare bones budget; there is little or no room to cut expenses. We have to maintain sufficient income to cover basic costs while retaining what is now a relatively small amount in savings for emergencies and those unexpected repairs, particularly to our ancient heating plant. That, of course, is where you come in, and where your contributions go. I know that many, many families and individual parishioners make great sacrifices to give as generously as the above numbers prove; but sadly, many others do not, and so we have to find some way to communicate the financial realities of parish life more effectively, which is what I try to do in these reports.

So this is where we are: for the first half of the current fiscal year, we are **down \$45,842.00** from our budget goal. If we can improve on that record in these first six months of 2010, we should be able to cover **almost** all the church expenses, even with a deficit. But that annual budget goal always includes a small subsidy to the School (\$77,600.00 targeted for this year) to help keep tuition as low as possible—which, of course, can hardly be called “low” for most families. It seems almost certain that we will not **recover** the amount of the current deficit before July of this year; that means that we will not be able to give a penny to help defray school expenses since the priority of the church budget is the payment of those costs mentioned above. Any shortfall in school or church income will have to be covered by the withdrawal of savings, something that can't go on indefinitely.

What all this means for Fiscal 2011, beginning July 1st and covering the 2010-11 school year, is that another increase in school tuition will be necessary. Large tuition increases might NOT be necessary in the future if our Sunday contributions reached or exceeded our weekly budget goals; then we would be able to provide the school with the subsidy needed to keep annual tuition increases to a minimum. We are truly blessed that our **Tuition Assistance Fund** (which receives a huge boost with this weekend's Super Bowl Party) is able to provide limited help to families who are experiencing short-term financial challenges. But that fund does not and cannot cover the **ordinary** operating expenses that must be paid for by tuition, fees and, ideally, a subsidy from the church.

Catholic life and worship are vitally important; Catholic education is an enormous gift to this or any community.

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Somehow, we need to maintain the financial resources to ensure that Catholic life, worship and education continue and thrive here at St. John Fisher. School families especially need to remember that, unlike tuition, church contributions are tax-deductible. Both tax law and Archdiocesan policy prevent any Catholic church from **requiring** a specific church offering from school families as part of their tuition obligation. But there is nothing to prevent school families from freely giving generous, tax-deductible donations at weekend mass to help ensure that tuition costs for all families remain relatively affordable. Many school families already do that; unfortunately, many do not.

The bottom line is that we're all in this together. The Finance Council and School Board intend to do our best to keep Catholic education relatively affordable for all who seek it and those families with children in our wonderful school need to do all they realistically can to make sure that happens by giving each week at mass. Those whose kids are grown and gone, who no longer have to pay tuition bills each month, need to consider what they can do to help the young families who simply want the same gift of a Catholic education for the next generation.

So please consider what you can and will do in the coming year to keep our parish strong and vital. Thanks to those who already do so much and give so generously each and every week.

Fr. Bob

PARISH LENTEN MISSION – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We're pleased and privileged to announce that the leader of this year's Lenten Mission will be **Msgr. Kenneth Velo**, long-time secretary and friend to Cardinal Bernardin. Normally, Msgr. Velo gives only two missions during Lent, but this year he is doing only one—here at St. John Fisher. He is renowned for his wit, humor and deep, down-to-earth spirituality and for his ability to communicate those gifts, and he tailors his talks to the community in which he's speaking. He came to our pastoral staff meeting at the beginning of January to get a sense of the parish and a feel for the dynamics of life here at St. John Fisher. However, having grown up on the other side of Western Ave., he already has a deep affection for our corner of the Archdiocese.

After several years of trying to do something different by having multiple Mission speakers presenting on three consecutive Tuesdays in Lent, we're returning to the more traditional format of three consecutive days: **Sunday, February 28; Monday, March 1; and Tuesday, March 2—at 7:30p.m. each night.** Msgr. Velo will also preach at all the weekend masses on February 27 & 28 in the hope that you'll want to come back for more—which I'm sure you will. One of the things we will not include in this year's Mission is our Communal Reconciliation Service; that will take place later in March, and we'll announce that date soon. So, mark your calendars now for what we know will be an uplifting, enriching and entertaining Lenten Mission. And while you have those calendars out, mark them for two other special dates in March, both Tuesdays. On **Tuesday, March 9**, **Gavin Coyle** will return to delight us with his amazing voice in a concert of Celtic favorites and probably a few show tunes from his latest CD. As always, he'll be joined by our own talented parish musicians to create a magical musical evening. Then, on **Tuesday, March 16**, we will celebrate our parish **St. Patrick's Mass** with, weather permitting, a pre-mass family procession around the block and, of course, the participation of our talented children. Both the Gavin Coyle concert and the Mass will begin at **7:30p.m.** in church.

It will be a busy but enriching month, so make plans now to be here for it all.

Fr. Bob

WELCOME! WELCOME!!

We extend a warm welcome to the following newly registered members of St. John Fisher Parish:

*Cristobal and Magdalena Robledo
Joanne Stark*

*Patrick and Helen Tovey
Daniel and Colleen Naliwajko*

Youth Ministry - be part of something BIGGER!

HEADS UP!

Keep an eye on the Youth Ministry page in the bulletin for more information on these events! Details to follow in the weeks to come! Don't miss out!

Mission Trip 2010

We will be holding a mandatory informational meeting VERY SOON! You must attend this meeting if you are interested in joining us this summer to help out in Harlan, Kentucky! You will hear about what we do there and get all the information you need to sign up! Meeting date and time will be announced next week!

Shoe Drive

We are planning on doing a shoe drive to help out the people of Haiti. We will be working with *Share You Soles* to make it convenient for everyone to drop off any shoes that you would like to donate to this cause! There will be specific drop off locations and more information to come! Start cleaning out those closets



TEEN

CRHP #5

If you are in high school and are interested in attending this retreat please contact Kim Madonia at youtharethefuture@hotmail.com or 708-275-8922 for more information!

DROP - IN SCHEDULE:

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FROM 6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. ON: Feb. 10th at SJF (Rectory Basement) * Feb. 17th 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, February 13

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

Sunday, February 14

8:00 AM Reader: **B. Hayes**
 10:00 AM 1st Reader: **C. O'Malley**
 2nd Reader: **P. Wasik**
 12:00 PM Reader: **D. Moore**



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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, February 13

4:00PM 1.) P. Hayes; 2.) M. Ochs; 3.) N. Rooney; E.M.1) D. McHugh; E.M.2) P. Tierney (T); E.M.3) J. Miller; E.M.4) M. Kozek; E.M.5) J. McVady

Eucharistic Sacristan:

Sunday, February 14

8:00 AM E.M.1) . Duffy (T); E.M.2) D. Sosnowski; E.M.3) Deacon Reilly
 10:00 AM 1.) A. Schumann; 2.) L. Fitzgerald; 3.) M. Schumann; E.M.1) Deacon Carroll; E.M. 2) S. Murnane (T); E.M.3) T. Broderick; E.M.4) C. Broderick; E.M.5) M. Leeder

Eucharistic Sacristan: J. Boyle

12:00PM E.M.1) D. Gardner (T); E.M.2) R. Bertucci; E.M.3) Deacon Siska; E.M.4) W. Kresse; E.M.5) K. McElligott

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE

Monday, February 8

6:30AM Communion Service
 8:15AM Merle R. Hall — *Lorraine Chynoweth*

Tuesday, February 9

6:30AM Communion Service
 8:15AM John and Jacqueline Thiese — *Owen and Gail Hilding*

Wednesday, February 10

6:30AM Communion Service
 8:15AM Jerry Sexton — *Wife*

Thursday, February 11

6:30AM Communion Service
 8:15AM William Flynn — *Redmond Family*
 Marion Bronson — *Mary Resce*

Friday, February 12

6:30AM Communion Service
 8:15AM Helen Waters — *Family*
 Joseph Duch — *Wife*

Saturday, February 13

8:15AM Raymond Metz — *Peggy Metz*
 Pete Gallagher — *Mike and Margie Gallagher*
 4:00PM Parishioners

Sunday, February 14

8:00AM May Sindowski — *Family*
 Stella Sodus — *Kathy and Mitch*
 10:00 AM Alvin J. Bielak — *Dee and Don Foertsch*
 Col. Phil O'Keefe — *White and Radler Families*
 12:00PM Thomas McBride — *Judy Lusk*
 Jack Dempsey — *Scott Family*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
 Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

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

Other Upcoming Events

March 20 - Food Drive - Bag Drop Off

March 25 - NCAA BB Night

March 27 - Food Drive - Pick-up

CONGRATULATIONS EAGLE SCOUTS

St. John Fisher has two more Eagle Scouts. *Daniel Schergen* and *Brendan McInerney* received their awards here at St. John Fisher on December 27th. Congratulations!

ALUMNI NEWS

Congratulations to St. John Fisher parishioner, *Megan Walsh*, for attaining Honor Roll status at **Marian Catholic High School** during the first semester of the current academic year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

... *LCM Sisters host Morning of Spiritual Reflection* on Saturday, February 27th from 9:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. at Little Company of Hospital Café 95, 2800 West 95th Street. Father John Merkelis, O.S.A. will present "A Lenten Journey" Doors open at 8:30a.m. for a continental breakfast. Presentation begins promptly at 9:00a.m. To register for this free event, call Suzanne Petrouski (708) 229-5096.

... *Barbara Vick Early Childhood and Family Center* hosts Annual School Fundraiser, Friday, February 26th, 8:00p.m. to Midnight at 115 Bourbon Street, highlighting the Larkin and Moran Brothers, raffles and silent auction, split the pot and grand raffle, drinks and dinner buffet. Tickets \$30.00 per person in advance / \$35.00 at the door. For more information or tickets, contact Barbara Vick PTT@hotmail.com or call Katie (773) 289-6753.

... *Evergreen Park Office of Citizens Services* offers full time Volunteer Income Tax program in 2010. Call (708) 422-8776 for an appointment to have the assistance of a counselor in filing you Income Tax form. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30a.m. to 4:00p.m. The office is located at 3450 West 97th Street in Evergreen Park.

... *Queen of Peace High School* presents "Seussical" on February 25-27 at 7:00p.m. and February 28th at 3:00p.m. For more information or tickets call (708) 458-7600, ext. 277..

... *Facing Foreclosure or Threat Thereof?* Act pre-emptively—call Neighborhood Housing Sves (NHS of Chicago to learn of free seminars / workshops (773) 329-4185. 24 hour intake hot line.

**ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER
SUPER BOWL PARTY IN KANE HALL
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 2010**

All proceeds from the event will go toward SJF tuition assistance for members of the St. John Fisher Community who are experiencing financial need. Last year, we were able to distribute \$40,000.00 because of generous donors!

Doors open to Kane Hall at 4:00p.m. Soda and buffet-style food will be provided (BYOB).

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

On the weekend of March 6-7, the Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our parish. The sisters operate over 190 homes in 32 countries throughout the world. Your support will enable them to continue their mission of caring for the elderly poor in a spirit of joy and dignity. Any assistance you are able to give will be deeply appreciated.

THANK YOU FROM ST. FELICITAS FOOD PANTRY

Dear Deacon Reilly and Parishioners of St. John Fisher,

Thank You Vern Much for your very generous food donation to help our Food Pantry serve the hungry. Also, Great Thanks for delivering your gift!

Your generosity was a big help because most of the food distributed at our pantry is purchased from the Greater Chicago Food Depository. As are other food pantries, we are experiencing increasing numbers of people seeking help. So, you really are helping us to have a greater ability to respond to these needs. THANK YOU!

May your Parish Family be blessed with good health, with joyful and thankful hearts, and with the Peace of Christ.

Gratefully yours in Christ,
Father Gregory Rom

2010 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal is the largest philanthropic source of financial support for ALL of the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. In addition, it funds services that are of great help to the many ministries in the parishes of the Archdiocese.

This year, the theme of the Appeal, is "...they left everything and followed Him." This familiar phrase from the story of the Apostles walking away from their livelihoods and their worldly possessions to follow Jesus is a familiar one. But, how often do we reflect on their example as it applies to our lives. At the core of discipleship is the practice of stewardship. Stewardship is the recognition that all that we have is a gift from God and we are obligated to return a significant portion of our gifts to assist in his work. Our gifts are to be given in gratitude for what God has given us. A gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal helps to provide education, services, and ministry to thousands within and outside of our Archdiocese.

Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal.

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.

Dear Saint John Fisher Community,

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. We need your help to spread the word to those in the community who may benefit from our services, but may not realize that we are here to help. We ask you to think about individuals in your life that are going through a rough time and could benefit from some special attention or just need assistance - neighbors, friends, family or even yourself! Just a few of the



specific talents we have to offer are: shoveling snow, cooking a warm meal or sweet treat, mothers helpers, driving to appointments, running errands, providing haircuts for those that have difficulty getting out, grocery shopping assistance, landscaping, odd jobs, and basic medical assistance. Again, these services are gladly provided to any members of the Saint John Fisher community who need support. Confidential nomination sheets can be found at the back of church and in the rectory or simply send an e-mail to hghofsjf@gmail.com. If you have questions about nominations or volunteering, please feel free to contact Anne Doligale or the Rectory. Thank you to all our volunteers!

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, February 11th, 6:30p.m. at the St. John Fisher School Computer Lab**. You should enter through the double glass doors on the Fairfield Avenue side. We'll hear from Matt Prazenka, a leader and expert in social media training from Abacus Business Leaders. He will focus on LinkedIn, a professional networking tool. 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) 239-3624* or *Deacon Tom*.

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.

MARKET DAY: THIS IS COOKIE DOUGH BONUS BUY MONTH!

Please support the Cookie Dough Bonus Buy this month. There are nine varieties of cookies to choose from. All are pre-portioned and ready to bake. All profits from the cookie dough sale will help defray the expenses for the 3rd graders Chicago field trip.

Cookie orders can be made on the regular Market Day form. Please have all forms turned in to the church by February 7th, the school or rectory office by February 10th. On-line orders are accepted until 11:00p.m. on February 10th. Credit cards are accepted for on-line orders. Pick-up is Saturday, February 13th. Questions, please contact *Norine Vestal (773) 895-0063*.

SCHOOL NEWS

YES — It's that time of year again — registration time! Pre-school and kindergarten registration information and forms for the 2010-2011 school year are being sent home to all families with currently enrolled students.

Open registration for all families **new** to St. John Fisher School will be accepted after **February 1st** by calling the school office and making arrangements to complete the proper paperwork. Packets will also be available in the pre-school and kindergarten classrooms at the **Open House on Sunday, January 24, 2010 after the 10:00a.m. family mass**. For all current **and** new families, registration applications must be accompanied by the child's birth and baptismal certificates (if not already on file); a completed registration form and a completed enrollment sheet.

A \$150.00 deposit, per child, will be due when you register. This amount will show as a credit on your September tuition bill.

There is also a one-time New Family Fee of \$25.00 for families **new** to St. John Fisher School.

If your child does not attend St. John Fisher School in the fall, your deposit will be returned to you, minus a \$50.00 non-refundable processing fee.

All new students (includes preschoolers through 8th graders) to St. John Fisher must have a current medical examination form which includes all immunizations dates and a dental exam form. **An eye examination form is also required for all kindergarten students**. All forms are available in the school office and are to be returned **before** your child begins class in the fall.

Both the pre-school and kindergarten classes fill up very quickly. Preschoolers must be three (3) or four (4) and kindergarten students must be five (5) **BEFORE September 1, 2010**.

SEWARDSHIP = TIME - TALENT - TREASURE

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.