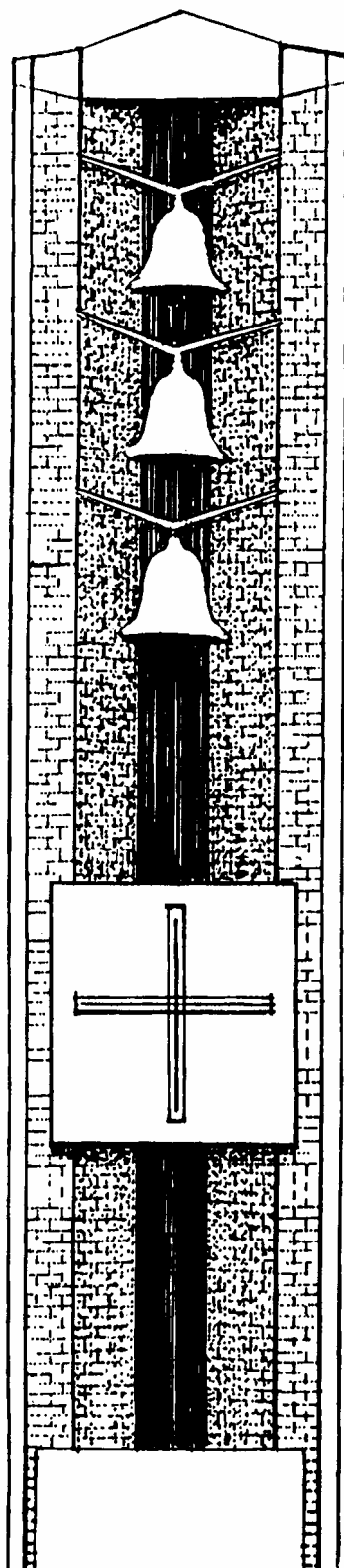


Saint John Fisher Parish

January 24, 2010

Third 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:

*Nathaniel Joseph Killeen
Edward Thomas O'Connor*

REST IN PEACE

Please remember especially in your prayers this week: Parishioner Philip Gavin, husband of Diane; Lillian Yanke, mother of parishioner Patricia Balcitis; Parishioner Alice Jeros.

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.

2010 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL BEGINS

"... they left everything and followed Him." (Luke 5:11)

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 ministries here in our parish.

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 world 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 our Archdiocese.

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

Catholic Schools Week



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The kindergarten Christmas play, the beautiful First Communion celebrations, the amazing art shows, the eighth grade ski trip, the long list of honor roll students, the vast improvement of our youngest band musicians from their debut at Christmas to the Spring Concert, the amazing ease with which all of students can use the limitless resources of educational technology, and countless other activities, accomplishments and events mark each calendar year at St. John Fisher School. Today, as we begin the national celebration of Catholic Schools Week, our school community has much to celebrate.

Thank you to each member of our parish and school community who have made a strong philosophical and financial commitment to the school. Because of your generosity and strong support, our school remains the fourth largest in the archdiocese and the second largest in the city. Our Terra Nova Standardized Test Scores are well above national norms at each grade level tested. Our graduates continue to be accepted in the high schools of their choice, and our high school graduates are not only well prepared for the challenges they face at the secondary level, but also are now attending some of the most prestigious universities in the country.

Each day, the corridors at school are FILLED with creative art projects and thoughtful writing assignments. Our gym is busy from 7:30 a.m. until well past 9:00 p.m. each day. The enthusiasm of our youngest scholars is contagious. We have a proud heritage and a bright future because so many individuals, families, and parish organizations work selflessly to make the school stronger each year. Catholic Schools Week provides an excellent opportunity to say THANK YOU to all who help create the spirit that marks our school.

Our teachers, past and present, are highly qualified, creative, competent and caring professionals. Their days end much after the students leave and all are life-long learners themselves. Each is dedicated to the profession of teaching and the vocation of Catholic education.

Thank you to the parents of our students, both past and present. Their commitment is demonstrated not only when they write the monthly tuition check but also when they volunteer for the myriad programs and activities that complement our academic program. They model unselfish service and a willingness to partner with the school to provide the values and vision our students will need to be responsible leaders and citizens in the future.

Thank you to our students. They are artists and athletes, scientists and singers, actors and authors who delight us with their inquisitive minds, enthusiastic spirits, and compassionate hearts. Yes, we do have a few "bad days" but even on days that are most dark and worrisome, there is a child who makes you laugh, amazes you with an insightful question, or shoots a winning basket at the buzzer. Be assured that we hold a bright hope for the future in our classrooms and corridors.

Thank you to our parish family. Your regular Sunday contributions to the parish help fund the programs that make our school strong. Additionally, you buy magazines and wrapping paper, come to Fisher Fest, contribute to toy drives and food collections, and model the values we hope to foster in the hearts and minds of each of our students. Though many of you do not have children in school, your continued interest affirms your belief in the importance of Catholic Schools.

Thank you to all who continue to INVEST in our school. We believe that your investment will have maximum dividends as SJF graduates continue to make their mark in the world. Thank you for continuing to make that possible.

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 Pat Anders (773) 239-3624, Jim White (773) 322-2518 or Deacon Tom.*

STEWARDSHIP = TIME - TALENT - TREASURE

WOMEN'S CLUB BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010
7:30P.M. IN THE RECTORY BASEMENT
All board members, past presidents and block captains are welcome.

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**.

If you have any questions regarding registration, please call the school office (773) 445-4737.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER
SUPER BOWL PARTY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 2010

St. John Fisher Parish is hosting a **Super Bowl Party in Kane Hall on Sunday, February 7, 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!

We recommend that you purchase the entrance tickets in advance. Last year, tickets sold out quickly. The cost of an entrance ticket is \$20.00. Tickets may be purchased after 8:00a.m., 10:00a.m. and 12:00p.m. masses in the church foyer on January 24th and 31st.

Raffle tickets are three for \$5.00. Please consider helping us by purchasing a couple of booklets or sharing the booklets with friends/family. Checks may be made payable to the St. John Fisher Scholarship Fund. A 42-inch flat screen plasma television will be presented to the winner of the raffle. (Winner need not be present).

Doors open to Kane Hall at 4:00p.m. Soda and buffet-style food will be provided (BYOB). **Don't forget to mark your calendars!** Gather a table of friends and family for a night of fun!

Youth Ministry - be part of something BIGGER!

OVERNIGHT SKI TRIP!

High School/College/Young Adults invited!

Feb. 5th - 6th 2010

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!

Please pick up a packet at the parish office (or email Kim and request one - youtharethefuture@hotmail.com)fill out ALL forms and place both in an envelope (labeled Kim Madonia/Ski Trip) and return to the rectory NO LATER THAN:

Monday Jan. 25, 2010 by 5:00 PM

***This is your last chance to pick up your packets and sign up!
Please return your forms ASAP because bus routes
need to be coordinated!***

***You can also access the ski trip packets online at:
www.mostholyredeemer.org***

If you have any questions, please call Kim Madonia at 708-275-8922

DROP - IN SCHEDULE:

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

Jan. 27th at SJF (Rectory Basement) * Feb. 3rd 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 30

4:00 PM Reader: Mass of Confirmation

Sunday, January 31

8:00 AM Reader: J. White
10:00 AM 1st Reader: S. Mahoney
2nd Reader: R. Carroll
12:00 PM Reader: J. Joyce

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, January 30

4:00PM TBA

Eucharistic Sacristan: M. Redmond

Sunday, January 31

8:00 AM E.M.1) Deacon Siska; E.M.2) J. Standring (T); E.M.3) J. Standring
10:00 AM 1.) E. Boyle; 2.) P. McGovern; 2.) J. Boyle; E.M.1) P. McGovern (T); E.M.2) S. Spagnoli; E.M.3) Deacon Reilly; E.M.4) P. McGovern; E.M. 5) Deacon Carroll

Eucharistic Sacristan: L. Fitzgerald and A. Schumann

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE

Monday, January 25

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Jo Todd — *Jan Burns*

Tuesday, January 26

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Marion Bronson — *Nancy Lyne*

Wednesday, January 27

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Martin Hayes — *Hayes Family*

Thursday, January 28

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Marge and James Quinlan, Jr. — *Norine Quinlan*
Mary and Dave Liston — *Liston Family*

Friday, January 29

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Robert Monks — *Ray Reilly*

Saturday, January 30

8:15AM All Souls Remembrance
4:00PM Parishioners

Sunday, January 31

8:00AM Kaiser and Adlfinger Families — *Marge Ruggio*
Norman "Jack" Schussel — *Jeanne and Jim Marion*
10:00 AM Ruth McGinnis — *Family*
B. Rowan — *Sweeney Family*
12:00PM Marion Bronson — *Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burns*
Rita Cholke — *Barbara Jilek*

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: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 (13:4-13); Lk 4:21-30

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**

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Michael Carso, **(708) 396-2738**
Alan Bukowiecki
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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.