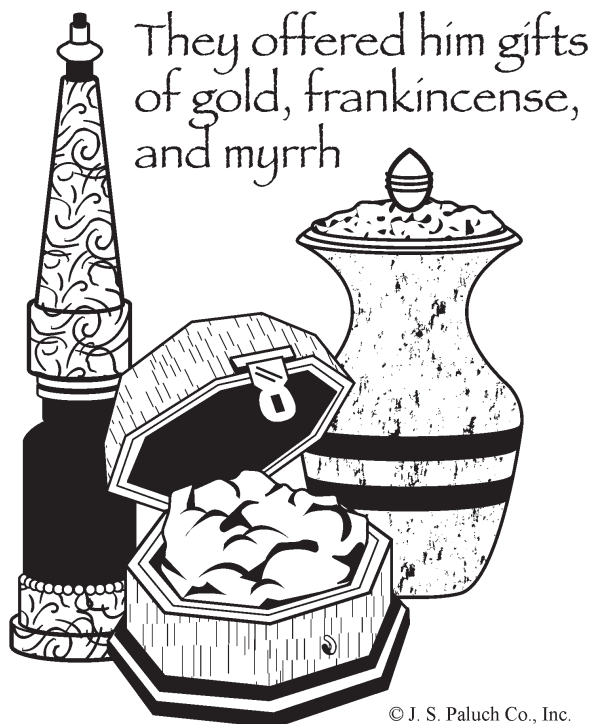
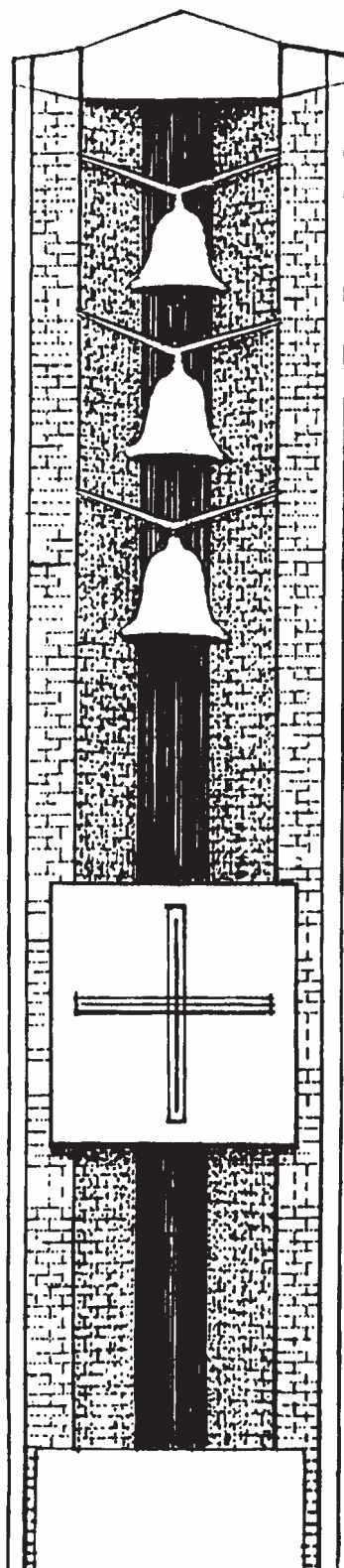


Saint John Fisher Parish

January 3, 2010

The Epiphany of the Lord



They offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense,
and myrrh

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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.

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 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.

PRAY IN ALL WAYS MONTHLY SERIES

Starting Tuesday, January 5th, the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph will offer a monthly Tuesday prayers series at The Well at 10:00a.m. or 7:00p.m (call ahead for the evening session). Sister Mary Southard will facilitate "Praying with Art" at the first session. The Well is located at 1515 West Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park. There will be a free-will offering. For more information, visit the program page of the website www.csithewell.org or call (708) 482.5048.



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***Rise up in Splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come.
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
- Isaiah 60:1***

A LETTER FROM CARDINAL GEORGE

I received this from the Cardinal the day after Christmas, though it was dated December 14th:

Reverend Robert Kyfes
St. John Fisher Parish
10234 South Washtenaw Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60655

Dear Father Kyfes:

In light of the recommendation of the Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, which reflects the endorsement of your Episcopal Vicar and Dean, I am pleased to appoint you to serve a second term as Pastor of St. John Fisher Parish in Chicago, effective November 1, 2009, the date your previous term ended. Your term of office will be for an additional six years, but will continue until you are reappointed or transferred or your successor is named.

The support you have received for this second term is an indication of the fine pastoral leadership you have given to the people of St. John Fisher as you have ministered there.

Fr. Kyfes, it is my hope that this will be a time of personal renewal for you as you continue your priestly service to the people who have been entrusted to your care. Please keep me in your prayers as I will keep you in mine.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

The Cardinal also included a handwritten note at the bottom of the letter wishing me a blessed Christmas and inviting me to sit down with him sometime in the next few months to discuss my experience of the past six years.

I'm grateful for the Cardinal's confidence and support and look forward to working with him and with all of you to enrich and deepen the faith life of this community in the coming years. To echo the Cardinal: please keep me in your prayers as I will keep you in mine.

Fr. Bob

A CHANCE TO WELCOME THOSE WHO HAVE DRIFTED AWAY

Perhaps you have heard of the massive outreach to Catholics who have drifted away from the Church. The Archdiocese of Chicago along with the Diocese of Rockford and the Diocese of Joliet have undertaken an evangelization initiative — **Catholics Come Home** — that invites our sisters and brother back to the practice of the faith. This evangelization initiative began during Advent and will continue through the end of January. Over 2,000 television ads will air on the major networks in English, Spanish and Polish. These ads encourage those who have drifted away to come back home.

There are 20 million Catholics in the USA who no longer practice the faith or do so sporadically. This is in addition to the 70 million Catholics who are more active. In fact, if one takes the number of those who have drifted away, it adds to the second largest religion in the USA, practicing Catholics being the first. Amazing, isn't it, that so many drifted away. We need to invite our brothers and sisters to join us!

The ads airing on television are the first step - inviting - in this evangelization initiative. The other two overlapping steps are welcoming and accompanying. The site www.catholicscomehomeCHICAGO.org will help you with additional information. Invite someone you know to come back home to the Catholic Church. And to anyone reading this bulletin article that is returning to the Church, **welcome!** Check out the website.

CHILDREN'S CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB



Our book this month is titled **Olivia and the Little Way** by Nancy Carabio Belanger. The Book Club will meet on **Monday, January 15th at 6:30p.m.** in the **rectory basement meeting room**. There will be a donation basket passed to cover the cost of the craft and to give a copy of the book to our school's library. For more information or for a copy of the book, contact **Amy Goggin (708) 499-2090** or email [**gogginreg@comcast.net**](mailto:gogginreg@comcast.net)

THE WOMEN'S CENTER UPDATE

The Christmas season is about love and family and that is what The Women's Center strives to be for the many women in difficult pregnancies who come to them. In 2009, approximately 1,000 babies were saved from abortion because their mothers were helped by friendship and love. The help of volunteers is invaluable to the Women's Center. At the present time, volunteers are needed Monday through Saturday to organize and sort clothing donations and to answer telephone calls in the counseling offices. Call (773) 794-1313 for more information or to volunteer. Also donations of new layette items, infant sleepers, crib sheets, bumper pads, baby cribs, toddler beds, infant car seats, bouncers and baby swings are always needed.

Mark your calendars for The Women's Centers' 25th Annual Life Banquet to be held on Sunday, February 14th, 2010 at The White Eagle Restaurant in Niles. A very special event is being planned to commemorate the Silver Anniversary of The Women's Center. Anyone wishing to donate a gift certificate or service or an item for the silent auction can call (773) 794-1313 for more information.

DUST OFF YOUR BOWLING BALL AND GRAB YOUR SHOES!



FSA Annual Candlelight Bowl, Saturday January 16, 2009, 9:00 p.m. at Bleekers Bowl. \$20 per person which includes 2.5 hrs of bowling, shoe rental, and Pizza! Registration forms will be sent home through school this week or you can call **Anne Doligale (773-238-5944)** or **Colleen Nitsche (773-238-3397)**.



EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

Please join us this Sunday, January 3rd after the 10:00a.m. mass for cake and coffee in the school foyer to celebrate The Feast of the Epiphany. 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 this weekend.

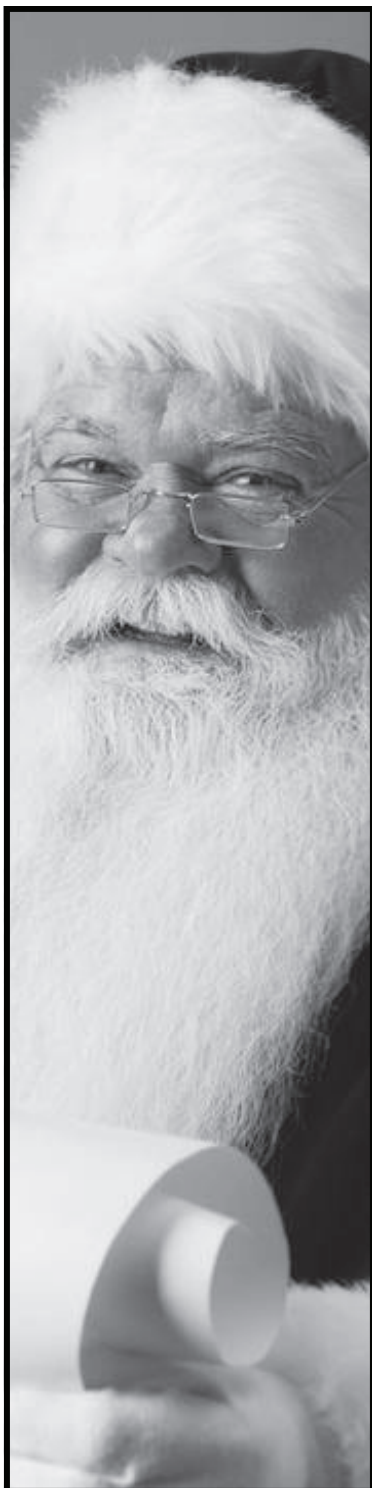
COMMUNITY NEWS

... **St. Rita High School hosts Annual Winterfest Homecoming Party** on Saturday, January 30th, 2010 from 6:30p.m. to 12:00a.m. at the high school, 7740 South Western Avenue. The theme of this adults only party is "St. Rita Goes Hollywood." Ticket price includes, dinner, a five hour open bar and entertainment. Ticket prices are \$40.00 in advance, \$50.00 at the door, \$30.00 for seniors 62 and over. Call (773) 925-5029 to order tickets or visit [**www.stritahs.com**](http://www.stritahs.com) / [**winterfest**](http://www.winterfest.com) to purchase online.

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

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 are 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 4th! 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 are 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 are 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:
Jan. 6th at MHR (Convent 2nd floor) * Jan. 13th 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

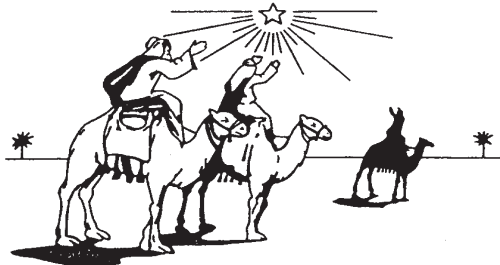
CANTORS/LECTORS

Saturday, January 9

4:00 PM Reader: P. Brandt

Sunday, January 10

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



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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, January 9

4:00PM 1.) A. Kozek; 2.) H. Peirce; 3.) 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 10

8:00 AM E.M.1) Deacon Carroll; E.M.2) J. Wolfe (T); E.M.3) G. Finn
10:00 AM 1.) J. Rooney; 2.) J. Folliard; 3.) M. Rooney; E.M.1) Deacon Reilly; E.M.2) P. McGovern (T); E.M.3) N. Zelek; E.M.4) H. Zelek; E.M.5) N. Riggio

Eucharistic Sacristans: L. Fitzgerald and A. Schumann

12:00PM E.M.1) C. Galvin (T); E.M.2) M. Condon; E.M.3) Deacon Carroll; E.M.4) L. Shallow; E.M. 5) D. Gardner

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE

Monday, January 4

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Marion Bronson — *SJF Women's Club*
Helen and Edward Prokop — *Family and Friends*

Tuesday, January 5

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Joseph T. Collins — *Family*

Wednesday, January 6

6:30AM Communion Service for the Intentions of John Coyle — *Barb Jilek*
8:15AM Larry Graziano — *Donna Moss*
Carol Brown — *Betty Atzhorn*

Thursday, January 7

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

Friday, January 8

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Roy Kilian — *Family*
John Duggan — *Anna Duggan*

Saturday, January 9

8:15AM Dorothy M. Corrigan — *Adele and Harry O'Sullivan*
4:00PM Parishioners

Sunday, January 10

8:00AM Kenneth J. Sindowski — *Family*
10:00 AM Col, Phil O'Keefe — *Gene, Pat and Peg White*
Judy Ambrose Nelson — *Therese and James Connell*
12:00PM James Quinlan — *Norine Quinlan*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5: 12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-40
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts:10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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.

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

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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.