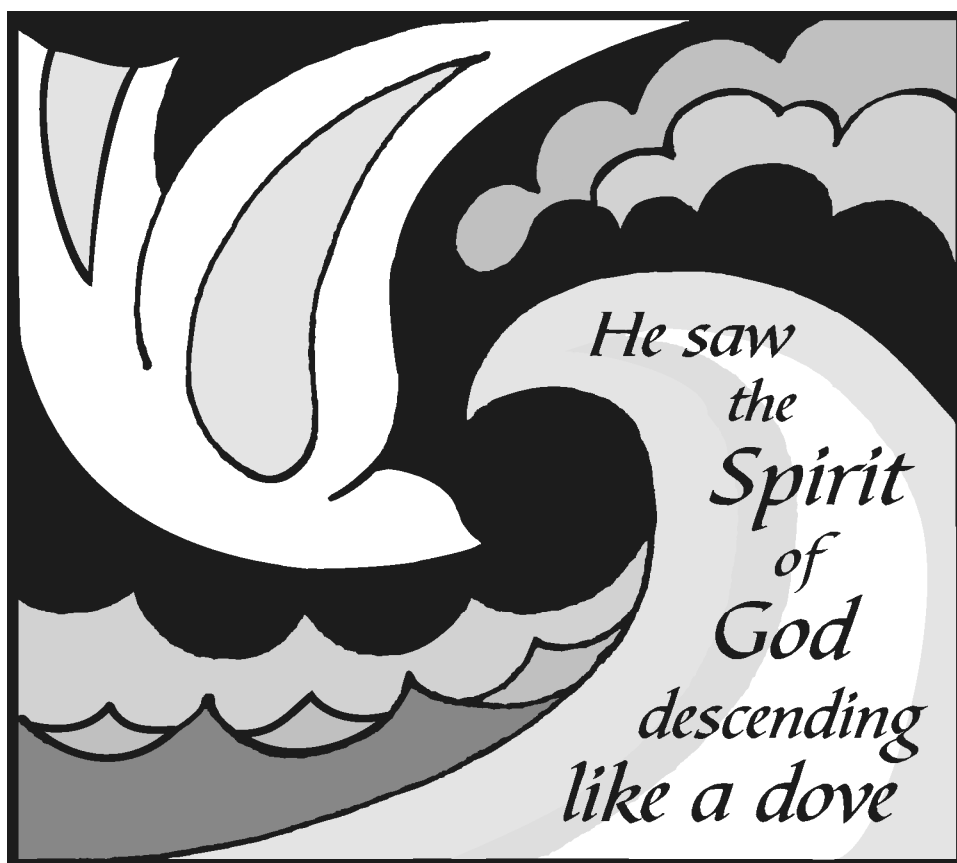
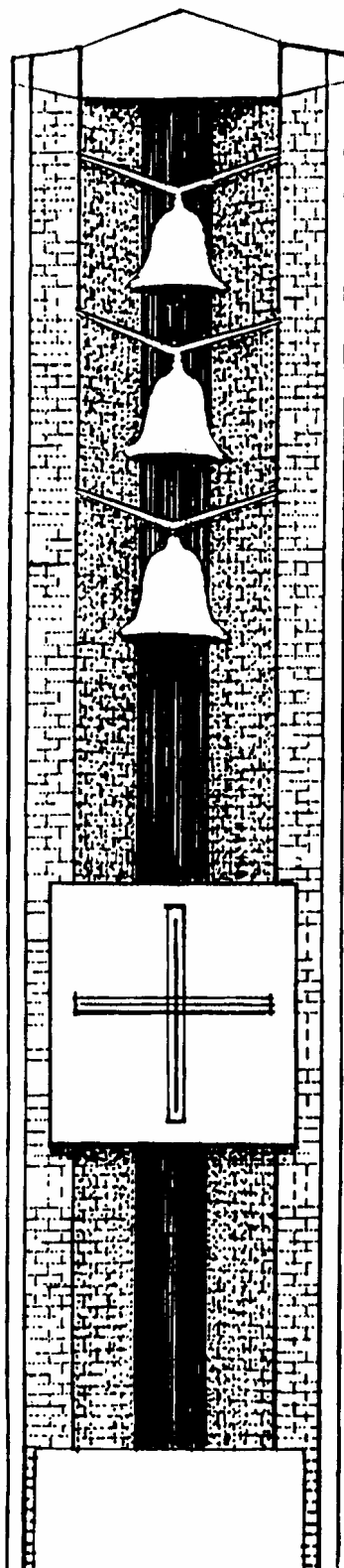


Saint John Fisher Parish

January 9th, 2011
Baptism of the Lord



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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.

REST IN PEACE

Please remember especially in your prayers this week: Parishioner Carol Hughes, wife of Joseph and mother of parishioner Harry Hughes.

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. Brad Brunaugh; 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; Sgt. 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; Sgt. Thomas Hopman, USMC; CA Christopher Chirillo, USA; Ensign Peter Smagur USN; 2 Lt. Bridget Bentley, USA.

Job Searching Requires Focus on Personal Development

Our next session will be Monday January 17, SJF School Conference Room at 7pm. Our speakers will be Jane Curran and Katie McNaughton, Human Resources experts who will help you identify where and how to focus on your strengths and skills. This direction will help guide you to building a stronger resume and go after job opportunities that make sense for you.

The mission of the Between Jobs Ministry is to provide practical and spiritual resources to support the unemployed and underemployed of our parish. Our meetings are on the first and third Mondays of each month, 7pm, SJF School Conference Room. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please contact **Mary Pat Anders (773-239-3624), Jim White (773-322-2518) or Deacon Tom.**

LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY LOOKING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Little Company of Mary Hospital is seeking volunteers to administer communion to Catholic patients during their stay at the hospital. The volunteer must be a mandated Eucharistic Minister and interested in being trained as a hospital Eucharistic Minister and able to volunteer at least one day per week, Sunday through Saturday during the morning hours. Mandated Eucharistic Ministers wishing to volunteer their time, please call the Pastoral Care Department of Little Company of Mary (708) 229-5480.

FAIR WARNING TO UNDERAGE DRINKERS—AND THEIR PARENTS

I've written before about the increasing problem with underage drinking on parish grounds, particularly in the "school courtyard" from the rectory driveway, past the school "bridge" and the little kids' play area to 102nd street and the convent/gym area. The underage drinking became a serious problem in summer 2009 but was kept in check to some extent by Holy Name volunteers who patrolled the grounds each night.

But the problem returned again this past spring and summer, accompanied by some minor vandalism. So, in anticipation of the construction of the new play area and other landscaping improvements in that area, Sr. Jean and I decided to investigate the possibility and cost of installing video surveillance cameras to cover the area described above. With the help of a parishioner, we located a company who offered us an affordable system which is now in place, providing 24 hour recorded surveillance (with night vision cameras) for that entire area of the parish grounds from the rectory driveway to 102nd street, from the main school building to Fairfield. Activity in that area can now be computer-monitored in real time from either the school office or the rectory (as of this past week) and activity is also recorded and time-stamped for review.

The value of installing this system became even more evident on the Thursday night before Christmas when our choir members were practicing in church. I was also there preparing the sanctuary evergreen arrangements but I was in the Fairfield vestibule when I heard a loud "thwacking" sound in the church. The source of that sound came from two teenage boys who had come in the church doors opposite Kane Hall; they had thrown snowballs **across the sanctuary** and managed to hit several members of the choir! I threw on a coat and headed out to 102nd street near the gym where I encountered at least a dozen teens in the process of making more snowballs and I shooed them down the alley between Washtenaw and Fairfield, toward 101st street. I didn't recognize the few without "hoodies", but I suspect that those who quickly threw up their hoods were kids who knew that I would have recognized them. I then proceeded to pick up over a dozen empty beer cans under the bridge, something I do on a regular basis each weekend. Around 6p.m. on New Year's Eve, I was lucky enough to "liberate" a case of Bud Light from three very underage boys (I didn't recognize) who were beginning to drink under the bridge; I'm donating that case to the Holy Name guys.

As of January 1st (as I write this) we hadn't had an opportunity to review the surveillance tapes from the pre-Christmas snowball incident or from New Year's Eve, since those tapes were only accessible from the school. If we recognize any SJF grads on those tapes, we'll be phoning their parents; if we ever witness acts of vandalism on the tapes, we'll turn that information over to the police. It's sad that, in what is otherwise a terrific community, a few disrespectful, foolish teens have forced us to take this step. But this is "fair warning"; I hope it will be heeded.

Fr. Bob

KEEP THAT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!

Put on your workout clothes and join the Women's Club for a Zumba class

Missi Brady, from Core Fitness, will teach us the latest exercise craze!
Fruit and water will be served

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011—7:30PM—KANE HALL



*A voice came from the heavens, saying,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well
pleased.*

- Matthew 3:17

HOLY NAME SOCIETY — THANK YOU!

The Holy Name Society would like to thank you for the generous support of the Holy Name Annual Coat Drive at the November meeting and at masses the following weekend. Several hundred coats were collected and then delivered to Angels' Touch and Southwest PADS when they were distributed to those in need.

Thank You and Happy New Year!

Upcoming meeting - Hockey Night - Thursday January 20

SCHOOL NEWS

HERE IT COMES AGAIN — **REGISTRATION TIME!** Pre-school and kindergarten registration information and forms for the 2011-2012 school year are being sent home to all families with currently enrolled students.

Open registration for all families **new** to St. John Fisher School can be arranged by calling the school office for information to complete the proper paperwork. Packets will also be available in the pre-school and kindergarten classroom at the **Open House on Sunday, January 30th, 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 School must have a current medical examination form which includes all immunization 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, 2011.**

Preschool and kindergarten classes currently available are:

3 yr A.M., Tuesday / Thursday
4 yr A.M., Monday / Wednesday / Friday
3 yr / 4 yr Combined Daily Program
Kindergarten, A.M.
Kindergarten, Full Day

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



SAVE THE DATE!
CANDLE LIGHT BOWL
JANUARY 29th, 2011
\$20.00 raffle ticket to win an IPAD
Only 100 tickets will be sold!

Contact **Melissa Stubitsch** (773) 239-4264 or **Beth Schied** (773) 301-8417 for

STEWARDSHIP = TIME - TALENT - TREASURE

Youth Ministry - be part of something BIGGER!

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!!! LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!!!



*** ALL FORMS ARE DUE WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 12TH ***

JR. HIGH SKI TRIP



Monday Jan 17th



All 7th, & 8th Grade students 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 Jan 1st.

Please read all of the information carefully and return forms by Jan 12th! If there are parents are interested in chaperoning this event, please contact 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. 12th @ SJF (Rectory Basement) **Jan. 19th @ 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

LECTORS:

Saturday, January 15

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

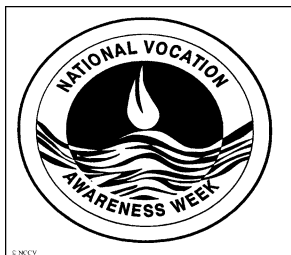
Sunday, January 16

8:00 AM Reader: **J. White**

10:00 AM 1st Reader: **A. Kopale**

2nd Reader **R. Carroll**

12:00 PM Reader: **L. Shallow**



MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE

Monday, January 10

6:30AM Communion Service

8:15AM Philip Gavin — *Gavin Family*

Michael Flisk — *Linda and Robert Foley*

Tuesday, January 11

6:30AM Communion Service

8:15AM Walter and Anne Sherman — *Marge Reynolds*

Maloney and Lynch Families — *Kitty Lynch*

Wednesday, January 12

6:30AM Communion Service

8:15AM Adeline Sargant — *Beverly Bible Study*

Thursday, January 13

6:30AM Communion Service

8:30AM Philip Gavin — *Diane Gavin*

Michael Stenson — *Family*

Friday, January 14

6:30AM Communion Service

8:15AM Lena Bianchi — *David Lee*

Saturday, January 15

8:15AM Michael Flisk — *Friends*

4:00PM Parishioners

Sunday, January 16

8:00AM Skip McGinnis — *Bill and Peggy Winters*

Joan Schuch — *Grace and Bud Brooks*

10:00AM Viola Green — *The Family of Viola Green*

Virginia Graziano — *Mary Kilmartin*

12:00PM Louis Barny — *Family*

Tom McFee — *Theresa Bos*

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Saturday, January 1

4:00PM 1.) P. Tierney; 2.) C. Bicek; 3.) J. McVady; E.M.1) H. Peirce (T); E.M.2) N. Rooney; E.M.3) K. Kozek; E.M.4) M. Redmond; E.M.5) J. Rooney

January Sacristan: M. Redmond

Sunday, January 2

8:00 AM E.M.1) J. Standing (T); E.M.2) J. Standing; E.M.3) A. Duffy

10:00AM 1.) S. Spagnoli; 2.) R. Riccardo; 3.) J. Boyle; E.M.1) J. Stenson; E.M.2) P. McGlinchey (T); E.M.3) L. Fitzgerald; E.M.4) M. Leeder; E.M.5) E. Boyle

January Sacristans: L. Fitzgerald and A. Schumann

12:00 PM E.M.1) Deacon; E.M.2) J. McKeever (T); E.M.3) C. Galvin; E.M.4) M. Condon; E.M.5) R. Walsh

READINGS OF THE WEEK:

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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.

THE CHILDREN'S CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Our book this month is titled "**The Most Beautiful Thing in the World**, by Rev. Gerald T. Brennan. This book is written in both English and Spanish while the illustrations tell much of the story. It can be read with the children in one sitting while they learn about the healing sacrament of Reconciliation.



We will meet in the **rectory basement at 7:00p.m on Tuesday, January 25th**. There will be a craft and snack. All are welcome!

For additional information or if you would like to purchase a copy of the book (\$16.00) contact **Amy Goggin (708) 499-2090** or gogginreg@comcast.net

REST SHELTER SANTA SACKS THANK YOU

**Thank
You**

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45 homeless women send a great big thank you to all who made their Christmas a little brighter because of your thoughtfulness. More than one woman mentioned that they have not received a Christmas present in over five years. Arlene Scotts' Girl Scout Troop made beautiful Christmas cards that brought tears to the eyes of those who read them. May the good Lord bless you all and thank you so much.

THE WOMEN'S CENTER RIGHT TO LIFE UPDATE

January 22nd marks the 38th anniversary of the legalization of abortion which has resulted in the death of nearly 53 million innocent, unborn babies in this country, one every 40 seconds. We can only estimate how many women have undergone tremendous suffering because of their abortions. The Women's Center is a pregnancy resource center which has saved approximately 34,000 babies and their mothers from the pain of abortion during 26 years of service by offering a choice other than abortion and by providing counseling, material assistance and prayer support.

You can help their efforts if you have any of the following items that you could donate. Maternity clothes especially for winter, winter coats for all in the family and boy's winter clothing, sizes 6 and up are desperately needed. Also needed at this time are 3 baby cribs, extra crib parts, crib sheets and bumper pads, 4 high chairs, 3 bassinets, 6 Pack N Plays, 9 infant carrier car seats, 3 bouncers, 2 small chests of drawers, 7 strollers and 3 double strollers. If a pick-up for baby furniture is needed, please call (773) 794-1313. All clothing needs to be dropped off at the branch office in Evergreen Park unless it can accompany baby furniture.

Sunday, February 13th will be the 26th Annual Life Banquet at The White Eagle in Niles, IL. The speaker is Father Thomas Loya, an internationally known speaker on Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Tickets can be obtained by calling (773) 794-1313.

NFC/AFC CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL PARTY FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2011

PLACE: KANE HALL

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING

PLEASE CALL JACKIE LONG (773) 779-4318

**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO JOIN IN THE EXCITEMENT OF
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE**



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CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:

This week we continue to list the names of family members and friends of those who participated in the special collection for Christmas flowers and plants that added so much to the beauty of our church environment during this Christmas season. **Thank You!**

Brian Donovan
Bernice Duddleston
Austin and Ellen Waldron
John and Marion Shallow
Rolf Zimmer
Baby Gierhahn
Rowan and O'Brien Family
Helen and Patrick Bartley
Patrick Walsh
Gerald Sexton
Michael Sexton
Jack Dempsey
Mackey and Krippel Families
Mabel Krask
Amy Larson
Our Family
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Mahoney
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Frugoli
Thomas B. Barrett
Edward J. Bigane
Freeman Wilson
Tortie Wilson
Bill Doyle
Joseph Dunlop
Josephine and Pasquali Palombo
Mary and Reno Panozzo
Sophie Rigoni
Viola C. Green
Kevin Matthew Sloyan
Bob Driscoll
O'Connor Family
Duffy Family
McKeon Family
Hynes Family
Mullarkey Family
O'Connor Family
Agnes Stanis
Brian J. Corcoran
Mike Rouné
Brian DeWitt
Ryan Doherty
Eileen DeGrado
Frank and Jolana Vrabec
Patricia Deacy
Waters Family
Frye Family
Darrah Family

Thomas Quattrocki
Peter Quattrocki
Patricia Quattrocki Sugden
Brother Regis Morgan, FSC
Louis A. Angeloni
Cecilia Corcoran
Bea Angeloni
Joseph Mendala
Mary Eileen Mendala
Arthur L. Venske
Margaret Schumann
Marjorie Richardson
Virginia Scavone
Patrick Murphy Family
Mysliwicz Family
Frediani Family
Julijona and Anthony
Lotte and Frank
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Padgham
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Villa
Hallaren and Mullen Families
Joseph Sosnowski
Mrs. Nancy Anne Harmening
Don Foertsch
Frank B. Wahlen
Gertrude, Jack and John Kingston
Louise Reilly
Marguerite Mooney
Eileen Poland
Redmond Gibbons
Mary Gibbons
Sally Gibbons
Walter Luebke
Agnes Luebke
Hanlon Families
Guenter Arlt and Family
James Gannon and Family
Hassett Family
James and Rosemary O'Malley
Frank and Francine Halan
Rosemary Greenan
Rosemary Gleenan
John Greenan
Francis Greenan
Edward Huiness
Sallvatore Giarizzo
Edward Madden
Souls in Purgatory

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Rev. Marion Soprych, Associate Pastor
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Associate

Rev. Thomas McCarthy, O.S.A.

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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.