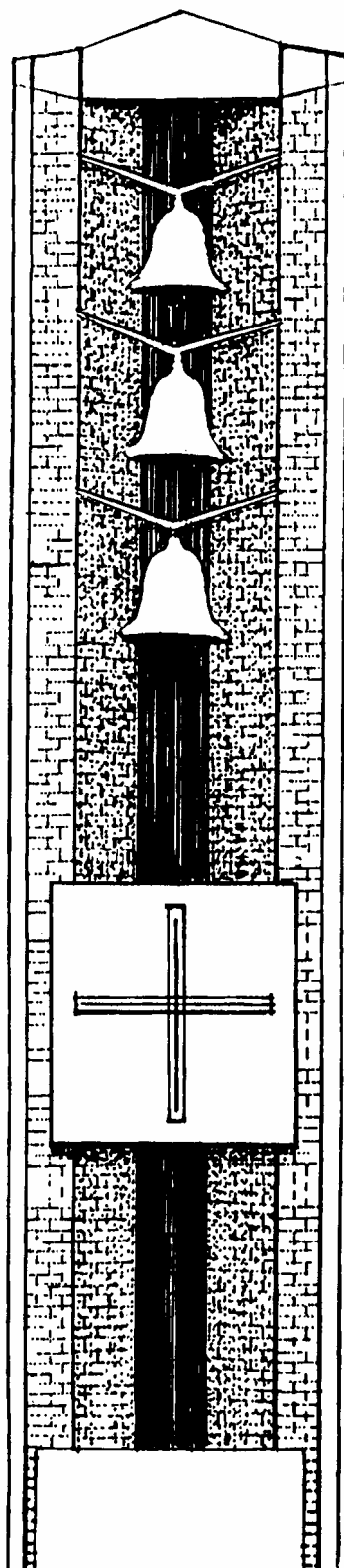


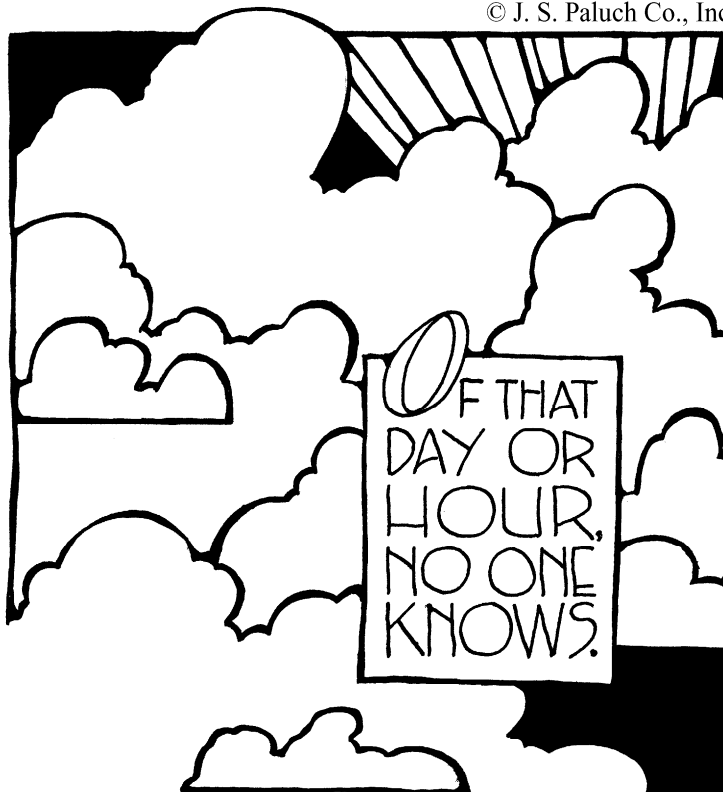
# Saint John Fisher Parish

November 15, 2009

Thirty-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:

*Timothy James Cotter*

*Briley Willow Scanlon*

## REST IN PEACE

Please remember especially in your prayers this week: Parishioner Margaret Griffin; Sheila Stanczak.

## 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; AW2 Devin E. Williams, USN; PFC Steven Folliard; Sgt. John T. LaGiglia; Captain Michael McCann, US Army; Kevin Roche; Steve Ayon; Pvt. Anthony Schmidt; PFC Terrance Wilson, US Army; Lance 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.

## ALL SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST



On **Sunday, November 22nd**, the Scouts of St. John Fisher will be hosting their "all you can eat" Annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser in **Kane Hall**. **Breakfast will be served from 7:30a.m. to 12:00Noon**. Tickets can be purchased in advance from our Scouts or at the door: \$6.00 per adult / \$3.00 for seniors and children under the age of 123 (children 5 and under are free.) Scouts will serve pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee. For more details or information on joining the Scouts, call **Art Paull (773) 445-2016** or e-mail **[artpaull@aol.com](mailto:artpaull@aol.com)**. Thank you for supporting the Scouts of St. John Fisher.

## FAMILY ADVENT WREATH EVENT



The Mother's group would like to welcome all families to join us at the **10:00a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 29th**. Immediately following we will meet in Kane Hall to assemble our own fresh green wreath centerpiece to celebrate Advent. A prayer book will be provided to guide our families through this holy season. The wreaths and families will receive a special blessing. Christmas carols and small treats will be included. The cost is **\$25.00 per family** at the door. Please RSVP Melissa at **[mokdok@yahoo.com](mailto:mokdok@yahoo.com)** or **(773) 239-1244**. Space is limited. Last minute walk-ins are welcome while supplies last.

## FAITHFULNESS TO CHRIST

Every year, each parish of the Archdiocese is asked to nominate one parishioner (or a husband & wife) to receive the *Christifidelis Award* given to Catholics who have “demonstrated, by participation in parish life...the laity’s vocation of responsibility for the Church’s life springing from the gift and mission of their baptism.” On Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at Holy Name Cathedral, Cardinal George presented this award to the parishioners chosen by our pastoral staff: **Jerry and Patricia Hayes**. Their dedication to SJF through the years has always been above and beyond the call of duty. They join previous recipients **Paul & Monica Dachota, Norine Sullivan and Bob & Janet Murray** in being honored for extraordinary faithfulness and service. Thanks to Jerry & Pat and to all give so generously and faithfully in so many ways to support and nurture our parish community.

*Fr. Bob*

## SJF WOMEN’S CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Women’s Club will be hosting their Annual Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 5, 2009 beginning at 11:00a.m. at the Ridge Country Club. Tickets are \$35.00 and will be available for purchase this Saturday, November 14th, following the 4:00p.m. Mass and also following the 4:00p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 21st or by contacting *Melissa Stubitsch* (773) 239-4264 or *Meg Fitzpatrick* (773) 233-2970.

## SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY LECTORS ...

The new Lector workbooks for Sunday and Weekday Lectors are now available for pick up in the priest sacristy. Please pick up your copy as soon as possible.

## DECORATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS



Fill your home with the spirit and love of the Christmas season. Fresh balsam and mixed noble fir wreaths and other holiday decorations will be available for purchase after all masses on the weekend of November 28-29 in the back of church. Proceeds from the sale help support the work of The Women’s Centers of Greater Chicagoland. Through your generosity, thousands of teens and young women facing a crisis pregnancy receive compassionate counseling, social service referrals and material goods assistance they need to help them through this most difficult period of their lives. Your support is greatly appreciated. Prices are as follows: 25” Balsam Wreath (\$20.00), 36” Balsam Wreath (35.00), 12” Mixed Noble Candlering (\$15.00), 26” Mixed Noble Wreath )\$30.00, Deluxe Cardinal Basket (\$25.00), Classic Swag Door Greeter (\$10.00), Euro Tree (\$10.00), Holly Plant (\$5.00), and new this year—Hyacinth / Crocus / Narcissus Bulbs (\$5.00).



*The Lord keeps faith forever,  
Secures justice for the oppressed,  
Gives food to the hungry.*

- Psalm 146:7

## FAMILY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BOUTIQUE NIGHT THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH — 6-9:30P.M. — KANE HALL

Many new and exciting crafters have been added to this years event as well as the popular, **The Gold Refinery**. The Gold Refinery is the nation's largest gold party program. 10% of the commission on the total gross sale goes back to the FSA. Bring your old, broken, mismatched gold, platinum and silver jewelry, coins, etc. and get cash as you wait.

Admission is \$6.00 at the door. Raffle and drink tickets are available for purchase. Please come out and support the FSA.

Questions and for more info contact, *Caley Funk (773) 592-0663*.



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## HARVEST SUNDAY — NOVEMBER 21-22

During the beautiful season of harvest and thanksgiving, St. John Fisher has celebrated a long tradition of collecting canned goods, non-perishable food items and paper products for shelters and food pantries in our local area. This year again, we would like to reach out to every family in the parish and make the collection a part of the liturgies next weekend on November 21st and 22nd. Parishioners attending any of the masses next weekend are invited to bring a donation of canned goods with them to mass. Donations will be organized and packed for delivery to the shelters that day. Frequently requested items include:

Pasta Products

Pasta Sauces

Cereals

Sugar

Salt

Flour

Paper products

Crackers

Soups (all kinds)

Jello / Pudding Mixes

Macaroni & Cheese

Instant Potatoes

Spaghetti's

Tuna Salad Kits

Baby Foods

Coffee / Tea / Cocoa

Fruit Juices

Canned Fruits

Canned Vegetables

Cans of Chili / Hash

Pancake Mixes / Syrup

Peanut Butter / Jelly

Rice

Cans of Beans (Baked / kidney)

## BETHLEHEM WOODCARVERS HERE THIS WEEKEND

The wood carvers from Bethlehem will make their annual visit to St. John Fisher this weekend, November 14 and 15. We host two different wood-carving organizations and alternate these groups each year, so the products will be slightly different every other year. You can support their efforts by purchasing items in the school foyer after all the masses next weekend.

***STEWARDSHIP =  
TIME — TALENT — TREASURE***

## ***Youth Ministry - be part of something BIGGER!***

### **A FEW THOUGHTS FROM OUR KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP....**

***IT'S OUR WAY OF SAYING THANKS...WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!***



#### **Ned Rooney**

“When I first decided to go on this Mission Trip, I was not quite sure what I was getting myself into. I had heard great stories and was excited, but what I found was surprising. I expected the trip would include disproportionate elements of prayer work. I was right but my expectations were wildly exceeded. The people of Appalachia amazed



me. The people are so kind and compassionate, especially our carpenters and the family whose home we helped fix. It is amazing how the joyful spirit of these people penetrates their homes. I found myself, and our team working very well together. I found a spectacular landscape dominated by awe inspiring mountains. Most importantly I found God. Every situation I was in, I could see God's love. This was a very powerful mission trip that can only be described by one word...AMAZING.”

#### **Jack Rooney**

“My first time down here in Kentucky has really been the best experience I've had the opportunity to participate in. The thing about Kentucky is that all the things we think are important, kind of melt away and the small things become the big things, and that's how these people live, for their simplest pleasures. It has opened my eyes as far as how many good people are still in the world. The people will see our van caravan and colorful bandanas when we're out and about and they stop and take time to thank us and tell us what a great thing we are doing. I thought I was going to focus on me down here and build houses and meet new friends, but it's not about hammers and nails, it's about finding yourself and helping everyone around you



at the same time.”

### ***DROP - IN SCHEDULE:***

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

**Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> @ MHR (Convent 2nd Floor) \* Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 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](mailto:youtharethefuture@hotmail.com)

## CANTORS/LECTORS

### Saturday, November 21

4:00 PM **Cantor:**  
**Reader:** P. Brandt

### Sunday, November 22

8:00 AM **Cantor:**  
**Reader:** C. Roth  
10:00 AM **Cantor:**  
**1st Reader:** K. Mcilvain  
**2nd Reader:** P. Wasik  
12:00 PM **Cantor:**  
**Reader:** A. O'Reilly



## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

### Saturday, November 21

4:00PM 1.) A. Kozek; 2.) P. Tierney; 3.) N. Rooney; E.M.1) H. Peirce (T); E.M.2) M. Waldron; E.M.3) D. McHugh; E.M.4) S. Tesmond; E.M.5) J. Rooney

**Eucharistic Sacristan: M. Redmond**

### Sunday, November 22

8:00 AM E.M.1) A. Duffy; E.M.2) J. Wolfe (T); E.M.3) Deacon Siska  
10:00 AM 1.) S. Spagnoli; 2.) R. Riccardo; 3.) P. Newquist; E.M.1) K. O'Hara (T); E.M.2) C. Broderick; E.M.3) T. Broderick; E.M.4) Deacon Carroll; E.M.5) L. Fitzgerald

**Eucharistic Sacristan: J. Boyle**

12:00PM E.M.1) Deacon Reilly; E.M.2) T. Laughran; E.M.3) S. Laughran; E.M.4) R. Walsh (T); E.M.5) K. McElligott

## MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE

### Monday, November 16

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Juanita and Santos Najera — *Mary Resce*  
Mary Kautz — *Margaret Fried*

### Tuesday, November 17

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Hank Simmons — *Dave and Kathleen Girzadas*  
John and Jacqueline Thiese — *Nancy Boardman*

### Wednesday, November 18

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Francis Sustarich — *Jackie Sherlock*  
Steve Emody — *Margaret Fried*

### Thursday, November 19

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Raymond Guse — *Family*  
Robert G. Cametti — *Amy Bieganski*

### Friday, November 20

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Merle R. Hall — *Lorraine Chynoweth*  
Theresa Gallagher — *Mike and Margie Gallagher*

### Saturday, November 21

8:15AM Mary Ellen Fay — *Jim and Eileen Flanagan*  
4:00PM Parishioners

### Sunday, November 22

8:00AM Michael Torelli — *Szarzynski Family*  
Joseph Sosnowski — *Dave and Gayle Finn*  
10:00 AM Frank Wahlen — *Wife*  
Donald Foertsch — *Wilmsen Family*  
12:00AM Mary Jane O'Sullivan — *Family*  
James Donnelly — *John and Jackie Long*

**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: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46; 1 Cor 3:9c-11; Jn 2:13-22  
Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Lk 17:7-10  
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19  
Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Lk 17:20-25  
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37  
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-9  
Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

## SJF "BETWEEN JOBS" MINISTRY OFFERS HELP

The mission of the Between Jobs Ministry is to provide practical and spiritual resources to support the unemployed and underemployed of our parish. *We are excited to announce our second event on Thursday, November 19 at 6:30p.m. in SJF's Rectory Meeting Room.* Cora Murphy, parishioner and business woman will share her advice on "Do's and Don'ts for interviewing, resumes and networking. If you're between jobs, plan to join us on November 19. You can also bring your resume for review/critique. In addition, the ministry needs volunteers for people to brush up on computer skills, resume writing and networking. 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.*

## CHILDREN'S CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB



The book for this month is titled Squanto and the Miracle of Thanksgiving by Eric Metaxas. We will meet in the rectory basement on **Monday, November 30th at 6:30p.m.** There will be a donation basket passed to cover the cost of the craft and to donate a copy of the book to our school's library. We will also have the next book selection available for purchase on that night. For more information or a copy of the book, contact *Amy Goggin (708) 499-3090* or [Gogginreg@comcast.net](mailto:Gogginreg@comcast.net)

## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD)

*"Thus says the Lord God: Put away violence and oppression, and do what is right and just!"*  
- *Ezekiel 45:9*

- ◆ CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty by funding organizations that are:
  - ◆ Decreasing youth violence
  - ◆ Increasing access to affordable housing
- ◆ Advocating for the rights of seniors, workers, immigrants, and people with disabilities.

**Please support the CCHD Collection on November 22-22.**

## 10th ANNUAL KEVIN DOWLING CHRISTMAS IS FOR KIDS TOY DRIVE

This toy drive is held to celebrate the memory of parishioners, Kevin Dowling and Tom Fenton while sharing the Christmas spirit with some special kids. The drive will take place on **Sunday, December 6th, 12:00Noon to 5:00p.m. at 115 Bourbon Street.** Toys and monetary donations benefit children at *Little Company of Mary Hospital, Courage of Oak Lawn, LaRabida Hospital and Loyola Hospital's Ronald McDonald Child Life Program and Burn Center.* Donations of new toys, games, videos, CDs, Walkmans, gift certificates to local restaurants, paints, crayons, large legos and monetary donations are welcome. All money collected goes to the beneficiaries of the Toy Drive, not the scholarship fund.



For the third year, sponsors are being sought for the Toy Drive. The sponsorship is \$500.00; your name or business will be on all ads generated, as well as on t-shirts and banners at the drive. For more information or to find out how you can help, contact parishioner, *Jim McKeever (773) 972-6264* or *(708) 499-3235* or [jg.mckeever@comcast.net](mailto:jg.mckeever@comcast.net)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

... *1st Annual Beverly Turkey Trot 5K Race and Family Walk* to be held on Saturday, November 28, 2009 through historic North Beverly. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Maeve McNicholas Memorial Foundation and the 19th Ward Youth Foundation. The walk starts and finishes at the Kellogg School (9200 South Hamilton Avenue). For more information and to volunteer to be on the race committee, contact the 19th Ward Youth Foundation (773) 238-0288 or visit the web site [matthewoshea@wowway.com](mailto:matthewoshea@wowway.com)

... *Eucharistic Evening of Gratitude and Thanksgiving* to be held at Christ The King Church (9235 South Hamilton) on Tuesday, November 24th beginning at 7:00p.m. Evening includes Mass, Exposition/Benediction and Adoration.

## A LETTER FROM THE CARDINAL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

For over thirty-nine years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has been a living example of our Church's social teaching. This year, CCHD is funding twenty-one organizations throughout Cook and Lake Counties that are helping seniors, youth and families to help themselves.

The CCHD is committed to addressing the root causes of poverty, abiding strictly to the Catholic Church's social teaching, including the respect for life and the dignity of all human beings.

Please make a special effort during this Thanksgiving season to give generously to the CCHD's Collection on November 21-22. Your contribution enables the CCHD to help build God's kingdom of life, peace and justice today.

One hundred percent of the CCHD budget comes from individual donations — of any size — just like yours. Your contribution does make a powerful difference. May God bless you for your support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

You and those you love are in my prayers; please keep in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.*  
Archbishop of Chicago

## SPONSOR-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

This holiday season, St. John Fisher will again participate in the Sponsor-a-Family Program, a month-long effort to collect Christmas gifts for the many children and families served by Catholic Charities. Sponsor-A-Family reaches out to families who are most in need, responding to their basic wishes for clothing, household items, books, or school supplies.

You have the opportunity to help one of the 500 families seeking assistance through Sponsor-A-Family. Past experience shows that spending between \$50-\$75.00 per family member goes a long way toward making many of their wishes come true. Families are available with one to ten members; you choose the size family that you can afford to help.

You really can make a difference in someone's life this Christmas! Please consider sponsoring a family, or "co-sponsoring" a family with your family or friends. Please call **Mary Kopale (773) 239-6073** or send an email to [mkopale@yahoo.com](mailto:mkopale@yahoo.com) to sign up, or with any questions. You can also find information at [www.catholiccharities.net/celebration](http://www.catholiccharities.net/celebration). The gifts will be collected on **December 5th**, so please call soon. Thank you!



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## SUPPORT THE REST SHELTER

It's getting cold outside. The REST Shelter continues to provide a safe place for homeless women, and every other Friday, volunteers from St. John Fisher provide an evening meal, prepared just for them. We make a difference! We are so grateful for the many parishioners who have faithfully sent donations. Cold weather clothing like sweaters, sweatshirts, coats are needed. Paper products, breakfast cereals, Koolaid and sugar are also always welcome donations. If you are able to provide some or all of the evening meal, the sign up sheets to volunteer are found on the bulletin board by the priest sacristy. Please consider giving up one Friday evening as the holiday season is approaching. You'll be glad you did! We leave around 7:00p.m. and return before 11:00p.m. Please include your phone number on the sign up sheet. If you have any questions, please call **Betty Kort (708) 425-1805** or **Don Skonicki (847) 530-2317 or (773) 238-6932**.

**Upcoming dates at the Rest Shelter are: November 20th, December 4th and 18th and January 1st**

### **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.