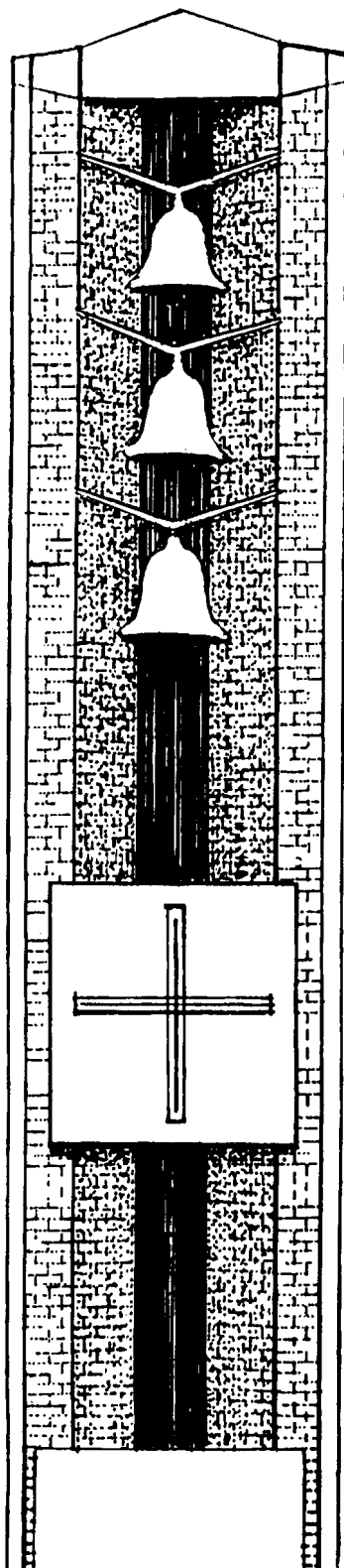


Saint John Fisher Parish

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Twenty-seventh 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:

Brendan Michael Bansley, child of James H. Bansley, Sr. and Nora E. (Tuzik) Bansley

Austin Michael Nestor, child of Daniel J. Nestor and Tara L. (Garrison) Nestor

REST IN PEACE

Please remember especially in your prayers this week: Lawrence Block, brother of parishioner Anita Hope.

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: **Lord, hold our military men and women in your loving hands ... Protect them as they protect us ...** MSG Kevin Daley; Sp4 James Garrity; Sp4 Kevin Garrity; CPL Thomas Leonard, USMC; Daniel Wagner; Pvt 1st Class Michael Carroll, USMC; 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; Thomas Paluch, USN; MNC (SW) Timothy Kelly, USN.

GET THE SCOOP ON NAVIGATING FOR EMPLOYMENT

The next event for **Between Jobs Ministry** is **Monday, October 3rd**. The guest speaker will be Rex Huppke, who writes the Chicago Tribune's "I Just Work Here" column, a weekly dose of workplace advice mixed with opinion and humor. The column regularly looks at the journey of the unemployed and offers guidance as American workers struggle with the present-day job market. Please join us at 7:00pm in the St. John Fisher Rectory Basement meeting room. (**Note: New location for our meetings.**)

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. 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**

A NEW MASS TO LEARN: THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST – PART I

The **Liturgy of the Eucharist** begins with the *Preparation of the Table and Gifts*, which, before Vatican II, was commonly known as the *Offertory*. The changes here amount to one added word for the assembly and an added phrase for the priest. But in terms of new words or responses to learn, from here through the end of the mass, the vast majority of changes in the New Roman Missal necessitate a learning curve for the priest-presider far more than for the assembly. Your challenge will be in listening and learning to appreciate the symbolism and poetry of the newly revised *Prefaces* and *Eucharistic Prayers*. That being said, there are three minor alterations and one significant change in the prayers of the assembly as we move into the great Eucharistic Prayer.

The **Eucharistic Prayer** begins with a threefold exchange between the priest and the people called the *Preface dialogue*. What the priest-presider says will not change, but two of your responses will. The first change will be one we've already considered. In response to *The Lord be with you*, you will say **And with your Spirit**. When the priest extends the invitation *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God*, your response will be quite simple: **It is right and just**. This wording accomplishes three things: it's a more precise translation of the Latin; it's a simple declarative affirmation that avoids an unnecessary repetition of the priest's invitation; and it eliminates the inappropriate masculine pronoun for God—*It is right to give him thanks and praise*.

But there is also something wonderful that this last response of the *Preface dialogue* will accomplish. In the past, after this exchange of invitation and response between priest and people, the priest would launch into the preface in a way which made it seem as if there hadn't been this powerful, inclusive dialogue drawing all of us into the great prayer of thanksgiving. After the response *It is right to give him thanks and praise*, every Preface began with the words *Father, all-powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks....* Now, after your response **It is right and just**, every Preface will begin with the words **It is truly right and just**—a clear acknowledgement that the priest has actually heard what you just said and is including everyone in the prayer that he alone speaks, but that **all** of us offer to God as one community of faith.

As we move from the Preface to the *Holy Holy*, there will be just one small change. Instead of *Lord, God of power and might*, we will now say *Lord, God of hosts*. This reflects, as accurately as possible, a somewhat untranslatable Hebrew word that was retained in the original Latin text: *Sabaoth*. But, as with so many other changes in the New Roman Missal, this one also has theological and scriptural significance. The beginning of the *Holy Holy* derives from a passage in the Book of the prophet Isaiah, a vision of God's power and glory. In that passage, it's not a particular attribute of God—power or glory—that is being emphasized, but rather God's dominion over all creation, even those dimensions of creation invisible to us: the *hosts* of heaven. In a very real sense, we're joining our praise of God with that of all the angels and saints. This acclamation will still conclude with another scriptural allusion that is **not** changing—the praise of the crowds who welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem on what we call Palm Sunday: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!*

The major change in the assembly's parts in the Eucharistic Prayer comes during what is called the **Memorial Acclamation—The Mystery of Faith**, which is precisely what the priest will now say to invite your response. Instead of *Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith*, this new wording will parallel other simple, declarative statements found elsewhere in the mass: *The Word of the Lord*, *The Body of Christ* and so forth. The big change, however, will be found in your responses, one of which is completely new, while two others are significantly altered and a fourth has been eliminated entirely. The acclamation no longer in use will be *Christ has died, Christ is risen....* The reason for dropping that one is simple: the other three responses we've been using for over forty years are addressed to Jesus while this one, though probably most familiar, is a statement, and that's not what this particular acclamation is supposed to be.

Now, there will be just three options for the assembly. The brand new one is: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again**. The first of the two that are slightly changed will be: **Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free**, while the third change involves three words dropped and two added; you'll pick that up right away.

Following the **Concluding Acclamation**—the *Great Amen*—the portion of the Liturgy of the Eucharistic called **The Communion Rite** begins with *The Lord's Prayer*. The scripturally significant changes we'll find here come in the words of priest and people just before Communion. Instead of *This is the Lamb of God*, the priest will now say **Behold the Lamb of God....** Why? Because that is what we hear John the Baptist exclaim in the gospel as he sees Jesus approaching him for baptism. Rather than *Happy are those who are called to his supper*, you will hear:

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb. *Happy* is one of those rather weak, ambiguous words that crept into the post-Vatican II English translation of the mass and even into some poor scripture translations. But in the New American Bible translation of the beatitudes in Matthew and Luke, we hear Jesus use **blessed**, not *happy*. And in the Book of Revelation, the **supper**—or *wedding feast*—of the Lamb is a powerful and poetic image that finds an echo here.

The wording changes for the assembly come in the **Lord I am not worthy** response to the priest's pre-communion invitation. The first change is again based on scripture: *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof*. This is the famous profession of faith of the Roman Centurion who trusts in Jesus' power to heal his servant even from a distance. For us, preparing to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, *under my roof* is an acknowledgement that communion is not just a matter of *receiving* Jesus, but of our need to have Jesus enter intimately into our lives, into our very souls. And that word **soul** now replaces **I** in our response: *Only say the word and my soul shall be healed*. The healing we need and seek goes beyond an egocentric surface, the **I**, to the very depths of our being where we enter into true communion with Jesus and with one another.

There are huge changes to consider in the Eucharistic Prayers proclaimed by the priest-president; we'll take a look at just some of those in the next article in this series. Only five more to go....

Fr. Bob

RESPECT LIFE BABY BOTTLE PROJECT BEGINS THIS WEEKEND

Beginning on Respect Life Sunday Weekend, our parish will once again participate in **The Baby Bottle Project** which benefits The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering free services which include emotional, financial, material and spiritual support as well as counseling, pregnancy testing, ultrasound, material and monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved over 34,000 babies - and their mothers - from abortion since opening in 1984.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with after Mass on the weekend of October 1st-2nd, fill it with your spare change, and return your full or partly full bottle to church on the weekend of October 15th-16th. Thank you for helping defend life and please remember to keep all pro-life activities in your prayers.

Please note: The Women's Center recycles the bottles and needs your diligence in this matter. Thank You!



The 27th Annual Fisherfest once again enjoyed the generous and faithful support of local businesses. Their support over the years of this major Fundraiser has helped Fisherfest remain the success it is every year and the committee takes this opportunity to say **Thank You** to the following:

Milano's Pizza
Beverly Ridge Funeral Home
Blake-Lamb Funeral Home
Donnellan Funeral Home
Mike Kozek, D.D.S.
James J. Sexton, Village of Evergreen Park
Senator Edward D. Maloney (Citizens for Maloney)
Alderman Matthew O'Shea, 19th Ward Youth Foundation
Friends of Bill Cunninham
Park Cleaners

STEWARDSHIP = TIME - TALENT - TREASURE

Youth Ministry - be part of something BIGGER!

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

NCYC

CALLED to GLORY

Indianapolis - IN - Nov. 17 - 19, 2011

The National Catholic Youth Conference is an exciting, biennial three-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones. The schedule includes keynote addresses, concurrent and workshop sessions addressing a wide variety of topics. There are also opportunities for liturgy, reconciliation, prayer and worship, recreation and special activities such as concerts, exhibits, and the interactive thematic park.

COULD YOU HELP BY SPONSORING A TEEN?

The cost of this trip is \$500 per teen. With your help we would like to bring the cost to \$200 per person! If you would like to make a donation towards this trip please cut out the donation form to the right, fill it out, and return it to the parish office in an envelope labeled:
YOUTH MINISTRY NCYC TRIP.
Thank you in advance for your support!

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE DONATION

YOUR NAME

YOUR ADDRESS

I have enclosed \$ _____ to help
sponsor a teenager to attend the
Youth Ministry NCYC TRIP

wednesday night
DROP-INS
ARE BACK!

EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

YOU IN?

DROP - IN SCHEDULE:

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

Oct. 5th at MHR (Convent 2nd floor) * Oct. 12th 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

LECTORS:

Saturday, October 8

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

Sunday, October 9

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

10:00 AM 1st Reader: **R. Przeslicke**

2nd Reader **D. Mahoney**

12:00 PM Reader: **E. Hynes**



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Saturday, October 8

4:00PM 1.) C. Bicek; 2.) P. Hayes; 3.) M. Ochs;
E.M.1) M. Redmond; E.M.2) M. Kozek
(T); E.M.3) T. Wegner; E.M.4) J.
McVady; E.M.5) D. McHugh

October Sacristan: J. Nowak

Sunday, October 9

8:00 AM E.M.1) R. Kroll (T); E.M.2) M.
Bertling; E.M.3) W. Winters

10:00AM 1.) R. Mahoney; 2.) J. Boyle; 3.) E.
Boyle; E.M.1) T. Brodrick (T); E.M.2)
C. Broderick; E.M.3) P. Ashe; E.M.4)
L. Fitzgerald; E.M.5) Deacon Ray

**October Sacristan: L. Fitzgerald and A.
Schumann**

12:00 PM E.M.1) M. Condon (T); E.M.2) Deacon
Tom; E.M.3) M. Fried; E.M.4) L.
Shallow; E.M.5) M. DiBennardi

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.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE

Monday, October 3

6:30AM Communion Service

8:15AM All Souls Remembrance

Ruth Klinsky - *Klinsky Family*

Tuesday, October 4

6:30AM Communion Service

8:15AM B.L. McGinnis - *Tom and Cindy Foley*

Sherwin Friedman - *Amy Petrowski*

Wednesday, October 5

6:30AM Communion Service

8:15AM William and Helen O'Brien - *Kroll*

Family

Guenter Arlt - *Rena Arlt*

Thursday, October 6

6:30AM Communion Service

8:15AM Mary Kapus - *Family*

Special Intention of Mary and Bob
Fisher - *Jerry Collins*

Friday, October 7

6:30AM Communion Service

8:15AM Dorothy Vitaliano - *Mary Ann Rohan*

Saturday, October 8

8:15AM Dolores Brosseau - *Family*

Mary Kapus - *Kapus Family*

4:00PM Parishioners

Sunday, October 9

8:00AM Lucille Mitchell - *Tom and Mary Lu
McGreal*

Theresa Long - *Wolfe-Guerra Family*

10:00AM Concetta Stancati - *Lynn and Jenny
O'Connor*

40th Wedding of Anniversary of Ernesto
and Carmelita Galvez

12:00PM Robert Allard - *Family*

Robert McCormack - *Virginia and
Robert Rehfeld*

READINGS OF THE WEEK:

Monday: Jon 1:1 - 2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 2:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-20b; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 12-21; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;

Mt 22:1-14

FOUR DAYS OF FUN, INDEED!

Even a bit of Sunday rain couldn't dampen the great spirit of this year's Fisher Fest. We all owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the dedicated members of the committee who work, not only during the four days of the Fest, but for months beforehand and, in some cases, for weeks afterward.

This year's Fisher Fest included some terrific improvements, including Thursday Family Night, an added ticket booth convenient to the food vendors on Fairfield, and a higher music tent which made the already fantastic bands sound even better.

However, if we want this annual iconic parish event to continue—and continue to improve—we need an infusion of new blood on the committee. Five long time committee members are moving into a well-deserved retirement, which means that we will need a new chairperson (or co-chairpersons) as well as talented, dedicated people to supervise money-counting and ticket distribution, manage all the required city permits, oversee the Fest finances, solicit and assist our food vendors, and handle graphic design and publicity. Five generous and busy people did all of that this year (and in some cases, for many years prior), but it might be possible for some responsibilities to be shared.

It's important to note that these jobs don't require a lifetime commitment. They do require a commitment of time, energy, patience and cooperation. If you feel you would like to help turn this year's *Four Days of Fun* into Fisher Fest 2012, talk to one of this year's committee members or give me a call when I get back from vacation on October 12th.

Again: a massive **thank-you** to this year's committee and to all who supported Fisher Fest 2011.

Fr. Bob

Liturgy of the Word for Children beginning October 16th at 10:00 a.m. Mass

We are happy to offer Liturgy of the Word for Children at 10:00 a.m. Mass. This program gives our young parishioners an opportunity to hear the Sunday scriptures on their own level and to experience an age-appropriate homily based on these readings. We invite any children ages 4 through 1st grade to participate. There is no sign up or registration fee. Just come up to the altar area when the presider invites the children.

This program takes place within the liturgy. The priest invites the children up to the altar after the opening prayer. The children walk together to the foyer with the Liturgy of the Word for Children leader. The children return to their parents after the general intercessions.

We are grateful to Mrs. Tracy Olsen who will coordinate this program. If you would like to participate as a leader of Liturgy of the Word for Children or have any questions, please contact Tracy Olsen at tracy_m_olsen@hotmail.com or Elena Chermak at echermak@sjschool.net. We will provide training and materials for all volunteers. Thank you for your consideration of this program and this new opportunity for the children.

THE CHICAGO FIRE HELPS CATHOLIC CHARITIES

On Saturday, October 22nd, the Chicago Fire Soccer Club will be hosting an attendance night benefitting Catholic Charities at their home field, Toyota Park, in Bridgeview. Half the price of all tickets purchased through the website <http://www.chicago-fire.com/CCfundraiser> will be donated to the St. Blasé Food Pantry in Summit. For more information call Jeff Simms (708) 430-0428.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BEING A PRIEST?

Men of college age and older are invited for *Exploring Priesthood Weekend* retreat next weekend, **October 7-9, 2011** at Mundelein Seminary to pray, reflect and discuss the possibilities of diocesan priesthood in Chicago. Contact Fr. Brian Welter (312) 34-8298 or bwelter@archchicago.org

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION (FORMMER C.C.D) NEWS

Children's Faith Formation began on Sunday, September 25th for students in grades 1-8. We welcome all new and returning students.

Classes are held on Sundays in the school from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m., September through April approximately three times a month.

Registration continues at the rectory (open every day and evening) for anyone who would like to participate.

We are grateful to our teachers who share their faith and offer their wisdom, care and skill for our students each session.

1st Grade: Mrs. Adele O'Sullivan

2nd Grade: Mrs. Patricia McGlinchey

3rd Grade: Mrs. Laura White

4th Grade: Mrs. Marianne Lambur

5th Grade: Mrs. Jennifer Stenson

6th Grade: Mr. Michael Ralphson

7th Grade: Mr. Brian Nichols

8th Grade: Ms. Mary Margaret Redmond

We thank them for facilitating the faith development of our students.

If anyone has not yet registered, it's not too late. Sign up today.

SUPPORT THE REST SHELTER

Summer is ending and the cold winds of winter will be here before we know it. The homeless women don't have closets or attics to put away their summer clothing, nor do they have a chest of drawers to pull out their cold weather clothing. Do you have any fall/winter clothing you don't wear anymore? If you have items you would like to donate like sweaters and sweatshirts, please bring them to the rectory. We are so grateful to the many parishioners who faithfully respond to our requests for donations. If you need a receipt for your donation, please include your name and address so the shelter can send you the proper acknowledgement. Paper products and pantry items like paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, breakfast cereals, sugar, koolaid and coffee are also needed. If you have questions about what types of items the women need, please contact **Betty Kort (708) 425-1805.**

Volunteers are also needed to provide an evening meal for 45 homeless women or to travel to the shelter to help serve dinner. We do make a difference. The signup sheets to volunteer are found on the bulletin board by the priest sacristy. Please consider giving up one of the Friday evenings listed below. If you have questions, please call **Betty Kort (708) 492-0814 (weekdays)** or **(708) 425-1805 (evenings)** or **Don Skonicki (847) 2318** or **(773) 238-6932.**

October 7th and 21st and November 4th and 18th

COMMUNITY NEWS

... **Old St. Pat's Church comes to the Southwest Side** by hosting a speaker series Wednesday, October 19th at Gaelic Park (6118 West 147th Street in Oak Forest, IL). The session speaker will be Sister Mary Paul McCaughey, head of the Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Sister will speak of the new vibrancy of Catholic Schools as they reinvent themselves to meet both eternal and practical needs. The evening begins with refreshments at 6:30pm. Speaker will begin at 7:00pm. Program concludes at 8:30pm. All are invited. A free will donation will be requested to help defray program costs. All are invited.

... **Benefit for Jim Littleton** (brother of parishioner Mike Littleton) to be held on Sunday, October 16th, 2-7:00pm at 115 Bourbon Street. Admission tickets are \$30.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 12 and includes food and drink. Raffle tickets are \$50.00 each with a grand prize of \$10,000.00. All proceeds will help Jim battle Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia. Contact Mike or Eileen Littleton (773) 239-7080 or (773) 936-1535 for complete information or visit the website www.loveforlittletons.com

... **St. Laurence High School Mothers' Club** to host all-dabber Super Bingo on Sunday, October 9th at St. Laurence High School (77th Street and Central Avenue). Tickets are \$20.00. Advanced ticket sales are requested, only a limited number of tickets available at door. Doors open at 12:00 Noon, games begin at 2:00pm. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance call (708) 458-6900.

PARISH PRIESTS

Rev. Robert Kyfes, Pastor
Rev. Marion Soprych, Associate Pastor
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.