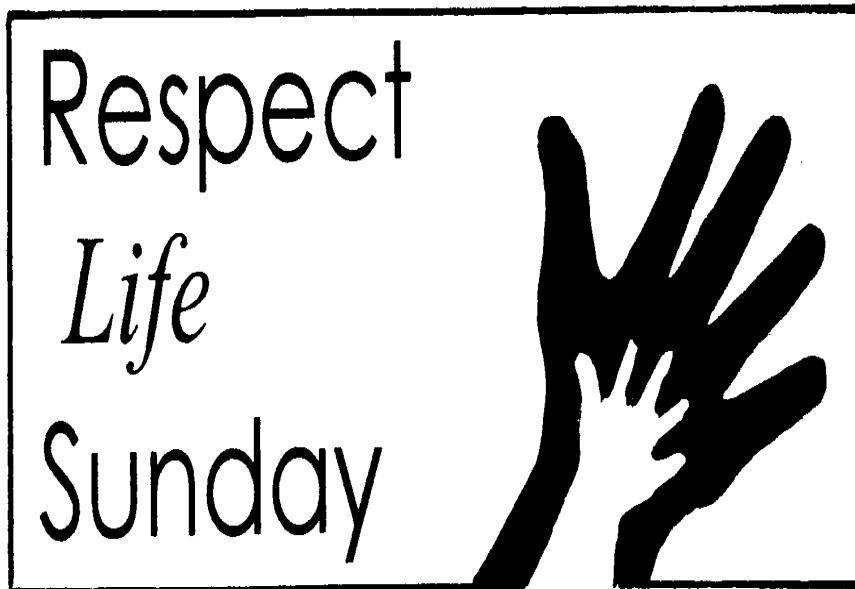
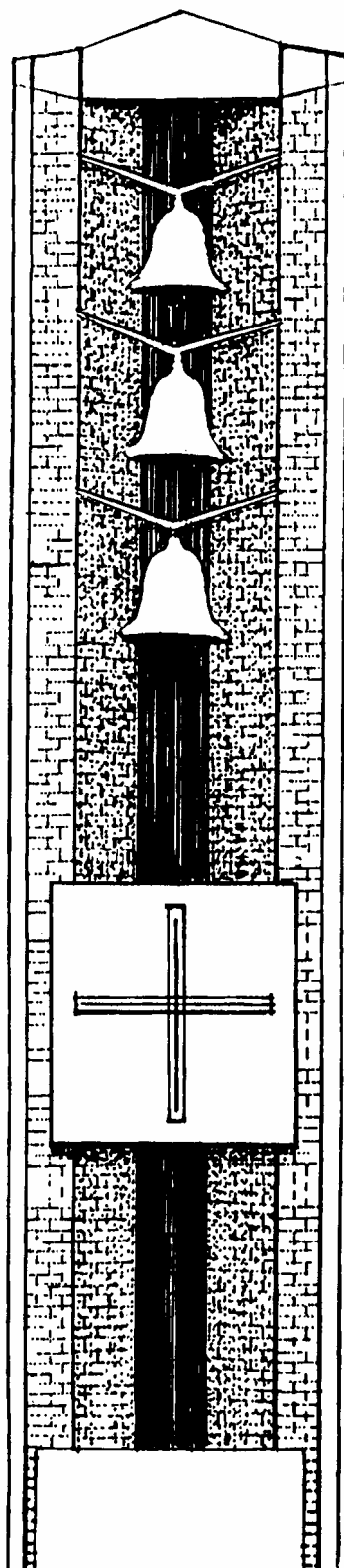


Saint John Fisher Parish

October 4, 2009

Twenty-seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time



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*“Before I formed you in the womb,
I knew you.”*

(Jeremiah 1:5)

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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.

BAPTISMS

We welcome the following children into God's family:

Henry Michael Rogozinski

Nora Sharon Rogozinski

Olive Elizabeth Yozze

REST IN PEACE

Please remember especially in your prayers this week: Parishioner Joseph Sosnowski, husband of Deborah.

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 Kreisler, 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

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

We are about to begin an exciting year of Children's Faith Formation for students in grades 1-8. **Our opening day is Sunday, September 27th.** Classes will be held on Sundays in the school from 8:45 to 9:45a.m., September through April approximately three times a month. Registration will be taken in the rectory beginning on Saturday, September 5th. Students who were not baptized at St. John Fisher should provide a copy of their baptismal certificate.

We look forward to welcoming new and returning families and their children. Please come to the rectory to register (the rectory is open every day). Tuition fees are as follows:

Fees: Tuition/Materials (Checks payable to Office of Religious Education)

Parishioners

\$ 90.00 + \$15.00 = (\$105.00).....	1 child	\$140.00 + \$15.00 = (\$155.00)
\$130.00 + \$30.00 = (\$160.00).....	2 children	\$160.00 + \$30.00 = (\$190.00)
\$130.00 + \$45.00 = (\$175.00).....	3 children	\$160.00 + \$45.00 = (\$205.00)
\$130.00 + \$60.00 = (\$190.00).....	4 children	\$160.00 + \$60.00 = (\$220.00)

Non parishioner:

For more information, please contact *Elena Chermak, Director of Religious Education (773) 238-1851* or echermak@sjfschool.net

RESPECT

No, I'm not channeling Aretha Franklin. This is about something that we all want, but something that some people seem to have a hard time giving. It's also a topic that several parishioners asked me to write about after a recent wedding.

One might think that **respect** would be a given in a church, whether inside or outside. But, sadly, it's not. At that recent wedding (which, fortunately, was not one I was witnessing), members of the wedding party and family thought that it was somehow appropriate to tailgate on the parking lot, a few yards from the church doors, thirty minutes *before* the wedding! Since, as I said, it wasn't a wedding I was witnessing, someone else had the unenviable task of confronting them and explaining why their behavior was inappropriate and disrespectful. After finishing their beers, they closed the coolers and the tailgates and entered the church to celebrate the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Matrimony. (Can anyone tell me what's so very wrong about the sequence of events described in that last sentence?)

Now one might think that, at that point, the message would have been received and understood. Think again. As I was returning to the sacristy after hearing confessions (in the midst of which I could hear several young women outside talking about doing a "pub crawl" on the way to the reception), a parishioner came up to me and said "I have a suggestion for another bulletin article...." As parishioners were coming into the parking lot for mass, the tailgating had resumed, now with two cars, two coolers and two dozen people! This time I went out and, very clearly and firmly, told them to put the beers down and leave. When some of them laughed and continued drinking, I raised my insistence a few notches and waited there until all the beers had been returned to the (still very full) coolers.

Did this make me angry? You bet! Do I have a right to be angry about such extraordinarily thoughtless, disrespectful and inappropriate behavior? Absolutely....and so do you. There are lots of fantastic young people in the twenty-something generation—generous, thoughtful, intelligent, faith-filled. But some (and not all of them twenty-somethings) have missed the boat when it comes to respect, not only for others, but for themselves as well. And it's not just a matter of respecting a church building or the sacredness of a wedding mass; it goes even deeper than that.

All the recent research on drinking, especially binge drinking among young adults, points to a growing problem and paints a troubling picture. This past summer, we faced a major issue of teens drinking on the parish grounds, as early as four in the afternoon! The drinking and attendant minor vandalism became so great a concern that I had to ask members of our Holy Name men's group to patrol the grounds twice a night beginning in early July. What begins as a weekend beer or two for some teens can mushroom into something truly self-destructive in later life, and can manifest itself in the kind of behavior displayed at that wedding. I'm not suggesting that the parking lot tailgaters are on the verge of alcoholism—at least I certainly hope not. But do you know that we already have five AA groups meeting here in the parish? We would have ten if I had been able to say "yes" to others who have requested space in the past few years. AA provides a tremendous service and desperately needed support for its members and I'm glad we can accommodate them here, But perhaps we should ask why we have a **need** for so many groups in one small community.

Respect is truly something we all want and deserve. But we can't expect to receive it from others unless we first learn to give it—to others and to ourselves as well.

Fr. Bob

SJF WOMEN'S CLUB

It's time for the first Women's Club meeting of the year!

Please join us for pizza, drinks and BINGO.

Visit with old friends and meet some new ones!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009—7:30P.M.

The Women's Club Annual Right To Life Baby Shower will also be held at this meeting. Gifts of new or gently used baby items will be give to Birthright and The Women's Center of Greater Chicago.

R.C.I.A. - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

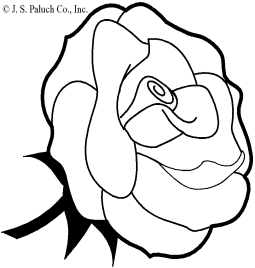
This program is for:

- 1.) non-baptized adults who are interested in the possibility of becoming Roman Catholic;
- 2.) adults baptized in a Protestant tradition who want to know more about Roman Catholicism;
- 3.) baptized Catholic who would like to complete the sacraments of Christian Initiation and have not had the benefit of much Catholic education.

Anyone interested in the R.C.I.A. program is invited to an introductory meeting on **Tuesday, September 22nd, in the rectory**. The meeting will **begin at 7:30p.m.** and **conclude by 9:00p.m.** For more information, Call Father Marion at the rectory. The phone number is (773) 445-6565.

P.S. St. John Fisher parishioners and friends: You may have neighbors, relatives and friends who don't know about the R.C.I.A. program unless you tell them. Invite them to give Father Marion a call.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH



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God gave each of us a conscience; an inner voice that deep down always knows right from wrong. It doesn't always tell us what we want to hear and sometimes we ignore it but it is always there.

This month, join together with the St. John Fisher Respect Life group, to pray that all people receive the strength and grace to clearly hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Pray, especially, for physicians, politicians, women in crisis pregnancies, and care givers to the ill or elderly, that they hear that voice, unfettered by fear, greed, selfishness, pride, etc. Pray, that nothing gets in the way of all people living their full lives as God intended from conception to natural death.

Let us pray for the grace and courage to trust God and His will for each one of us.

Spiritual Adoption Update (Month 1): "My heart is beating!"

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of her brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. Her heart began to beat on the 21st day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from her mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of her mother to give her the most precious gift of all ... the gift of life.

PARISH HOMECOMING

The final event celebrating St. John Fisher Parish's 60th anniversary, the **Parish Homecoming**, will take place on **Saturday, October 17, 2009**. This event welcomes **all** adult parishioners, past and present, as well as all adult graduates. The celebration will begin with mass at 4:00p.m. and end at midnight. Music will be provided by Rich Gardner and feature The Operators. Food, catered by Franconello's will be available at a nominal price. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at the door. Advanced tickets can be purchased after all weekend masses, during Wednesday Manna sales, and at the Rectory beginning on Monday, September 21st. Special apparel commemorating our 60th anniversary can be ordered during these times. Join us for a fun filled evening. For information please call the Rectory (773) 445-6566 or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773) 239-8428.

FALCON FOOTBALL NEWS

Please come out and cheer on your (3-0) 5th and 6th Grade Falcons as they return home for their homecoming game. They will be facing Queen of Martyrs on Saturday, October 3rd. Kick-off for the 5th and 6th Grade B game will be at 12:30 followed by the 5th and Grade Game at 1:30. The 7th and 8th Grade Game will kick-off at 3:00.

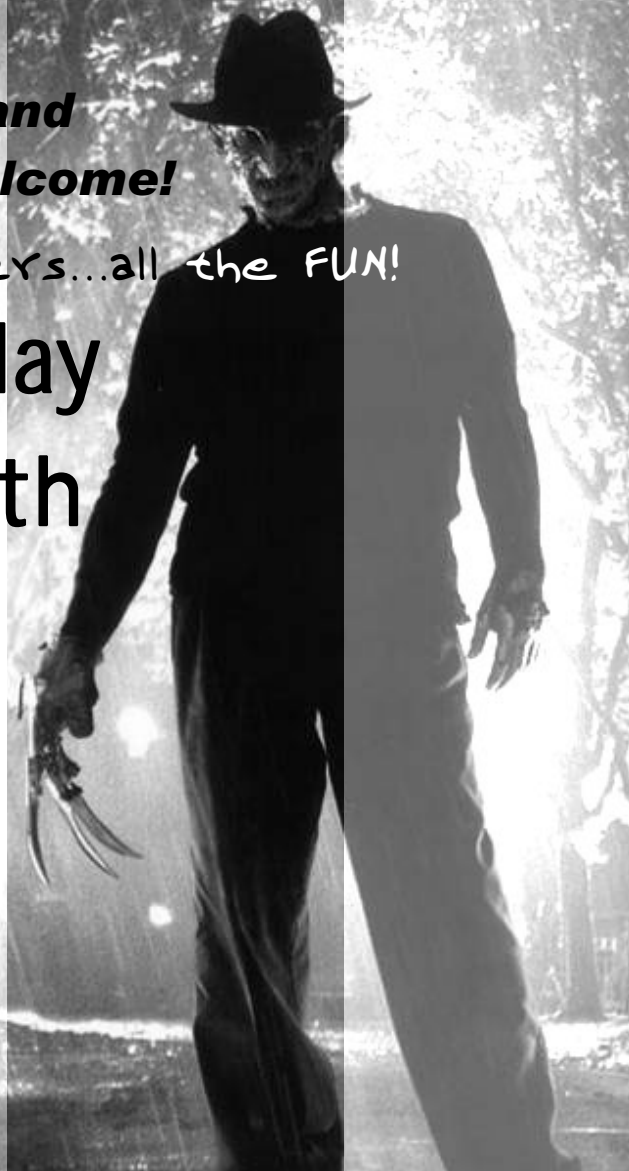
Great America Frightfest

**7th, 8th, HIGH SCHOOL and
COLLEGE STUDENTS are welcome!**

All the zombies...all the monsters...all the FUN!

saturday
OCTOBER 24th

**For more information please
pick up a Frightfest packet
at the parish office. Please
fill out the permission slip
and return with payment by
OCTOBER 18th.**



DROP - IN SCHEDULE:

**ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FROM 6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. ON:
October 7th @ SJF (Rectory Basement) * October 14th @ 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, October 10

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

Sunday, October 11

8:00 AM **Cantor:**
Reader: E. Barron
10:00 AM **Cantor:**
1st Reader: J. Zelek
2nd Reader: R. Carroll
12:00 PM **Cantor:**
Reader: A. O'Reilly



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, October 10

4:00PM 1.) C. Cihocki; E.M.2) E. Smith; E.M.3) Sister Kathleen; E.M.1) N. Del Valle (T); E.M.2) D. McHugh; E.M.3) P. Hayes; E.M.4) P. Redmond; E.M.5) M. Redmond

Eucharistic Sacristan:

Sunday, October 11

8:00 AM E.M.1) Deacon Siska; E.M.2) J. Standring (T); E.M.3) J. Standring
10:00 AM 1.) P. McGlinchey; 2.) P. McGovern; 3.) K. O'Hara; E.M.1) P. McGovern (T); E.M.2) S. Spagnoli; E.M.3) R. Riccardo; E.M.4) J. Daly; E.M.5) Deacon Carroll

Eucharistic Sacristans: J. and S. Murphy

12:00PM E.M.1) D. Garvey (T); E.M.2) K. Murnane; E.M.3) Deacon Reilly; E.M.4) J. Frederick; E.M.5) K. McElligott

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 5

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Guenter Arlt — *Rena Arlt*
William and Helen O'Brien — *Kroll Family*

Tuesday, October 6

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Merle J. Hall — *Lorraine Chynoweth*

Wednesday, October 7

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Gary Divine — *Michele McLaughlin Ross and James Ross*
Guenter and Werner Arlt — *Rena Arlt*

Thursday, October 8

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Helene and Alvin Kresse — *Kresse Family*

Friday, October 9

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Kathleen Konen — *Robert Konen*

Saturday, October 10

8:15AM Panerazio Opipari — *Pam and Tony Yozze*
Joseph Griffin — *Margaret Griffin*
4:00PM Parishioners

Sunday, October 11

8:00AM Marian Chamberlain — *Norine Sullivan*
Bernard H. McKeating — *Raymond Schatzman*
10:00 AM Louise Konzen — *Hilda Andrulis*
Mary Jane Kiehl — *Marcia Collins*
12:00AM Marion Shallow — *Steve and Winnie Ligda*
Lorraine Milkint — *Marcia Collins*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 (17-27)

FISHERFEST 2009 THANK YOU!

We would like to send some thank you's to all those who contributed to make Fisherfest a special weekend for our parish and extended neighborhood family. The fest would not take place without the efforts of so many who donate their valuable time.

-We are fortunate to have a committee that works very hard for the 3 or 4 months leading up to the fest. The other 2009 Fisherfest committee members were: Paul Dachota, Anna Marie Duffy, Joe Faculak, Roberto Guerra, Pat and Gerry Hayes, Patrick Hayes, Mary Clare and Jim Hogan, Kevin Kaplan, Anne and Mike Kozek, Mary Ann Kroll, Tom Leiser, Jackie Long, Mary Ann and Jim McMahan, Mark Montag, Dave Niedospial, Maureen and Mark Okonski, Gary O'Donnell, Jean Pomorski, Jim and Michele Radavic, and Nancy Riggio

-Thanks to Sister Jean, Father Arthur, Father Bob, and Father Marion for their guidance, help, support, and encouragement.

-The 7th and 8th graders and their teachers who helped so much in the last week.

-The 5th graders for running a very successful recycling program

-The youth ministry for serving up Dippin Dots all weekend

-A special thanks to the off-duty policemen and women who gave up so much of their time this weekend.

-All the volunteers who made the event possible with special thanks to the ticket booth team, clean-up crew, set-up and tear-down groups, and kid's area crews.

-Thanks to our food vendors, bands, entertainers, and carnival company.

-Thanks to our neighbors who put up with the noise, traffic, and crowds over the weekend.

-Thanks to all the visitors from neighboring parishes who made the journey to support the fest.

-To the rectory staff who field so many phone calls and visitors for the weeks leading up to the fest.

-Finally and most importantly, thanks to the entire St John Fisher family.

AND, A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE DONORS!

Fisherfest 2009 wishes to acknowledge with special thanks the corporate donors who helped so much to make the fest a very successful event:

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SCRIPTURE SAFARI

Scripture Safari, our parish pre-school Bible school program for 3, 4, and 5 year olds (and those turning 6 in kindergarten) will begin on **Sunday, October 18, 2009**. Scripture Safari meets during the 10:00a.m. Mass, approximately two Sundays a month. Our teachers are Mrs. Jennifer Stenson and Mrs. Tracy Olsen.

Registration fees are \$30.00 for one child, \$40.00 for two or more children to cover materials and supplies for the year. Please make checks payable to the Office of Religious Education. You may register your child at the rectory any day of the week. To learn more about Scripture Safari, please contact **Elena Chermak (773) 238-1851** or via e-mail: echermak@sjschool.net. All children are welcome — please pass this information on to any friends who may be interested.

St. John Fisher Scripture Safari Schedule—during 10:00a.m. Mass

October 18, 2009 (Session one)
November 1, 2009
November 15, 2009
December 6, 2009
December 13, 2009
January 10, 2010

January 31, 2010
February 7, 2010
February 28, 2010
March 7, 2010
March 21, 2010
April 18, 2010

BETWEEN JOBS MINISTRY

In some way we have all been touched by the weakened economy. Many of us know someone who has lost a job. It might even be you. The **Between Jobs Ministry** is for those looking for employment AND those who can offer their help. Could you lend time to help us brush up on computer skills, Microsoft and Internet searches? Or volunteer to review a resume or hold a practice interview? We want to identify job opportunities ... can you assist with strategies for networking? If you're between jobs or want to help those who are, please join us for about an hour after the 10:00am mass every Sunday in the rectory basement. Ask for Deacon Tom.

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

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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.