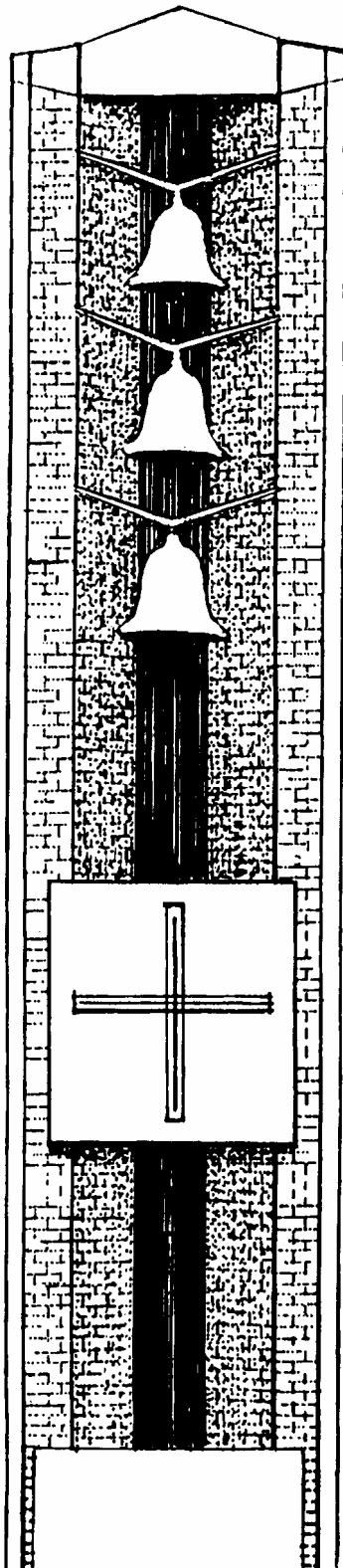
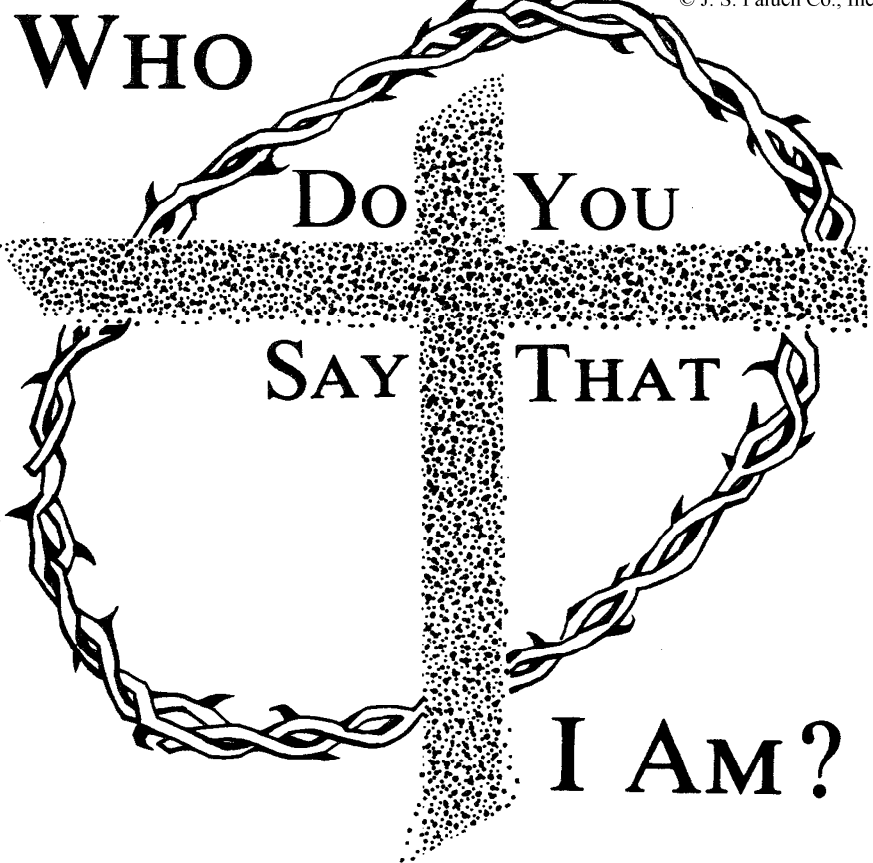


Saint John Fisher Parish

September 13, 2009

Twenty-fourth 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.

REST IN PEACE

Please remember especially in your prayers this week: Parishioner Lorraine Milkint; Marie Romanas, mother of parishioner Effie Killeen; James Shannon, brother of parishioners Therese Murphy and Thomas Shannon; Grace Murphy, mother of parishioner Gerald Murphy.

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.; 1st Lt. 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)

<u>Parishioners</u>		<u>Non parishioner:</u>
\$ 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)

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

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY KICKS OFF NEW SOCIAL YEAR
SEPTEMBER 13th—7:00p.m.—KANE HALL
BEARS VS GREEN BAY PACKERS**

This is a great time to meet new friends and drop off your membership dues!

A PILGRIMAGE – CATHOLICS PRAYING FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

All people in the Archdiocese are being invited to attend a prayer pilgrimage throughout Cook and Lake counties on Sunday afternoons from now through October 11th. The brief, simple services at each church will offer prayers for an end to discrimination and injustice in our society. The theme is “Break down the walls that separate us and unite us as a single body.”

St. John Fisher was asked to be one of three prayer sites in our Vicariate because of the enthusiastic response from our parishioners a number of years ago to the invitation to participate in the racism and ethnic sensitivity workshops sponsored by Archdiocesan Office for Racial Justice. Although we live in a fairly non-diverse community, the larger Church in Chicago includes people of many races and even more nationalities. Although we don’t worship together each week or even interact with each other on a regular basis, we’re always called to recognize our unity in the Lord—our “common adoption” as sons & daughters of God, as brothers and sisters of Jesus, as members of the Body of Christ in this world.

The prayer pilgrimage in our Vicariate will take place on **Sunday, October 4th** and will begin at St. Denis at **2:00p.m.** A bus will be available there for all who might want to take advantage of that transportation for the afternoon. The service here will begin at approximately **2:45p.m.** near the statue of Mary at the end of the Rectory driveway. (In the event of rain, it will take place in church.) The pilgrimage will conclude at St. Linus, with the service there beginning around 3:30p.m.

All are welcome to join in all three services or simply the one here at St. John Fisher. For a listing of pilgrimage sites in other Vicariates, go to dwellinmylove.org.

UNEMPLOYMENT OUTREACH

The weakened economy continues to take its toll on all of us. In some way we have all been touched by the recent downturn—many of us know someone who has a lost job. In fact, it may be you, your spouse, a family member or neighbor. Being unemployed can wreak havoc in one’s life no matter how strong their faith. If you are struggling with what God is doing in your life right now during your job loss, please accept this invitation to attend a brief gathering with people who have been where you are and may be able to offer comfort, support and loving encouragement. The group meets following the 10:00a.m. mass each week in the rectory basement. Just ask for Deacon Tom.

MUSIC MINISTRY — ST. JOHN FISHER CHOIRS

Please consider singing in one of our parish choirs. We have an Adult Choir, Teen Choir and Children’s Choir. No experience is necessary but of course, helpful. The rehearsal schedule is listed below. Maybe give the choir a through Thanksgiving or Christmas to see if you like it. Any questions, call **Michael Carso (708) 396.2738**.

Adult Choir — Thursday evenings—7:30p.m.—9:00p.m

Teen Choir — Wednesday evenings—8:30p.m.—9:30p.m.

Children’s Choir — Thursday afternoons—2:30p.m.—3:00p.m.

Rehearsals begin the week after Fisherfest: September 23-24

ST. JOHN FISHER FOOTBALL NEWS

ATTENTION!

Please come out and cheer on the Fisher Falcons as they open up their 2009 season against St. Daniel the Prophet at St. Daniel’s (5700 South Narragansett (Wentworth Park). 5th and 6th Grade kicks off at 1:30p.m. and the 7th and 8th Grade kicks off at 3:00p.m.

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.

THE BEVERLY REVIEW AND ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

The Beverly Review—local news delivered to your home! St. John Fisher School is offering new and renewal subscriptions to the Beverly Review community newspapers which is delivered to your home weekly. The school earns a profit from each subscription ordered through the school. We are accepting subscriptions until September 25th. Look for subscription forms on the tables in the back of church, at the school office or ask a SJF student. Thanks for your support! Questions, please contact **Kelly Sullivan (773) 238-9371**.

AN INVITATION FROM THE TIP TOPPERS

With Fall just around the corner, how about planning to join the "Senior Tip Toppers" Club for cards (pinochle or poker). This happy social group meets at 11:00a.m. every second and fourth Wednesday of the month in the basement of the church rectory.

You do not have to be a "super" player. If you haven't played in years, we'll help you get back on track. For more information, please call **Hilda Andrulis (773) 233-1634**.

BRIDGE NOTICE

Bridge schedules are ready. They may be picked up at 10147 South Fairfield on:

Wednesday, September 16—from 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

Thursday, September 17—from 1:00pm to 5:00p.m.

Call Janet (773) 233-8152 to make other arrangements.

LAST WEEK TO PURCHASE FISHERFEST MEGA BRACELETS!

Fisherfest Mega Bracelets are available on a **PRE=SALE BASIS ONLY** for \$40.00, payable when the voucher is picked up, at the special times shown below. The voucher will be redeemed for a mega bracelet at the fest when a mega bracelet will be affixed to the carnival rider's hand.

Special sales hours will be in effect the week of September 14th.

Monday Sept 14 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM (Old convent)

Tuesday Sept 15 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM (Old convent)

Wednesday Sept 16 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM (Old convent)

Thursday Sept 17 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM and 7:00 to 8:00PM (Kane Hall)

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!



Katie Kopale

“On our last day of work this week our carpenter, Lupe, told us that although we complained a lot that we were still hard workers. He also told us to never lose our smiles because people will try to take them away throughout our lives. This week I learned to reinforce my smile and I know I will continue through the future. This one heartfelt sentence helped me to realize something I otherwise would have overlooked. I am so thankful and blessed for being given this experience of a lifetime for 3 years in a row!”



Kelly Kopale

“This was my second time going on this trip; each year just keeps feeling more rewarding. Last year I worked on a new construction site, so this year when we got assigned to repair a roof and do some siding, I didn't know what to expect. When we arrived at our site it was far worse than I expected. The people living in the house were so grateful and happy. I couldn't believe that such nice people live in such terrible conditions. After this trip, I don't think I'll ever take anything for granted.”

Annie Rynne

“As a second year returner on this trip, I thought I knew what to expect. I didn't. I ended up getting a great deal from the trip and learned many lessons. I realized that not only must I bring these lessons home with me, but also to share them with others and put them into action. I've learned that working together is a necessity of change and peace. This week I was God's hands, and I will continue to work with them and bring faith and hope not only to the people of Harlan, but to anyone willing to let me help.”



DROP - INS ARE BACK!!!

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

*** September 16th at MHR (Convent 2nd Floor) * Sept 23rd TBA**

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, September 19

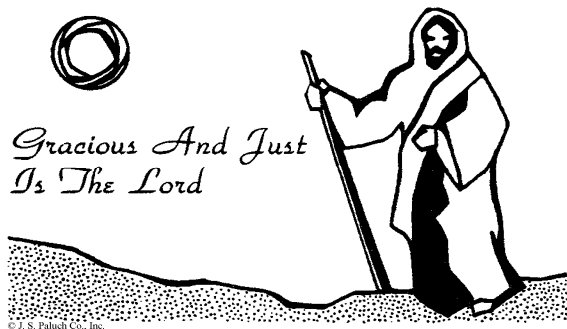
4:00 PM **Cantor:**
Reader: D. Brennan

Sunday, September 20

8:00 AM **Cantor:**
Reader: R. Kroll

10:00 AM **Cantor:**
1st Reader: S. Mahoney
2nd Reader: R. Carroll

12:00 PM **Cantor:**
Reader: J. Joyce



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, September 19

4:00PM 1.) Sister Jean; 2.) Sister Kathleen; 3.) C. Bicek; E.M.1) J. Rooney (T); E.M.2) M. Kroll; E.M.3) J. McVady; E.M.4) R. Mahoney; E.M.5) E. Smith

Eucharistic Sacristan: M. Redmond

Sunday, September 20

8:00 AM E.M.1) G. Finn; E.M.2) D. Sosnowski; (T); E.M.3) J. Standring; E.M.4) T. Szarzynski; E.M.5) J. Standring

10:00 AM 1.) A. Schumann; 2.) M. Schumann; 3.) N. Zelek; E.M.1) M. Condon (T); E.M.2) P. Ashe; E.M.3) K. Sullivan; E.M.4) H. Zelek; E.M.5) J. Stenson

Eucharistic Sacristans: J. and S. Murphy

12:00PM E.M.1) Deacon; E.M.2) K. Murnane (T); E.M.3) J. Frederick; E.M.4) L. Shallow; E.M.5) M. Fried

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE

Monday, September 14

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Wally Birge — *Marge Arneberg*

Tuesday, September 15

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Mary Kay McGrath — *Ozys Family*

Wednesday, September 16

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Betty Noonan — *Pat Sepiol*

Thursday, September 17

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Al Bielak — *Ginger Shupryt*

Friday, September 18

6:30AM Communion Service
8:15AM Larry Graziano — *Adele Kizer*

Saturday, September 19

8:15AM Timothy Leary — *Leary Family*
4:00PM Parishioners

Sunday, September 20

8:00AM Mimi Hanlon — *Marion Family*
Frank Almeida — *Looby Family*

10:00 AM Betty Noonan — *Larry and Mary Nitsche*
Lorraine O'Brien — *Norwell Family*

12:00AM Daniel Butkus — *Margaret Griffin*
All Souls Remembrance

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-18; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

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.

**STEWARDSHIP =
TIME
TALENT
TREASURE**

LITURGY: THE THINGS WE DO, THE WORDS WE USE – PART II

One has to be a certain age to remember “Ita missa est.” Those were the final words of the priest at a pre-Vatican II mass. The post-Vatican II English version became “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord”, “The mass is ended, go in peace” or simply “Go in peace.” This is one of those cases where, although the new versions are beautiful and appropriate, the Latin phrase, simple as it seems, really says and means a whole lot more.

Many people think the old Latin merely means “Go, the mass is ended.” Not exactly. Yes, “ita” means “go.” And yes, “missa” translates to “mass”; but what does “missa” actually mean? That’s where we discover the richness and power of that old dismissal. “Missa” is a form of the Latin “mittere” which means “to send.” So one translation of “Ita missa est” would be “**Go, it is the sending.**” A freer translation, and a really powerful one would be “**Go, you are sent.**” Either way, what we call the “**mass**” and see as an hour or so of being in one place in the presence of God with the Catholic community really becomes a very dynamic experience whose purpose is ultimately to have us **sent** out from our sharing of the Body and Blood of Christ to **be** the Body and Blood of Christ in our world.

So the real meaning of the word and the ultimate purpose of the “**mass**” is our being sent out to live—to **be**—what we have shared. But while we’re celebrating the mass and preparing for our sending, we have a lot of work to do (remember that “liturgy” means “the work of the people”). And there are two books we use that help us do that work: the **sacramentary** and the **lectionary**.

The **sacramentary** is the book of prayers used by the priest at mass. As its name reasonably implies, it is meant to help us celebrate the *sacraments*. It contains all the “presidential” prayers used by the priest or bishop when he *presides* at worship—the *opening prayer*, the *prayer over the gifts* and the *prayer after communion*. Again, those of a certain age might recall the word *collect* (accent on the first syllable) which was formerly the name of the opening prayer of the mass. This is another case where the old word holds considerable meaning, since the purpose of that first prayer is to **collect** (accent on the second syllable) all the prayers of the assembly as we prepare to enter into the liturgies of Word and Eucharist. There are *presidential prayers* for all the liturgical seasons, for the celebration of other sacraments like Confirmation, for special needs and for the feast or memorials of saints. The **sacramentary** also contains the *Eucharistic Prayers* (there are nine of those) and the *prefaces* which introduce the Eucharist Prayer and, like all good prefaces, summarize the reasons we’re gathered on any given day. There are ninety *prefaces* ranging from those for each liturgical season to marriage, Christian death and even civic observances like the 4th of July.

The **sacramentary** is certainly an important book, and the English version is in the process of revision at this very moment. The new sacramentary, which we’ll hear about at great length over the next few years, is scheduled to be introduced on the First Sunday of Advent in 2012 and will include new translations of nearly every prayer we’ve been hearing for the past forty years. The **lectionary**, however, is not simply important; it’s vital to our worship. It is one of only three items we truly need to celebrate mass—bread and wine being the other two. Just as the second principal part of the mass, the *Liturgy of the Eucharist*, can’t be celebrated without bread and wine, so the first major part of the mass, the *Liturgy of the Word* can’t take place without the book containing the living Word of God. The **lectionary** is so important it deserves its own space in this series, so we’ll save that for next week.

Fr. Bob

COMMUNITY NEWS

... **Brother Rice High School Alumni Dads** to host “*Texas Hold’Em Fundraiser* on Saturday, October 3rd. Seating is limited. Call (708) 636-8386 or (708) 425-0261 or email bricedads@yahoo.com for further information.

...”**Till Death Do Us Part, Late Nite Catechism 3**—appearing at St. Barnabas Parish (101st and Longwood Drive) on October 10th. Tickets \$25.00 per person; \$20.00 (senior). Groups of 10 or more \$20.00 per person. For more information call (773) 802-0300 or email StBarnabasOct10@aol.com

...**St. Xavier’s 9th Annual Cougar 5K Run/Walk** to be held on September 26th beginning at 9:00a.m. This event kicks off homecoming weekend with a day full of events. Call the race hotline (773) 298-3592 for more information.

... **Courage Program** — hosts 8th Annual Golf Outing on October 11th at Old Oak Country Club in Homer Glen. Proceeds help fund various programs offered by the Courage Program to single, pregnant young women and children. For further information call the Courage office (708) 636-8001.

FISHERFEST 2009 NEEDS YOU!

SEPTEMBER 18 — 19 — 20

*Would you like to meet some wonderful and fun people?
Do you enjoy good food and great live entertainment?
Do you want to get involved but NOT over-committed?*

If you answered “YES” to any of these questions, we have the perfect opportunity for you! Show **YOUR** support for St. John Fisher by volunteering some of your time (even a couple of hours_ and talent to help in the year’s biggest **FUNdraiser!**

Simply fill out the form below and return it to the rectory office or in the Sunday Offertory Collection baskets. A committee member will contact you.

Please indicate which area you are interested in helping and the time most convenient.

Friday evening Saturday afternoon Saturday evening Sunday afternoon Sunday evening

Ticket Booth Security Refreshments Kid’s Area Set-up/Take Down

Name _____

Phone: _____

Time(s) Available: _____

Volunteer Area(s) _____

**FISHER FEST 2009 –
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF FAITH, FAMILY & FUN**

2009 SJF 25th Anniversary Fisher Fest Raffle is here!!!!!!!!!!!!

This year will be the 25th Anniversary of St. John Fisher “FISHER FEST”. With this impressive milestone we would like to make the 2009 FF Raffle more exciting than ever before. We are pleased to announce that this years Grand Prize has been increased to \$30,000.00. In addition we have increased prize amounts and added new CASH prizes including 10 new \$100.00 Bi-Weekly Winners for even more opportunities to WIN!

BUY YOUR TICKET TODAY!!! The Procrastinator’s Drawing will take place after the Noon mass this Sunday, September 13th.

Tickets will be sold outside the Church after all masses this weekend or in the Rectory. If you have any questions or need a ticket delivered Please call **Kevin Kaplan 773.908.2886**.

**SEE YOU AT FISHERFEST!
SEPTEMBER 18—19—20**

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.