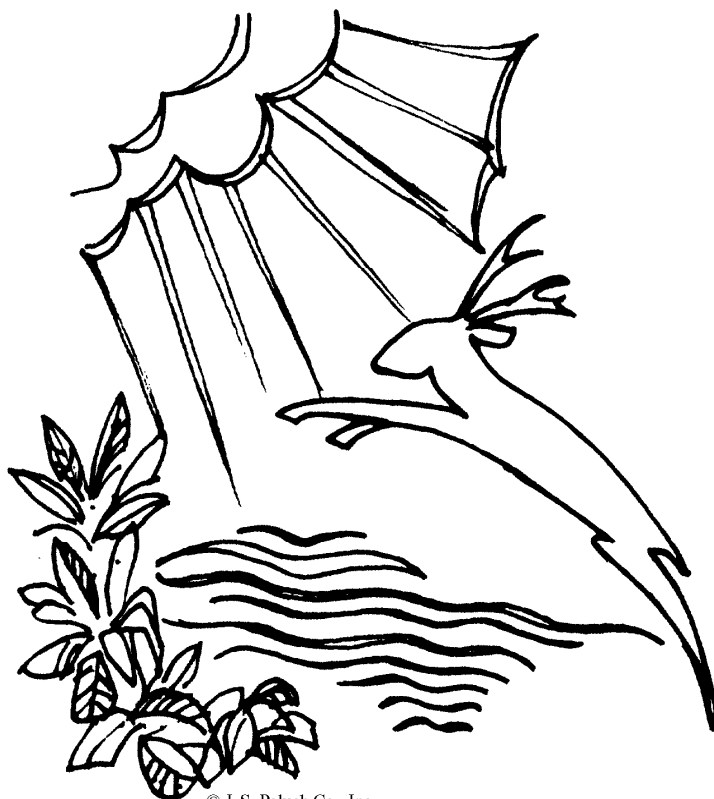
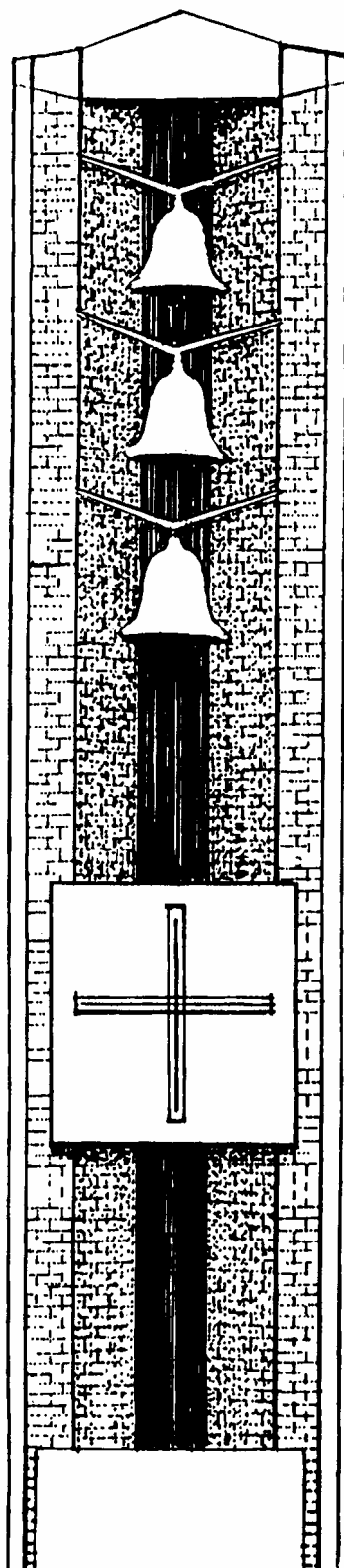


# Saint John Fisher Parish

September 6, 2009

Twenty-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:

*Walter Edward Bahr*

*Maura Eileen White*

*John Christopher Nechvatal*

## REST IN PEACE

Please remember especially in your prayers this week: Robert Ready, brother of parishioner Carol Rezmer; Margaret Moster, mother of parishioner Patrick Moster.

## 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 Kreis, 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

## ATTENTION! ANYONE WHO HAS MEMORIALIZED A SANCTUARY TILE

I am preparing a binder to record the memorial inscribed on the back of the new sanctuary tiles. If you have memorialized a tile or tiles, please see me in the church/school foyer after the 4:00pm, 8:00am and 10:00am Masses this weekend, September 5 and 6. I will have a form where you can write/print what was inscribed on the tile.

*Father Marion*

## 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**.

## SUMMER PROJECTS—THE END IS IN SIGHT

The church improvements begun a few weeks ago as part of our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year are moving along fairly well. Here are an overview and update:

- The replacement of the worn and stained sanctuary carpeting with sparkling porcelain tile was completed ahead of schedule, and as of August 23<sup>rd</sup>, nearly 300 tiles had been signed and memorialized by parishioners, helping to defray the cost of that project by over \$7,000.00. In the course of this work, we have also been able to clean our enormous and beautiful sanctuary crucifix as well as the Sacred Heart and Holy Family bronzes.
- The enlarging of our music ministry space is moving ahead a bit more slowly because of the need to coordinate several different aspects of that project. The extension of electrical connections has now been completed and the wiring for an expanded music sound system should be in process or perhaps completed by the time you read this. The remaining carpentry work on the enlarged choir and musician area will follow, and the final phase of this project will be the installation of flooring (a wood-grain vinyl), the construction of the choir railing, and the purchase of chairs for the choir members and musicians. We expect to have most or all of that completed by mid-September.
- Once the flooring work begins on the music area, the carpeting on the tabernacle platform will be replaced by the same wood-grain vinyl, and finished off with a traditional style area rug. The granite tabernacle base will then be deep cleaned.
- In the midst of these projects, all the tile floors under the pews, in the vestibules and in the gathering space at the back of church have been deep cleaned and waxed by our school cleaning service staff.
- A new offertory gift table will be in use shortly thanks to a gift from generous parishioners. The final bit of work for now will be an upgrading of the lighting in the Ushers/Bride's Room and in the Cry Room; that should be completed by the end of the year.

Nearly the entire cost of the music ministry project has been covered by a most generous \$50,000.00 gift from a single parishioner while over \$12,000.00 in additional gifts have helped defray the cost of the other improvements. But there are still opportunities to help with gifts, large or small:

- A single memorial gift of \$2,000.00 will fund the re-flooring of the tabernacle platform, but we don't yet have a donor for the cleaning of the granite tabernacle base. The cost of that has yet to be determined.
- The cost of chairs for the choir will total approximately \$2,000.00 which could be covered by a single gift or several smaller gifts.

The new microphones and other sound equipment needed for the choir and musician space would require a single gift of \$12,000.00 or several smaller gifts.

Within the next few weeks, a new Memorial Tree will be installed in the school foyer listing memorials for those who have donated over two dozen items in the church over the past four years and including any additional gifts for those elements mentioned above.

We will dedicate that Memorial Tree as well as the relocated church organ memorial plaque sometime in the next few months. If you are interested in helping in any way with these 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary improvements, please call me as soon as possible.

We are most grateful all those who have been so generous in helping to enhance the beauty of the most important building on our parish grounds—the place where we celebrate so many graced moments of life, from birth to death and all the times in between. We have so many reasons to give thanks to the God who loves us and blesses us each and every day of our lives.

*Fr. Bob*

## 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**.



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**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



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## WALK FOR LIFE

Please join the St. John Fisher Respect Life group on a “Walk For Life” on **Sunday, September 13th**.  
**Location: St. Alexander Church (121st Street at 71st Avenue in Palos Heights). Open Registration starts at 8:00a.m. followed by Mass at 9:00a.m. 3.8 mile round trip walk begins at 10:00a.m.**

If you are unable to join the walk, consider sponsoring the St. John Fisher walkers. You can sign up to walk or make a donation/pledge on the weekend of September 5-6, after any of the weekend masses. Look for us outside the main entrance of the church. Proceeds will benefit the pro-life work at the Women’s Center of greater Chicagoland. Anyone interested in walking, may contact **Peg Graeber (773) 238-3847**. Visit [www.womens-center.org](http://www.womens-center.org) or pick up a flyer on the tables in the back of church to learn more about the Walk For Life.

### ST. JOHN FISHER SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Join the St. John Fisher parish family, starting Wednesday, September 8th, in a Spiritual Adoption Program. Participants in the program pledge a daily 10 second prayer for a baby who is in danger of abortion. While the “spiritually adopted child” will remain unknown to his/her spiritual “parent”, God knows who the child is. You are encouraged to name your adopted child and give him/her an identity. At the end of the nine month prayer period, we will celebrate the births of our spiritually adopted babies with a baby shower. All gifts collected at shower will be given to Birthright and the Women’s Center to help mothers in need. Pick up your prayer cards at any of the masses on the weekend of September 5th and 6th. *“And all things whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive (Matthew 21:22)”*

### 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.

### 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)..... | <b>1 child</b> .....    | \$140.00 + \$15.00 = (\$155.00) |
| \$130.00 + \$30.00 = (\$160.00)..... | <b>2 children</b> ..... | \$160.00 + \$30.00 = (\$190.00) |
| \$130.00 + 45.00 = (\$175.00).....   | <b>3 children</b> ..... | \$160.00 + \$45.00 = (\$205.00) |
| \$130.00 + \$60.00 = (\$190.00)..... | <b>4 children</b> ..... | \$160.00 + \$60.00 = (\$220.00) |

##### Non parishioner:

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

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708-275-8922 \* EMAIL: [youtharethefuture@hotmail.com](mailto:youtharethefuture@hotmail.com)**



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

**NCYC OFFICIAL WEBSITE:**

**<http://ncyc.nfcym.org/>**

**NCYC PROMO VIDEO:**

**<http://ncyc.nfcym.org/ncycpromo.htm>**

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), is an exciting three-day experience of prayer, community and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones. The schedule includes general sessions, workshops addressing a wide variety of topics including Catholic spirituality and prayer, social justice issues, sexuality and leadership. There are also opportunities for reconciliation, daily liturgy, and special activities such as concerts, a dance, and comedy club. The thematic park is a unique venue incorporating traditional exhibits with interactive educational and recreational activities and vendors.

*If you are interested in joining us this year please contact Kim Madonia by the end of the day on Monday.*

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, September 12

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

### Sunday, September 13

8:00 AM **Cantor:**  
**Reader:** C. Roth

10:00 AM **Cantor:**  
**1st Reader:** K. McIlvain  
**2nd Reader:** E. Hynes

12:00 PM **Cantor:**  
**Reader:** A. O'Reilly



## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

### Saturday, September 12

4:00PM 1.) M. Jurek; 2.) A. Kozek; 3.) W. McCloskey; E.M.1) E. Smith (T); E.M.2) C. Cihocki; E.M.3) N. Rooney; E.M.4) W. Wahlen; E.M.5) Deacon

**Eucharistic Sacristan: M. Redmond**

### Sunday, September 13

8:00 AM E.M.1) W. Winters; E.M.2) A. Duffy (T); E.M.3) M. Kozek; E.M.4) M. Kroll; E.M.5) K. Furlong

10:00 AM 1.) J. Vaclavik; 2.) M. Vaclavik; 3.) Deacon; E.M.1) M. Leeder; E.M.2) L. Fitzgerald (T); E.M.3) P. McGovern; E.M. 4) P. McGovern; E.M.5) P. Leonard

**Eucharistic Sacristans: J. and S. Murphy**

12:00PM E.M.1) D. Garvey; E.M.2) W. Kresse (T); E.M.3) J. Miller; E.M.4) R. Bertucci; E.M.5) Deacon

**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, September 7

6:30AM Communion Service  
9:00AM Larry Graziano — *Dowling Family*

### Tuesday, September 8

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Larry Graziano — *Lucille Hughes*  
Margaret Signorelli — *Sori Family*

### Wednesday, September 9

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Bernard Casey — *Mary Murphy*  
Marge Condon — *Mary Kujawa*

### Thursday, September 10

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Buckley and Sepiol Families — *Family*  
Stephen F. Cusack — *Family*

### Friday, September 11

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Philip Graziano — *Wife*

### Saturday, September 12

8:15AM John and Ella O'Hara — *Family*  
4:00PM Parishioners

### Sunday, September 13

8:00AM John Mulry — *Kroll Family*  
James Healy — *Teri and Charlie Healy*

10:00 AM Bill Noonan — *Olsen Family*  
Pete and Theresa Gallagher — *Mike and Margie Gallagher*

12:00AM Marion Shallow — *Nancy Barrett*  
Anna Mae Hayes — *Rosania Family*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 (11:18-23)  
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-12, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49  
Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

# LITURGY: THE THINGS WE DO, THE WORDS WE USE

This is the first in a multi-part series (it will end when I can't think of anything else to say), which follows from the two-part reflection on music in last month's bulletin and echoed on the "pastor's page" of the parish web site. With the work being done to enhance the beauty and functionality of our worship space, this seems a good time to do a bit of catechesis on some things we might have forgotten or perhaps never fully understood about the most important part of our lives as Catholics—the sacred liturgy, which celebrates who we are and strengthens us to become all that God wants us to be.

These reflections will also be a prelude to a more extensive liturgical catechesis requested by the American bishops and our own Office for Divine Worship as the Church in the English-speaking world prepares for the introduction of the revised Sacramentary (one of those words we're going to ponder in these articles) in about two years. You will also be able to find these reflections on that "pastor's page" of the parish website, [www.stjohnfisher.org](http://www.stjohnfisher.org) usually a week or more ahead of publication in the Sunday bulletin.

## The words we use about our worship space

There are a lot of common words we may use to describe objects or places connected to worship. But those words may or may not be the *correct* words. Here are a few:

**Church** is the word we use for the building in which we gather, and it's a perfectly good way to describe the place in which the true Church, the People of God, assemble for worship. The church can also be called the "worship space" or the "gathering place" for the assembly of believers. It's also worth noting that we who are the People of God can only name ourselves "Church" when we gather and live in union with Church throughout the world and the "teaching Church"—the College of Bishops in union with the Bishop of Rome, namely, the Pope. That can be a particularly challenging notion for some Catholics!

**Sanctuary** is the place many people incorrectly call the "altar." The **altar** is the table—for us, thirteen tons of solid granite—at which the Eucharist is celebrated, while the **sanctuary** is the area surrounding the altar where the liturgical ministers assemble and where other elements of worship are centered. The sanctuary used to be defined by a communion rail which often served—unfortunately—to keep out the non-ordained (with the exception of male altar servers). While no one is excluded from this "holy" place in our day, the word still invites us to have a greater respect for the *sacred space* in which the Word of God is proclaimed and the Eucharist is celebrated and shared by us all.

**Ambo** is the correct name for what is often called the "pulpit." *Ambo* comes from the Greek and signifies a mountain or elevation. *Pulpit* is from the Latin meaning platform or staging. If you think about it, **ambo** is far more scriptural and appropriate, with echoes of the Sermon on the Mount as well as the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai. And if you've ever been in a very old church, especially in Europe, you might have seen there a dramatic, elevated ambo, usually embracing a column or pillar—a very clear reflection of the meaning of the word.

**The Presidential Chair** is not a seat for President Obama, but the chair occupied by the priest celebrant, the one who *presides* over our prayer. It is supposed to be a distinguished, but not overly ornate chair and situated in the sanctuary in such a way as to allow the presiding priest or bishop to call the assembly to prayer.

Those are the principal objects or spaces we encounter every time we gather in prayer. But it's also interesting to note the hierarchy of importance of the principal objects in our worship space. The **altar** is the most important object in the church, followed by the **baptismal font** (which we'll consider in a future article), the **ambo** the **presidential chair**, and finally, the **tabernacle**.

Now some may be a bit shocked that the **tabernacle** comes so far down the line in importance, but it's something else we need to ponder and learn to appreciate about our faith and the place in which we celebrate our faith. There's no question that Catholic churches are certainly distinguished from those of most other denominations by the presence of the tabernacle. It also goes without saying that the reservation and adoration of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus is a time-honored and treasured dimension of Catholic prayer life. However, it is the *celebration* of the Eucharist, not its *reservation* that ultimately shapes our Catholic spirituality. The church building exists primarily, not to reserve or contain the Eucharistic presence of Jesus in the tabernacle, but to celebrate his living presence among us and make that presence real in our own lives and in the world. Think about it. The reserved Eucharist in the tabernacle could not exist if the Eucharistic sacrifice of the *altar* was not celebrated first.

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It's at the *baptismal font* that we begin our journey of Christian initiation which reaches its climax in the reception of the Eucharist at our first communion. We can't possibly live as the Body and Blood of Christ in this world unless we are challenged by the living Word of God proclaimed from the *ambo*. And in our Catholic tradition, the presence of Jesus in simple bread and wine could not be made real without the initiative of the *priest presider* who gathers us in prayer around Word and Eucharist.

That should be more than enough to ponder for now. Next time, we'll look at some words we probably never use and perhaps only occasionally hear, like *lectionary* and *sacramentary*. Both, but especially the *lectionary*, are essential to the *mass* (there's another word we need to understand a bit better); both help us to celebrate the sacred *liturgy*—which, by the way, basically means “the work of the people.” We'll consider all those words and much more in the coming weeks.

If you've made it this far, thanks for taking the time! As I move along with this series, feel free to suggest other topics you might like to see considered here in the bulletin or on the “pastor's page” of the parish website.

**Fr. Bob**

## 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**.

## HOLY NAME NEWS

The annual SJF picnic was held Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Holy Name Society. The 20089 version of this great tradition included mass, brats, hot dogs, games, music, and wonderful neighbourhood camaraderie. A great crowd attended and enjoyed the day.

The event takes a lot of work so special thanks to Jim Brady, Mick Brennan, Alan Bukowiecki, Mike Carrane, Mike Carso, Nick Dachota, Scott Clifford, Rich Doligale, Jake Faculak, Josh Faculak, Kevin Glynn, Bill Guinane, Mike Guinane, Eric Horkavy, Harry Hughes, Luke Hughes, Kevin Kaplan, Brian Kozek, Mike Kozek, Tom Leiser, Tom Mahay, Brian Maloney, Ryan McAlilly, Mark Montag, Tim Nitsche, Marty O'Hara, Tim O'Malley, Tom O'Neil, Jim Radavic, Sean Riley, Bob Rook, John Rooney, Chris Scheid, Nick Simon, Ken Stubitsch, Joe Sullivan, Kevin Sullivan, and Bob Urchell.

You should have received your mailer and calendar. Please join us on **September 13 at 7:00** for the kick-off meeting which will feature the Bears/Packers as the Jay Cutler era begins. It is also a great time to drop off your annual dues.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**...29th Annual Misericordia Family Fest** — Misericordia Campus at Ridge and Devon Avenue—Sunday, September 13th—11:00am to 6:00pm, featuring live entertainment, children's games, kiddie rides, auctions and raffles, food and drinks. Free parking. For information and tickets call (773) 273-2766.

**... Historic Pullman hosts Chicago Labor Day Event** — Rally and celebration of union history begins at 2:00p.m. in the historic factory building, 11057 South Cottage Grove. Historical exhibits and presentations, music, food and performances, special guest speakers. Free admission—ample, safe, on-street parking. Call (773) 370-3305 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.

## MARKET DAY NEWS



School has started but hot lunches do not start until October 1st. Market Day has many new items for school lunches. Market Day sales can be used to earn credit toward a rebate on the \$175.00 mandatory fund raising fee at school.

**Market Day forms** are available at the entrances of the Church and **can be returned by September 6th** in the **church foyer**. **On line orders** will be **accepted until 11:00p.m. on September 9th**.

## BRIDGE NOTICE

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

**Thursday, September 10th—from 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.**

**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.

## 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.

## ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FUN?!

**Fisherfest 2009 Mega Bracelets now available!**

This year, again, Fisherfest 2009 will be offering Mega Bracelets. A \$40.00 fee will allow unlimited carnival rides any time the fest is operating. The mega bracelets are available on a **PRESALE ONLY** basis and are non-refundable, non-transferable, and can be used only by one person.

A voucher will be available for purchase for \$40.00, payable when the voucher is picked up, at the times outlined. 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.

Sales of vouchers began will continue until Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM. Sales hours are as follows:

**Sundays** After 10:00 AM Mass in church foyer  
**Wednesdays** 7:00-8:00 PM in back of the old convent

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)

## INSEARCH

INSEARCH—A program of Discernment and Formation for Adult men interested in the Priesthood begins in October. Contact Father Joe Noonan at the Vocation Office for more information (312) 534-8298 or [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org)

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 tickets NOW!!!** The picnic “Early Bird Drawing took place last Sunday. Congratulations to *Jim Ring*, winner of \$500.00 in that drawing and to the five \$100.00 winners: *John McInerney Family, Della Cushing, Denise Philbin, John Hite and Jane, Dan and Mary Brennan*. Remember all purchased tickets are eligible for the **Grand Prize Drawing at Fisherfest on September 20th!**

Tickets will be sold outside the Church after all masses 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.