



ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH

December 2020

Welcome to the SJF Monthly News!

Please share this letter with your family, friends, and neighbors.

This communication will contain brief updates from different groups in our parish each month. Our goal is to keep our parish, school, and community connected.

Questions? Email sjfparishchicago@gmail.com

If this letter was forwarded to you from someone else, please sign up to get your own letter each month by clicking on the button below.

News Sign Up

THANK YOU!

SJF's amazing community of parishioners, school families, alumni, and friends bought over 1000 of our Holiday Grand Raffle tickets!

We are SO grateful for your support of this major fundraising event which replaced our Annual Fisherfest Raffle this year.

Congratulations to the raffle winners!

\$25,000.00 - Dan and Margie Collins

\$5,000.00 - Carissa Colander

\$2,000.00 - Marie Liston

Seller's Prize - \$1,000.00 - Amy O'Connor

Weekly, Christmas, and Holy Day Masses



Current Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4 pm

Sunday: 8 am, 11 am

Weekdays (M-W-F): 8:15 am

Confession: Saturday 3 pm and

Weds 12/16 7 - 8 pm

Adoration: First Friday 7 - 8 pm

Sign-ups are required for **weekend, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God** masses.

Click the buttons below to sign up.

Call the rectory 773-445-6565 with questions.

Weekend
Masses

Christmas Eve - 10 PM
(4 PM is full) Christmas
Day - 8 & 11 AM

Solemnity of Mary
Mother of God 12/31 -
4 PM & 1/1 - 9 AM

Usher, Greeter, Cleaner Volunteer Sign-
Up

School

SJF students continue to learn safely in their classrooms with expert, dedicated faculty and staff.

Students are enjoying the Christmas season with **many COVID-SAFE activities** including classroom door decorating contests, ugly sweater day, and Polar Express Pajama Day, all planned by the SOAR student group. The entire SJF school joined in a **virtual mass celebrated by Father Ken** on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The **FSA** honored faculty and staff with a wonderful *12 days of Christmas Teacher and Staff Celebration* and worked closely with Santa's logistics team to schedule **home visits with Santa for all of the Falcons on the nice list!** (Photos below.)



Read all of Principal Mrs. Nash's weekly notes on the school website to learn more about all of the terrific happenings at SJF School.

Mrs. Nash's
Notes

St. John Fisher School
Website



PLEASE SUPPORT SJF WITH MANNA

WHAT IS MANNA?

A no-cost way for ANYONE to support SJF school.



HOW DOES MANNA WORK?



1. You buy Manna gift cards at face value and shop with them. Manna is available for hundreds of local and non-local stores and restaurants – even airlines and Visa cards are available! **Great for Christmas gifts** and great for your usual shopping!
2. The store rebates a percentage of the card value to SJF. 40% of that rebate goes toward SJF operational expenses.
3. **School families** get a tuition credit equal to 60% of the store rebate. **Non-school families** can donate their credit to a school family (at SJF or any school or university) or to the general SJF school.

WHERE AND WHEN ARE MANNA SALES?

Manna sales are in the convent

MON 9:00 - 9:30 am

WED 6:00 - 7:30 pm

THUR 8:00 - 9:30 am

FRI 1:00 - 2:30 pm

SAT 8:30 - 9:30 am

SUN 11:00 - 12:00 pm

CLICK FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT MANNA- INCLUDING HOW TO ORDER MANNA ONLINE OR FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE

Women's Club

The SJF Women's Club is working on some great new goals. We would like to extend an invitation to all parish women to join the Women's Club (no membership fee this year). **All women parishioners are very welcome to join!** Block captains have distributed registration cards, but if you didn't get one or misplaced yours, please click the button below to register online, or contact Maureen O'Malley: mpomalley5@gmail.com, 773-339-4951.

You're Invited!

We are looking for members to take an active role. **If you have an idea you would like to pitch or plan with a small group, we welcome it.** Some suggestions that have been brought up include bringing back the old phone book, starting a women's club cookbook, bunko, scavenger hunt, service opportunities, meetings with speakers or demonstrations, golf league, paint night, trip to Michigan vineyards, and a retreat. (Due to Covid-19, we are limited in what we can plan for this year.)

Please contact us with any questions at sjfwomensclub@gmail.com.

Pro Labore Dei

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to the wonderful SJF community, the October coat drive, the November Thanksgiving meal collection, and the December gift drive were huge successes! **More than 200 gifts were donated** by SJF parishioners PLUS \$1500 worth of gifts donated by parishioner Jennifer and her coworkers at Eisenhower High School.



Special **thanks to our CFF 8th graders** for helping with the Thanksgiving collection and to our **Youth Ministry** for doing our weekly shopping with your generous monetary donations. Want to help us shop? Text @shoppld to 81010. **We need you!**

PLD continues to serve 125 - 200 families each week in the Robbins, Blue Island, and Posen communities. **We are so grateful** for your ongoing support! Please drop off monetary donations or non-perishable food items at the church parking from 10:30-11 am **EVERY Saturday morning**, or anytime at the rectory. Or call us and we'll pick up from you. Your generous donations will warm the hearts of our many PLD families.

Questions? Contact Pam O'Mara (773) 612-0281. Thank you and God Bless!



Church Environment



Can you help? The Church Environmental Committee is looking for **help with decorating the church** for the Christmas season. Work will take place on Wednesday, December 23rd starting at 10:00 am. (Time may be changed if there is a funeral).

Many hands will make the project go quickly. There are banners to be hung, trees to be put together, the placement of plants, and of course, setting up the manger scene.

If you are interested in **helping to create a beautiful atmosphere for our church**, please contact Anna Duffy (773) 445-7813 or (312) 684-1207.

First Friday Holy Hour – Change for January



There will be **no Holy Hour on January 1st**, but please **join us on Friday, January 8th** at 7 pm for a special Holy Hour to **pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**. Starting again in February, we will meet every First Friday for Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Come for a few moments of silence to pray and adore our Lord. Stay for the whole hour or just stop by for a few minutes. Families and children are most welcome.

Merry Christmas from the Falcon Flower Growers!

We are having fun sprinkling the Christmas spirit around the church these days!

We have **decorated the front of the church** with garland, ribbons, and holiday planters. In addition, we have hung **wreaths along the south side** of the church and placed a wreath at the flower box at 103rd & Washtenaw.

If anyone has **any outdoor Christmas decorations they would like to donate**, let us know!

For more information or to volunteer, Contact Chas Hayes at chas.hayes@gmail.com



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Bulletin 12/13/2020

Bulletin 12/6/2020

Bulletin 11/29/2020

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