



FALCON FLYER

Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.

ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 20, 2026

Dear Fisher Families,

It was noticeably quiet in the halls today without our 8th graders, who were away on their annual ski trip! While we certainly missed their leadership and energy, we hope they had a fantastic day on the slopes making memories together. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return. A reminder that 8th grade picture retakes will take place on Tuesday, February 24th.

With this being a short week, we want to give families an extra day to submit their Special Lunch forms. The deadline has been extended until Monday. Thank you for getting those in as soon as possible. In addition, the March hot lunch schedule has been published—please be sure to review it and place your orders on time.

As we begin Lent, we are excited to announce two new Lenten activities for our students. First, we are introducing a Lenten Punch Card. Each week during Lent, students who attend Mass should be sure to get their ticket and bring it to class on Monday. Teachers will “punch” their cards, and for each week they attend, students will earn a small token of appreciation. Our hope is that every student will be able to attend six Masses during Lent.

In addition, Ms. Dunlavy will be hosting a special Lenten Prayer Circle each Tuesday morning called “Donuts with Ms. Dunlavy – Walking with Jesus This Lent.” Interested students should come to the Library at 7:20 a.m. each Tuesday during Lent, beginning Tuesday, February 24th. We look forward to praying and preparing our hearts together during this holy season.

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Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We are so blessed to journey through this season—and every season—as a Falcon family.

Dates to Know:

February 22nd: Get Behind the Vest Pancake Breakfast 8:00-12:00
Kane Hall

February 24th: Lenten Prayer Group for Students: 7:20 AM in Library

February 24th: 8th Grade picture retakes

February 24th: Smart Families Family Code Night 5:30 **THIS EVENT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED.** More information to follow.

March 5th: Report Cards

March 6th: St. Patrick's Day Party

March 16th: Planning Day - No School

Ms. Colleen Dunlavy

Do you need to submit a flyer or information to be featured in our Falcon Flyer? Please send to BOTH cdunlavy@sjfschool.us & mcorley@sjfschool.us



BELONG. BELIEVE. BECOME.



ALDERMAN MATT O'SHEA'S GET BEHIND THE VEST PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

SAINT JOHN FISHER KANE HALL

10200 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago

Tickets: \$5 per person / \$25 per family

All proceeds will benefit the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's Get Behind the Vest Campaign.

For more information, please contact Matt O'Shea at mattoshea@the19thward.com or (773) 238-8766.



**I PROTECT THOSE
WHO PROTECT ME.**



When Chicago Police Officers are hired, they receive a new bulletproof vest. However, a vest isn't bulletproof forever.

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The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation has paid out more than \$6.4 million dollars to purchase over 14,952 replacement vests for Chicago Police Officers with 1,040 vests supplied in 2025. The initiative is ongoing, and the foundation expects to provide at least 1,000 vests again in 2026.

This event has raised over \$760,000 to date.

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St. John Fisher Backs the Blue!

**St. John Fisher is proud to be
home to 103 students
whose parents are
Chicago Police Officers.**



**Thank you to those men and
women who protect and serve
us each day!**

10200 S. WASHTENAW AVE.

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MARCH ETC.



DISCOVER, PLAY, AND GROW WITH US!

The St. John Fisher Enrichment and Tutorial Center (ETC) is an after-school program designed to offer students a wide variety of classes not normally covered in the regular curriculum. Classes are a fun way for friends to explore areas of interest. The March session runs from **March 2nd - March 23rd**. Classes meet in the designated classroom for the designated times. The cost is \$30.00 per class; \$50 per family per class. Please scan the QR code to sign up for classes and to pay.

There are no refunds.

MONDAY CLASS: MARCH, 2ND, 9TH & 23RD

3:00-4:00

OPEN GYM + SALAMANDER YOGA: After a quick snack, students can explore a variety of equipment and engage in free play. We'll play our favorite tag games, run relays and end with 5 minutes of Salamander Yoga to settle down and conclude this March ETC! Students will be dismissed from the main office doors.

Class will be dismissed from the school office doors.

Mrs. Sefcik
Grades Preschool-3rd

Gym

SATURDAY CLASS: March 14TH

9:00AM-12:00PM

VST. PATRICK'S DAY: Join us for a festive and fun morning at our St. Patrick's Day ETC! Students will enjoy hands-on activities, creative crafts, and a little bit of lucky STEM fun! Class will be dismissed from the preschool doors under the bridge.!

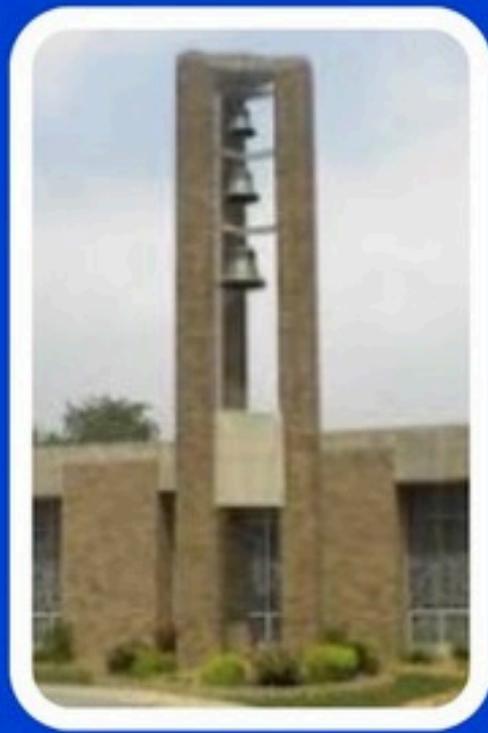
Mrs. Garza
Grades PreK- 2nd

Room 107



REGISTER HERE →

**LIMITED SPACE
AVAILABLE
SIGN UP ASAP**



CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!

Recently the Archdiocese of Chicago released guidelines for forming Parish Pastoral Councils in line with the vision of Renew My Church. St. John Fisher is pleased to announce the formation of a new parish council according to those guidelines. Thank you to all of the parishioners who attended our first meeting! We will hold our next meeting in the rectory basement on Wednesday, March 4th, at 7:00 p.m. We encourage all interested St. John Fisher parishioners to attend.



Date: March 4th



Time: 7:00pm

In Honor of SJF alum Cullen Walsh '11

BE THE REASON SOMEONE LIVES

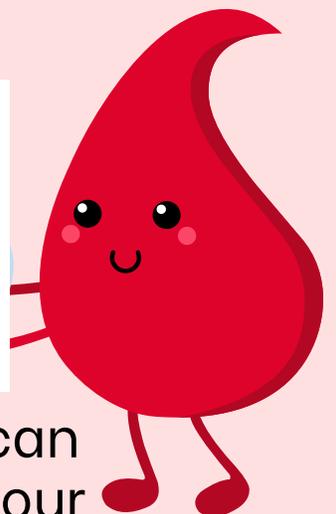
A few minutes of your time can mean a lifetime for someone else.

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, March 10th

12:00pm-5:00pm

Kane Hall



[CLICK HERE](#) or scan QR to schedule your blood donation appointment today!



**American
Red Cross**

Join Us for Our 3rd Annual

St. John Fisher ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, March 6 in Kane Hall
from 6:30 pm - 11:30 pm

\$45 ^{per} _{ticket} JOIN US FOR A SJF COMMUNITY EVENT INCLUDING
\$50 at door OPEN BAR, FOOD, SPLIT THE POT, BASKET RAFFLES,
IRISH DANCING, AND LIVE MUSIC BY THE WALK-INS

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tickets
now!*

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MUSIC



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DANCING



This is a 21+ Event



FOR QUESTIONS OR VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE EMAIL ST.PATRICKS.DAY.SJF@GMAIL.COM

ST. JOHN FISHER

St. Patrick's Day

APPAREL

Pick-up: Friday, February 27
from 4-6pm in Kane Hall



\$10



HATS WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE

LEMOLADE
ST. JOHN FISHER / ST. PATRICK'S DAY

<p>Port & Co™ Youth Hooded Sweatshirt Dark Green (Sizes XS-XL)</p>	<p>LAT Youth Crewneck Sweatshirt Natural (Sizes XS-XL)</p>	<p>BELLA + CANVAS Heather Forest CVC Jersey Tee Sizes Youth S-XL, Adult XS-5XL</p>
<p>BELLA + CANVAS Hoodie Sweatshirt Forest (Sizes XS-3XL)</p>	<p>Independent Trading Co. Quarter-Zip Pullover Bone (Sizes XS-3XL)</p>	<p>Comfort Colors Long Sleeve T-Shirt Ivory (Sizes S-3XL)</p>

IF APPAREL IS NOT PICKED UP, PLEASE REACH OUT TO
ST.PATRICKS.DAY.SJF@GMAIL.COM TO FACILITATE A TIME TO PICK
UP APPAREL.

7TH & 8TH GRADE

SERVICE

OPPORTUNITIES

Play Smart at the Convent

February 25th 3:15-4:15

March 4th 3:15-4:15

March 11th 3:15-4:15

March 18th 3:15-4:15

Boys Basketball- Set Up & Take Down

February 21st

February 25th

February 27th

Sign up in the
Google Classroom



MOTHER AND SON NIGHT

CHICAGO WHITE SOX

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

THURSDAY, MAY 14

6:40 PM



Email Carrie Erwinski at Carrie726@gmail.com for any questions

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TICKETS
FOR
\$5.00



Queen of Hearts

**DRAWING EVERY
SATURDAY**

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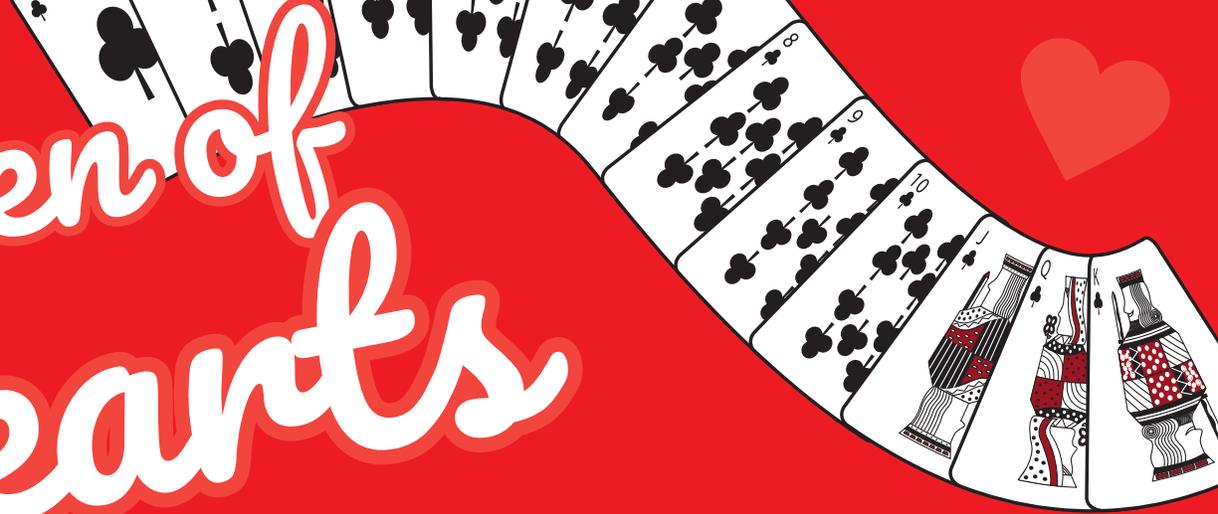
**7:00 PM
@ McNally's**

TICKETS CAN BE
PURCHASED ONLINE, AT THE
SCHOOL OFFICE, CHURCH
RECTORY DURING THE WEEK &
MCNALLY'S 7 DAYS/WEEK

**[CLICK HERE TO
PURCHASE TICKETS!](#)**



Queen of Hearts



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54

SAVE THE DATE OF APRIL 17, 2026

A NIGHT ON THE RED CARPET

SAINT JOHN FISHER FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

ADMIT ONE

APRIL 17, 2026

THE ODYSSEY

TINLEY PARK, IL



The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation's 5th Annual Season of Giving Fundraiser

In Partnership with SJF Leadership:

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Dear fellow St. John Fisher parishioners, parents, alumni, and friends,

In celebration of Thanksgiving, we feel so grateful for our new principal, Ms. Colleen Dunlavy and her dedicated team. This is our **75th School Year and we have so many blessings**. In transitions like these, we are reminded of our strong and supportive community. We are writing to ask for your participation in a growing holiday tradition to **support St. John Fisher School** through a year-end gift to the Fisher Falcon Education Foundation. This annual campaign has raised over \$50,000 in each of the last four years. 100% of proceeds go directly to supporting the mission, success, and longevity of SJF. This year's gifts will primarily support **Christmas bonuses** for the staff and **safety upgrades for the building**.

This year's school mantra is **"Belong. Believe. Become."** Ms. Dunlavy, along with the faculty and staff, quickly showed us that these are not just words. There are examples of this mission each and every day in the halls of SJF. We wanted to share a few inspirational examples: **Belong**: SJF students invited their Grandparents to Mass and to walk the halls and enjoy some games in our vibrant classrooms. Our Church has never been so full of smiles and joy with over 700 attendees. Falcons did a great job of packing the pews this October! **Believe**: Parent volunteers initiated bringing back Fisher Fest to continue the beloved tradition of family fun right in our community. Not only was it great fun, but also a successful fundraiser due to dedicated volunteers from every corner of the parish. **Become**: The school leadership is partnering with parents in new ways such as the "Smart Families" to help prioritize family and values in the increasing complex digital world. The school's overall survey results demonstrate strong performance again this year. What better way to show our thanks than to make a gift to the cornerstone of our community, St. John Fisher. It is the center of social, spiritual, intellectual, and service interaction in our community.

Enclosed is a summary of the foundation's mission supporting academic excellence, tuition assistance and campus improvement at SJF. Your generosity will ensure current and future generations of Falcons benefit from the same academic rigor and share in the same traditions that have made SJF unique for 75 years.

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You can donate online at www.givecentral.org/FFEF or by returning the enclosed pledge form and check or credit card information via mail or hand delivery to the school office.

THANK YOU for helping St. John Fisher School achieve its mission!

The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that protects and promotes the mission and resources of St. John Fisher School in Chicago, Illinois by raising funds for investment in people, programs, and facilities that enhance the educational experience and opportunities for its students and faculty, therefore enriching the quality of life for its greater community.

www.FalconEducationFoundation.org

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Give today!

Scan the QR code or go to www.givecentral.org/FFEF to donate

Falcons Are Grateful for You!

Join fellow Falcon friends and family in support of St. John Fisher School's Annual Season of Giving. 100% of proceeds go directly to supporting the mission, success, and longevity of SJF School.

Your gift will help SJF continue to thrive, so current and future generations of Falcons will share in the same traditions and celebrations that we know make SJF unique. Together, we have created a school that we love!



Academic Excellence

Mission

- An independent, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization to benefit students, teachers and families of SJF.
- There is a 100% return rate to SJF school.
- Led by a diverse group of SJF school & parish volunteers
- Raises funds to improve the SJF School experience by:
 - Modernizing classrooms with tools & technology
 - Attracting and retaining teachers
 - Helping families in financial need
 - Increasing scholarship opportunities for graduating 8th graders
 - Improving school buildings & campus grounds



Tuition Assistance

Principles

- We expect SJF's enrollment to be within 400-500 students each year. Together, we can maintain a healthy budget as a medium sized school known for its academic excellence and vibrant, high achieving community. The Foundation's goal is to creatively offset the rising cost of high-quality education.
- Our teachers deserve more. We need to close the pay gap between SJF and public school systems.
- The community at large benefits from the continued success and vitality of St. John Fisher School. SJF cultivates critical thinkers and curious minds, compassionate Christian leaders, and socially intelligent citizens.



Campus Improvement

Progress

- The annual season of giving campaign is our largest fundraiser and has raised over \$50,000 each year since our launch in late 2021. FFEF has partnered with the school to raise over \$150,000 through events such as Oktoberfest, St. Patrick's Day Party & Fun Run, and Fisherfest. Special thanks to the families that have
- chosen FFEF for bequests to memorialize loved ones raising over \$80,000. We are very grateful for your generosity and pray for your families. All of these gifts have made a tremendous impact for our school
- as we thrive in our 75th school year.



Learn more

www.FalconEducationFoundation.org
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Give today!

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*Below is a list of important dates for the **2025-2026** school year.

These dates are subject to change.

- Internal Planning Day, No Classes: **3.16**
- **Easter Break Begins 4.1**, 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Easter Break – No School: **4.2-4.10**, Classes resume **4.13**
- First Holy Communion: **5.2**, 1 p.m.
- May Crowning: **5.8**, 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. dismissal
- Memorial Day – No School: **5.25**
- Last Day of School for 8th Grade: **5.28**, “Clap-out”
- Graduation: **5.31**, 1 p.m.
- Last Day of School: **6.4**, 10:30 a.m. dismissal



***1:30 p.m. dismissals** are scheduled for the following dates for faculty meetings, PLC work and council collaboration: **October 15th,**

January 28th,

April 29th, May 27th