



ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH

June 2021

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

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Mass

We are **very happy to relax restrictions** that we have had to endure for so long. The following are the guidelines given to us by the Archdiocese to successfully transition back to normalcy.

- Masses, liturgies, and sacramental celebrations may **resume 100% capacity.**
- Vaccinated people will **no longer need to physically distance.**
- Physical distancing is recommended by public health authorities for unvaccinated people.
- **Masks are NOT required for vaccinated people.** Masks are recommended by public health authorities for unvaccinated indoors.
- Hand sanitizer will remain available in church.
- Registration or sign in is no longer required.
- Proof of vaccination is NOT required for attendance at any liturgy or service.
- Holy Water fonts are filled and may be used.
- Ushers may resume their pre-pandemic routine.
- **Choirs, congregational singing, oral responses, use of worship aids may fully resume.**
- Receiving communion in the hand no longer requires extra hand sanitizing on the part of the communicant.
- Receiving communion on the tongue may resume, but the Extraordinary Minister must have hand sanitizer nearby and use it immediately after and before continuing to distribute communion.
- Distributing/receiving Holy Communion from the Cup remains suspended at this time.



Current Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4 pm

Sunday: 8 am, 11 am

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

Confession: Saturday 3 pm

We continue to pray for all that have been affected by this pandemic, especially those who have lost loved ones.

School



We did it! We successfully stayed open for in-person learning for the ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR during a worldwide pandemic!

Congratulations to the St. John Fisher Class of 2021! We are so proud of you and we know you will continue to soar in high school. Remember, **you will always be Falcons!**

Congratulations to all of our SJF Falcons, families, and staff. Have a fabulous summer full of all the blessings that life has to bring! **Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education, and specifically St. John Fisher School!**

[Mrs. Nash's Notes](#)

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LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL!



Enjoy Your Summer!



A Message from Father Dan

SO LONG, FAREWELL

Back in April, I told you about my anticipated move to the Bethlehem Woods Retirement Community in LaGrange Park, IL (1294 &E Ogden Ave.). I received word from the management of BW on June 11th that I will be able to take possession of my apartment on or about the 4th of July!

I planned to live in a condominium

post-retirement. A diagnosis I received from a neurologist last fall eventually shattered that dream. It was going to be very difficult for me to live alone. Therefore, the need for independent living.

“Parkinsonism, a condition similar to Parkinson’s disease, any condition that causes a combination of the movement abnormalities seen in Parkinson’s disease – such as tremor, slow movement, impaired speech or muscle stiffness.”(Mayo Clinic App) The condition appears to be manifesting itself in my gait, my balance and sometimes in my speech. I do not know what my prognosis is. I have also had to surrender my driving privileges.

Taking leave of St. John Fisher after eight years is going to happen fairly soon. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for letting me come among you as your priest – to live, to work, to pray and to play.



Throughout my priesthood (one year as a deacon and forty-five years as a priest), I have often linked in prayer the parishes I have served in. As I take leave of St. John Fisher, I would like to do so again.

St. Matthew (Schaumburg), St. Patricia (Hickory Hills), St. Victor (Calumet City), St. Monica (Chicago), Queen of Apostles (Riverdale), St. Eulalia (Maywood), St. Alexander (Palos Heights), St. Louis de Montfort (Oak Lawn) and St. John Fisher (Chicago)

The people of these parishes and our lived experiences are often in my thoughts and prayers. I invite you to link yourselves in prayer with me and with these many fine people and parishes!

A special note of thanks to Fr. Ken for letting me be his associate pastor – a brother priest, a pastor, a friend. We shared a house and a kitchen table for six years!

Let us keep one another in our prayers!

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Those of you wishing to keep in touch with me:

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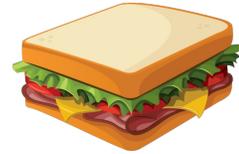
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SJF and PLD Continue to Feed the Hungry this Summer

Pro Labore Dei is going on 15 months of Saturday mornings in the St. John Fisher parking lot and we are so grateful.



PLD wants to **thank everyone** who continues to bring food items to the parking lot on **Saturday mornings from 10:30 to 11:00 am** or drops donations at the rectory during the week. Our goal, when COVID hit and Saturday morning sandwich-making had to cease, was to continue to help those in need. We asked for a bag with meals for a day or items to create these bags. We now reach Robbins, Blue Island, and Posen. **The need is still there.**

When guidelines permit, PLD is looking forward to the return of Saturday morning sandwich making. We will keep you posted.

Contact Pam O'Mara (773) 612-0281 or Pat Hayes (773) 203-7881 with any questions or if you would like your donation picked up.

**CALLING ALL INCOMING HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN
THROUGH OUTGOING COLLEGE SENIORS:
LET'S PLAY BALL!**



SJF/MHR YM IS PUTTING TOGETHER A TEAM FOR THE SUMMER!

16 INCH, CO-ED, SOFTBALL LEAGUE WITH SURROUNDING PARTICIPATING PARISHES.

ALL GAMES WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ST. CHRISTINA FIELDS ON MONDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30PM.

GAMES WILL BEGIN JUNE 14TH (NO GAME ON JULY 5TH) AND END ON JULY 26TH

**TO HOLD YOUR SPOT ON THE TEAM PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.SJFMHRYM.COM AND CLICK ON THE SOFTBALL 2021 TAB.**



Who is feeling called to:
"redouble our efforts to be creative and resilient in finding ways to welcome and encourage all LGBTQ people in our family of faith." - Cardinal Cupich -

We are gathering people who feel called to help create a welcoming and supportive environment for LGBTQIA+, Catholic families, friends and allies on the South Side of Chicago. If you would like to help brainstorm the possibilities you are in the right spot.



One With You
We have close to 100 people!
Thank you for the great response!

Feel free to share this invitation with all who feel moved to do more! #onewithyou #2x2
Please reach out to Kim Madonia, via phone or text, at the number 708-275-8922.

Women's Club

Congratulations to the **winners of the incredibly fun scavenger hunt last month!** Teams were given clues around the neighborhood and had to complete the tasks as quickly as possible before meeting at the final destination (Barney Callaghans). All of the teams dressed up in costumes of TV shows. Fun was had by all! First place costume winner was Tiger King and the team who won the scavenger hunt was The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills.



The **SJF Women's Club** is going to the **Crosstown Classic!** Sox vs Cubs! This

popular event has already sold out. Follow Women's Club on Facebook to keep up with all of their events.

A fall golf outing is being planned. Watch the Facebook page or check in with your block captain for details. If you're not sure who your block captain is, contact Maureen O' Malley.

For more information on Women's club, click the buttons, talk to your block captain, or contact Maureen O'Malley, mpomalley5@gmail.com, 773-339-4951



[Register for Women's Club](#)

[Women's Club on Facebook](#)

Summer Manna

Get a head start on your fall tuition or if you don't have children at school buy Manna to support the school.

Manna will be **sold throughout the summer**. All hours will remain the same except for NO Friday sales.

Remember **Visa gift cards are available with no activation fee and Kohls bills can be paid with manna.**

[CLICK HERE for more information on how to Support SJF with Manna - for School AND and Non-School Families](#)

Falcon Flower Growers



The Falcon Flower Growers are **proud of how the church grounds looked for graduation!** We hope families snapped some great pictures with their graduates!

We will keep the grounds looking good during the summer!



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[Bulletin 6/06/2021](#)

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