



ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH

November 2023

Welcome to the SJF Monthly News!

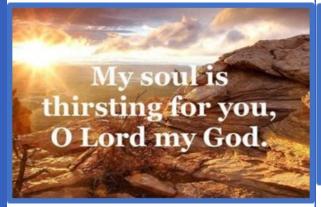
Please share this letter with your family, friends, and neighbors.

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 sifparishchicago@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.

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Mass



Current Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4 pm Sunday: 8 am, 11 am

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

See our **parish bulletins** for reflections by Father Ken and Father Marty and more parish information.

Thanks to all who attended or volunteered at the Southside Parish Renewal Mass and Reception. We had a wonderful turnout.

Please join us for Mass on Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 am.

Access Daily Readings

School



We are so thankful for our amazing students, faculty, and staff and for our Falcon families and supportive parish community! Our students are working hard and finishing up the first trimester.

Here are just a few recent highlights:

- Our SJF Jr National Honor Society will help collect food for the PLD Thanksgiving food drive.
- S.O.A.R. (Student Organization and Reach-Out, our 7th and 8th grade leadership and service group) hosted a beautiful and moving Mass honoring our Veterans.
- 6th grade hosted a heartfelt All Saints Day Mass remembering our loved ones who have passed and reminding us to be grateful for all of the "saints" in our lives.

SJF School on Facebook

Mrs. Nash's Notes SJF School Website

HANK YOU VETERANS!







75th Anniversary Celebration Saturday, November 18, 2023

Theme: STRENGTHENING OUR JOYOUS

TUTURE.

Saint John Fisher Church

Special Anniversary Mass 4:00 p.m. **Beverly Country Club**

Reception at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Short Program

Music

PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW ...

The deadline to purchase is quickly approaching!

Table of 10 for \$1,000.00, or

Individual tickets at \$100.00 each

Or a donation of any amount

To pay online:

- Go to the Saint John Fisher Parish website at https://www.stjohnfisherparish.net
- Click on wording in the center that states "75th Anniversary" under "weekly announcements"
- Go to the bottom of the blue screen, and click on "click here"
- Follow the instructions on the secure online gateway for credit card payments.
- If purchasing tickets, please list the names of the attendees under special instructions.
- If you wish to sponsor a priest who has served, please include that information.

Or pick up a form at the entrances of church, and include the form and payment in the collection basket. Or purchase tickets and pay at the rectory.

- Help promote and contribute to a successful 75th anniversary celebration.
- See and visit with current and former priests who have served our parish.
- Organize or gather a table of family, neighbors, school parents, former parishioners, fellow alums.

Thanks, in advance, for your participation and support.

Join the effort in insuring that our church and school continue for our next 75 years.







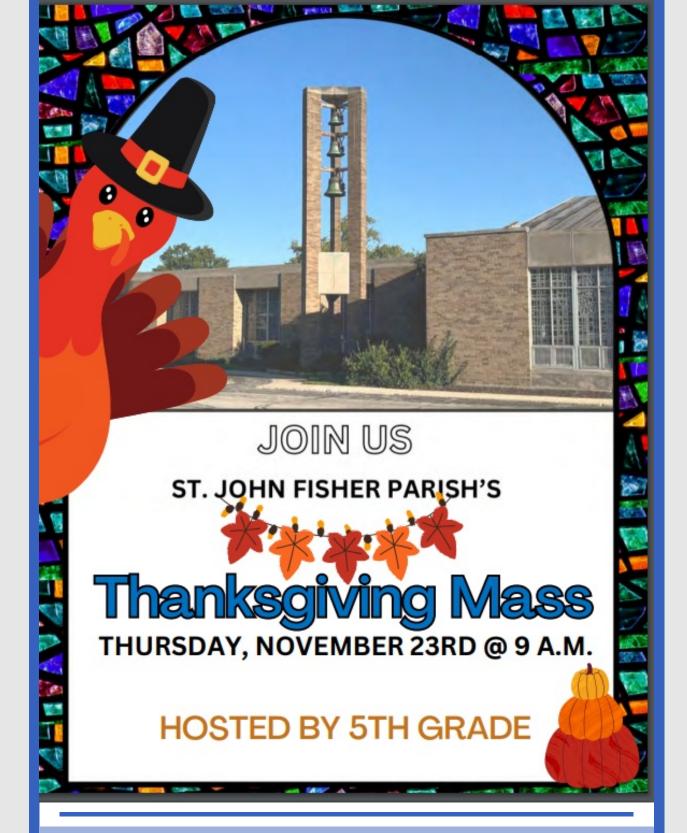












PLEASE SUPPORT SJF SCHOOL!

Please consider a gift or pledge to
The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation.
All proceeds will go 100% to SJF School Click here to read more.
Make a gift online today at www.givecentral.org/FFEF.







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And so the busy season begins...
You can tell by the pictures that our lunchmaking session on Nov. 4th was tremendous. We had a super turn out of volunteers. The **next lunch making session is Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 9:15am** in the rectory basement, At present our needs are:

- 12 loaves of bread
- 50 bags of chips

Our annual collection of food for Thanksgiving fixins will run **through Thursday**, **Nov. 16th**. As in the past, bags with suggested items to put in the bags are at all exits of church. The response from the whole parish and school is amazing as always.

Finally, we continue our food pantry collection every Saturday morning, 9:30 to 10am in the church parking lot.

Diapers size 4, 5 and 6 are still in high demand. Your response to all our requests has been incredible. Thank you and please continue to consider these needs when shopping.

For questions or concerns please contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-203-7881)

Our next venture will be the Christmas gift collection.

There will be a Christmas tree with tags with suggested gift receivers set up in the back of church shortly after Thanksgiving.

As in the past, the gift should be a minimum of \$10, wrapped and clearly marked as to the recipient.

The gifts will be due to the rectory no later than Thursday, December 14th.

More info will be in the bulletin, Mrs. Nash's Friday Notes, and Mass announcements.



SJF Service Opportunities Facebook Page



VENDOR FAIR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

7-10PM

20+ Vendors

St. John Fisher School Kane Hall

\$10

ATTIRE / JEWELRY / SELF CARE / BAKED GOODS / DECOR

Food & Drink Available for Purchase





FALCONS FOREVER!

Class of 2012 alumni Tommy Alvarez and Tara White recently ran the Chicago Marathon with Cellmates on the Run in support of the Chicago Diabetes Project. This was Tara's third year running in support of the Project and Tommy's first time.

Tommy and Tara have been friends since kindergarten when they appeared together as Innkeepers #2 in the Christmas play.

Parishioner **Patsy Dine Carrane** is the Development Coordinator for the Chicago Diabetes Project. Parishioner (and Tara's mom) **Michele White** also ran the marathon (her first) in support of the Project. Congratulations to all! Thanks for continuing to live the Falcon spirit of service, faith, community, and family.

Do you have alumni news – big or small – that you'd like to share in the SJF newsletter?

We'd LOVE to hear from you!

Email news or ideas to

sifnewsletter@gmail.com.



SJF Alumni on **Facebook**

ST. JOHN FISHER OKTOBERFEST THANKS OUR SPONSORS













Thank you to The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation and Oktoberfest Committee and our Sponsors for raising \$30,000 for SJF School. We would especially like to thank Pat Harrigan for stepping up to lead the committee this year as this fundraiser is so important to our school.

Our Fisher Falcons are excited and grateful for the support. Our top goal is Academic Excellence. With these funds SJF can achieve school upgrades, scholarships, and help provide competitive and affordable tuition rates. Please visit the FalconEducationFoundation.org to learn more about the AMAZING Fisher Falcon Education Foundation. We appreciate your support!

Please patronize these generous local businesses. They've supported SJF year after year and the event would not have been possible without their support.

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St. John Fisher FSA Advent Wreath Making Event

Please join us Sunday, November 26th after the 11:00 AM Mass in Kane Hall

to make an Advent Wreath for your family to enjoy throughout the holiday season.

Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

A limited number of wreaths are available, so please reserve yours by Sunday, November 12th!

The cost for each wreath is \$45

Please send in cash or check made out to St. John Fisher FSA with information below or Venmo @Edward-Wiora

If you have any questions, please contact Molly Wiora 773-368-1414.

St. John Fisher FSA Advent Wreat	h Making Event	

Family Name _______ Email ______ Phone Number ______ # of Wreaths ______

FSA on Facebook



ALL ARE WELCOME! Notice the Southside Parish Renewal signs all around our Southside parish community!

Click <u>HERE to learn more about Southside Parish Renewal</u> and sign up for the SPR newsletter.

ST. JOHN FISHER PROUDLY HOSTS



FUTURE FALCONS PLAYGROUP

OCTOBER 10TH, NOVEMBER 14TH AND DECEMBER 12TH FROM 10-11.

Experience the Falcon Way through play at our Weekly playgroup sessions filled With activities, songs, and community building.

WHERE AND WHEN?

ST. JOHN FISHER GYM

10200 S. WASHTENAW AVE.

OCTOBER 10TH, NOVEMBER 14TH AND DECEMBER 12TH

10 AM - 11 AM \$5 PER CHILD/ \$15 PER FAMILY MAX



WHY PLAY?

At SJF, We value intellectual, academic, social and emotional growth. Through play, children are able to develop these skills while building relationships within their community.

WHO AND WHAT?

All Children 0-3 and caregivers are Welcome!
Enjoy a range of fun activities and getting to know your fellow Future Falcons.

MANNA



How it works:



You buy gift certificates and shop with them. Hundreds of retail establishments available.



The store/brand/restaurant gives a percentage of the card value to SJF (2-14%).
NO COST TO YOU!



You get 60% of the store rebate credited to your tuition at SJF, high school or college.



SJF gets 40% of the store rebate towards meeting operational costs.

MANNA HOURS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER:

o Saturdays: 8:30-9:30 AM o Wednesdays: 6:00 -7:00 PM

o Thursdays: 8:00 -9:00 AM (November and December only).

Stop in or use the **RAISE RIGHT APP** on-the go!

The best way to order physical cards (local too) that are in stock is to **order using the App by Sundays at 10:00 and your order will be ready Wednesday at 6:00.** Skip the line to pick-up when you order ahead! Let us know if you'd like your order sent home with your child.

Since May 1st, the program has raised more than \$18,000 for the school and \$26,000 directly to families to lower tuition. Thank you!

Email the Manna team at Sjfmanna@gmail.com with any questions. More info here.

Manna Forms and Information

More Ways to Support SJF

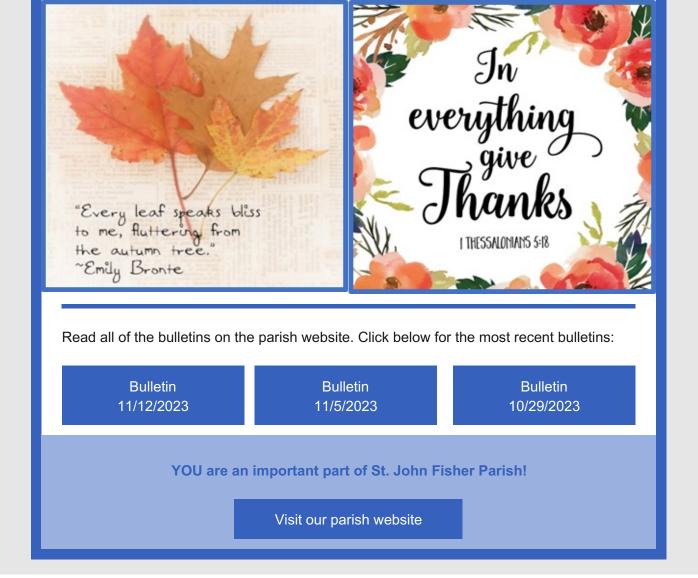
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