



# ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH

October 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](mailto: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

## COMING SOON!!

### The St. John Fisher Holiday Grand Raffle!!

Please support this important fundraiser and get a chance to win great cash prizes!

We are hoping to replace the funding we count on annually from Fisher Fest and the Fisher Fest Grand Raffle.

We are counting on YOU - the amazing SJF community - to support our great parish.  
DETAILS to FOLLOW SOON!

The parish and school collaborated to create an impressive strategic plan to guide us through the next 5 years. Please click the buttons below and read the important financial updates and strategic plan. You can help!

Finance Email

Financial Details

Strategic Plan

## Mass Updates



### **Current Mass Schedule**

**Saturday:** 4pm

**Sunday:** 8am, 11am

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

**Confession:** Saturday 3pm

## School

Students, faculty, and staff are following recommended safety practices and enjoying **meaningful learning in SJF's in-person classes.**



Click on the link for Mrs. Nash's Notes below to see more about Spirit Week, SOAR Pumpkin Decorating, new learning tools, and more.

**Adoration: First Friday 7pm-8pm**

Sign-ups are required for **weekend Masses** only. Click the button below to reserve your spot.

[Click Here to Sign Up to ATTEND Weekend Mass](#)

Do you shop on Amazon? **Amazon will donate to SJF for every purchase you make.** See the last pages of Mrs. Nash's notes for easy steps.

[Mrs. Nash's Notes](#)

[SJF School Website](#)

## Pro Labore Dei



**THANK YOU SJF for your generous donations of groceries** for those in need in our neighboring communities of Robbins, Blue Island, and Posen. **This is an ongoing need.** Pro Labore Dei continues to **collect groceries every Saturday morning** between 10:30 and 11:00 in the SJF parking lot. Pick ups can also be arranged.

If you are unsure of what to donate, think in terms of a day of meals: cereal, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, jelly, cheese, bread, pasta, marinara, potato mix, hot dogs, canned vegetables, fruit, cookies, cake mixes.

**October is COAT DRIVE month for PLD.** Please drop off coats at the rectory or contact Pam for pickups. Stay tuned for new projects in November and December!



Thank you all so much for your thoughtfulness and generosity!  
For more information contact Pam O'Mara 773-612-0281.

## Holy Name Society

Saturday October 17th we will have our SJF HNS **Joe Guinane Memorial Golf Outing**. The Outing is filled but you are welcome to show up at **Cork and Kerry for food and drinks**. Click the buttons at the right for more details.

Email Dave Cahill at [SJFHNS@gmail.com](mailto:SJFHNS@gmail.com)

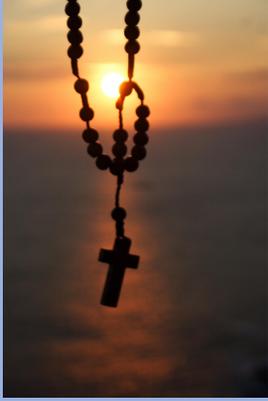


[Golf Outing Details](#)

[Sponsor a Hole](#)

## Pray the Rosary with Us!

**Join us this fall** as we close this tumultuous and eventful year,



and do something radically different. **PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!** It is life changing.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up. We'll start on the Feast of St. Jude, October 28th, and continue for the next 46 days (in honor of the number of stars on Our Lady of Guadalupe's mantle). You can opt to receive daily 2 minute email meditations related to the virtues and different titles of Our Lady.

Once during each of the 7 weeks, we will meet in the church and say the rosary together. Receive extraordinary graces by **joining in communal prayer for one another**, and for **Peace, Good Health, and Prosperity in our City and our Country**, and all of your special intentions. There is an optional Consecration to Our Blessed Mother on the last day, December 12th, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

For more information click the button below.  
Contact Bridget Stalla at [bridget.stalla@gmail.com](mailto:bridget.stalla@gmail.com); 773-852-4698.

Pray the Rosary with SJF

## Youth Ministry

**If you're willing to jump outside da box and virtually try something new, give me a shout! Pilot groups assembling now!**



**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:** Text @alpha-teen to the number 81010  
**HIGH SCHOOL GRAD THROUGH 30 YRS OLD:** Text @alphaya to the number 81010  
**ANYONE 31 AND OLDER:** Text @alphadult to the number 81010

*For more info about Alpha, please visit our website and click on the ALPHA tab: [www.sjfmhrym.com](http://www.sjfmhrym.com)*

"THE HUMAN FAMILY HAS RECIEVED FROM THE CREATOR A COMMON GIFT: NATURE"  
- POPE FRANCIS

**Thanks to all who participated in our Disc Drive!**



Youth Ministry Website

## Hello from the Falcon Flower Growers!

The flower box at 103rd and Washtenaw is now filled with hostas, catmint, and vinca vines. Next summer, the box should be nice and full with strong plants. The **pumpkin patch** behind the bell tower has produced a couple of pumpkins. It's been a fun first attempt. We hope the kids have enjoyed checking out the progress as well.

As the end of October approaches, it'll be a perfect time to plant perennials for spring and summer blooming. If you have any **plants you'd like to transplant and see grow at SJF**, please let us know. We'd love to work with you!



Finally, a lot of work went into weeding and planting ahead of First Communion last month. We hope you and your families enjoyed some nice spots for pictures.

For more information or to volunteer, Contact Chas Hayes at [chas.hayes@gmail.com](mailto:chas.hayes@gmail.com)

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**CALLING ALL SJF ALUMNI! Click here to check out our new SJF Alumni Facebook page**

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### Help with Mass

We are in need of more **volunteers** to help with our reopening. We need people to help as greeters, ushers, and to clean after each Mass. If you would like to help, please send us an email: [sjfparishchicago@gmail.com](mailto:sjfparishchicago@gmail.com)

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### Online Giving

**Please consider signing up for online giving.** While our church was closed for several months due to the pandemic, our bills continued to come in. We know that these are challenging days for all. **If you are able, please remember to support SJF.** Online giving is a convenient way to support SJF financially. Click the button below. Please call the rectory with any questions. 773-445-6565 and ask for Lynn O'Connor.

**Thank  
You!**

Online Giving

**YOU are an important part of St. John Fisher Parish!**

Visit our parish website