



# ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH

October 2023

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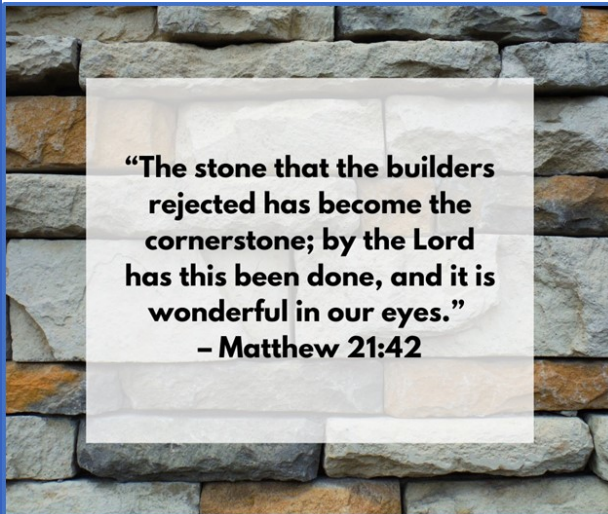
This communication will contain brief updates from different groups in our parish each month. Our goal is to keep our parish, school, and community connected.

Questions? Email [sjfparishchicago@gmail.com](mailto:sjfparishchicago@gmail.com)

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## Mass



**“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes.”  
– Matthew 21:42**

### 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.

From Father Marty: "**October is the month of the Rosary**—October 7 was the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary began as a people's prayer, a substitute to the Liturgy of the Hours prayed by nuns, monks, and clergy. Books were costly and the average person could not read. The 150 repetitions of the "Hail Mary" in the

## School



This month our Falcons are focusing on **respect** and how they can show respect for themselves, others, and God's beautiful Earth.

Along with working hard in academics this month:

- Our 7th and 8th graders attended a **Confirmation retreat** at St. Rita High School.
- The whole school **collected shoes** for Share Your Soles.
- Students will support SJF when they participate in an all-school **walkathon on October 25th.**

Read [Mrs. Nash's Notes](#) for more information and great pictures.

Mrs. Nash's  
Notes

SJF

original full Rosary (the Luminous Mysteries were a later option) paralleled the 150 Psalms in the Liturgy of the Hours."

[Access Daily Readings](#)

[School Website](#)

[SJF School on Facebook](#)

[SJF Parish Website](#)

Father Ken blessed the "pets" of our preschoolers in honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment.



## **PACK THE PEWS!**

**Every October, the archdiocese counts the number of people attending mass at each parish. A healthy attendance is critical to the longevity of our parish.**

**We NEED to fill our church to show the archdiocese that SJF is a strong and viable parish.**

**The archdiocese makes major decisions based on these October counts.**

**Please make an extra effort to attend mass this month - and bring your family. Thank you.**



# ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Saturday, November 18, 2023

Theme: **STRENGTHENING OUR  
JOYOUS  
FUTURE**

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

Table of 10 for \$1,000.00, or

Individual tickets at \$100.00 each

### To pay online:

- Go to the Saint John Fisher Parish website at <https://www.stjohnfisherparish.net>
- Click on wording in the center that states "75<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.*
- *Organize or gather a table of family, neighbors, school parents, former parishioners, fellow alums*

Please drop off any copies of photographs of Saint John Fisher Church and School at the rectory..  
They will be helpful in continuing plans for the celebration.

Thanks, in advance, for your participation and support.

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



## St. John Fisher Hosts an SPR Mass

Southside Parish Renewal formed out of Renew My Church, featuring the parishes of Christ the King, St. Barnabas, St. Cajetan and St. John Fisher. The four parishes will be called



together for a joint anniversary celebration at St. John Fisher on Saturday, November 4, at 4:00p.m

ST. JOHN FISHER PROUDLY HOSTS



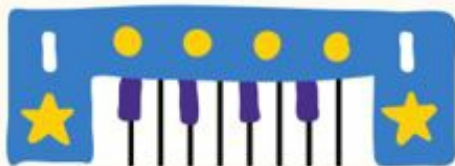
# FUTURE FALCONS PLAYGROUP

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.

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](http://www.givecentral.org/FFEF).



## PRO LABORE DEI

Volunteers packed the rectory basement for our October monthly lunchmaking. It was incredible... 167 lunches in 35 minutes. Thank you all for coming and working so hard. **Please join us next month on Nov. 4th a little after 9am in the rectory basement.** We love having you all.

At present, our needs are

- 100 sweet treats
- 100 chips
- 20 loaves of bread

(Check our Facebook page for updates)

Please remember our food pantry collection on Saturday mornings 9:30 to 10:00 am in the church parking lot. Items like these are some of the items always welcome at the pantry:

- cereal
- pasta and sauce
- canned meats
- peanut butter and jelly
- canned fruits and vegetables
- soup

**Diapers size 4, 5 and 6 are still in high demand. Your response to all our requests has been nothing short of a miracle. Thank you and please continue to consider this need when shopping.**

**AND our coat drive happening every Saturday in October.**

Coming in November the food drive for Thanksgiving

Coming in December the gift drive for Christmas

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

SJF Service Opportunities Facebook  
Page





**CLICK HERE TO  
PURCHASE  
OCTOBERFEST TICKETS**

The  
Fisher Falcon  
Education  
Foundation  
Presents:

Live Music



*Legendary  
Musical Acts  
Feat.*

*Anthony  
Massaro*

*Roundhouser*

# Oktoberfest

## Saturday 10/21

@ St. John Fisher

6-11p



[SJFOktoberfest.givesmart.com](http://SJFOktoberfest.givesmart.com)

### BYOB



Tickets  
\$35 Pre-Sale  
\$40 at the Door

21+  
EVENT

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NIGHT  
OF LIVE MUSIC AND FUN.

- Food Truck
- NCAA Game of the week streaming
- Raffles



# VENDORFAIR

WOMEN'S CLUB

Mark your calendar for the SJF Women's Club **annual vendor fair Friday, December 1st, 7-10pm in Kane Hall**. Watch the Women's Club Facebook page for details of this and other upcoming events.



[Women's Club on Facebook](#)

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### Celebrate October with SJF FSA!

**Thanks** to all who support the FSA bydining at Culvers on 10/18.

Register your **house** for the FSA **Halloween House Decorating Contest** by clicking [HERE](#), or on the flyer below.

Join us for **Trunk or Treat!** You can register your **trunk** by clicking [HERE](#), or on the flyer below.

[FSA on Facebook](#)





**SPLIT THE POT  
HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST**

TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE  
SIGN UP USING [THIS LINK](#)  
AND TURN IN \$20 ENTRY FEE  
TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 6TH.

Houses must be decorated by  
Friday, October 27th.

Voting takes place  
Saturday, October 28th thru  
Friday, November 3rd.

**WINNER WILL RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE.  
MONEY RAISED WILL GO  
TOWARDS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS.**



**TRUNK  
OR  
TREAT**

**Come and Join Us!**

**October 27th**

**5 – 7 PM**

**SJF Parking Lot**

**save the date  
&  
sign up to host  
a trunk**



**Contact Lynn O'Brien (708)420-5469 or  
Corey O'Malley (708) 989-9145  
with any questions**

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**Holy Name Society  
On Thursday November 9th, HNS will host a  
Chicago Bears Tailgate in SJF Parking Lot.  
Watch the bulletin and Mrs. Nash's notes  
for details in the weeks ahead.  
Email [sjfnhs@gmail.com](mailto:sjfnhs@gmail.com)**



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**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



## Notice the Southside Parish Renewal signs all around our Southside parish community!

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Southside Parish Renewal and sign up for the SPR newsletter.

# MANNA



### How it works:

1

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

2

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

3

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

4

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

Check your RaiseRight app every Friday during the month of October for fall bonuses and earn big!



### Option 1: [RaiseRight](#) – Try it! It's easy!

Purchase physical cards, eCertificates or reloadable gift cards WITHOUT LEAVING YOUR HOME using the RaiseRight app.

1. Online (via website or app) Go to <https://www.raiseright.com/> or download the RaiseRight mobile app.
2. Complete the quick sign-up form either on RaiseRight.com or mobile app.
3. Select "Join a Program."
4. Enter your organization's unique enrollment code to tie your earnings to your organization (Email [sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:sjfmanna@gmail.com) for the code).
5. Complete the fields to create your account.
6. Enter and verify your phone number for 2-step verification (2-step verification protects your account if you forget your password or someone is using your account without your permission).
7. Set Up Online Payment.
8. Place your order. Physical cards can be picked up at SJF during Manna hours.

### Option 2: "Cash and Carry"

Stop by the convent during open hours to buy local and national gift certificates.

#### Manna Hours:

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

Check the [SJF Manna page on the school website](#) for more information.

Manna has historically been SJF's #1 School Fundraiser. **Tuition alone does not cover the school's expenses. SJF proceeds from Manna help to make up the difference**

**between operating costs and tuition.** Participation is necessary and appreciated to balance school budget and maintain competitive tuition rates.

**Parishioners can donate the full rebate to SJF School. Ask how!**

### **School families**

The school fundraising requirement per family is to raise \$300 FOR THE SCHOOL through Manna sales. Meeting this requirement would result in about a \$450 tuition credit for you each year. Any shortage to the min \$300 Manna contribution will be billed to the school family by May 15th in FACTS. **Grandparents, other family members, and neighbors can use the Raise Right App and earn for you.** Ask the manna team how to get that set up.

Email [sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:sjfmanna@gmail.com) with any questions.

Manna Forms and Information



## Coming soon: Our 75th Anniversary Raffle!

*Watch for details to come in future newsletters, bulletins, and on our websites.*



### **More Ways to Support SJF**

Online Giving to SJF  
Parish

Fisher Falcon Education  
Foundation

SJF Alumni on  
Facebook



Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

St. Francis of Assisi



Read all of the bulletins on the parish website. Click below for the most recent bulletins:

Bulletin  
10/15/2023

Bulletin  
10/08/2023

Bulletin  
10/01/2023

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