

September 2022 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 <u>sifparishchicago@gmail.com</u> 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

Conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.

Current Mass Schedule Saturday: 4 pm Sunday: 8 am, 11 am Weekdays (M-W-F): 8:15 am

Click the bulletin links at the bottom of the newsletter and read reflections by Father Ken and Father Marty. Here's a link to the bulletin with Father Ken's <u>reflection</u> <u>on humility, and a little history</u>.

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School

School is back in session and off to a great start.

Our first all-school Mass of the year, hosted by our 8th graders, was absolutely beautiful! It was so wonderful to have everyone together in the church and feel a sense of community and belonging!

We are so grateful for our 300+ SJF Families. The future of our school and community is bright!

Please check <u>Mrs. Nash's Notes</u> for lots of important information and dates.

Mrs. Nash's Notes

Children's Faith Formation

We are about to begin an exciting year of Children's Faith Formation for students in grades 1-8. Our opening day is Sunday, September 17th. All classes meet on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the classrooms near the church foyer. For more information, see the <u>September 11th bulletin</u> or contact Elena Chermak, Director of Religious Education at echermak@sjfschool.net .

Pro Labore Dei News

An enormous thank you to all the volunteers and donors we had for lunch making this month. You all work in beautiful harmony. 150 lunches were brought to Robbins at 10am on September 3rd. Wow! **Our next lunch making session will be on Oct. 1st in the rectory basement at 9:15 am**.

Needs for Oct. 1st:

- 16 loaves of bread
- 120 bags of chip
- 120 snacks (granola bars, rice krispies treats etc)

Again, thanks to each and every one of you. You all make an enormous difference.

It bears repeating that we continue to bring a car load of items brought to the SJF parking lot to the PLD pantry to assist those in need particularly in Robbins, Posen, and Blue Island. A super BIG THANK YOU to all the contributors to the PLD pantry and food distribution programs. The pantry shelves are very often pretty bare. The rising cost of food has driven many families to food pantries. It's a constant concern to be able to fill bags for these families Thanks for your continuous help.

Last but not least, **please watch for details on the October coat drive, the November Thanksgiving dinner drive and the Christmas gift drive. We cannot thank you enough.**

Any questions, feel free to contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-239-8428)





Holy Name Society

Thank you to our HNS for hosting our annual parish back to school mass at Beverly Park.

In September HNS held a Meet-n-Greet and a Father-Son Sox game outing.

The HNS will host a Garage Hop on Oct 15th. Mike Perry is running this traveling neighborhood social event. For information, email Mike at mperryii 2000@yahoo.com.

SJF Women's Club Wake Committee Seeks New Members

Ladies of the parish, The Wake Committee of the Women's Club is a time-honored tradition to show respect to the families of our Women's Club members when she passes. We conduct a prayer service if there is a wake and we proceed as an honor guard during a funeral Mass held at St. John Fisher Church. We alert our committee members of service details via email or phone, your choice. Attending the prayer service and/or honor



guard would depend on what your schedule could allow. We appreciate any and all participation. Our SJF families have told us many times that they appreciate our presence, prayers and support. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact Mary Pat Anders with your interest (phone 773-771-3624 or email <u>andersmp@sbcglobal.net</u>)



Manna Summer hours will continue through September. Monday 8 – 9 AM Wednesday 6-7 PM Saturday 8:30-9:30 AM Email sjfmanna@gmail.com with any questions.

SJF Manna Forms and Information





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