



ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH

September 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 sjfparishchicago@gmail.com

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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. An excerpt from a recent reflection: "God is always open to those who come to the Lord, and his expansive mercy calls us to be merciful. God's justice is not always the same as our view of fairness. God's generosity invites us to be generous..."

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School



The new school year is off to a busy and successful start. Students are working hard under the expert guidance of our amazing SJF teachers.

In September, in addition to their academics, students will focus on the trait of **responsibility**.

Students aren't the only ones learning at SJF. Parents are encouraged to attend **Parent Night on September 21st at 7 p.m. to hear a representative from the FBI speak regarding the importance of our children's safety with technology.**

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

Mrs. Nash's

Access Daily Readings

Notes

SJF Parish
Website

SJF
School Website

SJF School on
Facebook

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.



Save the Date

Service Day 2023
October 14th 2023

Small Groups will participate in service opportunities at 9 community locations. Watch the bulletin and parish websites for details!

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SSPR SERVING OTHERS!

**Future Falcons,
Alumni Falcons,
Friends of Falcons,
Everyone in the Falcon community -
Please join us for Homecoming!**

You Belong Here!

★  **SJF**  ★
HOMECOMING
Saturday, September 23rd

10:15 am Meet at Bilecki Field

★ 10:30 am Line Up ★

10:50 am Parade to Beverly Park

4th Grade Noon ● JV 1:30pm ● Varsity 3:00 pm

 **Split the Pot!**

 Taco Truck 2-6pm!

 **Fisher Merch for sale!**

 Football square fundraiser!



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What a wonderful lunch making session on Saturday, Sep. 2nd, a holiday weekend no less! Lots of cheerful, hardworking volunteers including students made 170+ lunches for those in need in Robbins. **Thanks to all, including our donors. We are so blessed!**

The **next lunch making session will be Oct. 7th**, same time, same place: 9:15am in the rectory basement.

For now our needs are:

- 4 large jars of mayo
- 200 large lunch bags

We continue to collect food for our pantry every Saturday morning in the SJF parking lot from 9:30 to 10am. The last several weeks have had awesome mornings of contributions. Diapers sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6 are still in demand.

LOOKING AHEAD.....Coat drive coming in October!

Thanks for all you do.

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



[**CLICK HERE TO
PURCHASE
OKTOBERFEST 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

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



St. John Fisher Parish
75th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, November 18, 2023

"Strengthening Our Joyous Future"

Special Anniversary Mass at St. John Fisher Church
4:00 PM

Reception at Beverly Country Club
Reception 6:00, Dinner 7:00
Short Program, Music

Ways to participate

- Purchase tickets - table of 10 for \$1,000.00, or individual tickets at \$100.00 each
- Provide a sponsorship
- Make a donation
- Provide photographs

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.

Tickets, sponsorships, donations, and sponsoring a priest can also be handled at the rectory office.

Please help Saint John Fisher Parish continue its ministry for another 75 years and beyond.

Thanks, in advance, for your participation and support.

What are the goals and reasons for this 75th anniversary celebration?

- Celebrate the rich heritage, history, and traditions of our great parish
- Increase financial support for the parish
- Re-engage current and former parishioners
- Increase mass attendance
- Plan social events for more cohesiveness
- Provide a smooth entry to a capital campaign, which the Archdiocese will require in the future

Do you remember Renew My Church?

- Almost two (2) years ago, on Tuesday, October 05, 2021, a meeting was held to discuss our future.
- The church was **packed** with more people ... more than in the past, and more than since that time.
- Thanks to Father Ken, our pastor, and our Renew My Church team:
 - St. John Fisher, St. Cajetan, Christ the King, and St. Barnabas remain independent

- Our churches also partner, collaborate, and share many initiatives.

Our church needs to be packed with people again ... especially in October. October is the month where the Archdiocese conducts the church attendance census. Every person in every family needs to attend all weekend masses during that month.

Please remember ... we are all in this together!!!

- Our parish and church are celebrating 75 years in 2023.
- Our school is celebrating 75 years in 2025.
- Our parish and church need the school, and our school needs the parish and church.

Please celebrate our 75 year history while committing to support for another 75 years.

**Strengthening Our Joyous Future ... United in Faith and Fellowship ...
Thank you for your support**



WOMEN'S CLUB

Our SJF Women's Club hosted a very succesful Meet-and-Greet to kick off the school year. Watch the Women's Club Facebook page for details of upcoming events.

Women's Club on Facebook

FSA NEWS

It was great to see so many families at the first Movie Night last week. We hope you enjoyed the show! Upcoming FSA events include the **Halloween House Decorating Contest** and **Trunk or Treat**. [Click HERE, or on the flyer below](#), to register your house for the decorating competition.

The first FSA meeting will also be in October, details coming soon.

The Out of Uniform **Mass Initiative will begin on 9/30/23**. The link to sign up to pass out tickets will be available soon.

Eat and Earns will also begin in October. As always we appreciate your support!

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.**

Will host a Garage Hop for all men of the parish.
Saturday, October 14th
watch the bulletin and Mrs. Nash's notes
for details in the weeks ahead.

St. John Fisher Men's Club
2nd Annual Father-Son Sox Game

Saturday September 30th 6:10pm

White Sox vs. Padres

4:45pm: Buses Depart SJF at (Beer/Water Included)

6:10: First Pitch

20 Minutes after Last Pitch: Buses Depart Bus Lot A

Game Tickets \$35 | Bus and Game Ticket \$50

**Limited Tickets Available! Email your Name, Ticket
Quantity, and if you will be riding the bus to
HNSeventRSVP@gmail.com**





SOUTHSIDE PARISH RENEWAL

family sponsorship

Update on the Gomez family...

For the past 4 months through a Catholic Charities program, the SPR parishes have been accompanying a newly arrived family of 5 from Venezuela. Through the generosity of so many parishioners, the family is settled in an apartment and adjusting well. We are excited to share the two younger boys just started high school at St. Francis de Sales through a scholarship with Big Shoulders Fund.

THANK YOU to all that have donated housewares, clothes, volunteer time, grocery cards, and more.

WE NEED HELP across all four parishes as we continue to raise funds for rent, essentials, and legal assistance.

To learn more, volunteer, or donate, visit

www.SouthsideParishRenewal.org or

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/49/event/37223>



*donate
here*



ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

Signs are available in the Church after Mass.

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



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 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 with any questions.

Manna Forms and Information

Coming soon: Our 75th Anniversary Raffle!

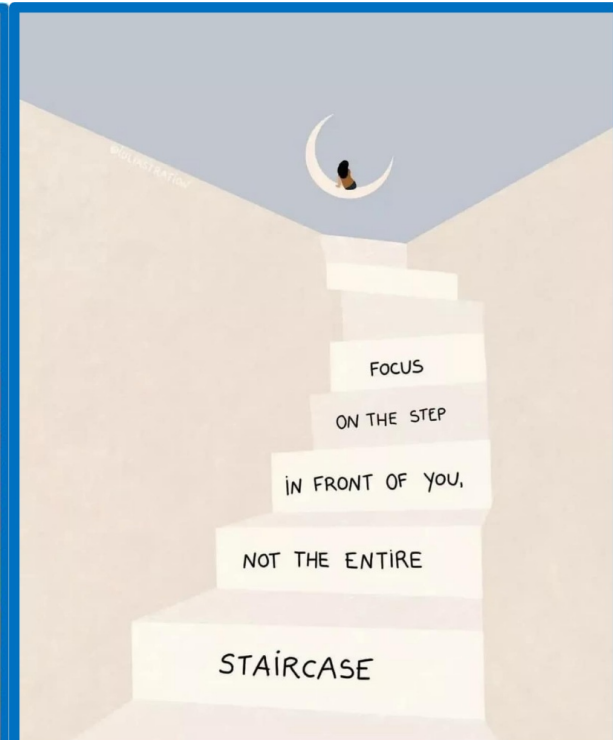
Watch for details to come in future newsletters, bulletins, and on our websites.

More Ways to Support SJF

Online Giving to SJF
Parish

Fisher Falcon Education
Foundation

SJF Alumni on
Facebook



There's a quiet comfort
In knowing
I have not yet
Crossed paths
With all of the people
Who will bring magic
Into my life

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To everything
there is a season,
a time for every
purpose under heaven.

-Ecclesiastes 3:1



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

Bulletin
9/17/2023

Bulletin
9/10/2023

Bulletin
9/03/2023

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