

ST. JOHN FISHER

February 2021

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.

News Sign Up

Mass



Current Mass Schedule Saturday: 4 pm Sunday: 8 am, 11 am Weekdays (M-W-F): 8:15 am Confession: Saturday 3 pm Adoration: First Friday 7 - 8 pm

Sign-ups are NO LONGER REQUIRED for any masses.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES 8:15 am and 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent in the church at 7 pm.

Thank you to all of our tireless mass volunteers for keeping us safe and open!

Usher, Greeter, Cleaner Volunteer Sign-Up

School



This week SJF will celebrate the **100th day of school.** Pre-school, kindergarten, and first-grade students will dress up like they are 100 years old.

Our second graders will receive the sacrament of **First Reconciliation** in February. Please keep them in your prayers as they take this important step in preparation for their First Holy Communion.

You are invited to **join our virtual School Advisory Board meeting** on March 9th at 7:30 pm. Email sjfsab@gmail.com or check the school website for details on joining the meeting.

Read all of <u>Principal Mrs. Nash's weekly</u> notes on the school website.

St. John Fisher School

Watch our Virtual Open House Video

Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17

Youth Ministry - Stations of the Cross Online - NOT just for Teens!

This Lent, visit the Youth Ministry website for a **unique and meaningful experience with the Stations of the Cross. (**Click the images or button on the right.)

From the First Station: Jesus spent His time on earth serving others, teaching us how to live truly good lives and in the end, He stood alone to accept death in order to save us all one last time. There will be times in our own lives where we must stand up for what is right even if we must stand alone. We must follow in Jesus's path in our own lives.

From the Second Station: We all have our own cross to carry. Name your cross. What is heavy in your world? Our cross changes throughout life. Right now, in a time of isolation, it is easy to feel alone, to lose hope. God knows you are not weak or broken. You were called to carry your cross. Let your cross empower you. How are you carrying your cross? How can you help others carry their cross? Who is helping you carry your cross?



The Stations of the Cross on the YM Website



Manna

Manna is here all year! **School families get a tuition credit** equal to 60% of the store rebate. **Non-school families** can donate their credit to a school family (at SJF or any school or university) or to the SJF school fund. Use Manna to pay your Christmas Kohls bill.

CLICK FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT MANNA

SJF Cookbook NEEDS YOUR RECIPES!

We have lots of interest - but **we need YOUR RECIPES!** So far, we don't have enough to create a book. Please help the Women's Club build a great SJF cookbook by sharing your recipes for appetizers, main dishes, side dishes, any meal, dessert - we welcome all contributions!

Please email recipes to:



colnitsche04@gmail.com melissazmich28@gmail.com

Women's Club - Save the Date!!

April 16 - Virtual BINGOI!

May 14 - Scavenger Hunt!

All women of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

Details to follow in future newsletters and on the Women's Club Facebook page. Or contact your block captain or Maureen O'Malley: mpomalley5@gmail.com, 773-339-4951.

Register for Women's Club



Women's Club on Facebook

Falcon Flower Growers



We are excited about adding three new bird feeders, one of which is for Hummingbirds, and a new **birdbath** to the church grounds. A very kind and generous parishioner made these additions possible. Thank You! We hope the bird feeders and birdbath will enhance the beauty and vibrancy around the church. We're hoping to set up some of the feeders in early March. Let us know if you can help!

Contact Chas Hayes at chas.hayes@gmail.com

Pro Labore Dei

IT IS CONTINUALLY AMAZING AND WE THANK YOU, THE ST. JOHN FISHER COMMUNITY, FOR ALWAYS EMBRACING PRO LABORE DEI WITH SUCH **GENEROSITY AND WARMTH**

Just when you think that the generosity would slow down, it remains steady. Each Saturday morning we are loading our cars with donations from our "regulars" and bags shopped for and assembled by our "shoppers", the youth ministry, and receiving cash donations from our parishioners.

PLD continues to serve between 125-200 families EACH

and EVERY Saturday morning in the Robbins, Blue Island, and Posen communities. You can help by donating items such as cereal, pancake mix, peanut butter, jelly, bread, pasta, sauce, mac & cheese, canned fruit and vegetables, milk and juice etc. that could be the source of meals for these families. We are in the SJF parking lot from 10:30 to 11am EVERY Saturday. You can also drop off at the rectory or we would be happy to pick up from your home. Just let us know.

Please know that PLD not only wants to help the known communities in need but ANY family in need. OUR families. **If your family is struggling or you know a family that can use and accept a helping hand, please let us know.** Your information will be held in strict confidence and will not be shared with anybody.



St. John Fisher continues to be an unbelievable supporter of PLD. You are making sure the Christmas spirit remains throughout the year. Thank you. Your donations warm the hearts of many of our PLD families. Thank you and God bless.

Hopefully, we will be bringing you information about Easter plans soon.

If you have any questions, please contact Pam O'Mara (773) 612-0281 or Pat Hayes (773) 203-7881.

FSA News

February 11th - FSA honored **St. Valentine's Day** with a bouquet of flowers to our wonderful teachers.

<u>TODAY</u>**!!! February 16th** - Barraco's Eat and Earn - <u>click to see the flyer for details.</u>

Coming soon: March 1st-19th - **S&T Pizza** Set-up Fundraiser -<u>click for the order form</u>.

May 3rd - May 7th - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 22nd - Fisher Community Yard Sale (more information to follow)

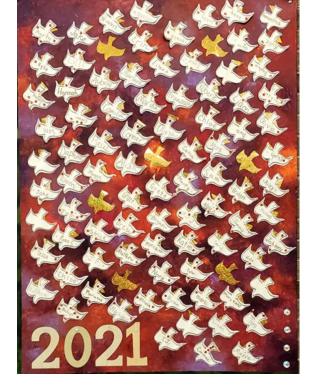




Support SJF and local businesses!



Congratulations to our SJF Confirmandi!



Renew My Church



Later this year St. John Fisher Parish will begin the Archdiocese **Renew My Church** process. Our parish is grouped with St. Cajetan and St. Christina. Click the button at the right to visit the Archdiocese website to learn more about this program and process.

Renew My Church

SUPPORT SJF!

SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING AMAZON SMLE-AMAZON DONATES \$ WHEN YOU BUY. Buy SJF Spirit Wear

SJF ALUMNI - Click here for the SJF Alumni Facebook page

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

Bulletin 2/14/2021

Bulletin 2/07/2021

Bulletin 1/31/2021

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

Visit our parish website