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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

St. John Fisher Parish

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Chicago, IL 60655

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www.stjohnfisherparish.net





Fr. Marty's Musings

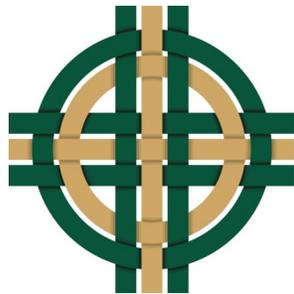
Céad míle fáilte

A hundred thousand welcomes to all who gather to celebrate our faith, our community, Irish heritage for many this Sunday, and St. Patrick. Our parish welcomes many from throughout the South Side and suburbs. We will march together with a parade publicly proclaiming our pride in our faith and community. The abundance of three-leaf shamrocks see each March reminds us of our faith in a triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

St. Patrick was not born in Ireland—he was first taken there unwillingly by kidnappers and forced to be a shepherd. He later returned by choice to spread the Gospel of the Good Shepherd to the Celts. He carried out a mission of conversion, but he also reminds us that our faith and Church have been formed and spread by immigrants. When many Irish came to America to escape the Great Hunger, they did not always receive a warm welcome. The Know Nothing party campaigned against the waves of Catholics from Ireland and elsewhere.

On his feast day, March 17, let us find him a faith figure that still inspires us. He calls on the enveloping protection of God in The Breastplate of St. Patrick (or Deer's Cry), written around 433 A.D. Here is a section:

Christ with me,
 Christ before me,
 Christ behind me,
 Christ in me,
 Christ beneath me,
 Christ above me,
 Christ on my right,
 Christ on my left,
 Christ when I lie down,
 Christ when I sit down,
 Christ when I arise,
 Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
 Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
 Christ in every eye that sees me,
 Christ in every ear that hears me.



As Cillian Murphy said at the Oscars, Go raibh míle maith agaibh (a thousand thanks) to all who worked hard to bring the celebration together!



Our pastor, Fr. Ken Budzikowski, presides at the Parade kick-off Mass this year. Although the name Budzikowski is proudly Polish, St. Kenneth/St. Canice of Aghaboe was born in Glengiven Ireland a century after Patrick. County Kilkenny (Kenny's Church) honors him. St. Canice Cathedral has a rare round tower that people can climb.



We sacrifice in Lent not to make us miserable, but to remind that sacrifices made in love to help others will ultimately bring us joy. We can embrace delayed gratification more. Some want what they want, and they want it now, no matter its impact on others. We see this too often in selfish acts in the pretext of "freedom." Let us be willing to make a temporary sacrifice for the long-term care of others.

Christ offers the image of the grain of wheat that dies to bear more fruit as parable of sacrifice that also foreshadows his ultimate sacrifice. We embrace the smaller sacrifices and fasting of Lent, not only to delay the gratification of a greater reward, but also more selflessly and charitably respond to the needs and well-being of others. With the arrival of spring and the season of planting, let us patiently, sacrificially, and lovingly plant seeds that will bear great fruit in the future.



Come out and support St. John Fisher at the 46th South Side Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade. This year, St. John Fisher will be position A-7, with staging assigned at the south east corner of Western and 103rd Street. St. Cajetan marches immediately before us at A-6. Demonstrate your Falcon pride!

Fr. Marty



There is no 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 17, because of the South Side Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Pro Labore Dei News

PRO LABORE DEI reminds you that the Easter baskets collection ends on Thursday, March 21st. Please help make Easter special for our clients. The response so far has been amazing.

The next lunch making session is Saturday, April 6, at 9:15 a.m.

Our current needs are several large jars of mayo and our volunteers. Food collection continues on Saturday mornings from 9:30–10:00 a.m. in the SJF parking lot (even on Holy Saturday).

The ITEM OF THE MONTH for March is BEANS of any kind.

We also collect other foods and diapers size 4, 5, and 6 to bolster our pantry. Finally, a reminder that we are collecting Easter baskets for the clients of PRO LABORE DEI. We will need them turned in by March 21. As always, thanks for everything.

Any questions or concerns?

Please contact Pam O'Mara (773) 612-0281 or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773) 203-7881

SUNDAY OFFERTORY

Sunday, March 3, 2024 \$7,004.00

Sunday, March 10, 2024 6,542.00

Last weekend, we printed the offertory figures for March 3, but mistakenly labeled them for February 25.

Thank you for your stewardship in support of St. John Fisher Parish!

St. Patrick's Day Parade



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The Parade committee selected Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana as Grand Marshalls this year.

Rectory: 10234 S. Washtenaw Avenue
Chicago, IL 60655

Phone: (773) 445-6565

Fax: (773) 445-1644

SJF Parish Website:

www.stjohnfisherparish.net

Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Morning Liturgies: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:15 a.m.

School: 10200 S. Washtenaw Avenue
Chicago, IL 60655

Phone: (773) 445-4737

Fax: (773) 233-3012

SJF School Website:

www.sjfschool.net

Office of Religious Education

Phone: (773) 238-1851

St. John Fisher Parish Mission Statement

We, the Catholic Community of St. John Fisher, formed by the gospel, nourished by the Eucharist, and united by love, are called to celebrate the kingdom of God and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and action.

Taller de José

Taller de José is a community resource center offering services of accompaniment to people in need, connecting people to services and services to people. Taller de José was founded by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Won't you join Taller de José in providing accompaniment to those in need?

This Lenten season, the St. John Fisher community is invited into a deeper commitment to live our Christian life by sharing its resources with the neighbors served by Taller de José. All donations received from the Holy Thursday collection will help to provide to our brothers and sisters in need the support and guidance offered to all, free of charge, at Taller de José.

You can also donate online at www.tallerdejose.org

Stations of the Cross

Join us for Stations of the Cross at St. John Fisher on Wednesday, March 20, at 1:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday Foot Washing

We hope that you participate in the Triduum liturgies. On Holy Thursday, March 28, we celebrate the establishment of the Eucharist and priesthood. The Washing of Feet, or Mandatum, Offers a powerful symbol of our universal call to discipleship and service. We call twelve of our parishioners to volunteer to allow the presider to wash one foot. Please signup at the back of church or you can drop this form in the collection.

I volunteer for the March 28 Foot Washing.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Holy Week



Palm Sunday

March 23 4:00 p.m.

**March 24 8:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.**

Holy Thursday

March 28

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper



The collection supports Taller de José.

The church will remain open for Eucharistic Adoration until midnight.

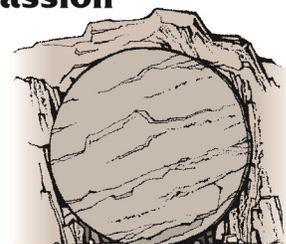


Good Friday

March 29

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion



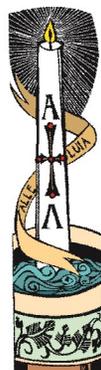
Holy Saturday

March 30

1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets Kane Hall

7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

The liturgy begins with the Paschal Fire. There will be no confessions or 4:00 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday.



Easter Sunday

March 31 8:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

75th Anniversary Raffle

Tickets: \$100 each

Credit card, check,
or cash payments are accepted.

Tickets are still available.
The drawing will be held at a later date,

Tickets can be purchased:

◆ Online...

- Go to the Saint John Fisher Parish website at: <https://www.stjohnfisherparish.net>
- Click on wording in the center that states “75th Anniversary RAFFLE” under “Weekly Announcements.”
- Click on “ORDER NOW.”
- Follow the instructions on the secure online gateway for credit card payments.
- If more than one (1) person is buying the ticket, please list the names under special instructions.

◆ After all the weekend masses at a table in the back of church

◆ At the rectory during regular hours

◆ After the school sports games in the gymnasium

Raffle tickets make great gifts too.
They also provide financial support to our parish.

Thank you, in advance,
for your support and participation.

**Strengthening Our
Joyous
Future**



St. John Fisher
Parish

75th Anniversary
1948-2023

First Prize \$20,000

Second Prize . . . \$1,000

Third Prize \$500



Winners will be drawn
on Sunday, April 14 2024,
after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.
Winner need not be present.

Name

Phone

E-mail

Parishioner? Yes No

Seller

St. Cajetan Monthly Eucharistic Adoration

All are welcome!

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

and every third Tuesday

Come to the church for some quiet prayer time

Anytime between 9:00 a.m.–7:30 p.m.

Benediction begins around 7:15 p.m.

Next Monthly Day of Adoration is April 16.

Not sure what to do during adoration? Just look at Jesus in the monstrance on the altar. Just look at him. Tell him what's on your mind. Come for five minutes, or fifteen, or an hour. Maybe you have never come before. Maybe this Lent is the time.



Preface for Spring

We give you thanks, O Lord, for times and seasons,
for what wheat that grows through winter snow
and now for spring and April promise
that life has many colors
and stirs within the womb.

We give you thanks for greening fields
and warming sun,
for winds that move the rainfull clouds,
for all the flowering land,
the budding tree,
and seeds that break the tomb.

The brook runs free, the clod is broken,
and hope is sudden, like the sparrows' flight.
Our sleep is deep, O Lord, as vast as death,
and waits the quickening of your word.

We give you thanks for him
whose newest birth we celebrate in spring
so men may know that beauty is not counterfeit
and earth has yielded up her dead.

Lord of color, Lord of all living things,
we are your glory, and we give you praise.



Will You Answer the Call?

Christ longs to renew his Church. And he wants to equip YOU to be a catalyst of this revival in our community. Join thousands of passionate Catholics for a historic gathering that will transform your relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist. You will experience powerful preaching from some of the most trusted voices in the Church today, be anointed for renewed personal mission, and be sent home ready to set hearts on fire.

St Cajetan needs parishioners like you to bring this grace back to our community! Register online at EucharisticCongress.org or contact our parish office for more information about registering with your fellow parishioners.

What: 10th National Eucharistic Congress

When: July 17–21, 2024

Where: Lucas Oil Stadium,
Indianapolis, IN

WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!

The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.



eucharisticrevival.org

Pop Tops for Ronald McDonald House



My name is Maeve Malloy and I am an 8th grader at St. John Fisher. I am collecting pop tabs for our Ronald McDonald House. Please help by bringing your pop tabs to church. There is a box in the back of church to drop them off. Collection will end on April 14. Thank you on behalf of Ronald McDonald House.



Chrism Mass

Cardinal Cupich blesses the Holy Oils for the sacraments at the Chrism Mass at Holy Name Cathedral on Tuesday afternoon, March 26. If you can attend and pick up the oils for St. John Fisher, please call the parish office at (773) 445-6565.

Caregivers Support

Caring for a loved one with dementia can be an emotional challenge. The Caregiver Support Group at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, at Smith Village, 2320 West 113th Place in Chicago, will take time to discuss ways to manage anxiety and stress and to access helpful resources.

This support group provides a confidential, safe and supportive environment and aims to combat the isolation many caregivers experience. Meetings are planned for the third Tuesday of every month.

“People with dementia often reflect the emotions of their caregivers,” says Alice Keane, group leader. “So, if a caregiver is anxious or impatient, a loved one will be as well. It is vital that caregivers have someone to help them manage their challenging role.” The group will share options on how best to care for the caregiver.

The meetings are free and open to all caring for someone with Alzheimer’s disease or other types of dementia. Alzheimer’s Association volunteers Alice Keane and Bridget Murphy, Smith Village life enrichment director, lead the group.

For information about the Caregiver Support Group or about Smith Village, call (773) 474-7300.

Amy & Phil Switalski’s St. Christopher Tours

Did you know your St. John Fisher Music Directors have been hosting single-day and multi-day luxury motorcoach bus tours for over 30 years?



Family owned & operated, faith-based and named after the patron saint of travelers, **Phil & Amy’s St. Christopher Tours** have been known for providing carefree travel opportunities to enjoy dinner/theatre events, single-day events and overnight tours. If you would like to view a list of the many travel destinations, or be included on their private mailing list and/or email list simply check out their website www.philnamymusic.com or call (708) 687-3302 for the latest information, tour pick-up and drop-off locations and many travel deal specials. (Or, just stop by the piano for a postcard.) Fun-filled trips have always been designed to appeal to all ages, families, small groups and group leaders, from the young to young at heart. Hope you can be on board for an upcoming event or Tour!



Lent 2024 Progressive Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Please join us for four consecutive nights of
Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
during advent

One evening at each parish at 7:00 PM

- Monday, March 18th @ St John Fisher
- Tuesday, March 19th at St Cajetan
- Wednesday March 20th at Christ the King
- Thursday March 21st at St Barnabas



SOUTHSIDE PARISH RENEWAL
CHRIST THE KING • ST. BARNABAS • ST. CAJETAN • ST. JOHN FISHER

**Please support
St. John Fisher and our
75th Anniversary Raffle.**

**You could win
\$20,000!**

**We will draw the
winning tickets on
Sunday, April 14,
after 11:00 a.m. Mass.**



Rest in Peace

*Please remember especially in your
prayers this week:*

Jacqueline Ward
Fr. Terry McCarthy
Collette Kramer
James O'Donnell
Rose Salinas
Robert J. Burns, Jr.
William Richards

Victims of Gun and Domestic Violence
Victims in Ukraine and the Middle East

Small Group Series for Eucharistic Revival

God is doing something new—
and he is calling **you** to be a part of it!

*Travel with Jesus
and the Eucharist
this Lent to Easter.*

Come to one or all sessions.

**March 19, 26, and April 2
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

**St Cajetan's Parish Center
Dominick Room (basement)
2445 W. 112th Street, Chicago**



**TUESDAY
April
16th
6-8PM**

McAuley Open House



**MOTHER
MCAULEY**
Liberal Arts High School

Presentations about academic programs, electives, athletics, financial aid, scholarships and transportation. You will also have a chance to meet students, athletes, coaches, teachers and administration.



**Be Part of
MacNation!**

Prayer Support for Our Military Personnel

We keep parishioners and all those who are serving in the military in our prayers, especially:
MSG Kevin Daley; CPL Thomas Leonard, USMC; Daniel Wagner; Pvt 1st Class Michael Carroll, USMC; Lt. Col. Eric Dougherty, USMC; Lance Cpl Kevin Butler, USMC; Lt. Brad Brunaugh; Pvt. Christopher Dinaso; PFC Ryan Hensley; PFC Steven Folliard; Captain Michael McCann, US Army; Kevin Roche; Steve Ayon; Pvt. Anthony Schmidt; PFC Terrance Wilson, US Army; Lance Cpl Brennan C. McDonald, Jr., USMC; Sgt. Robert Brennan Carroll, USMC; Lt. Cmdr. Patrick F. McInerney, USN.; Captain Patrick Tierney, USMC; Kyle Sellers, USAF; LCPL Jack Fitzpatrick, USMC; CA Christopher Chirillo, USA; Timothy Kelly, USN; Ensign Peter Smagur USN; 2 Lt. Bridget Bentley, USA; Matthew C. Adas, USN; Airman William L. Murray; Andrew Mitchell Cullen, USMC; Major Andrew C. Piech, USMC; Lance Cpl. Joseph Killeen, USMC.

Lord, hold our military men and women in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us.

Lenten Regulations

The Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Abstinence from meats is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.
2. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The special paschal fast and abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

Bulletin Deadlines

We strive to communicate what is happening at St. John Fisher and surroundings. Items are due at the office by Friday at 2:00 p.m., nine days before the target bulletin (note earlier deadlines around holidays). Digital formats of **Word**, **JPEG**, or even email if **simple text** would help us. Full-page items limit flexibility, so including half-page and quarter page options make it more likely to run. Articles can be submitted to:

sjfparishchicago@gmail.com

We reserve the right to edit all submissions for length and content.





STATIONS OF THE CROSS

CHRIST THE KING

Fridays in Lent 3:00 p.m.

ST. BARNABAS

March 22 1:45 p.m.
March 24 2:00 p.m.

ST. CAJETAN

Fridays in Lent 1:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN FISHER

March 20 1:00 p.m.



SOUTHSIDE PARISH RENEWAL

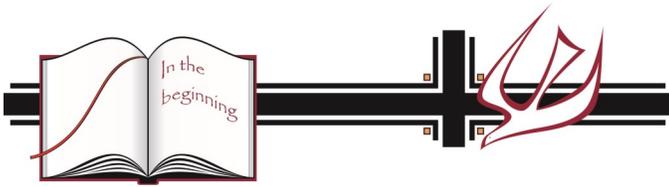
CHRIST THE KING • ST. BARNABAS • ST. CAJETAN • ST. JOHN FISHER

Outdoor Stations of the Cross

Palm Sunday
March 24 at 2:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Retreat House
14230 Main St.
Lemont, Illinois

Contact Deacon Andy Neu at (773) 807-2231
or aneu@stbarnabasparish.org



Readings for the Week

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34 / Ps 51:3-4, 12-15 /
 Heb 5:7-9 / Jn 12:20-33

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 /
 Ps 23:1-6 / Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16 /
 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 /
 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 /
 Dn 3:52-56 / Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9 /
 Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13 /
 Ps 18:2-7 / Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28 /
 Jer 31:10-13 / Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 /
 Is 50:4-7 / Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 /
 Phil 2:6-11 / Mk 14:1-15:47



Lectors

Saturday, March 23

4:00 p.m. Patrick Brandt
 Daniel Brennan
 Patrick Perner

Sunday, March 24

8:00 a.m. Laura Shallow
 Thomas Broderick
 Debra Ryan

11:00 a.m. Daniel Mueller
 Essie Carson
 Kathy Murray

Masses and Intentions

There is no 11:00 a.m. Mass on March 17 due to the Parade.

Monday, March 18..... St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:15 a.m. Christopher Quinn – Family
 Florence Fisher – Mary & Jim Broad

Tuesday, March 19..... St. Joseph

No Mass

Wednesday, March 20

8:15 a.m. Eileen Hanrahan – Jim & Barb Husa
 Mary Resce –
 St. John Fisher Women’s Club

Thursday, March 21

No Mass

Friday, March 22

8:15 a.m. Sarah Ann Naser –
 Maria & Joseph Spaitas
 Noreen Beachina – Long Family

Saturday, March 23St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

4:00 p.m. For the People of St. John Fisher Parish

Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. Emily Marchi – Family
 Joe Broad – Kroll Family

11:00 a.m. Frank & Frankie Wahlen – Winnie Wahlen
 Mike Marske – Family

Presiders

Saturday, March 23

4:00 p.m. Fr. Marty Marren

Sunday, March 24

8:00 a.m. Fr. Marty Marren
 11:00 a.m. Fr. Ken Budzikowski



If you wish to generously remember St. John Fisher Parish/School in your will, ensuring its growth and vitality for years to come, you may include the following general statement:

I give (the sum of \$_____)* to St. John Fisher Parish/School, located in Chicago, Illinois.

Please contact pastor Fr. Ken Budzikowski at (773) 445-6565 or Brendan Keating, Sr. Director of Planned Giving at (312) 534-5271 or bkeating@archchicago.org for more information.

*You may also give a percentage of your estate, or a specific asset.

PARISH PRIESTS

Rev. Kenneth BudzikowskiPastor
Rev. Martin Marren Associate Pastor

DEACONS

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Deacon Raymond Reilly (Retired)
Deacon Couple Clayton and Betty Kort (Retired)
Mrs. Maura Nash Principal
Elena Chermak, D.Min. ..Dir. of Religious Education
echemak@sjfschool.us

Phil and Amy SwitalskiMusic Directors
philnamy1992@gmail.com (708) 687-3302

Parish E-Mail: sjfparishchicago@gmail.com
Parish Office Hours: Mon.–Fri. 9:00 am–7:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am–4:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am–12:00 noon

Baptisms: A Baptismal Preparation Program is a requirement in the Chicago Archdiocese. Contact the rectory for more information and dates and times the classes will be held.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):
Saturdays 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. or by appointment

Marriage: Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory at least **six months** before the wedding. The Archdiocese requires a marriage preparation program (Pre-Cana, Discovery Weekend, etc.).

Communion for Homebound Parishioners:
Members of our parish family who are ill or homebound, please call the parish office and a Minister of Care will bring communion to your home at your convenience.

New Parishioners: We welcome you! Please introduce yourself to us. We ask that you register in the rectory office. **Parishioners—Please keep your contact information updated.**