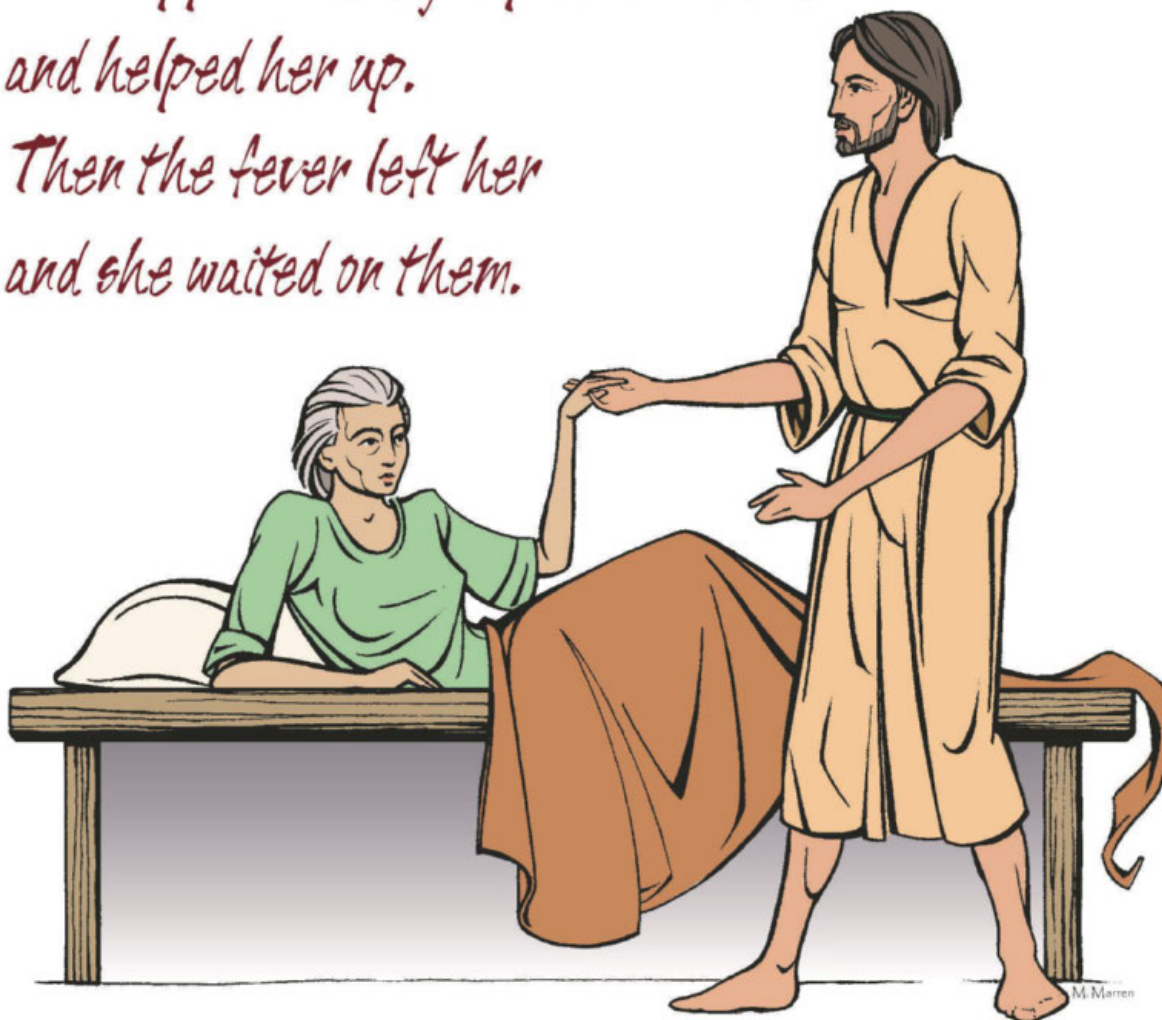


*Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever...
Jesus approached, grasped her hand,
and helped her up.
Then the fever left her
and she waited on them.*



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2024

St. John Fisher Parish

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Many Catholics are surprised to learn that many of the disciples were married—we know for certain that St. Peter had a mother-in-law, who is ill in today's Gospel. Jesus approaches her and helps her up, "then the fever left her and she waited on them." The men may seem inconsiderate to a woman just from her sickbed (big surprise!), but that part of the narrative perhaps highlights how complete and marvelous Christ's healing grace is. The love of Jesus lifts us all up and stirs us to serve one another joyfully with charity.

The uplifting presence of Jesus contrasts vividly with the despair and drudgery of Job in the first reading.



Cycles are a big part of the Christian tradition. The Advent wreath marks the beginning of a new liturgical cycle. The Scripture readings are set on a three-year cycle (we are in Year B—St. Mark's Gospel). We save the votive prayer petitions to burn in the Paschal fire at the Easter Vigil. In our funeral services, we are reminded of the circle of life in the words "ashes to ashes, dust to dust."

Ashes are connected to the liturgical cycle of the Church. Life sprouts from ashes as we take the palms, which have dried and withered, from last year's Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion and burn them to mark the beginning of Lent. You can bring your palms to church or drop them off at the parish office by Tuesday, February 13. We will burn them in in our Memorial Garden (east end of the church, off the parking lot). Please remove any staples, paper clips, string, tape, or other fasteners.



This is the Announcement Weekend for the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. Please continue your generous stewardship of our parish and support the mission of our Archdiocese.

Fr. Marty Marren



Mustard Seeds of Faith

You might be surprised that when you use a pronoun to indicate God (Father, Son, or Holy Spirit), you need not capitalize the first letter. Many people were taught by their teachers, nuns, or priests to do so. But the style the Catholic Church uses in the Roman Missal (check *Missalette*) and Bible translations does not capitalize divine pronouns.

Mark Ward writes in "Why We Should Not Capitalize Deity Pronouns When Referring to God":

Choosing to capitalize deity pronouns in Scripture creates awkward situations—such as when the Pharisees say to Jesus (New American Standard Bible), "We wish to see a sign from **You**," implying that they do in fact regard him as deity. [Note: *The Catholic New American Bible, used at Mass, reads: "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."*] This practice forces us to specify whether a given pronoun refers to God in ambiguous cases; it also shouts interpretations that authors may have preferred to whisper (Is 53:6—"But the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all." *NAB*). And as the Zondervan style guide wisely points out, capitalization in English doesn't generally mean respect, but specification (see "Pol Pot" and "Satan").

The practice of capitalizing divine pronouns arose in the 1800s, but has more recently faded. Also, lowercase letters were a relatively later development. In the time of Christ, the Roman alphabet and Latin only used what we now call uppercase letters. (There was a lot of shouting in early manuscripts;) The copying of manuscripts and the printing press led to the evolution of miniscule, or lowercase, letters.

You are not mistaken if you prefer to capitalize pronouns that reference God. But people who do not capitalize are not wrong, nor are they showing disrespect to our beloved Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They are following the preferred style of the Vatican documents and Catholic biblical scholarship.

Burning of Palms

We encourage
you to bring your
palms from last
year's Palm

Sunday to burn in preparation for Ash
Wednesday ashes.

You may drop them off at church or the
Parish Office until Tuesday, February 13, when
we will burn them in the Memorial Garden.

Ash Wednesday Masses

February 14, 2024

8:15 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.



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Blessing of Throats

We will offer a general
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appealing to the
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at the Masses this
weekend, February 3-4.



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Through the intercession of St. Blaise,
bishop and martyr,
may God deliver you
from every disease of the throat
and from every other illness,
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

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

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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.



Baptisms

St. John Fisher welcomed these children into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Molly Louise Bertling

child of Colin M. & Allison M. (Knox) Bertling

Quinn Murphy Bertling

child of Colin M. & Allison M. (Knox) Bertling

Connor Matthew Burke

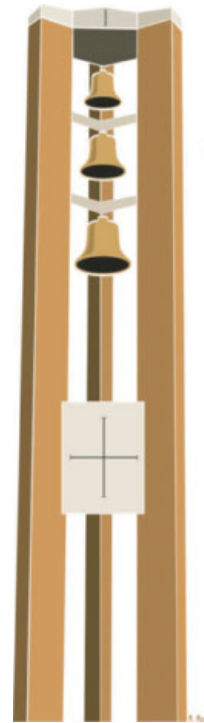
child of John M. & Elizabeth M. (Scardino) Burke

Kayson Theodore Voiles

child of Brandt A. & Dana M. (Loncar) Voiles

2023 Tax Statements Are in the Mail

Year-end contribution statements to registered parishioners who use Sunday envelopes and who contributed \$1,000.00 or more during the 2023 calendar year have been mailed. Once again, we've limited statements to those who have given that amount or more in an effort to save money on printing and postage. However, if you contributed less than that amount and would like a statement, just call the rectory office and we'll be happy to send you one. Thank you for your generosity and support.



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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**

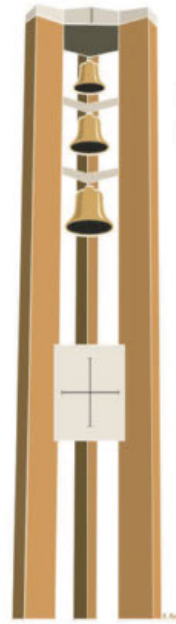
◆ **At the rectory during regular hours**

◆ **After the school sports games
in the gymnasium**

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Parishioner? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Please Make your Gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Together at the Table

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call “Together at the Table.” We encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative. In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Annual Catholic Appeal funds services in our own parish.

When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God’s many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.

The Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend
is next weekend, February 4–5, 2024.



Christ the King's GriefShare support group is welcome to all parishioners, community members, and friends who have lost a loved one and provides a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

Call the rectory at 773-238-4877 with questions
or email jsingler@ckchicago.org.

**GriefShare meets on Tuesdays from 6:30pm-8:15pm
through April 9th in the CK Rectory basement
9235 S. Hamilton, Chicago IL 60643**

Pro Labore Dei News

PRO LABORE DEI made 160 lunches in 35 minutes (probably less) and brought them to Robbins for distribution on January 6. Again, a huge thank you to the SJF community for spending some of their cold, snowy morning in the rectory basement. So many hands go into making this monthly mission successful. Thank you.

Thanks, SJF, for all you do. The season of giving continues. We still collect on Saturday mornings between 9:30 and 10 am on the church parking lot. Any food item is welcome by our clients. Yes, diapers are still needed.

If more info is needed, please call or text

Pam O'Mara (773) 612-0281

or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773) 203-7881

Get Behind the Vest Pancake Breakfast



Keeping Teen Relationships Healthy and Safe

Tuesday, February 6

7:00 p.m.

Christ the King Church

Parents, guardians, and grandparents, of junior high and high school teenagers, as well as school personnel and interested adults are encouraged to attend a presentation on Teen Dating Violence at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6. The program will be offered by the staff of A New Direction and is sponsored by the Domestic Violence Awareness Committees of Christ the King, St. John Fisher, St. Cajetan, St. Christina and St. Barnabas. It will be at Christ the King Church. 9345 S Hamilton Avenue.

Ericka Swanson and Rita Ryan of A New Direction will define abuse, show patterns of abuse in relation to Teen Dating Violence, and will introduce scenarios and helpful resources. Learning about healthy relationships at this age can go a long way towards stopping the cycle of Domestic Violence, and can set youth on a better path for future relationships.

Please contact Donna Dalton at donnadalton1951@gmail.com,

Linda Villalobos at lvilla46@yahoo.com
or Nancy North at nancy.north@comcast.net
for more information
on the Teen Dating Violence presentation.



Rest in Peace

Please remember especially in your prayers this week:

Patrick Fitzgerald, father of Jacalyn Frederking

Margaret Mary Nash

James M. Glynn

Victims of Gun and Domestic Violence

Victims of the Ukrainian invasion

Victims of Violence in the Middle East

Book Club: Beautiful Eucharist



It is not too late to join the book discussion about *Beautiful Eucharist* that Southside Parish Renewal parishes distributed last month. St. Barnabas will host the meetings on Sunday, February 4 and 11, at 11:00 a.m.

Join at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4EAEAA2EA6FF2-beautiful>

or contact Deacon Andy Neu

773-779-1166 x542 aneu@stbarnabasparish.org



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

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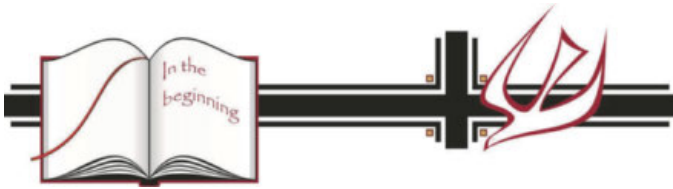
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Readings for the Week

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 / Ps 147:1-6 /
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 / Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 / Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 / Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 / Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 / Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10 / Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 / Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13 / Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 & 40 / Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 / Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 / Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 / Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 / Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 / Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 /
1 Cor 10:31-11:1 / Mk 1:40-45

Lectors

Saturday, February 10
4:00 pm Dan Brennan

Sunday, February 11
8:00 am Patrick Perner
11:00 am Essie Carson



Masses and Intentions

Monday, February 5 — St. Agatha
8:15 a.m. Bob Johnson – *Family*
People of St. John Fisher

Tuesday, February 6 — St. Paul Miki and Companions
No Mass

Wednesday, February 7
8:15 a.m. John Moss – *Dan & Mary Anne DeLacy*
Mary Resce – *Mary Jo Ochs*

Thursday, February 8 — St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita
No Mass

Friday, February 9
8:15 a.m. Patrick J. McGann, Sr. – *Family*
Students and Staff of
St. John Fisher School

Saturday, February 10 — St. Scholastica
4:00 p.m. For the People of St. John Fisher Parish

Sunday, February 11 — 6th Sunday in Ord. Time
8:00 a.m. James Glynn –
Don & Maureen McCormack
Constance M. Gotto –
Ann Marie Killeen
11:00 a.m. Frank & Frankie Wahlen –
Winnie Wahlen
Helen Leggett – *Family*

Presiders

Saturday, February 10
4:00 pm Fr. Ken Budzikowski

Sunday, February 11
8:00 am Fr. Marty Marren
11:00 am Fr. Leo Glueckert, O. Carm.



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:

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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.

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 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.

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