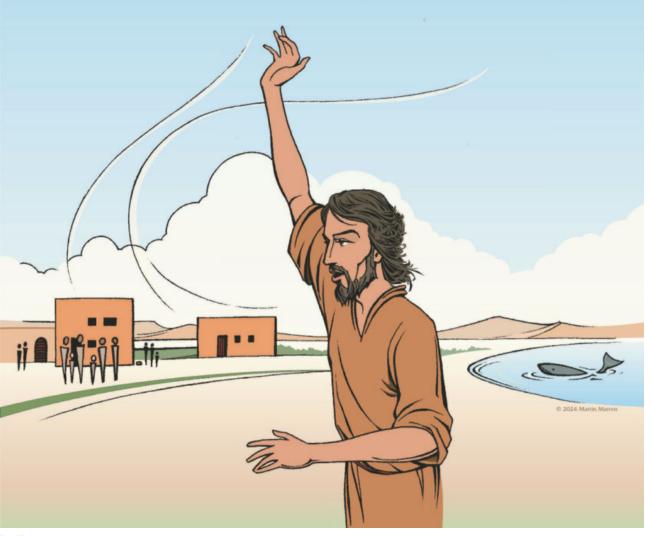
The word of the Lord came to Jonah, saying:
"Set out for the great city of Ninevah,
and announce to it the message that I will tell you."



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2024

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Fr. Marty's Musings

ark relates Jesus calling the first of his disciples, brothers Simon Peter and Andrew. This Gospel presents it in a way that differs from John's version that we heard last weekend. Jesus invites two pairs of brothers, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Christ's invitation and call still echoes and needs to be heard today. Jesus did not limit his call to discipleship at twelve. Even in biblical times, the number of disciples surpassed the Twelve Apostles depicted in the Last Supper tableau.

His voice, through the living Word of the Gospel and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, still beckons for disciples. We need young people to open to the Spirit and answer the call to serve as priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers. We all must invite and encourage others to be open to a vocation as Christ's disciple. As we strive renew Christ's Church. We all have a role and responsibility. We all are challenged to accept the call to ministry. Let us open our ears to Christ's voice and hearts to God's love. Let us follow the path of Christ's guidance.

Fishing tales often end with the one that got away. As we follow in the footsteps of the original disciples and endeavor to be fishers of men and women for the faith, let us pray that none escape from the net of Christ and our invitation into his community.



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends Thursday, January 25. Unity requires work, commitment, and the Christian virtue of love. As the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one, may we recognize that we can have a diversity of prayer styles but still find our common bond as sisters and brothers of Christ.

Let us also work to heal divisions and work to realize as citizens the aspiration marked on our coins, "E pluribus unum," or "Out of many, one." In the words Lincoln borrowed from scripture, a house divided against itself cannot stand. The late Cardinal Bernardin worked to bring people together in the search for Common Ground. Let us continue that demanding but necessary task.



Thank you to all who donated money or baby items for The Courage Program, which supports young pregnant women in bringing their babies to birth and beyond. We collected \$1,146 for Courage in addition to diapers, pull-ups, and baby wipes. Contact them at (708) 636-8001 if you would like to support the work of Courage. Or you can mail a donation to The Courage Program, 9711 S. Kolin Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Find out more at www.courageprogram.org.



Tomorrow is a day of prayer for the protection of unborn children. Let us, as individuals and society, commit to providing support that all human life, from conception to natural death, might be valued, nurtured, and protected. Thank you to all who support Courage and The Women's Center in their mission to provide expecting mothers with resources.

Let us unite the causes for life. We need to work to convince society to offer stronger protections and respect for life. Cardinal Bernardin taught a consistent ethic of life with the image of the Seamless Garment (a reference to Christ's clothing at the Passion). Protection of life begins with the unborn child, but does not end there. We should see the life causes as seamless, including the challenges of abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, and the lack of equal health care. Accessible health care, the dignity of the disabled, and compassionate palliative care ate the end of natural life are issues that should be morally linked in the advocacy against abortion. Let us unite in supporting life.

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Fr. Marty Marren





Prayer for Christian Unity

We pray, O gracious Trinity:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
that we all may be one as you are one.
In your community of complete unity,
we have our beginning and our end.
To you we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity
among all who believe in your Christ.

As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbors and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love you. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against your will.

Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirt are one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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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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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.



St. John Fisher Parish

75th Anniversary 1948–2023

Rosary for St. John Fisher at 75

Saint John Fisher Parish celebrates our 75th anniversary year from late 2023 through late 2024. The praying the Rosary was one of the activities that we launched in October 2023.

Catholic Schools Week makes this communal prayer event an especially good way to gather together. Parishioners, families, friends, and neighbors are invited to join in the next saying of the rosary.

Monday, January 29, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the church



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- ♦ 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

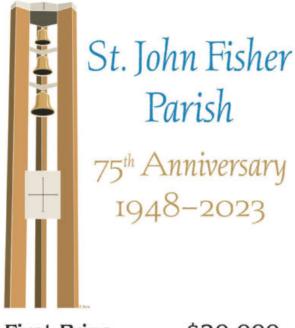
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Rest in Peace

Please remember especially in your prayers this week:

Virginia Allivato;
Robert Luebke;
Charles "Chico" Johnson;
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. The next meetings are in the Parish Center at St. Cajetan, 2445 W. 112th Street, on Sunday, January 21, and January 28, at Noon.

Join at https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/4090E4EAEAA2EA6FF2-beautiful or contact Deacon Andy Neu 773-779-1166 x542 aneu@stbarnabasparish.org





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; Capt. Andrew Piech, USMC; Lance Cpl. Joseph Killeen, USMC.

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

Keeping Silence

In the liturgy, we are silent, silent together. This is not an individual silence, even though each of us—as best as each of is able—is quiet. This is not a passive silence, even though we try to be as still as we can be. We are silent together, actively quiet, purposely still. We're silent before the liturgy begins, in order to be present to each other and



thus find God. God is always present to us; we forget that sometimes, fail to hear God amid our noisy living. So before we wrestle with God in our rites, we are silent: Be still, and know that I am God.

We are silent at the words "Let us pray." These words begin the opening prayer and prayer after communion at Mass, as well as the prayers after the psalms at morning and evening prayer. At this invitation, we pray and we pray hard and we pray hard together, so that when the priest speaks, all of our prayers are drawn to those words like metal shavings to a magnet. One voice breaks the silence with words of prayer, and one mighty voice, spoken from all of our throats, seals that prayer: "Amen!"

We are silent after readings of scripture and after the homily. How else can God speak to us? How else are we to hear the divine voice, not only echoing from long ago in ancient words brought back to life, but speaking now, in this time, in the quiet that we provide here? After the readings and the homily, we are silent together because we are listening together for the voice on which our very lives depend, the voice that calls us into being, the voice that bids us to come out of our dumb tombs to live and to love again.

On occasion, instead of singing, we may be silent when the gifts of money are gathered for the poor and for the church, and when the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar. And when all have been fed, when all have drank from the cup, again we are silent, caught up in the revery of great mystery, standing together wide-eyed and satisfied, breathing quiet gratitude for life breaking out everywhere, enjoying the quiet of this moment before an eternal dawn, when God will be all in all and the final silence will be ruptured with raucous, joyous cries of "Worthy! Worthy! Worthy!"

The liturgy's silences both tax and nourish us. They tire us because they are active moments, concentrated periods of deliberate, attentive, awe-filled stillness. But they nourish us as well. They are vitamins for a life made anemic with noise, tonic for the blathering (the world's and our own) that sometimes sickens us. The moments of communal silence in the liturgy plant seeds of peace in our souls, so that in the turmoil of every day life we can find a still center inside and hear the voice of God.

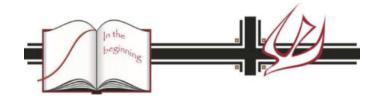
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Keeping Teen Relationships Healthy and Safe

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.



Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 /

Ps 89:20, 21–22, 25–26 / Mk 3:22–30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 /

Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 / Mk 3:31–35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4–17 /

Ps 89:4–5, 27–28, 29–30 / Mk 4:1–20

Thursday: Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22 /

Ps 117:1-2 / Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5 /

Ps 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 7–8a, 10 / Mk 4:26–34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 /

Ps 51:12–13, 14–15, 16–17 / Mk 4:35–4

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15–20 / Ps 95:1–2, 6–9 / Mk 1:21–28



Lectors

Saturday, January 27

4:00 pm Dan Brennan

Sunday, January 28

8:00 am Laura Shallow

11:00 am Catholic Schools Week Mass

Masses and Intentions

Monday, January 22

8:15 a.m. William Redmond — *Family* People of St. John Fisher

Tuesday, January 23 —

St. Vincent;

St. Marianne Cope

No Mass

Wednesday, January 24 — St. Francis de Sales

8:15 a.m. Jo Todd — Jan Burns Students, Faculty & Staff of St. John Fisher School

Thursday, January 25 — Conversion of St. Paul No Mass

Friday, January 26 — Ss. Timothy & Titus

8:15 a.m. Martin Hayes — Family

Keen Furlong — John and Jackie Long

Saturday, January 27 — St. Angela Merici

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

Sunday, January 28 — Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. David and Mary Liston — *Liston Family*

Margaret Fitzgibbons — *O'Mahoney Family*

11:00 a.m. Sarah Carmody — Schmitt Family

Philomena Doody — Houston Family



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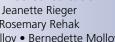
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