



Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024

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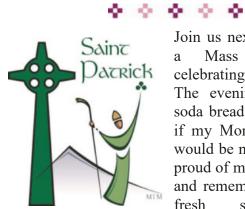


The local news recently carried a story about recently installed speed cameras in our area. They have been on 111th Street for a few years, and a few weeks ago I was returning from Holy Sepulchre Cemetery when I saw a flash in my rear-view mirror. My stomach sank as I realized I was over the limit in a camera zone. I fretted about how much it would cost. A few weeks later an ominous envelope arrived in the mail that I feared relayed the judgment. With a sense a relief, I found that I had received a warning—this time.

We live in a society that relies on laws. We feel insecure when the rule of law breaks down or struggles to find solutions to the latest unrest. In civil society, laws keep us in check and aim to uphold the common good. There are unpleasant consequences, however, when we breach the law. We tend to view laws as restrictive rather than sweet. We dread potential punishments.

As we strive for a more perfect union, our secular laws evolve and our justice is not always even. They aim at the minimum to safeguard society. God's statutes, though, lead to greater light and justice. Psalm 19 proclaims, "The ordinances of the Lord are true, all of them just... sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb."

When I created the drawing illustrating today's reading, I made a border that recalled the tablets that Moses brought from Mt. Sinai. I recall these shapes echoing behind the chapel of Quigley South (now St. Rita). They represent divine law—sweet instead of oppressing, just rather than inequitable.



Join us next Saturday for a Mass and Party celebrating St. Patrick. The evening includes a soda bread competition if my Mom was alive it would be no contest. I am proud of my Irish heritage and remember fondly her fresh soda bread.

slathered in Kerrygold butter (never with caraway seeds), and smoked butt and cabbage. Sláinte.



Last Friday, March 1, St. Cajetan's own Bishop Daniel Turley Murphy, O.S.A. called down the Holy Spirit upon St. Cajetan 8th Grade School and Religious Education students (and a St. John Fisher parishioner) through the Sacrament of Confirmation. May they treasure this important day in their faith life as fully initiated Christians and may they heed the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Keep them in your prayers.



Almsgiving is one of the three legs supporting Lent. Please consider redirecting what you save for what you might give up towards the good work of Taller de José. We have placed baskets for donations near the exits.



Remember that Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 10, at 2:00 a.m. We will head to bed knowing that we will lose an hour of much-needed sleep. But if we forget we will turn up an hour late for Mass. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away...



Last Friday at St. Cajetan, March 1, Bishop Daniel Turley Murphy, O.S.A. called down the Holy Spirit upon St. John Fisher's Alex (Sebastian) Sullivan through the Sacrament of Confirmation. He joins his classmates who were confirmed by Bishop Grob on February 10 in completing their Christian initiation. May they treasure this their faith as disciples of Christ and may they heed the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Keep them in your prayers.

Fr. Marty

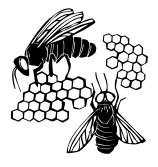
St. John Fisher Soda Bread Competition

Judging starts at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, in SJF Gym. We will award prizes for the three best loaves, as well as bragging rights.



Pro Labore Dei News

We are always so blessed to have such wonderful volunteers and donors at lunch making. March 2 was no different. Thanks to all. The next session



will be on April 6. Lunch needs will be in future bulletins.

We continue to collect food for our pantry every Saturday morning from 9:30 to 10:00 We started a new venture in February and it sure went well. The ITEM OF THE MONTH for March will be BEANS. Please consider grabbing a can or bag of beans while you are getting that extra box of cereal, jar of pasta sauce, or cans of vegetables to help us bag staples to hand out to our clients. St. John Fisher's generosity is known throughout many parishes and schools.

Our annual Easter basket collection is in full swing. We are collecting Easter baskets or parts of baskets we can finish for those who would not have this celebration without our help. The collection ends on March 21. Whatever you can do is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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

SUNDAY OFFERTORY

Sunday, February 25, 2024 \$4,233.17

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

Pray the Rosary

Saint John Fisher Parish celebrates our 75th anniversary year from late 2023 through late 2024. We launched Praying the Rosary in October 2023 as one of our Jubilee activities.

Please attend the next rosary:

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the church

The sorrowful mysteries are generally prayed on Tuesdays. Lent is a perfect time to focus on the sorrowful mysteries:

- The Agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
- The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar
- The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns
- The Carrying of the Cross
- The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

Rectory: 10234 S. Washtenaw Avenue

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SJF Parish Website:

www.stjohnfisherparish.net

Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

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

School: 10200 S. Washtenaw Avenue Chicago, IL 60655

Phone: (773) 445-4737 Fax: (773) 233-3012

SIF School Website:

www.sjfschool.net

Office of Religious Education

Phone: (773) 238-1851

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

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.

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Taller de José (St. Joseph's Workshop)

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.

Accompanying "Angie" at Taller de José

Angie came to Taller de José because her son with disabilities had just turned 18. She knew that in order to properly care for him with his disability she needed to petition the court for adult legal guardianship. This would give her the legal right to help him make decisions and provide for him. Angie does not speak English, and had never accessed the legal system before. A companion at Taller de José accompanied Angie to the civil courthouse and interpreted for her to make her voice heard as they together walked through the steps of filing the paperwork with the court. Working together with her companion, Angie successfully petitioned the court for legal guardianship of her adult son with disabilities, supporting her in better caring for him.

Note: All stories are based on real client experiences.

Names have been altered to protect client privacy.

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

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 sisters and brothers 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

We invite you to journey with us and our clients this Lenten season by reading the bulletin every week to learn more about our brothers and sisters that we serve at Taller de José.



The Healing You Long For

God wants MORE for you! He wants you to be whole. To bind your wounds. To remind you of your true identity. When we restore the Eucharist as the center of our lives, his presence will restore *us*.

Open your heart to his healing grace at the National Eucharistic Congress. Your life—and our world—will never be the same.

Learn more at <u>EucharisticCongress.org</u>.

What: 10th National Eucharistic Congress

When: July 17-21, 2024

Where: Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, IN

eucharisticrevival.org



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 **J**oyous **F**uture



Second Prize \$20,000 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		



MARCH 9TH @ SJF GYM

Following 4pm mass, join us for a SJF Community event including a corned beef dinner and live entertainment. Save the date!

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FOR TICKET INFORMATION

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For questions or volunteer opportunities please email St.Patricks.Day.SJF@gmail.com



"A Synodal Church is a listening Church"

-Pope Francis

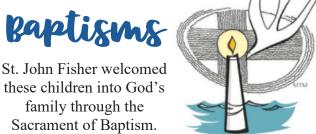
In 2021, the People of God from all over the world were invited to share their reflections on the themes of communion, participation and mission guided by the question: How is journeying together happening today in your particular parish?

These reflections were gathered in a working document of discernment, *Instrumentum Laboris*, by participants of the Synodal Assembly in October 2023. *Instrumentum Laboris* outlined the reflection themes and the process of discernment through Conversations in the Spirit.



REFLECT: How well do you listen? Do you prioritize listening to the other over the sharing of your opinion or viewpoint? When you pray, do you spend time in silence listening to God's response?

Baptisms



these children into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Michael Thomas Jarmusz child of Erik & Erin (O'Malley) Jarmusz

William Henry Choy child of William and Margaret (Miller) Choy

Ruby Grace Keating child of Edward & Emily (Haberkorn) Keating

Grace Michelle Murphy child of John and Kathleen (Miller) Murphy

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.



Wedding Banns



Alix Johnopolos and Brian Pillon (III)

Rest in Peace

Please remember especially in your prayers this week:

William Richards Michael McGinty Fr. Daniel Smilanic Patricia Golden Regina Arndt Sr. Michelle Elfering, former SJF Principal Adele O'Sullivan Victims of Gun and Domestic Violence Victims of in Ukrainian and in the Middle East

Joyful Again!

Widowed parishioners are welcome to a workshop.

What: Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men &

Women

When: April 13 & 14 (overnight encouraged)

Where: St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont

(Commute or stay overnight)

(708) 354-7211 or joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

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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.

Planned Giving to Support St. John Fisher

If your family's needs are being met, please be a light to others by considering a gift through your individual retirement account (IRA) in support of our parish. By naming St. John Fisher Parish as a beneficiary, you'll provide crucial financial support to our parish and the entire value of your gift will be transferred to us free from federal estate and income tax. It costs nothing to change the beneficiary on your retirement plan and will mean everything to our future parish community.

Please contact your IRA administrator for more information, or contact Lynn O'Connor at St. John Fisher Parish — (773) 445-6565.

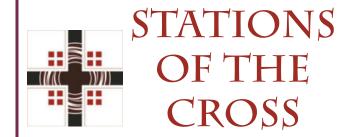
Bulletin Deadlines

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.





CHRIST THE KING

Fridays in Lent 3:00 p.m.

ST. BARNABAS

March 8 3:00 p.m. March 15 6:00 p.m. 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.



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: Ex 20:1-17 / Ps 19:8–11 / 1 Cor 1:22–25 / Jn 2:13-25 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1–15ab / Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4 / Lk 4:24-30 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34–43 / Ps 25:4–9 / Mt 18:21–35 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5–9 / Ps 147:12-20 / Mt 5:17–19 Thursday: Jer 7:23–28 / Ps 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9/ Lk 11:14-23 Friday: Hos 14:2–10 / Ps 81:6c–11, 14, 17 / Mk 12:28-34 Saturday: Hos 6:1–6 / Ps 51:3–4, 18–21ab /

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14–16, 19–23 / Ps 137:1–6ab / Eph 2:4–10 /

Jn 3:14-21

Lk 18:9-14



Masses and Intentions

Tuesday, March 5

No Mass

Wednesday, March 6

8:15 a.m. Teri Lenz Bergen – Lynn & Joe Faculak

Friday, March 8 St. John of God

8:15 a.m. Lori Bates – Marilyn Skier

Adele O'Sullivan – *Mary Jo Ochs*

Sunday, March 10 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Susan O'Halloran – *Tim & Ellen Ragen*Michael McGinty –

Barb Jilek & Jim Husa

11:00 a.m. Kay Berger -

Maureen Murray & Family

Diane Cox – Joyce Monahan

Lectors

Saturday, March 9

4:00 pm Debra Ryan

Sunday, March 10

8:00 am Daniel Olson 11:00 am Essie Carson

Presiders

Saturday, March 9

4:00 pm Fr. Marty Marren

Sunday, March 10

8:00 am Fr. Marty Marren 11:00 am 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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Mrs. Maura Nash Principal

Elena Chermak, D.Min. ..Dir. of Religious Education echermak@sjfschool.us

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

Parish E-Mail: sifparishchicgo@gmail.com

Parish Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am-7:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am-4:00 pm 9:00 am-12:00 noon Sunday

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.

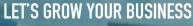
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. or by appointment

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.



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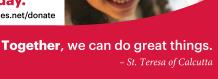




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