



March 10, 2024

# St. John Fisher Parish

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This Sunday is Laetare Sunday, signifying that we are more than halfway through Lent. It is a good time to take stock of how we are doing with our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. If you haven't been progressing very well -or at all- there is still time. The Lord isn't asking us for perfection, but he is asking for a little bit of effort. We see that in this Sunday's First Reading taken from the Book of Chronicles. The people, priests, and princes of Judah had completely ignored the practices of their religion. The Lord sent them messengers, prophets, and other warnings urging them to turn back to God. God was giving them every opportunity to repent because he had compassion for his people. And yet, they refused to change their sinful ways. The righteous wrath of God was unloosed upon the people; their enemies, the Babylonians, destroyed the temple, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, and took the survivors to Babylon, where they remained in exile for seventy years.

They had those seventy years to think about what they had done and what they had failed to do. Their salvation or liberation came from an unexpected source: Cyrus, the king of Persia, who defeated the Babylonians and liberated the people of Israel. He sent them back to their homeland and instructed them to build a temple in Jerusalem to their God, who had instructed him, a pagan, to do so. Imagine that: The God of Israel instructed a pagan king to do God's will, and he complied! That must have been pretty humbling for the people of Israel. God sometimes works in unconventional and mysterious ways.

In today's Gospel, we see how much our God truly loves us. It begins with Nicodemus coming to visit Jesus at night. He was a pharisee, a leader, and a teacher among the Jews. He wanted to know who Jesus was. Earlier in the Gospel (John 3:2) he states, "we know that you are a teacher who has come from God." Clearly, Nicodemus wanted to know more about Jesus and his purpose. Jesus explained to him what must happen: "Just as Moses lifted up\* the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." (John 3:14-15) Then we come to one of the most well-know verses of scripture: John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Jesus was telling Nicodemus what was

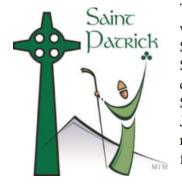
going to happen: The Passion, Death, Resurrection, and the Ascension of the Christ, the anointed one, the Messiah. The Gospel does not tell us anymore about Nicodemus. We are left hanging as to what Nicodemus understood or believed.

We have the luxury of knowing how the story ends; Nicodemus did not. We are living with the history of our Faith as presented through the Gospels. Nicodemus had to live in that moment. Just like many stories in the Gospels, we don't get to find out what happens to someone after they had encountered Christ. We don't know what happened to people who were cured by him, or had demons cast out of them. They had encountered Christ in a powerful way. Did it change them, or did they just go back to "normal" living, possibly never thinking very much more about what had happened. We meet these people in a midpoint of their lives, but we don't know their endings. My hunch is that it was done on purpose because it begs the question, "How are we different after we encounter Christ?" Do we change the way we act, becoming more loving and merciful, or do we just go on with life saying "That was nice, but..." That is the beauty of the Gospels. They leave us with many questions to ponder and they give us the answer to all of them: Jesus, the Christ.

Fr. Ken

Just a reminder: Next Sunday is the Southside Irish Parade. There are no 11:00 a.m. Masses at either St. John Fisher or St. Cajetan. Plan accordingly...

# St. John Fisher's St. Patrick's Celebration



Thank you to our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders who presented the Life of St. Patrick! After Mass on Saturday, March 9, the celebration continues in SJF's Conner Lowry Gym. Join us for food, fun, drink, music, dancing, and some fine craic (a good time).

#### **Remember:**

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

#### **Pro Labore Dei News**

PRO LABORE DEI sent 159 lunches to Robbins last week. SJF is the best!

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 morning from 9:30–10:00 a.m. in the SJF parking lot. **The ITEM OF THE MONTH for March will be 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. You make our mission run like clockwork.

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

# SUNDAY OFFERTORY

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

Laetare Sunday (meaning "Rejoice!")
reminds us to find joy and hope
in this penitential season.
Rose is the liturgical color.

# St. Patrick's Day Parade

Come out and support St. John Fisher next Sunday at the South Side Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade. This year, St. John Fisher and St. Cajetan contingents will be positioned back-to-back. Demonstrate your Falcon pride!

Fr. Ken Budzikowski will preside at the parade kick-off Mass at. 9:00 a.m. at St. Cajetan.

St. Kenneth/St. Canice (c. 515–600 A.D.) lent his name to County Kilkenny, Ireland.

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SJF Parish Website:

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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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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.

# 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 "Martin" at Taller de José

Martin came to Taller de José because he was in need of specialty care after finding a lump in his armpit that his doctor said needed to be checked out at a cancer center. Martin had never been to the Illinois Medical District where the cancer center was located and was nervous about the appointment. A companion from Taller de José was able to accompany Martin and interpret for him during the appointment since he does not speak English. Martin felt more confident and assured during a scary situation and at the follow up appointment he found out that the lump was a harmless cyst.

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 Martin?

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



Set your clocks ahead an hour— Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, March 10.



# **Something AMAZING Is About to Happen**

Imagine you're a follower of Christ right after the Resurrection, and you hear some exciting reports: not only is Jesus *alive*, but he appeared to his disciples promising baptism with the Holy Spirit in only a few days! Wouldn't you drop everything to be there when it happens?

God is calling his people into a new "Upper Room." At the National Eucharistic Congress, the Church in the U.S. will gather in a way this generation has never seen—ready for the great outpouring of grace God desires to lavish upon his people. This is the beginning of a new chapter of Eucharistic faith in America. Will you be there?

Visit EucharisticCongress.org to learn more.

What: 10<sup>th</sup> 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

# **75**<sup>th</sup> 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 "75<sup>th</sup> 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.

**S**trengthening Our **J**oyous **F**uture





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

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| Parishioner? | Yes | ☐ No |
| Seller       |     |      |

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Our parish's representative with LPi will take care of all of the details to help you succeed with bulletin advertising!



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1. Prominent Logo or Business Name Your ad builds awareness about your business. We'll make sure to place your logo or company name prominently.

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## 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 12, 19, 26, and April 2 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

St Cajetan's Parish Center Dominick Room (basement) 2445 W. 112<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago

# Rest in Peace

Please remember especially in your prayers this week:

Rose Salinas
Robert J. Burns, Jr.
William Richards
Michael McGinty
Fr. Daniel Smilanic
Patricia Golden
Regina Arndt
Victims of Gun and Domestic Violence
Victims in Ukraine and the Middle East

# Easter Bunny Pancake Breakfast

Evergreen Park American Legion Auxiliary Unit #854, in conjunction with American Legion Post #854, is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 24, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children between 5–12, and children under 5 are free. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Post Bar, or at the door. Ticket includes pancakes, bacon, fruit cup, orange juice, and coffee, and a visit with the Easter Bunny.

All are welcome to attend this family friendly event. Proceeds help support various veteran's organizations through the American Legion.

American Legion Post #854 9701 South Kedzie Avenue, Evergreen Park, IL

# 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.

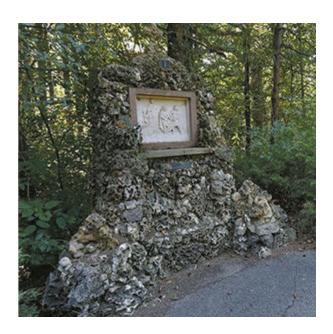
The special paschal fast and abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

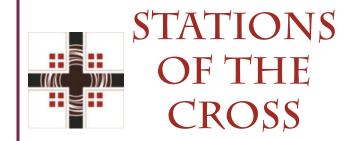
#### **Bulletin Deadlines**

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.





## CHRIST THE KING

Fridays in Lent 3:00 p.m.

## ST. BARNABAS

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.

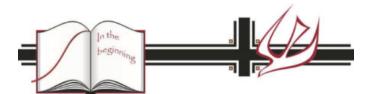


# Outdoor Stations of the Cross

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: 2 Chr 36:14–16, 19–23 / Ps 137:1–6ab) / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21

Monday: Is 65:17–21 / Ps 30:2, 4–6, 11–13 /

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1–9, 12 / Ps 46:2–3, 5–6, 8–9 /

Jn 5:1–16

Wednesday: Is 49:8–15 / Ps 145:8–9, 13–14, 17–18 /

Jn 5:17–30

Thursday: Ex 32:7–14 / Ps 106:19–20, 21–

22, 23/Jn 5:31–47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12–22 / Ps 34:17-23 /

Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

Saturday: Jer 11:18–20/ Ps 7:2–3, 9–12 /

Jn 7:40–53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31–34/ Ps 51:3–4, 12–15 / Jn 12:20-33

Heb 5:7–9 /



# **Lectors**

Saturday, March 16

4:00 p.m. Patrick Brandt

Sunday, March 17

Thomas Broderick 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Dowling 11:00 a.m.

#### **Masses and Intentions**

8:15 a.m. Antonia Bucci – Enza & Dave Piech Sandy Glynn – Mary Kate Walsh

Tuesday, March 5

No Mass

Wednesday, March 6

8:15 a.m. Robert Walsh – Anna Duffy Joseph Duffy-Family

Thursday, March 7 ......Ss. Perpetua & Felicity No Mass

Friday, March 8 ...... St. John of God

8:15 a.m. Sally Deacy – *Mom* 

Robert Walsh – Family

Saturday, March 9 ......St. Frances of Rome

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

Sunday, March 10 ..... Fifrth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Les Todd – Jan Burns

Catherine McCarthy – *Liston Family* 

## There will be no 11:00 a.m. Mass due to the St. Patrick's Parade.



#### **Presiders**

Saturday, March 16

4:00 p.m. Fr. Ken Budzikowski

Sunday, March 17

8:00 a.m. Fr. Leo Glueckert, O. Carm.



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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.

#### **PARISH PRIESTS**

Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski .......Pastor Rev. Martin Marren ...... Associate Pastor

#### **DEACONS**

Deacon Robert Carroll Deacon Raymond Reilly (Retired) Deacon Couple Clayton and Betty Kort (Retired)

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: sjfparishchicgo@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

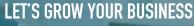
**Marriage:** Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory at least **six months** before the wedding. The Archdiocese requires a marriage preparation program (Pre-Cana, Discovery Weekend, etc.).

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