You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Mark 16:6



Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

St. John Fisher Parish

10234 South Washtenaw Avenue Chicago, IL 60655

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Spring bears promises of renewed life and harbingers of hope after the challenges of winter. Even more so, Easter brings especially welcome and joyful Good News. We have passed through the Triduum, the Three Days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, to refocus on the core of our faith, compelled to proclaim Christ Risen. We celebrate the roots of our Sunday Mass—may we never take the Eucharist for granted or diminish its need to nourish our souls. We greet the Light of Christ and warmth of Easter like a friend too long missed.

We have fresh Holy Oils from the Chrism Mass. We remembered Christ's mandate for us to serve as the Body of Christ in Communion. We venerated the wood of the cross that lifted Jesus, that we might rise from our sinfulness and be saved. And we light the Paschal fire and a brand-new Paschal candle at the Vigil service, that our Risen Savior might illuminate our hearts and fill them with his overflowing love. The dimness of winter is chased by the Sun, and our time of fasting is over.

This joyous celebration begins a fresh season of fifty days, ten more than our privation in Lent. Hope, a virtue linked with faith and love, provides an anchor. Today, we double the "Alleluia" at the dismissal to proclaim to the world with extra joy and energy that our Lord is risen!

As Fr. Ken reminded us in the Easter mailing:

God gave us the gift of his only Son, Jesus Christ, a gift beyond compare. We show our appreciation of God's generosity by following in the footsteps of Jesus, by proclaiming and living the Good News. As the Body of Christ here on earth, we care for each other by celebrating the sacraments, educating our people in the ways of their Faith, and caring for all who hunger and thirst for God's healing and grace.

Together may we build our community as an Easter people living the Gospel. Christ calls us as disciples of his mission. On behalf of Fr. Ken and the Staff of St. John Fisher, have a Blessed and Happy Easter! Alleluia! Alleluia!



We welcome our visitors and those reuniting with family. Thank you for spending this holiest day with us. We also welcome back occasional worshippers—we would love to see you each week with our faith family.

Your stewardship of time, treasure, and talent sustains us. As we celebrate the sacrifice and glorious gift of our Lord, let us give back generously with regular support.

.Fr. Marty

Spring

Nothing is so beautiful as spring— When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;

Thrush's eggs look little low heavens, and thrush
Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring
The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing;
The glassy peartree leaves and blooms, they brush
The descending blue; that blue is all in a rush
With richness; the racing lambs too
have fair their fling.

What is all this juice and all this joy?
A strain of the earth's sweet being
in the beginning
In Eden garden.—Have, get, before it cloy,
Before it cloud, Christ, lord,
and sour with sinning,
Innocent mind and Mayday in girl and boy,
Most, O maid's child, thy choice and worthy
the winning.

Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844–1889)



Please Note

The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1 and reopen Tuesday, April 2, at 9:00 a.m.

There will be no daily Masses April 1–5.

Pro Labore Dei News

Again, a big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter basket collection. Our semi-final count is 73 baskets. We also received pillows made and donated to us by the Sisters of St. Joseph. There are many happy families this Easter.

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

Our current needs are several large jars of mayo and volunteers.

Food collection continues every Saturday mornings from 9:30 -10am in the SJF parking lot.

The ITEM OF THE MONTH for April is <u>TORTILLAS</u> of any kind.

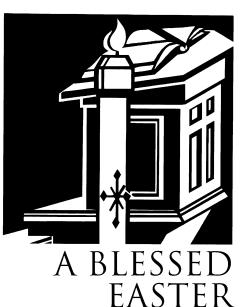
Other foods and diapers size 4, 5, and 6 are also appreciated to bolster our pantry.

Please accept our deepest appreciation, St. John Fisher, for all you do to help make your mission so successful. Have a blessed and safe Easter season.

Please call
Pam O'Mara (773) 612-0281
or Jerry & Pat Hayes (773) 203-7881
with any questions.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY

Thank you for your generosity at Easter and accept our gratitude for your stewardship in support of St. John Fisher Parish!



Join a Ministry

There are several ways that you can serve the Lord and assist St. John Fisher. The liturgical ministries of lector, Eucharistic minister, art & environment, and ushers/greeters enrich our Mass celebrations. If you are interested in finding out more about the liturgical ministries and other ways that you can get more involved in St. John Fisher, please call the parish office at (773) 445-6565.

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

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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.



Taller de José (St. Joseph's Workshop)

The support of the St. John Fisher parish community is much appreciated by all of the staff, volunteers, and clients at Taller de José. The generosity of your parish provided our community resource center with a generous donation that will help us to continue to serve the most vulnerable in our community. Individuals like Angie, Martin and many others will continue to benefit from the support and accompaniment that we are able to offer them as they seek answers, solutions, and guidance in reaching their goals of a more stable life.

Whether it is in accessing healthcare, legal advice, or financial resources, we pledge to walk with, both physically and emotionally, every individual that comes through our office doors. Thank you for making our ministry of accompaniment possible. May God bless you and your family this Easter season.

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

You can also donate at www.tallerdejose.org.

Water

A glorious and lovely custom, the origins of the Easter bath date back a little more than thousand years, from the time that large numbers of eastern Europeans first accepted Christianity and were baptized into the faith.

The custom takes many forms. It can be as sensuous as taking a warm, perfumed bath by candle light. And it can be as silly as tossing water balloons on the unsuspecting.

Water is precious to Christians. It reminds us of the rivers of paradise, the great flood and the Red Sea. In baptism we enter those waters to be created anew. In baptism we are led safely to

freedom. Baptismal waters are like a tomb. In them we die, are buried and are raised with Christ. The waters are like a womb. In them we are reborn.

Throughout Eastertime, the 50 days from Easter until Pentecost, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord each January and on the actual anniversary of your own celebration of the first sacrament, remember and renew your baptism. Ask parents and godparents what they can recollect about it. What mementoes can you find—your robe, candle or certificate?

Set a bowl brimming with water on the kitchen table. Morning and night, take some water on your fingertips and make the sign of the cross as a pledge of resurrection.

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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,

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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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RMHC

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What: 10th National Eucharistic Congress

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Divine Mercy

Prayer Service and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Christ the King Church 9235 S Hoyne, Chicago, IL

Good Friday – For all mankind, especially sinners Holy Saturday – For the souls of priests and religious

 $Easter\ Sunday-For\ all\ devout\ and\ faithful\ souls$

Easter Monday – For those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not know him

Easter Tuesday – For the souls of separated brethren

Easter Wednesday – For meek and humble souls and the souls of children

Easter Thursday – For the souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy

Easter Friday – For the souls who are detained in purgatory

Easter Saturday – For the souls who have become lukewarm.

Exult!

At the Easter Vigil, all shared the light of the large Easter candle, and the deacon or cantor sang a long prayer. This was the paschal proclamation, called the *Exsultet*, after the first word of the prayer in Latin, meaning "Rejoice!" The prayer dates back to the seventh century. Before that, the deacon was expected to make one up and chant it! The *Exsultet*'s music is the finest chant in the Latin liturgy.

As a prayer of thanks and praise, the *Exsultet* shows us that these are days to truly rejoice in all that God has done, in all that God is doing now. And not only us: The *Exsultet* calls upon all creation to join us in rejoicing: "Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne!" Why? "Jesus Christ our King is risen!"

Make your plans now to plant your garden — even if it's a small flower bed or window box! Pick up litter as you come and go this week. Recycle as much of your garbage as possible. Do what you can to encourage the earth into exultation.

Light of Christ! Thanks be to God!

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St. John Fisher Parish Easter Sunday March 31, 2024



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.

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.

April 2 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

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Patrick Thomas Konopasek — child of Matthew J. & Shannon E. (McDermott) Konopasek

Casey Michael Schmidt — child of Christopher M. & Caitlin M. (McElroy) Schmidt

Timothy William Glover — child of Timothy J. & Kristin (Gufka) Glover

Rest in Peace

Please remember especially in your prayers this week:

Susanne O'Malley
Mary Howley
Rosemary Hyland
Fr. Daniel Fallon
Fr. Terry McCarthy
Jim Tunney
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Dorothy Nachel
Jacqueline Ward
Collette Kramer
James O'Donnell
Rose Salinas
Victims of Gun and Domestic Violence

Victims in Ukraine and the Middle East

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.



Blessing of Food for First Easter Meal

God of glory,

the eyes of all turn to you as we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death. Bless us and this food of our first Easter meal. May we who gather at the Lord's table continue to celebrate the joy of his resurrection and be admitted finally to his heavenly banquet. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

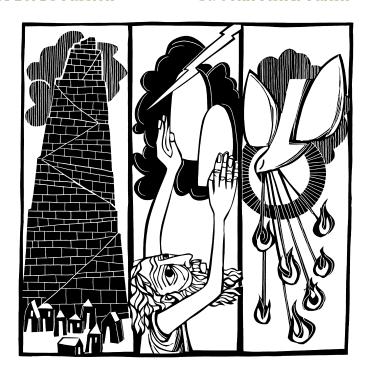
Bulletin Deadlines

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 near holidays). Digital formats of **Word**, **JPEG**, or even email if **simple text** work best. Full-pages limit flexibility, so including half-page and quarter page options make it more likely to run. Submit articles to:

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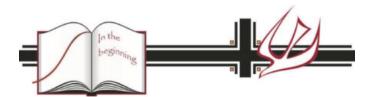
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Whereas in Lent we repented, in Eastertide we rejoice. Whereas we fasted, now we feast. Whereas we gave alms, now we give witness in all manner of ways to all people that Christ is truly risen, the old world order is passed away and the reign of God is begun. Begun in the newly baptized, newly oiled believers who have taken their place at Christ's table. Begun again in us who were baptized and chrismated long ago or last Easter.

In Central Europe, it's customary to spritz people with water on Easter Monday, to remember baptism, to make merry and in some cultures, even to choose a spouse! The bathed and anointed church is the risen Christ's spouse. Let the wedding feast begin!

Lent contained 40 fasting days, the season of sorrow and striving and training. But Eastertide is 50 days, the season of joy and celebrating and feasting! Fifty days for our delight! Fifty days to sing the song of saints and angels: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 10:34, 37–43 / Ps 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23 / Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8 / Jn 20:1–9 or Mk 16:1–7

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22–33 / Ps 16:1–2, 5, 7–11 /

Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36–41 / Ps 33:4–5, 18–20, 22 /

Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1–10 / Ps 105:1–4, 6–9 /

Lk 24:13–35

Thursday: Acts 3:11–26 / Ps 8:2, 5–9 /

Lk 24:35–48

Friday: Acts 4:1–12 / Ps 118:1–2, 4, 22–27 /

Jn 21:1–14

Saturday: Acts 4:13–21 / Ps 118:1, 14–21 /

Mk 16:9–15

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32–35 / Ps 118:2–4,13–15,22–24/

1 Jn 5:1–6 / Jn 20:19–31

Masses and Intentions

There will be no daily Masses April 1–5.

Monday, April 1

No Mass (8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Cajetan)

Tuesday, April 2

No Mass (8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Cajetan)

Wednesday, April 3

No Mass

Thursday, April 4

No Mass (8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Cajetan)

Friday, April 5

No Mass

Saturday, April 6

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

Sunday, April 7......2nd Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Jack Burns – Jan Burns

Tom Kilmartin, Jr. – *Kilmartin Family*

11:00 a.m. Kevin Caliendo – *Family* Dan Mahoney – *A Friend*



	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Presiders
April 6 4:00 p.m.	Patrick Brandt	Dan McHugh	Fr. Marty Marren
April 7 8:00 a.m.	Laura Shallow	Mary Hayes Bertling	Fr. Ken Budzikowski
April 7 11:00 a.m.	Essie Carson	Katie Conway	Fr. Marty Marren

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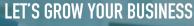
Saturday 9:00 am-4:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am-12:00 noon **Baptisms:** A Baptismal Preparation Program is a requirement in the Chicago Archdiocese. Contact the rectory for more information and dates and times the classes will be held.

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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