



Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

St. John Fisher Parish

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Some television shows with an ongoing storyline will begin with a recap of earlier episodes labeled “Previously.” One of my favorite parts of Luke’s Gospel is the story of the Road to Emmaus, and today’s Gospel begins with the report of two disciples who encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Cleopas and an unnamed disciple left town, shaken by the crucifixion and the empty tomb, when they encountered the resurrected Christ. They failed to recognize him until the breaking of the bread. Then their eyes were open to the Good News of the Resurrection.

We are blessed to encounter the Risen Christ in Communion. We celebrate with special joy bread and wine that become the real presence of Christ. Luke never names the second disciple encountering Jesus on the way to Emmaus—we can imagine ourselves being the one to have our eyes opened by the loving presence of Christ each time we meet him in the Breaking of the Bread.

While the two deliver the amazing news to the other disciples, Jesus appears in their midst. They are initially startled and terrified, thinking they are seeing a ghost, a disembodied presence of the dead Jesus. The fear of ghosts that haunt this world terrify many people, but Jesus instead bears tranquility. He tells his frightened friends, “Peace be with you.”

He makes his bodily presence manifest by revealing his wounded hands and feet. And if they had any lingering doubt, he asks for something to eat and eats it in their presence. (A couple asides—this counters and disproves some infamous PETA billboards that tried to claim that Jesus was vegan; and if you ever watch the television show *Ghosts*, an ongoing bit is that the ghosts cannot enjoy the taste of food, but at least can appreciate the aroma.)

The Gospel began with a recap and ends with a mission. Christ summarizes the scriptural foreshadowing of the events of Holy Week, then tasks the disciples with preaching repentance and sharing the faith in the Risen Lord, beginning from Jerusalem.

The Mass ends with the dismissal—one form calls all of us to “Go and announce the Gospel of

the Lord.” That was not only the mission for the first disciples, but for us all. The name for our Eucharistic liturgy, “Mass,” comes from the dismissing mission that Christ gives us all as we leave Church. We are all called to help renew the Church, the Body of Christ, by proclaiming the Gospel of the Risen Christ.



Tomorrow is dreaded Tax Day. Good luck if you are still working on your return. Please remember as we render unto Caesar, that we do not forget to render God’s portion and support your parish through your stewardship. Thank you for all your Easter gifts and generosity of the season.

Fr. Marty

Last call to buy 75th Anniversary Raffle tickets!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

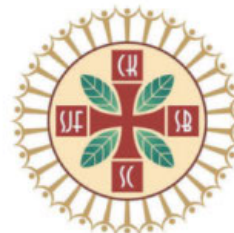
An event with *Steve Millies*
Director of The Bernadine Center at CTU


Pope Francis has asked us to come together on a journey toward building a listening church where every voice is heard. Steve Millies will speak on where we have been and where we are going on this journey.

2 OPPORTUNITIES TO ATTEND

Sunday, April 14th~11am
St. Barnabas Parish Hall
10134 Longwood

Tuesday, April 16th~7pm
St. Cajetan Church
2445 W 112th Street




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Pro Labore Dei

Thank you to everyone who made the mission run so smoothly. The Easter basket count rose to 79 before we ended the giveaway.

The next lunch making session is on **May 4** at 9:15 in the rectory basement. Our stock is low. So we will be in search of:

- ♦ 18–20 loaves of bread
- ♦ 150 chips
- ♦ 100 sweet treats
(Rice Krispie, granola bars...)

And there's more...

The food collection in the church parking lot continues every Saturday morning from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.

The ITEM OF THE MONTH for April is TORTILLAS of any kind.

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

We are very excited to be part of the **St. John Fisher Food Drive** coming in a few weeks. Thanks to **Paul Dachota** and his group for being so generous and hard-working and to all you donors.

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



SUNDAY OFFERTORY

Sunday, April 7, 2024	\$6,083.58
Direct Debits – March 2024.....	\$2,910.00
Sunday E-Giving – March 2024	\$8,555.44
St. Ann – March 2024.....	\$492.00

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

Our Drop of Water— Immigration Issues

In October 2022, the Sanctuary Working Group asked Mercy Sisters Pat Murphy and JoAnn Persch to help an asylum-seeking mother and five children from Sierra Leone. They brought the need to the Chicago Mercy Justice Committee, who agreed to find funds, housing, and other family needs.

They founded CATHERINE'S CARING CAUSE, named for Sisters of Mercy foundress Catherine McAuley. CCC has situated nine families in homes with a mentor who helps enrolling kids in school and assisting with medical and legal issues. We are currently searching for two more homes. We need your help to raise funds and seek mentors.

Go to catherinecareschicago.org, contact Carol Conway, cairec49@yahoo.com or call 708-227-3560. Thank you!

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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.

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

School: 10200 S. Washtenaw Avenue
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Phone: (773) 445-4737

Fax: (773) 233-3012

SJF School Website:

www.sjfschool.net

Office of Religious Education

Phone: (773) 238-1851

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.

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 liturgical ministries and other ways that you can get involved in St. John Fisher, please call the parish office at (773) 445-6565.

Initial Training for Liturgical Ministers

Part I — All Liturgical Ministers

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Part II — Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (Eucharistic Ministers)

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Presenters: Kathy McNicholas &
Jeanne Lassandrello

Incarnation St. Terrence Parish
5757 W 127th St., Crestwood, IL 60418

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.

Please help Taller de José in accompaniment.

You can donate at www.tallerdejose.org.

Holy Name Society 2024 Food Drive

The Holy Name will be coordinating its 14th annual Food Drive. We need your help to make this a success and continue to build this tradition. Flyers and bags for non-perishable food items will be dropped off at your house on **Saturday April 20**

The bags can be left with food items on your front porch on **Saturday April 27**. Teams of volunteers will be picking the bags up at 9:00 a.m. The food collected will be consolidated and distributed to local food pantries that support our community. Thank you for your support.

Volunteers are needed on both April 20 and April 27 in Kane Hall at 9:00 a.m., so please join us either or both days. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Cahill at sjfhns@gmail.com or (708) 259-2981.



Catholic Charities

Blossoms of Hope Brunch

Sunday, April 28 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Westin Chicago Lombard

Please join us for this annual gathering supporting the Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) program. The keynote speaker will be award-winning author and investigative reporter Meg Kissinger.

Partner Gathering

Wednesday, May 8

5:30-7:30pm

St. John of the Cross Parish
5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs

We look forward to gathering to build community and share and update on Catholic Charities.

Visit catholiccharities.net.

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 until 11:59 p.m. on April 13**

- 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.

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Joyous
Future**



St. John Fisher
Parish

75th Anniversary
1948–2023

First Prize. \$20,000

Second Prize . . . \$1,000

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

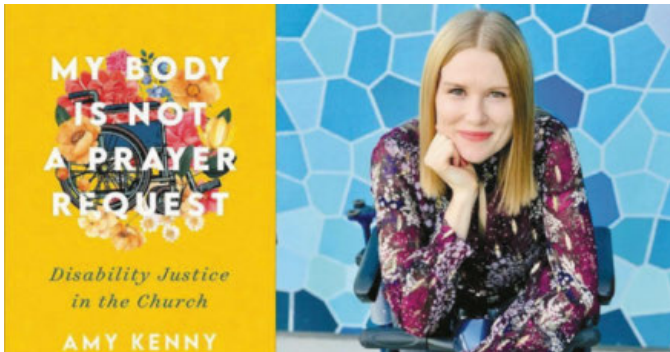
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Parishioner? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Seller

Wednesday, April 17, marks the ninth anniversary of the deaths of Cardinal Francis George and Fr. Jeremiah Rodell, Brigadier General USAF. Please remember them in your prayers.



My Body Is Not a Prayer Request! **Virtual Book Club**

The SPR Inclusion Committee's latest virtual book club is set for April 22 at 7:00 p.m. Sign up today for a conversation with author Amy Kenny, discussing her book, *My Body Is Not A Prayer Request*.

Kenny writes that it is time for the Church to start treating disabled people as full members of the body of Christ who have much more to offer than a miraculous cure narrative. Kenny will discuss her work and how the Church can begin learning from the embodied experiences of its disabled members.

My Body Is Not a Prayer Request will be available for discounted purchase at Bookie's, using the below coupon. See the fine print for details!

For further information contact Maureen Howard at maureenlhoward@comcast.net.

Register at www.southsideparishrenewal.org.



National Eucharistic Congress

More than just a retreat or conference, the National Eucharistic Congress is **the Church's moment**.

This is a unique gathering for the entire people of God in the U.S.—and we need you there! We firmly believe God is calling us together for a new Pentecost, and Jesus is about to unleash the fire of his love upon our nation.

Learn more at EucharisticCongress.org.

What: 10th National Eucharistic Congress

When: July 17–21, 2024

Where: Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, IN

PLEASE NOTE: This one-time coupon or promo code can be used to buy copies of "My Body Is Not a Prayer Request" and any other items purchased at the same time.



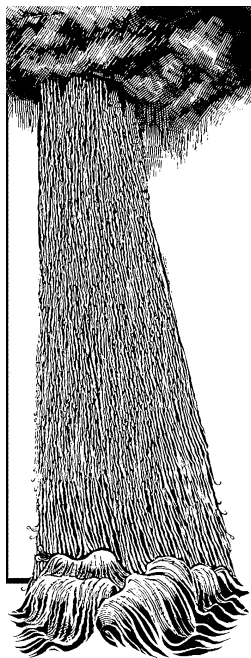
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The Signs of Baptism: Water

It was spring in the Midwest. The hoped-for rains came, softening the earth, preparing it to receive the seed that would provide food for a nation. The rains went, the seed was planted. The earth burst forth, green with life. And the rains never returned. Crops died. The earth cracked. Farmers went broke.

Another spring. The hoped-for rains came. The drought was broken at last. The earth became soft again, healed of its fractures. But the rains never left. Streams overran their banks, rivers burst through levees. Cars and cattle were washed away. Homes and fields and entire towns were flooded. When the waters subsided, everything was covered with a thick layer of mud.

The next spring, the gentle rains came and went. The earth, wearing a new coat of fertile soil and holding reserves of water deep beneath its surface, brought forth a great bounty.

The waters of baptism, like the Midwest's rains and rivers, cannot be tamed and controlled. They bring both life and death, destruction and growth, fertility and barrenness. And always they show the power of God.

Springs of water, bless the Lord.

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TUESDAY
April
16th
6-8PM

McAuley Open House



Presentations about academic programs, electives, athletics, financial aid, scholarships and transportation. You will also have a chance to meet students, athletes, coaches, teachers and administration.



Be Part of MacNation!

Stewardship in Support of SJF

Every day, we have the opportunity to be the face of Jesus to others. Please consider making a gift from your individual retirement plan (IRA) that benefits you and our parish. A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, tax-free.

There are three main benefits of giving with a QCD:

1. If you are 73 years old or older, the amount you transfer can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution.
2. The amount transferred directly to charity does not generate taxable income, which may reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.
3. Your gift will be immediately used, allowing you to see the impact of your gift now.

If you would like more information on making a QCD gift to St. John Fisher, please contact Lynn O'Connor at (773) 445-6565.



Mother McAuley summer camps

Get ready for a MACnificent summer at McAuley!

2024



Basketball \$100

June 3-6	4:00pm – 6:00pm	Grades 8-9
June 3-6	2:00pm – 4:00pm	Grades 10-12
June 10-13	8:30am – 10:30am	Grades 1-4
June 10-13	11:00am – 1:00pm	Grades 5-7

BASKETBALL SPECIALTY CAMPS \$50 each

June 10 - Shooting	1:30pm – 3:30pm	Grades 6-9
June 11 - Ball Handling	1:30pm – 3:30pm	Grades 6-9
June 12 - Defense/Rebounding	1:30pm – 3:30pm	Grades 6-9
June 13 - IQ Camp	1:30pm – 3:30pm	Grades 6-9

Cheerleading

Visit brotherrice.org for more information

Diving \$100 Brother Rice Pool

TBD	TBD	Beginner
TBD	TBD	Advanced

Golf \$100 Stony Creek Golf Course

June 3-6	3:30pm – 5:00pm	Grades 9-12
June 3-6	5:00pm – 6:30pm	Grades 6-8

Lacrosse \$100

June 24-27	4:00pm – 6:00pm	Grades 4-7
June 24-27	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Grades 8-12

Running \$100

June 24-27	9:00am – 10:30am	Grades 6-12
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Soccer \$100

June 17-21	4:00pm – 6:00pm	Grades 5-7
June 17-21	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Grades 8-12

Softball \$100

July 8-11	8:00am – 10:00am	Grades 8-12
July 8-11	10:00am – 12:00pm	Grades 4-7

Swimming \$100 Brother Rice Pool

TBD	TBD	Beginner
TBD	TBD	Beginner

Tennis \$100 Site TBD

June 10-13	10:30am – 12:00pm	Grades 8-12
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Volleyball \$100

July 22-25	9:00am – 10:30am	Grades 1-3
July 22-25	11:00am – 1:00pm	Grades 4-5
July 22-25	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Grades 6-7
July 29 - August 1	9:00am – 11:00am	Grades 8-9
July 29 - August 1	11:30am – 1:30pm	Grades 10-12

VOLLEYBALL SPECIALTY CAMPS \$50 each

July 29 - Hitting	1:30pm – 3:00pm	Grades 6-9
July 30 - Pass & Serve	1:30pm – 3:00pm	Grades 6-9
July 31 - Defense & Setting	1:30pm – 3:00pm	Grades 6-9

Water Polo \$100 Brother Rice Pool

TBD	TBD	Grades 6-12
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REGISTER ONLINE AT mothermcauleyhs.8to18.com

QUESTIONS?

Contact Mike Levasseur
773-881-6525
mlevasseur@mothermcauley.org



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Light of the World

Prayer with our children often begins with a game. At sunset we turn off the lights and sit close together in a quiet, darkening house. We hold the younger children close so they won't get frightened in the dark, and we say, "Let's see how quiet we can be."

After a few moments the squirming and giggling begin to fade. A few minutes more and the silence starts to build. Slowly we find ourselves embraced by an ever-deepening sense of stillness.

As the quiet grows, we feel the hushed amazement of our children as they suddenly realize that our silent room is actually teeming with sound. They begin to sense neighbors talking, playing, shouting, living. Gradually, fainter sounds begin to claim a place: a factory whistle, the hum of machinery somewhere, a far-off siren. The longer we listen, the more we hear of the world around us.

We let this life-filled silence build in us until it seems ready to burst. Then we light our candle, proclaim Jesus Christ "the light of the world," and begin our prayer, much more receptive, much more aware of our connections to others, than we had been a few minutes before.

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Rest in Peace

*Please remember especially
in your prayers this week:*

Joseph Welcome
Katherine Majka
Tom McGreal, Jr.
(grandson of Tom & Mary Lu McGreal)
Dorothy Nachel
Timothy King
Maureen Panatera
Mary Howley

Victims of the Istanbul nightclub fire
Victims of the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse
Victims of Gun and Domestic Violence
Victims in Ukraine and the Middle East

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:

sjfp parishchicago@gmail.com

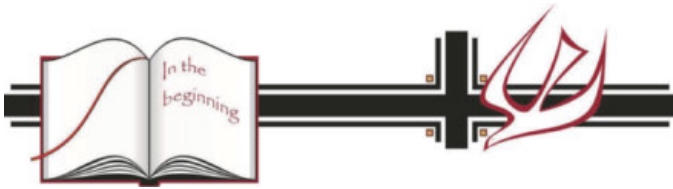
We reserve the right to edit all submissions.

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. McNerney, 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; 2nd Lt. Collin Rook, USMC.

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



Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 3:13–15, 17–19 / Ps 4:2, 4, 7–8, 9 /
 1 Jn 2:1–5a / Lk 24:35–48

Monday: Acts 6:8–15 / Ps 119:23–30 /
 Jn 6:22–29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51–8:1a / Ps 31:3–4, 6–8, 17, 21 /
 Jn 6:30–35

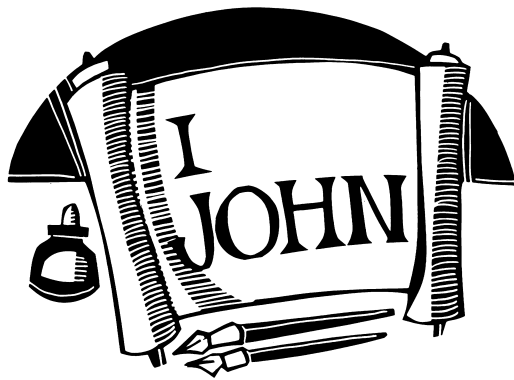
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b–8 / Ps 66:1–3a, 4–5, 6–7a /
 Jn 6:35–40

Thursday: Acts 8:26–40 / Ps 66:8–9, 16–17, 20 /
 Jn 6:44–51

Friday: Acts 9:1–20 / Ps 117:1bc, 2 /
 Jn 6:52–59

Saturday: Acts 9:31–42 / Ps 116:12–17 /
 Jn 6:60–69

April 21: Acts 4:8–12 / Ps 118: 1, 8–9, 21–29 /
 1 Jn 3:1–2 / Jn 10:11–18



Masses and Intentions

Monday, April 15

8:15 a.m. Kenneth Vanek – *John & Jackie Long*
 Daniel Lamping –
Marge, Jim, & Kelly Mason

Tuesday, April 16

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

Wednesday, April 17

8:15 a.m. Mary Ann Coyne – *Joan Courtney*
 Rudy Nunkovich – *Marilyn Pardine*

Thursday, April 18

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

Friday, April 19

8:15 a.m. Bill Maher – *Family*
 Nancy Noble – *Margaret & James Mason*

Saturday, April 20

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

Sunday, April 21.....4th Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Tom Kilmartin – *Kilmartin Family*
 Teri Keaty – *Tim & Nora Bush*
 11:00 a.m. Florence Biknis – *Carol Martin*
& Family
 Lorraine Barney – *Family*

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Presiders
April 20 4:00 p.m.	Debra Ryan	Kevin Sullivan	Fr. Leo Glueckert, O.Carm.
April 21 8:00 a.m.	Thomas Broderick	Deb Sosnowski	Fr. Marty Marren
April 22 11:00 a.m.	Daniel Mueller	Max Miller	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.

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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.

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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