



Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

# St. John Fisher Parish

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esus tells his disciples, and in turn us, "I am the true vine." The image of the vine teaches us that we are connected to the Lord as branches are to the main trunk of the vine. To remain attached to the vine means life; to detach leads to death. The Eucharist strengthens that connection—Communion makes us one, with our union as the Church, the Body of Christ. We are made one with the Lord, as we are called to be in him as he truly comes to be in us when we say "Amen" to his true presence in the Body and Blood.

The parable of the vine is appropriate as some of our young parishioners prepare for the Eucharist. On Saturday, May 4 (Star Wars Day—May the Fourth be with you), our second graders at St. John Fisher School and Children's Faith Formation will celebrate their First Holy Communion. In this time of National Eucharistic Revival (see page 6), let us all endeavor to renew the excitement of our first encounter with Christ in the Eucharist. We say "Amen" to become what we receive—the Body of Christ.

First Holy Communion is an important milestone in a Catholic's life. It is truly a special day, but made even more grace-filled because of what we could celebrate the next day or week—our Second Holy Communion. Christ's gift keeps on giving.

May we always recognize Christ's true presence in the breaking of bread. May we every day appreciate our link with the Lord. May we regularly and actively treasure coming together to give thanks to God—Father, Son, and Spirit. Let us all make each Sunday special as we celebrate the life-sustaining vine and sacred meal that Jesus established at the Last Supper. Both the Bread of Life and Fruit of the Vine lift us to joyous praise through the Messiah's Easter rising. Please keep our young parishioners in your prayers, especially these next seven days.



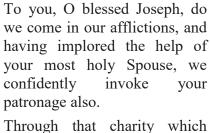
Wednesday, May 1, is the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, a day that recognizes St. Joseph the carpenter as the patron saint of all workers. Chicago played a significant role in labor history. The

recognition of workers and St. Joseph at the beginning of May is partly inspired by the tragic events of the Haymarket Affair in Chicago on May 4, 1886. In the next decade, a Pullman Strike led to Grover Cleveland signing a bill on June 28, 1894, establishing Labor Day. Sadly, the strike was plagued by violence and a deadly response by federal troops.

Fr. Marty

### To You, O Blessed Joseph







bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind

to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.



### **Pro Labore Dei**

The next lunch-making session is Saturday, **May 4**, at 9:15 a.m. in the rectory basement. A very generous parish family has taken care of much of the May needs. Thank you. We are still looking for:

- ♦ 10–12 loaves of bread
- And our wonderful volunteers

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.

An enormous thanks to Dave Cahill and his group for being so generous in including PLD in this year's food drive. Thanks to all the hardworking volunteers and to all you donors. Thank you for supporting this year's drive.

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



### SUNDAY OFFERTORY

Sunday, April 21, 2024 ...... \$4,633.00

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

## **Blooming for Babies Mother's Day fundraiser**

On Saturday, May 11, and Sunday, May 12, the Respect Life Committee will be selling beautiful bouquets of fresh-cut flowers after all Masses to benefit the life-saving mission of The Women's Centers. There will be a beautiful selection of arrangements to choose from with prices for all budgets to help vulnerable moms and their babies. In celebration of the Center's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, they will have a gorgeous one-of-a-kind bouquet, a perfect gift for moms, aunts, grandmothers, or any

special woman in your life. Please plan to support this wonderful event.

For more information, visit their website at www.gotwc.org. Thank you for your consideration!



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 Children's Faith Formation

echermak@sjfschool.us

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.

### 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 127<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 qualified charitable distribution (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.

# Catholic Charities



### **Blossoms of Hope Brunch**

Sunday, April 28 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Westin Chicago Lombard

This annual gathering supports the Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) program. The keynote speaker will be 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 <u>catholiccharities.net</u>.

### **Pray the Rosary**

Saint John Fisher Parish is celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year from late 2023 through late 2024. We launched the saying of the rosary in October 2023 as one of the activities to celebrate our jubilee.

Please attend the next recitation of the rosary:

## Tuesday, May 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the church

The luminous mysteries are generally prayed on Thursdays. The season after Easter is a perfect time to focus on the luminous mysteries:

- Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan
- The Wedding at Cana
- The Proclamation of the Kingdom
- The Transfiguration
- The Institution of the Eucharist



### 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 <u>catherinecareschicago.org</u>, contact Carol Conway, <u>cairec49@yahoo.com</u> or call 708-227-3560. Thank you!



### **Domestic Violence**

Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior in any intimate relationship whereby one partner seeks to gain or maintain control over the other. The abuse be physical, sexual. emotional can psychological. Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, religion and gender. Domestic violence affects people of socioeconomic backgrounds or educational levels.

Domestic Violence Emergency Hotline: 1-877-863-6338

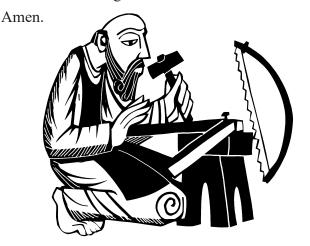
### **Blessing of Tools**

O God,

the fullness of blessing comes down from you, to you our prayers of blessing rise up. In your kindness protect these, your servants, who stand before you devout and faithful, bearing the tools of their trade.

Grant that their hard work may contribute to the perfecting of your creation and provide a decent life for themselves and their families.

Help them to strive for a better society and to praise and glorify your holy name always. We ask this through Christ our Lord.





### National Eucharistic Revival

• As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord during the Easter season, we rejoice at his living presence amongst us to this very day.

The Lord is Risen, he is risen indeed!

He lives with us and among us, manifested in many ways, most especially in the Eucharistic celebration. Sadly, a significant percentage of Catholics lack an educated understanding of the meaning of the Eucharist in the life of the Church.

 With this in mind, our U.S. bishops launched a three-year National Eucharistic Revival in June of 2022 to bring

#### eucharisticrevival.org

us all to the reality of Christ's living and active presence in the celebration of the Eucharist, and how we take his presence into the world around us.

- This is a grace-filled movement in our own journey of spiritual renewal in the Archdiocese of Chicago to proclaim the celebration of the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Christian life, to assist all of us to encounter again and again the Risen Lord in the Eucharist, and to deepen our discipleship in sharing in his work of redeeming the world, won on the cross.
- The Revival will include a two-month National Eucharistic Pilgrimage from May through July passing through communities in the U.S. Not only will this be a powerful public witness to belief in the Eucharist, but it also provides a chance for broad participation of Catholics, particularly those unable to attend the National Eucharistic Congress in July. There are four pilgrimage routes, all converging in Indianapolis, that will embark from four different corners of the country, forming a cross upon the U.S. map.



- The Archdiocese is on the Marian [northern] Route of the Pilgrimage. The route is named in honor of Our Lady of Champion—formerly Our Lady of Good Help. The shrine in Champion is along the route, as well as several other Marian sites, including our own Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Des Plaines, IL.
- For four and a half days, June 26–30, special events and Eucharistic celebrations will take place throughout the Archdiocese.
- In this time of Resurrection and Archdiocesan renewal, ask the Risen Lord how he would like you to participate.

### **National Eucharistic Congress**

Learn more at **EucharisticCongress.org**.

What: 10<sup>th</sup> National Eucharistic

Congress

When: July 17-21, 2024

Where: Lucas Oil Stadium,

Indianapolis, IN

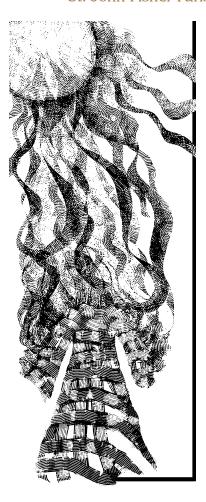
### The Signs of Baptism: Garment

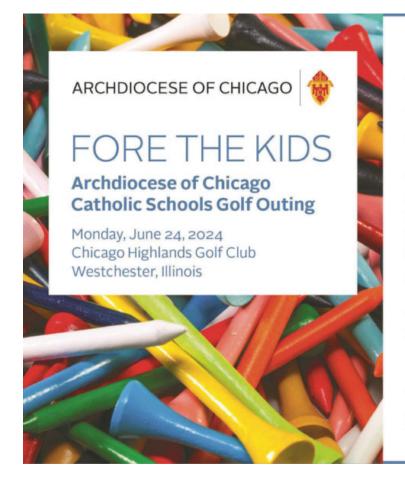
Clothes make the man," they say (at least they used to). While we can probably object in a thousand ways, we have to admit that what we have on us can both symbolize and affect what is going on inside us. Wearing a favorite blouse can lift our spirits; noticing a smudge on our jacket can erode our confidence. With some people, if they're wearing a certain outfit, you know it's a bad day.

When we were baptized, our parents or godparents helped us put on a new white garment — maybe the family christening gown, or a simple white robe, or a brand-new suit — and there we were, new creations, stunning creatures glistening from the water and the oil, brighter than the sun. And that outward appearance told the truth about the inward reality — we were, in fact, new creatures, reborn in Christ Jesus, alive as never before. "Bring this garment unstained to the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ," we were told. Each Easter we deck ourselves in our very best and remind ourselves how glorious we are: We are children of God, holy and chosen and loved.

Great outfit!

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Charlie Bertling

Edwin and Ann Blaszak

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Tom Bracken

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Jim and Colleen Cotter

Tom and Diane Cox

Mary Ann Coyne

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Timothy M. Cusack

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Eleanor J. Dachota

Elmer Dachota

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Peter and Dorothy Dignan

Ellen Dolan

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Megan Durkin

John Edwards

John, Rose, and Stevie Esposito

Rudy Facchini

Joseph and Charlotte Faculak

Fallen Police Officers

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Maria T. Hernandez

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Jim and Audrey Jansky

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Chester Moss

Kathleen Moss

Charlene Murphy

Deceased members of Lois and John F. Murray

Mike and Rose Nolan

Nettie and Charlie Novello

William and Helen O'Brien

Jim "Nip" O'Connell

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James O'Malley

Josephine and Pasquali Palombo

Mary and Reno Panozzo

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John Zignorelli



### paptisms

St. John Fisher welcomed these children into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Liam Thomas Carroll son of Ryan T. and Claire (Hillier) Carroll

Jude Joseph Walsh son of Michael K. and Jaclyn (Marks) Walsh

Hagan Clare Byrne daughter of Stephen A. and Jill (Sweeney) Byrne

Zander Roy Mendez son of Guillermo J. and Eden R. (Engwall) Mendez

### **Bulletin Deadline**

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:

sjfparishchicago@gmail.com

We reserve the right to edit all submissions.



## Rest in Peace

Please remember especially in your prayers this week:

Patrick Ryan
Gerald Quinlan
CPD Officer Luis M. Huesca
Meredith Sterling
Joseph Welcome
Victims of Gun and Domestic Violence
Victims in Ukraine and the Middle East

### A Prayer to Mary Our Mother

The Heart of this Good Mother is all love and mercy; she desires only to see us happy. We only have to turn to her to be heard.

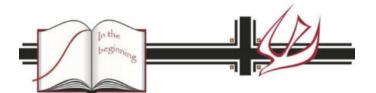
St. Jean Vianney

All are invited to the monthly Perpetual Novena to St. Rita of Cascia on Thursday, May 2. Mass and Novena prayers are 7:00 p.m. at the St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Avenue. Confession is available at 6:00 p.m. Stay after Mass to enjoy a slice of the famous Racine Danish Kringle and socialize with new friends. Secure and ample parking is available. Visit our website at stritashrinechicago.com for more information.

### 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 9:26–31 / Ps 22:26–28, 30–32 / 1 Jn 3:18–24 / Jn 15:1-8 Monday: Acts 14:5–18 / Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 / Jn 14:21–26 Tuesday: Acts 14:19–28 / Ps 145:10–13, 21 / Jn 14:27–31a Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122: 1–5 / Jn 15:1-8 Thursday: Acts 15:7–21 / Ps 96:1–3, 10 / Jn 15:9-11 Friday: 1 Cor 15:1–8 / Ps 19:2–3, 4–5 / Jn 14:6-14 Saturday: Acts 16:1–10 / Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 / Jn 15:18-21

May 5: Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48 / Ps 98:1, 2–3, 3–4 / 1 Jn 4:7–10 / Jn 15:9–17

> Wednesday, May 1, is Religious Brothers' Day Please pray for vocations.

Thursday, May 2, is the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Day of Prayer



### **Masses and Intentions**

Monday, April 29 ..... St. Catherine of Siena 8:15 a.m. Susanne O'Malley – Mary Jo Ochs Raymond Doran – Tim & Nora Bush No Mass (8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Cajetan) Wednesday, May 1...... St. Joseph the Worker 8:15 a.m. Margaret Stingley – Family Mary Howley – *Jim & Joan McVady* Thursday, May 2 ...... St. Athanasius No Mass (8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Cajetan) Friday, May 3 SS. Philip and James 8:15 a.m. Mary Resce – *D'Amico Family* Students and Staff of St. John Fisher Saturday, May 4 4:00 p.m. For the People of St. John Fisher Parish Sunday, May 5.....6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 8:00 a.m. Peter Wacks – Margie Malone Eli Luchini – Margie Malone 11:00 a.m. Audrey and Joan Evans – Bob & Loretta Cronin Joe Guinane – A Friend

Note: Saints in italics indicate optional memorials.

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Presiders
May 4 4:00 p.m.	Patrick Brandt	Michael Kozek	Fr. Leo Glueckert, O.Carm.
May 5 8:00 a.m.	Dan Olsen	Jean Cusack	Fr. Ken Budzikowski
May 5 11:00 a.m.	Essie Carson	Katie Conway	Fr. Marty Marren

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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.

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Parish E-Mail: sjfparishchicgo@gmail.com

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

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

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