



# Notes from Mrs. Nash

*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts*

St. John Fisher School – Together, we've got this!

March 12, 2021

Dear SJF Families,

It is hard to believe that the third trimester is here! We are excited for the clean slate that this new marking period brings and we look forward to our continued success as we finish out this unprecedented school year.

On behalf of SJF's School Advisory Board and the SJF Leadership Team, thank you for your engagement with our strategic plan update. In case you missed it, [here is a link](#) to this past Tuesday's live meeting as well as [the slide presentation](#) and [a link to our survey](#). Please share your feedback with us! We welcome your perspective and involvement so together we can continue to work toward being the best version of St. John Fisher!

Thank you for your continued investment and commitment to St. John Fisher School.

In unity and hope,

*-Mrs. Maura Nash*



## Important Announcements

- Thank you for your amazing generosity today for our **“BLUE OUT”** in support of our Chicago Police Officers and Alderman Matt O’Shea’s Get Behind the Vest Program. Together we raised over **\$1,700 for heroes in blue and this important cause.**
- Thank you for your partnership today at our second round of parent-teacher conferences. Please contact your child(ren)’s teacher directly if you didn’t get a chance to attend conferences, but would like to schedule a meeting.
- **REMINDER:** There is **NO SCHOOL on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- The **UChicago Impact Parent Survey is now open!** Please fill out the parent survey, [linked here](#). Your feedback will be used to continue to make improvements at SJF – thank you for your participation!
- Wednesday, **March 17<sup>th</sup> is St. Patrick’s Day.** Students should dress in their uniforms, but are welcome to wear a “touch of green”. Friday, **March 19<sup>th</sup> is St. Joseph’s Day.** Students are welcome to wear a “touch of red”. (\*A “touch of” means socks, headbands, tights, etc.)
- **FSA Update:** Calling all Falcon Families! FSA is looking for volunteers to help plan upcoming events. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kristen Schiesl, [kristenschiesl@gmail.com](mailto:kristenschiesl@gmail.com), or Karen McDonagh, [klak13@yahoo.com](mailto:klak13@yahoo.com).
  - **S & T Vouchers are due March 19<sup>th</sup>!** Below is the order form - thank you for your participation and support!
  - **FSA Save the Dates:**  
**May 3rd - May 7th** - Teacher Appreciation Week  
**May 22nd** - Fisher Community Yard Sale – [Please complete this survey](#) regarding your interest in participating in this event. Thank you!
- **Women’s Club Update:** We have lots of interest - but **we need YOUR RECIPES!** So far, we don't have enough to create a book. Please help the Women's Club build a great SJF cookbook by sharing your recipes for appetizers, main dishes, side dishes, any meal, dessert - we welcome all contributions! Please e-mail recipes to: [colnitsche04@gmail.com](mailto:colnitsche04@gmail.com) or [melissazmich28@gmail.com](mailto:melissazmich28@gmail.com).
  - **Save the Dates** \*stay tuned for more information:  
**April 16<sup>th</sup> Virtual Bingo**  
**May 14<sup>th</sup> Scavenger Hunt**
- **We need your help!** SJF needs help to decorate the church for **Easter on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 a.m.** Thank you for your consideration.
- Don’t forget to **register** to save your spot for **Extended Day**, [here!](#) If you have any questions, contact Mrs. O’Grady, [dogrady@sjschool.net](mailto:dogrady@sjschool.net).

## COVID Reminders

- Please see the **UPDATED Quarantine & Travel GUIDANCE** from the archdiocese, [linked here](#).
- Our **most frequently asked question** is *when should I keep my child home from school?*
  - **If your child or ANYONE IN THE HOUSEHOLD HAS 1 or more COVID symptoms, your child (and siblings) should remain at home.**
  - **If your child or ANYONE IN THE HOUSEHOLD has a pending COVID lab test (even if the rapid is negative).**
- Each week I express my gratitude for your partnership. Our school has successfully remained open for in-person learning because of you!




# FALCONS OF THE WEEK

## Junior High SOAR Students



This year, our school theme is "Fly Like a Falcon." At school, we are intentionally discussing what it means to be a Falcon. Falcons SOAR above, capturing an aerial view of what is going on below. We are encouraging our school community to "SOAR above" things that might bring us down, not allowing us to be our best selves. We are on a school-wide crusade to "Fly Like a Falcon", lifting one another up, celebrating the positive interactions and kind behavior that our students demonstrate each and every day. This week we recognize our junior high SOAR Students: Riley Daniher (not pictured), Marianne Scott, Mary Kate McGlynn, Greta Schober, Nora Clancy, Moira Urbon, Katie Malloy, Caitlin Kintz, Olivia O'Shea, Bridget O'Connor, Chloe Mylniec, Sophia Crespo, Joe Baxtrom, Brian Guinane, Charlie Moles, Bryn Peloquin, Matt Malloy and Marty Flynn. SOAR stands for Student Organization and Reach-Out!

These incredible Falcons volunteer their time after school to plan events for their peers. They are student leaders, who by example lead our students to ensure our school has a fun and welcoming atmosphere. The students go out of their way to plan service projects, various holiday events, spirit weeks, dress down days, etc. This year SOAR has been forced to get really creative to plan COVID friendly events and activities. They have also conducted all of their meetings virtually! Not even a pandemic can bring them down! We are proud of these Falcons and grateful for their efforts. Keep "SOAR-ing" Falcons...you are making a difference!



**THIS YEAR OUR ALL-SCHOOL LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT WILL BE HELPING WITH THE PRO LABORE DEI EASTER BASKETS.**

**EACH STUDENT SHOULD BRING IN SOMETHING TO ADD TO THEIR HOMEROOM BASKET. A LIST OF SUGGESTED ITEMS CAN BE FOUND BELOW. PLEASE SEND IN**



**YOUR DONATION BY MONDAY, MARCH 22ND.**



**BOY:** A ROSARY/PRAYERS/CANDY/FRUIT/GIFT CARD (MCDONALDS OR BURGER KING)/SOCKS/GRANOLA BARS/CANDY/SPORTS CARDS/ MATCHBOX CARS/BATTERIES

**GIRL:** A ROSARY/PRAYERS/CANDY/FRUIT/GIFT CARD/SOCKS/GRANOLA BARS/A DOLL/GEL PENS/HAIR ACCESSORIES/BATTERIES

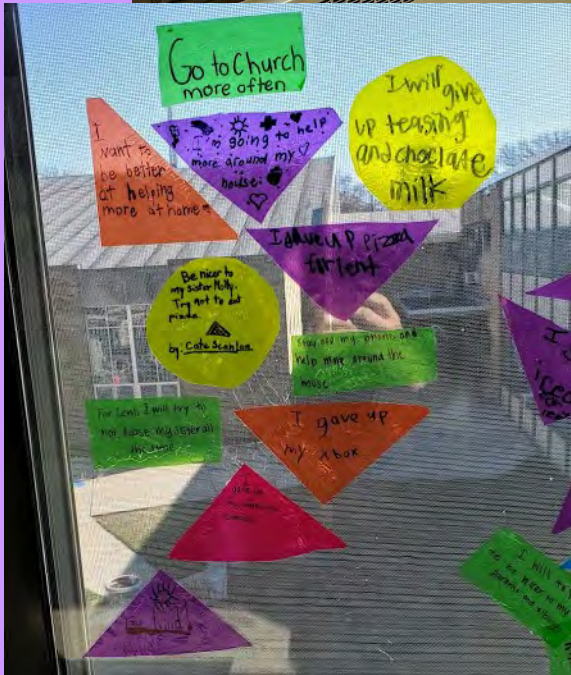
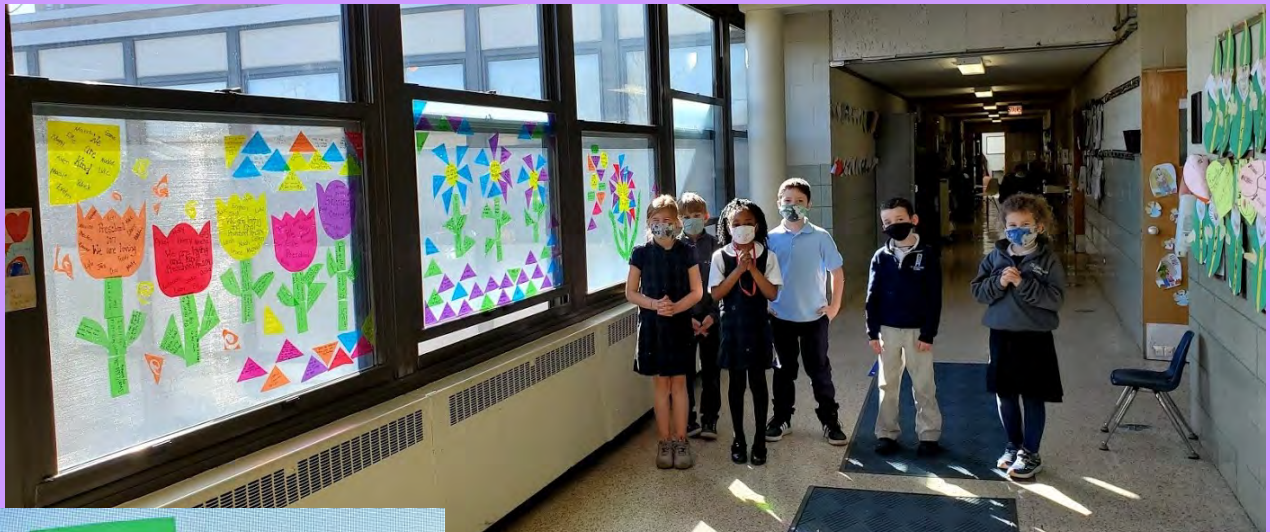
**ANYONE:** A ROSARY/PRAYERS/GIFT CARDS/SOCKS/CANDY/FRUIT/ANY IDEAS YOU MAY HAVE

# Lent + March + Spring + at Saint John Fisher School Grade Level Morning Masses





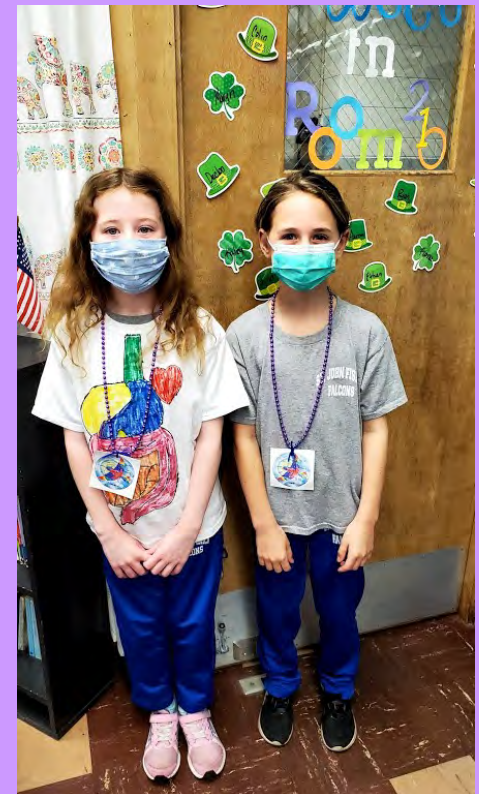
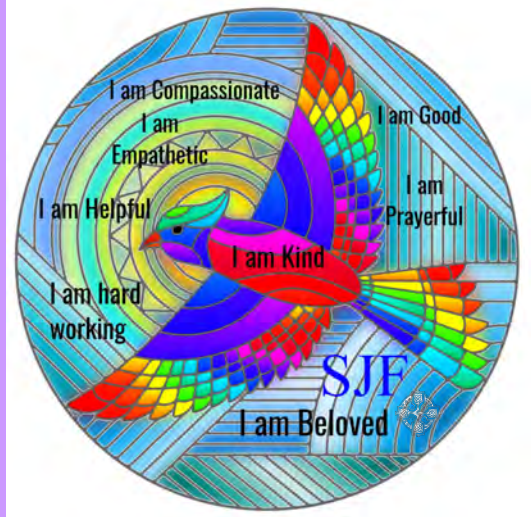
# Lent + March + Spring @ Saint John Fisher School Lenten Promises beautifying our "bridge"



Students write their Lenten activities on these colored gels. We are excited to see the sun shining through these flowers: welcome signs of Spring. As much as we emphasize doing good deeds, the idea of "giving up" is one students also choose to take on each year.



# Lent + March + Spring at Saint John Fisher School Good deed medallions



Teachers reward kind actions and studious work by awarding medallions. Mrs. Nash asks that day's recipients to come to the office to be recognized.

# *“Blue Mass”*



**Sunday March 21st, 11am**

**St. John Fisher Church**

10235 S Fairfield Ave, Chicago, IL 60655

Celebrant: Fr. Dan Brandt, Chicago Police Chaplain



*There will be a second collection benefiting the Chicago Police Chaplains Ministry*



# St. John Fisher Pizza Set Up Fundraiser



**Support SJF and Shop Local - Vouchers Never Expire - Save Money**

3 Crusts to Choose From:

(3) 12" crusts, (10) 7" crusts, or (3) gluten free crusts

Set Ups include 1 lb. of mozzarella and a pint of homemade sauce

Sausage/Pepperoni set ups include 20 oz of pizza sausage or 1/2 lb of pepperoni

Use now or freeze for later!

Cash, Zelle, or Checks made out to St. John Fisher FSA

FSA Zelle account: michellebw27@hotmail.com

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Room # \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle One: Cash    Check    Zelle

| Thin Crust - (3)12"         | Price | Quantity | Total Price |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------|-------------|
| Cheese                      | \$13  |          |             |
| Sausage                     | \$16  |          |             |
| Pepperoni                   | \$16  |          |             |
| <b>Thin Crust - (10)7"</b>  |       |          |             |
| Cheese                      | \$15  |          |             |
| Sausage                     | \$18  |          |             |
| Pepperoni                   | \$18  |          |             |
| <b>Gluten Free - (3)12"</b> |       |          |             |
| Cheese                      | \$18  |          |             |
| Sausage                     | \$20  |          |             |
| Pepperoni                   | \$20  |          |             |
| <b>Totals:</b>              |       |          |             |

**\*\*ORDERS DUE March 19th\*\***

Parishoner orders can be drop at the rectory  
or emailed to [karenmcdonagh513@gmail.com](mailto:karenmcdonagh513@gmail.com)

**Redeem Vouchers at:**

S&T Provisions 3804 W. 111th Street Chicago, IL.  
Open Mon - Sat 9am-6pm