



# ST. JOHN FISHER

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## PARISH

December 2021

**Welcome to the SJF Monthly News!**

**Please share this letter with your family, friends, and neighbors.**

This communication will contain brief updates from different groups in our parish each month. Our goal is to keep our parish, school, and community connected.

Questions? Email [sjfparishchicago@gmail.com](mailto:sjfparishchicago@gmail.com)

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### Christmas Mass

**Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass**

**10:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass**

**Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM and 11:00AM**

**Mass**

**School**



**Current Mass Schedule**

**Saturday:** 4 pm

**Sunday:** 8 am, 11 am

**Weekdays (M-W-F):** 8:15 am

**Confession:** Saturday 3 pm

Please **wear a mask to mass.**

**IMPORTANT MASS NOTES:**

There will NOT be a 4:00 PM Mass of Anticipation for Sunday 12/26 on Christmas Day.

There will be **NO weekday Masses** from Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.

New Years Day – Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** (NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year). Our only Mass that day will be the 4:00PM Mass of anticipation for Sunday 1/02.

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SJF students are serving others and spreading good will this Christmas season:

- Our Falcons **donated wrapping paper and helped wrap 300 presents** for our Pro Labore Dei Ministry.
- SJF students **raised \$1000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.** Every student **wrote a Christmas card to a Make-A-Wish child.** 8th grader Grace Cahill organized this effort.
- Every student made a **Christmas card and drew a picture for the residents of Smith Village.** 7th & 8th grade S.O.A.R. students will be **singing Christmas carols and delivering** our Christmas cards to Smith Village.

There is SO much happening at school at this time of year. **SO much to be proud of!** See Mrs. Nash's notes to see more about our wonderful school.

[Mrs. Nash's Notes](#)

[SJF School Facebook Page](#)

[St. John Fisher School Website](#)

**The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation**

St. John Fisher parish and school have been the cornerstone of our community for nearly 75 years. In an effort to ensure the continuation of SJF high-quality, faith-based, and affordable education, we have launched The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation.

**The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation** ([www.falconeducationfoundation.org](http://www.falconeducationfoundation.org)) is an independent,



not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that protects and promotes the mission and resources of St. John Fisher School by **raising funds for investment in people, programs, and facilities** that enhance the educational experience and opportunities for its students and faculty, therefore enriching the quality of life for its greater community.

**Alumni, alumni parents, community members, friends of SJF, and current school families** - please consider supporting the foundation. Together we can ensure that **St. John Fisher School continues in the years ahead** to educate and prepare our students for successful futures, and continues to **contribute to the strength and vitality of our entire community**. Click below for more information.

The Fisher Falcon  
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## Congratulations! And Thank You!

**Thank you** to everyone who purchased Holiday raffle tickets and helped sell and promote the St. John Fisher Holiday Raffle tickets! What a great success the raffle was this year with 858 tickets sold and **over \$50,000 raised** to support the needs of the parish!



**Congratulations** to the winners!

The St. John Fisher **School Resource Team won third place prize**. Their ticket was purchased by the FSA with money donated from the parents.

**Mary Jo Ochs won the 2nd place prize**. She has been a parishioner for many years and is very active in the parish.

Finally, **Brendan Murphy won our Grand Prize**. Brendan lives in Queen of Martyrs. Brendan said he was driving by, saw the marquee and thought he would buy a ticket. His wife and newborn have had health issues and the money is going towards their medical bills.

Thank you to the raffle team for their many hours of work on this important fundraiser for St. John. Fisher parish!



## Can You Help Decorate our Church for Christmas?

The St. John Fisher Environmental Committee is in need of volunteers to help decorate our church for the Christmas Season.

Decorating will take place on **Thursday, December 23rd starting at 10:00am**. Many volunteers will make the work go quickly.

If you are interested in helping or have any questions,



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**Thank You for Supporting PLD Christmas!**

December has been a busy month so far, no slouch to the busyness of November. We have so much for which to be grateful. As always, **St. John Fisher was more than generous**. So many gifts! Parishioners bought and wrapped **over 150 gifts** for the communities of Robbins, Blue Island and Posen.

If that wasn't enough, we had the **help of the SJF students in wrapping** gifts that had been donated to PLD, freeing the volunteers to concentrate on the December 11th gift giving event preparations. Again, Eisenhower High School through the direction of parishioner, Jennifer, donated gifts and multiple gift cards for Walmart, a favorite among our clients. **The giving spirit at SJF is just awesome**. If you could just see the faces of the recipients!

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SJF students serve by wrapping gifts for PLD families.

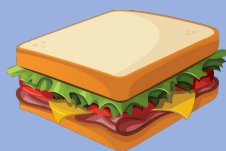


### PLD January Lunches and Notes

Please note that **there will be no mission in the parking lot on December 25th or January 1st. We will resume on January 8th.**

**We wish everyone the most blessed Christmas and new year!**

Any questions, feel free to contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-239-8428)



The next **lunch making** session will be on Saturday, **January 8th** at 9am. Please join us!

Please bring donations to the rectory by January 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

Donations needed thus far are:

- 15 loaves of bread
- 15 tomatoes
- 4 heads of lettuce
- 150 bags of chips
- 150 large lunch bags

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Interested in helping plan the Spring Grand Gala to benefit  
the Fisher Falcon Education Foundation?  
Contact John O'Connor [jpo11380@hotmail.com](mailto:jpo11380@hotmail.com)

### St. John Fisher FSA



Ho Ho Ho! Santa visited the Falcons on December 10th and 11th!

Save the Dates for more FSA activities in 2022:

January 30th - **Mother/Son Bulls Game**

March 5th - **St. Baldrick's Party**

[FSA at SJF Facebook Page](#)



### Holy Name Society

All men of the parish are invited to the upcoming Holy Name Society events.

**Jan 30th - AFC/NFC Party at Kane Hall**

**Feb 17th - Bowling at Eagle Bowl in Blue Island**

Email [sjfhns@gmail.com](mailto:sjfhns@gmail.com) for more information

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### Women's Club

The **Vendor night was a huge success!** We had about 400 people come through to do some holiday shopping and socializing. We were able to highlight a number of area businesses, including: Lemonade, Haven, and Emilia Gray to name a few.



Women's Club member Melissa Zmich was selling **Women's Club Cookbooks** with art featuring many of the current SJF students. **If you'd like to purchase a cookbook, email Melissa at [melissamarie28@yahoo.com](mailto:melissamarie28@yahoo.com). \$10 each, while supplies last. They are going fast!**

We raised funds which will go toward giving projects, including teacher wish lists in the spring.

Upcoming events include: Second Annual **Zoom Bingo in January** (details announced soon), **Trivia Night**, **NCAA Garage Hop and pool**, **Scavenger Hunt**, and **Golf Outing**.

If you are not a member of SJF Women's Club, email at [SJFwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:SJFwomensclub@gmail.com) to be added. Thanks to all for your support.

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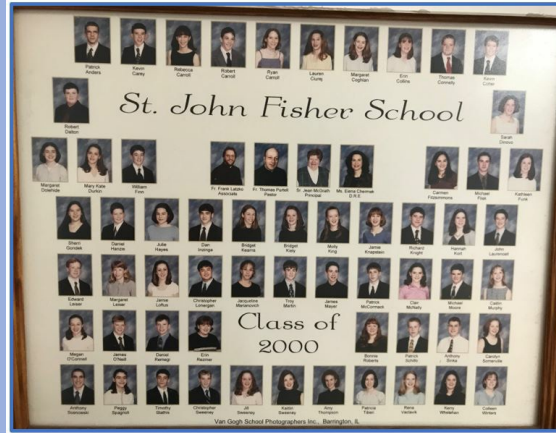
Falcon alumni, we want to help you



plan class reunions and connect with your former SJF classmates.

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**Once a Falcon, Always a Falcon!**

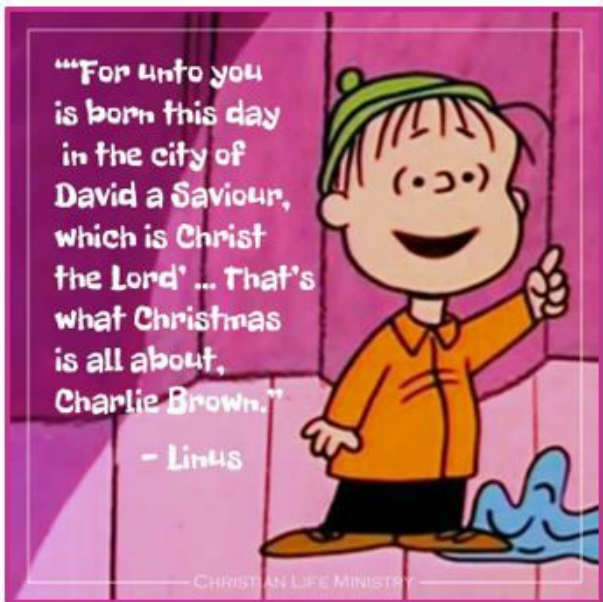


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### Renew My Church

We await the Cardinal's decision on Renew My Church, which will likely come in January. Please send any questions or comments you have to our committee at [renewmychurch@sjfschool.us](mailto:renewmychurch@sjfschool.us).

Slides from our Renew My Church Town Hall Meeting



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