



# ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH

December 2023

**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 Schedule



### Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24, 2023  
4:00 PM - Christmas Vigil Mass  
10:00 PM - Christmas Vigil Mass

### Christmas Day

Monday, December 25, 2023  
8:00 AM - Christmas Mass  
11:00 AM - Christmas Mass

## Mass



## School



## Current Mass Schedule

**Saturday:** 4:00 pm

**Sunday:** 8:00 am, 11:00 am

**NOTE:** This includes regular Sunday Mass on December 24th.

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

See our [parish bulletins](#) for reflections by Father Ken and Father Marty and more parish information.

[Access Daily Readings](#)

[SJF Parish Website](#)

Our Falcons have been busy this Advent season:

- Preparing for Christmas
- Visiting with Santa
- Making Christmas cards for the residents of Smith Village
- Creating beautiful art work
- Donating food for local food pantries
- Singing
- Preparing for Christmas shows
- Focusing on kindness
- Learning from our wonderful teachers and staff

Read [Mrs. Nash's Notes](#) for much more!

[Mrs. Nash's Notes](#)

[SJF FSA on Facebook](#)

[SJF School on Facebook](#)

[SJF School Website](#)



## **THANK YOU SJF SUPPORTERS!**

**Christmas came early at SJF!**

**We met our \$50,000 goal plus a \$25,000 match!**

The support of the SJF community has filled our hearts and hallways with hope and gratitude during this season of giving. Thank you for helping us to invest in our teachers and our resource room.

*#FisherFalconEducationFoundation #CornerstoneOfOurCommunity  
#OurTeachersDeserveMore #WorldNeedsMoreFalcons*



## PRO LABORE DEI

Nothing new here. It happened again. **165 lunches were put together in less than an hour** for the community of Robbins at the Dec. 2nd lunch making in the SJF rectory basement. We sure missed our 8th grade volunteers who were at their high school entrance exam and wish them all the best. **Thanks to you all of you who came to help. Please keep coming.**



The next **lunch making will be on January 6th in the Rectory basement at 9:15 am.** At present our needs are:

- 12 loaves of bread
- 60 sweet treats
- 100 chips

We continue to **collect in the parking lot each and every Saturday morning** from 9:30 to 10am. Please consider dropping a bag of **groceries** and, perhaps, some **diapers**. Sizes 4, 5, and 6 are in critical need.

Our end total for the Thanksgiving food bag collection was 127. Thanks for all you do.

This is truly the season of joyful giving. **Gift collection went wonderfully!** It ended on Dec. 14th with **over 230 gifts brought out to the PLD Christmas party**. We couldn't keep up with getting tags on the tree. Note the pics of the tree empty and full. Such a great problem to have!

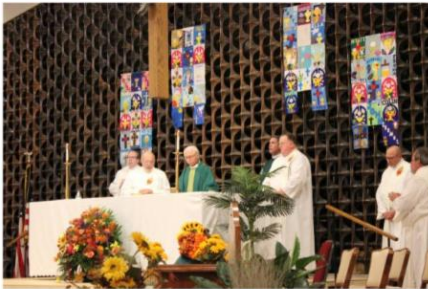
Have a safe and blessed Christmas season.

Contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-203-7881) if more info is needed.

SJF Service Opportunities Facebook Page



# THANK YOU!



Thank you to all who attended and participated in the SPR Anniversary Mass! More than **1,000** people across all four Southside Parish Renewal parishes filled the pews at St. John Fisher and celebrated their faith together. The SPR Liturgy Committee is currently exploring ideas for future celebrations at all of the SPR parishes.

***“This felt like how Mass should be...”***

***“This gave me hope for the future...”***

***“It reminded me of Mass when I was growing up...”***

Visit [SouthSideParishRenewal.org](http://SouthSideParishRenewal.org) and sign up for the newsletter to stay up-to-date with the latest SPR developments.



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to use for purchasing your Christmas gifts!

# MANNA



## How it works:

1

You buy gift certificates  
and shop with them.  
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establishments available.

2

The store/brand/restaurant  
gives a percentage of the  
card value to SJF (2-14%).  
NO COST TO YOU!

3

You get 60% of the store  
rebate credited to your  
tuition at SJF, high school  
or college.

4

SJF gets 40% of  
the store rebate  
towards meeting  
operational costs.

## MANNA HOURS FOR DECEMBER:

- o Saturdays: 8:30 - 9:30 AM
- o Wednesdays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM
- o Thursdays: 8:00 - 9:00 AM (*November and December only*).

Stop in or use the [RAISE RIGHT APP](#) on-the go!

The best way to order physical cards (local too) that are in stock is to **order using the App by Sundays at 10:00 and your order will be ready Wednesday at 6:00**. Skip the line to pick-up when you order ahead! Let us know if you'd like your order sent home with your child.

**Since May 1st, the program has raised more than \$18,000 for the school and \$26,000 directly to families to lower tuition. Thank you!**

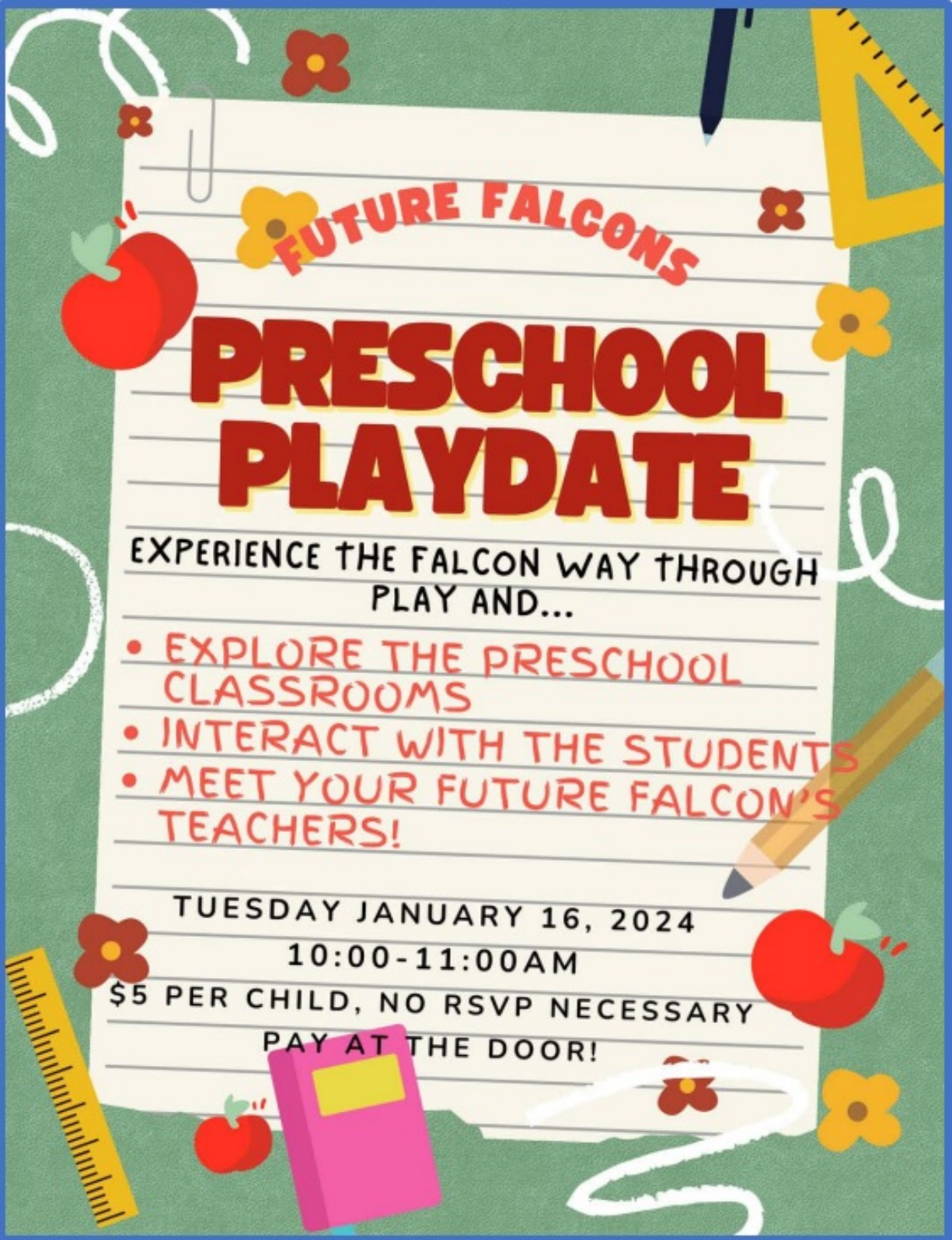
Email the Manna team at [Sjfmanna@gmail.com](mailto:Sjfmanna@gmail.com) with any questions. More info [here](#).

Manna Forms and Information



**Save the Date!**  
**March 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**SJF St. Patrick's Day**  
**Party!**

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FUTURE FALCONS

# PRESCHOOL PLAYDATE

EXPERIENCE THE FALCON WAY THROUGH PLAY AND...

- EXPLORE THE PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS
- INTERACT WITH THE STUDENTS
- MEET YOUR FUTURE FALCON'S TEACHERS!

TUESDAY JANUARY 16, 2024

10:00-11:00AM

\$5 PER CHILD, NO RSVP NECESSARY  
PAY AT THE DOOR!



Saint John Fisher Church  
75th Anniversary

The celebration of our 75th anniversary continues with  
a 75th anniversary raffle!

Purchase tickets for \$100.00 each.

The drawing will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2024 after the 11:00 a.m. mass.

- Raffle tickets are a great way to support our parish.
- They also make great Christmas gifts for family and friends.
- They also might be a way to make year-end gifts for tax purposes (see your tax advisor for details).

**Tickets can be purchased:**

- **At a table at the back of church after each weekend mass**
- **In the rectory**
- **Online**
  - Go to the Saint John Fisher Parish website at <https://www.stjohnfisherparish.net>
  - Click on wording in the center that states "75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary RAFFLE" under "weekly announcements."
  - Click on OPEN HERE.
  - 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.

St. John Fisher Parish  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1948-2023  
**RAFFLE**

FIRST PRIZE.....\$20,000  
SECOND PRIZE.....\$1,000  
THIRD PRIZE.....\$500

**\$100** TICKET PRICE

Winners will be drawn on Sunday, January 28, 2024 after 11:00 a.m. mass. Winner need not be present.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
PARISHIONER?  YES  NO  
SELLER \_\_\_\_\_



### Women's Club

**Thank you** to all who came to the Vendor Fair! The night was a success because of all of you volunteering, shopping, and supporting. We appreciate you!

**Women's Club on Facebook**



### Holy Name Society

All men of the parish are invited to join the HNS on Sunday, January 14th for the AFC/NFC Wild-Card Games @ Cork & Kerry.

Email [sjfhns@gmail.com](mailto:sjfhns@gmail.com) with any questions.





## FALCONS FOREVER!

Cheers and a big **Thank You to the SJF Class of '73** for supporting our Season of Giving with a generous donation of \$2,370!

See more alumni pictures on the [SJF Facebook page](#) and the [SJF Alumni Facebook page](#).

**Do you have alumni news** – big or small – that you'd like to share in the SJF newsletter?

We'd LOVE to hear from you!

Email news or ideas to [sjfnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:sjfnewsletter@gmail.com).



**SJF Alumni on  
Facebook**

# WELCOME TO AN SPR BOOK CLUB FOR 2024!!



SOUTHSIDE PARISH RENEWAL  
CHRISTIAN WING • ST. BARNABAS • ST. CALESTO • ST. JOHN FISHER

**JOIN OUR BOOK CLUB  
BY CLICKING HERE OR ON THE BUTTON BELOW.**

or contact Deacon Andy Neu  
773-779-1166 x542  
aneu@stbarnabasparish.org

We're reading *Beautiful Eucharist*, a collection of personal encounters with Jesus in the Eucharist, with an Introduction by Matthew Kelly.

Through the generosity of a few dedicated parishioners at St. Barnabas and St. John Fisher, you can obtain the book for free at any SPR parish. Watch your local bulletin and pulpit and announcements for details on how to get your free copy.

Please sign up at the link below with your name, phone number, and email address.

**Then watch your email InBox for weekly updates and encouragements, along with the time and location of our Sunday morning meetings.**

Thank you for joining us!!

**Our Book Club starts on  
January 1 and ends on February 13**

*Beautiful  
Eucharist*

Sign up for the SPR Book  
Club

Sign up for the SPR  
Newsletter



# **Falcon Fight Night**

**St. John Fisher**

**10200 s.**

**Washtenaw**

**Saturday February**



**3rd**



## **More Ways to Support SJF**

**Online Giving to SJF  
Parish**

**Fisher Falcon Education  
Foundation**



SAID THE KING  
TO THE PEOPLE EVERYWHERE,  
"LISTEN TO WHAT I SAY.  
PRAY FOR PEACE,  
PEOPLE EVERYWHERE."



Glory to God in the highest,  
and on Earth,  
peace and goodwill  
towards men.

*Luke 2:14*

THANKSGIVING-CD



"I heard a bird sing  
In the darkness of  
December,  
A magical thing,  
And sweet to remember:  
We are nearer to Spring  
Than we were in  
September."

~ Oliver Herford



*As We Look to the  
New Year, Hold on to What  
is Good, Let go of What  
isn't, & Embrace the  
Possibilities that Lie  
Ahead.*

- Oprah Winfrey

Read all of the bulletins on the parish website. Click below for the most recent bulletins:

Bulletin  
12/17/2023

Bulletin  
12/10/2023

Bulletin  
10/03/2023

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