



ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH

July 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

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Mass



"Don't be afraid; just believe."
Mark 5:36

Our church is open! Come and enjoy the beauty and comfort of praying together with your SJF community.

Current Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4 pm

Sunday: 8 am, 11 am

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

Confession: Saturday 3 pm

Reopening Guidelines

School



School's Out for Summer!

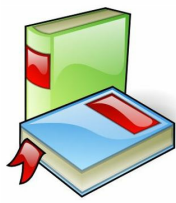
We wish all of our Falcon families, students, faculty and staff a well-deserved fun, relaxing, and safe summer!

Are you a family new to SJF parish? Click below to see our virtual open house and learn more about our amazing school!

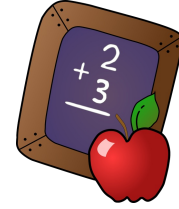
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Thank you, Kim!

Kim Madonia, our youth minister for the past 17 years, is moving on to a new calling. (See Kim's message below.) Kim has touched countless lives in her time at SJF - planning and leading retreats, service projects, mission trips, and even building a house right in our parish parking lot. (Click the buttons below to see short videos from YM.) Kim has connected with our parish youth, young adults, and families, reminding them always that they are accepted and loved beyond measure by God. She has modeled and reminded us to trust God, accept everyone, look for God winks, serve others, love each other, and to sing and pray together.

We are extremely grateful to Kim for sharing her gifts and influencing our youth and families in immeasurable ways. We wish you all the best, Kim! And the church says..... Amen!



[Video from Mission Trips](#)

[Video 15 Years of Youth Ministry](#)

A Message from Kim

SJF/MHR Youth Ministry - Be Part Of Something BIGGER!

Hello friends, this is Kim Madonia, and I am on a boat.

For those who were at the bonfire last Friday know the significance of me sitting on a boat. We talked about the Scripture when all the disciples piled into a boat after witnessing the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Jesus went off to pray and sent the disciples on ahead to meet



Him on the other side.

During their travels, the disciples got scared. The waves grew large, and the winds grew strong. Their little boat was tossed around in the chaos. They called out for help and, sure enough, Jesus showed up, but not in the way they expected. When the disciples saw Jesus, they thought he was a ghost, the sight of him walking on the water terrified them.

Jesus told the disciples not to be afraid and invited them to step off the boat and walk with Him on the water. I am pretty sure that the guys on the boat thought they had completely lost their minds. But not Peter. Peter boldly responded, "Lord, if it is you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." So, Jesus did. And with courage Peter stepped out of the boat. He took a few steps with his feet just breaking the surface of the waves, he was amazed at what he was doing. And, just for a moment, Peter took his eyes off Jesus, he looked down. He saw the current churning under his feet, anxiety and fear got the best of him. He began to sink and called out to Jesus in desperation to save him. Without hesitation Jesus grabbed his hand and pulled him up out of the water and onto the boat. Jesus said to Peter, "Faint-hearted what got into you?" Jesus then calmed the storm and made the waters still.


I can't help but relate to this Scripture. For I know Jesus is calling MY name, to step out of the boat and take on the water with Him.

I am proud to announce that I have accepted the position as Director of Mission and Ministry at Marist High School.

My time at MHR and SJF has been a true blessing. I made friends, who now I call family. I have seen the Holy Spirit alive in our ministry, I have been beyond blessed.

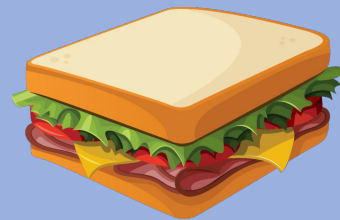
I am thrilled to see where God is leading me, and while stepping out onto the water is a bit scary, I am confident with who is accompanying me. Every morning my prayer is "Lord, put me where I am needed today." The true test is being okay with the answer.

See you on the water friends!
2x2
And the church says...Amen.



Lunch Making for PLD Families is Back!

Pro Labore Dei is so excited to announce **the return of Saturday morning lunch assembly** on the first Saturday of every month beginning on **Saturday, August 7th**. Sandwich makers are asked to gather in the Rectory basement at **9:30 am**. Sandwiches will be made and lunches packed from 9:30 to 10:30 am.



PLD will provide the supplies for August 7th. Thereafter, a list of needed supplies that may be donated will be in the bulletin and on Facebook.

What **we need on August 7th are VOLUNTEERS and LOTS of them**. Please consider joining us if you can. We can't wait to see our regulars and new faces.

Please note that **groceries will still be collected in the SJF parking lot every Saturday morning from 10:30 to 11am**. Families in the South Suburban communities served by PLD are **so grateful for the generous on-going support** of these weekly food drives.

If you have any questions at all please call Pam O'Mara 773-612-0281 or Jerry and Pat Hayes 773-203-7881. Guidelines from the archdioceses will be followed.



Manna in the Summer

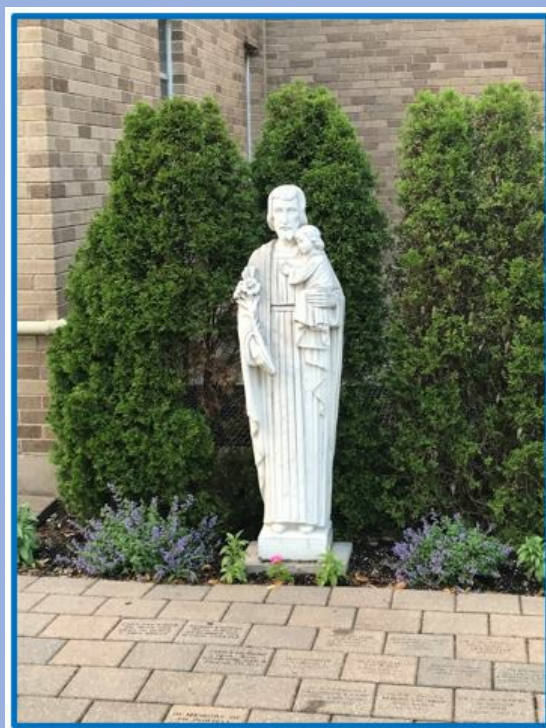
Just a friendly summer reminder that **Manna is open** during the summer with the regular hours, except **no sales on Fridays**.

Payment can be made with Kohls gift cards to pay your Kohls bill.

If you haven't started our program, now would be a great time!

More Manna
Information

Rebates are issued once a year to the school, high school, college or yourself.



Memorial Garden

Spend some time in prayer and contemplation in our beautiful Memorial Garden near the southeast doors of the church.

Paver stones for the garden are available for engraving to honor loved ones who hold a special place in our hearts and in the life of our parish community.

For more information, stop by or call the rectory office (773) 445-6565.



Register for Women's Club

Women's Club on Facebook

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Love is...



...being able to go to church again.

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STAY GROUNDED.

CONNECT WITH YOUR ROOTS.

TURN OVER A NEW LEAF.

BEND BEFORE YOUR BREAK.

ENJOY YOUR UNIQUE

NATURAL BEAUTY.

KEEP GROWING.

Joanne Raptis

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*"Courage doesn't always roar.
Sometimes courage is the little voice
at the end of the day that says;
I'll try again tomorrow."*

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