



ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH

June 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

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Mass



Current Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4 pm

Sunday: 8 am, 11 am

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

Altar servers are back!

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

Access Daily Readings

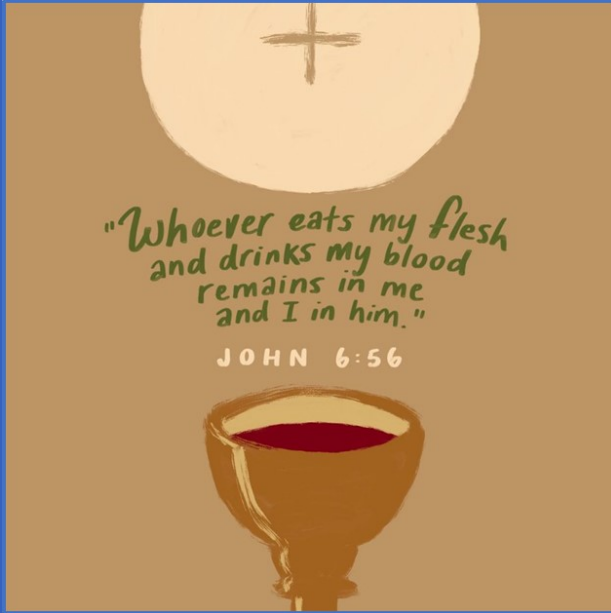
SJF Parish
Website

School



Congratulations to the SJF Class of 2023! We are confident that our newest graduates received a strong foundation which will lead them to great success in high school and beyond. Our Falcons are prepared for this next step because they are armed with responsibility, respect, gratitude, kindness, integrity, empathy, friendship, perseverance and optimism. This is **the 72nd graduating class from St. John Fisher and we couldn't be more proud** of how hard they have worked and all that they have accomplished.

Thank you to all who support SJF so generously so that we can continue to provide the very best Catholic education and continue



along with the SJF parish to be the foundation of our community.

The school year wrapped up with 8th grade and pre-school graduations, field trips, an ice cream social and more! Read [Mrs. Nash's Notes](#) for more details, more events, great pictures, and information about summer at SJF.

Mrs. Nash's Notes

SJF School Website

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Please consider a gift or pledge to
The Fisher Falcon Education Foundation.
All proceeds will go 100% to SJF School [Click here to read more.](#)
Make a gift online today at www.givecentral.org/FFEF.





Mother McAuley



Brother Rice



Marist



St. Rita



St. Lawrence



Mt. Carmel



St. Ignatius

SJF WOMEN'S CLUB

We packed Ridge Country Club to **honor our amazing Sr. Jean McGrath and the four amazing recipients of the first annual Sr. Jean Scholarship**, Mary Clare O'Connor, Caitlin Kinnane, Rose Gilligan, and Gabey Fahey.

What a feel good day. We are all so lucky to live where we do! **Thanks to all for the amazing support for attending, donating table sponsorships, and buying split the pot.** SJF's very own Mary Nitsche won the split the pot raffle and generously donated \$800 back to the scholarship. Thank you to SJF Mom, Alina McKnight, business owner of Emilia Gray and also to Olivia's Garden for donating the special mentor/judges gifts. Thanks to all of the mentors and the judges who helped make this event come to fruition. We appreciate you all and look forward to years to come!



Women's Club on
Facebook

Coming soon: Our 75th Anniversary Raffle!

Watch for details to come in future newsletters, bulletins, and on our websites.

THANK YOU

FSA

FSA would like to **thank all the parents and students** who helped make our events this year a success. We sponsored **donuts on the lawn**, the **skating party**, **trunk or treat**, **advent wreaths**, **pictures with Santa**, **Christmas house decorating contest**, **teacher treats** for Catholic Schools week, walked in the **St. Patrick's Day Parade**, **teacher appreciation week**, **running club**, **Father/Daughter dance**, **Mother/Son White Sox game** and **Rainbow Cone!** None of these events could have happened without parents taking the lead, we truly appreciate you. On a monthly basis Nora Bansley organized **special lunch** and Kate Conway organized the **teacher breakfasts**. Our room parents helped us disseminate information and organize collections when needed. FSA also provides teachers with a Christmas gift, birthday gift, and end of year gift.

We look forward to seeing you in August at packet pick-up where we will have sign up sheets available for our yearly events. **We host meetings a few times a year and are always available to hear new ideas and how they can be implemented.** Feel free to email the FSA at sjffsa103@gmail.com. Also don't

forget to save time shopping and order your school supplies, forms went home last week and there is also a flyer in Mrs. Nash's Notes. Peace + Love + SJF

FSA at SJF on
facebook



PRO LABORE DEI

First, PLD would like to extend an **enormous thank you to the Holy Name and the entire SJF community for their generosity in including us in the food drive** a few weeks back. It so helped and was more appreciated than any of us know. Support for food pantries continues to decrease everywhere.

Next, the morning of June 3rd was amazing. You who came to make **180 lunches** that were brought to Robbins were amazing. Such a busy weekend at SJF and still you came. You came because you knew we would be a bit short on volunteers. We even had an 8th grade graduate and a future 4th grader who, by the way, are expert workers. You are all the best. Thank you.

Our next few lunch making sessions will be in the rectory basement on **Saturday morning July 1st, August 5th, and Sep. 2nd. Please consider joining us for an hour or so.** Our needs will be more specific in future bulletins but we know now that we will need:

- 18 loaves of bread
- 80 bags of chips
- inexpensive paper plates and napkins (we can always use these)

We **continue to collect pantry items on the SJF parking lot on Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 10am.** Items like cereal, pasta and sauce, canned meats, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruits and vegetables are some of the items always welcome at the pantry.

Thanks St. John Fisher for making our mission thrive.

For questions or concerns please contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-203-7881 **please note the change in phone number**)

SJF Service Opportunities Facebook
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A Message from the Evergreen Park Food Pantry

The Evergreen Park Food Pantry wants to thank the people of St. John Fisher Parish community and the SJF Men's Holy Name Society for their huge donation from their recent food drive. We can't tell you how much this will help us to continue our mission of supplying food to our local population in need. Your generosity will go a long way in keeping our pantry stocked throughout the summer. Again, many thanks and God Bless the parishioners of St. John Fisher.

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75th Anniversary Development Leader

SJF seeks a candidate **to lead school fundraising strategy for the school's 75th Anniversary.** This person would work closely with the School Leadership, Foundation, and School Advisory Board on planning, communication, and fundraising execution. This person is not expected to lead all fundraisers and would have the help of parent organizations.

The ideal candidate is a self-starter with experience in sales and/or development and a proven track record of building relationships and collaborating across a variety of stakeholders.

Alumni of SJF - are you interested in supporting these efforts as a part-time resource or committee member?

Please email mnash@sjfschool.us.



The four parishes of St. Barnabas, St. John Fisher, St. Cajetan and Christ the King have chosen to live the gospel by accompanying a family of five from Venezuela. This mother, father, and their three sons have survived a treacherous journey and have arrived to begin a new life in Chicago. We will walk with this family for six months and lend our financial and spiritual support. **Your donations will pay rent, buy groceries, and help them build a new life. Your time is needed** to help them navigate schools, find health care, learn English, and adjust to a new community and culture.

**FOR I WAS HUNGRY
AND YOU FED ME;
I WAS THIRSTY
AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK.
I WAS A STRANGER
AND YOU WELCOMED ME;
NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME...
MATTHEW 25: 35-36**

Thousands of men, women and children seeking asylum have arrived in Chicago since the fall of 2022. This sudden and unexpected influx of asylum seekers presents a challenge to all Catholic disciples of Jesus Christ. Catholic Charities has been at the forefront of welcoming and assisting our new neighbors and is seeking our help. They have set up a program for parishes to help asylum seekers reestablish their lives. Catholic Charities will walk alongside us as take this journey with the family. Thank you for your donation!

**DONATE to SPR Parish Renewal Family
Sponsorship**



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Notice the Southside Parish Renewal signs all around our Southside parish community!

Signs are available in the Church after Mass.

Click [HERE to learn more about Southside Parish Renewal](#) and sign up for their newsletter.

MANNA



How it works:

1

You buy gift certificates and shop with them. Hundreds of retail establishments available.

2

The store/brand/restaurant gives a percentage of the card value to SJF (2-14%).
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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.



Option 1: [RaiseRight](#) – Try it! It's easy!

Purchase physical cards, eCertificates or reloadable gift cards **WITHOUT LEAVING YOUR HOME** using the RaiseRight app.

1. Online (via website or app) Go to <https://www.raiseright.com/> or download the RaiseRight mobile app.
2. Complete the quick sign-up form either on RaiseRight.com or mobile app.
3. Select "Join a Program."
4. Enter your organization's unique enrollment code to tie your earnings to your organization (Email sjfmanna@gmail.com for the code).
5. Complete the fields to create your account.
6. Enter and verify your phone number for 2-step verification (2-step verification protects your account if you forget your password or someone is using your account without your permission).
7. Set Up Online Payment.
8. Place your order. Physical cards can be picked up at SJF during Manna hours.

Option 2: "Cash and Carry"

Stop by the convent during open hours to buy local and national gift certificates.

Manna Hours Starting June 7th, ONLY:

- Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:00 PM
- Saturdays 8:30 - 9:30 AM

Check the [SJF Manna page on the school website](#) for more information.

Manna has historically been SJF's #1 School Fundraiser. **Tuition alone does not cover the school's expenses. SJF proceeds from Manna help to make up the difference between operating costs and tuition.** Participation is necessary and appreciated to balance school budget and maintain competitive tuition rates.

Parishioners can donate the full rebate to SJF School. Ask how!

School families

The school fundraising requirement per family is to raise \$300 FOR THE SCHOOL through Manna sales. Meeting this requirement would result in about a \$450 tuition credit for you each year. Any shortage to the min \$300 Manna contribution will be billed to the school family by May 15th in FACTS. **Grandparents, other family members, and neighbors can use the Raise Right App and earn for you.** Ask the manna team how to get that set up.

Email sjfmanna@gmail.com with any questions.

Manna Forms and Information

More Ways to Support SJF

Online Giving
to SJF Parish

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“SUMMER IS SINGING WITH JOY, AND THE BEACHES ARE INVITING YOU WITH DANCING WAVES.” - DEBASISH MRIDHA



AT THE END OF THIS DAY, THE WORLD WILL EITHER BE A MORE OR LESS KIND, COMPASSIONATE, AND LOVING PLACE BECAUSE OF YOUR PRESENCE.

YOUR MOVE.

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

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6/18/2023

Bulletin
6/11/2023

Bulletin
6/4/2023

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