



# ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH

May 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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## 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.

## School



May is an incredibly busy and exciting month at SJF School! In addition to working diligently on academics and taking end of year assessments, here are just a few of the things our Falcons have been up to:

- May Crowning
- First Communion

May is the month that is dedicated to our Holy Mother, Mary. Many honor Mary by [praying the rosary in May.](#)

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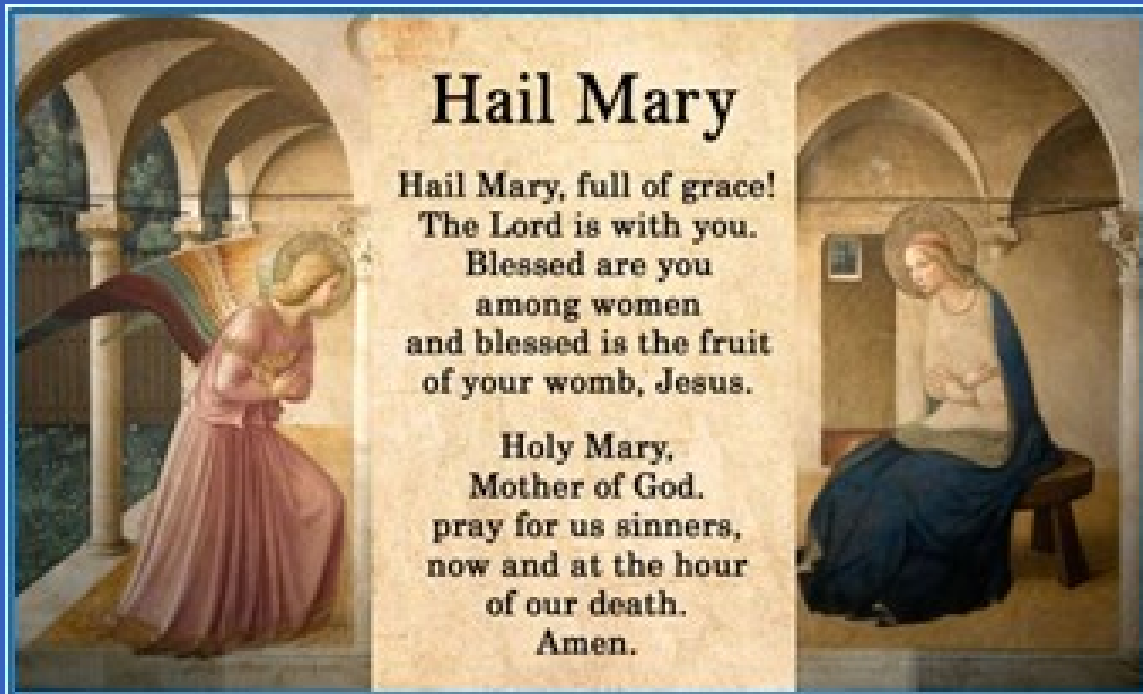
- Volunteering at Special Olympics
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Science Fair
- Field Trips
- Preparing for graduation
- Winning sports championships

**We have so much to be proud of!**

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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## HOLY NAME FOOD DRIVE

Thank you for participating each year in the Holy Name Society annual drive with your generous donations of food for the hungry.

**Collections will be made from your porch on Saturday, May 20th.**

**Volunteers for collecting and packing boxes are needed.** Please see details below.

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



*Help donate to those in hunger.*  
**St. John Fisher Holy Name Society**



**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**FOOD  
DRIVE**

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Saturday May 20 - Teams would go through the neighborhood and collect canned goods from front porches. These items would be brought back to SJF. Separate teams would assemble and fill boxes back at SJF. These would be loaded into a truck and then delivered to food pantries. Please come to Kane Hall at 9 AM for street assignments.

Time commitment: 9-11 a.m.

This drive will require quite a bit of volunteerism. We will always need help packing boxes at SJF. Contact Dave Cahill at [sjfhs@gmail.com](mailto:sjfhs@gmail.com) or 1-708-259-2981 with any questions or if you can help.

*Please let us know if you have access to a quantity of sturdy boxes.*

### **THANK YOU, DEACON SISKA!**

**SJF has been privileged and fortunate to have Tom Siska as our Deacon.** He was ordained on May 28, 2006, and has served our Church and parish in so many capacities. Sacramentally he has baptized and witnessed marriages, preached the Gospel in word and deed, and prepared countless parents for the baptism of their children.

Tom and his wife Mary will be moving to Norman, Oklahoma at the end of this month, where Tom will continue his ministry as a deacon at St. Thomas More Church. When you get a chance, thank him for all that he has done for St. John Fisher, and pray for him and Mary as they start a new round of ministry in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

**Tom and Mary, we will miss you. And remember, you will always be Fisher Falcons! Good luck and God's blessings!**



## **SJF WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB OUTING 2023!**

Please [sign up a foursome today](#). When all the foursomes are filled and confirmed you can submit your Venmo payment to @sjfwomens-2020.

If you have any questions you can text Mary Winter @ 773-951-8719. If you would like to [volunteer, please sign up at the very bottom of this linked signup sheet](#).

# Let's Paw-tee!

COME JOIN US FOR SJF WOMEN'S CLUB

## GOLF OUTING

FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH SHOT GUN START AT 1:30 PM

PLEASE ARRIVE AT 12:30 FOR REGISTRATION

\$100 PER GOLFER (INCLUDES DINNER & 2 FREE DRINKS)

COME JOIN US AFTER GOLF AT

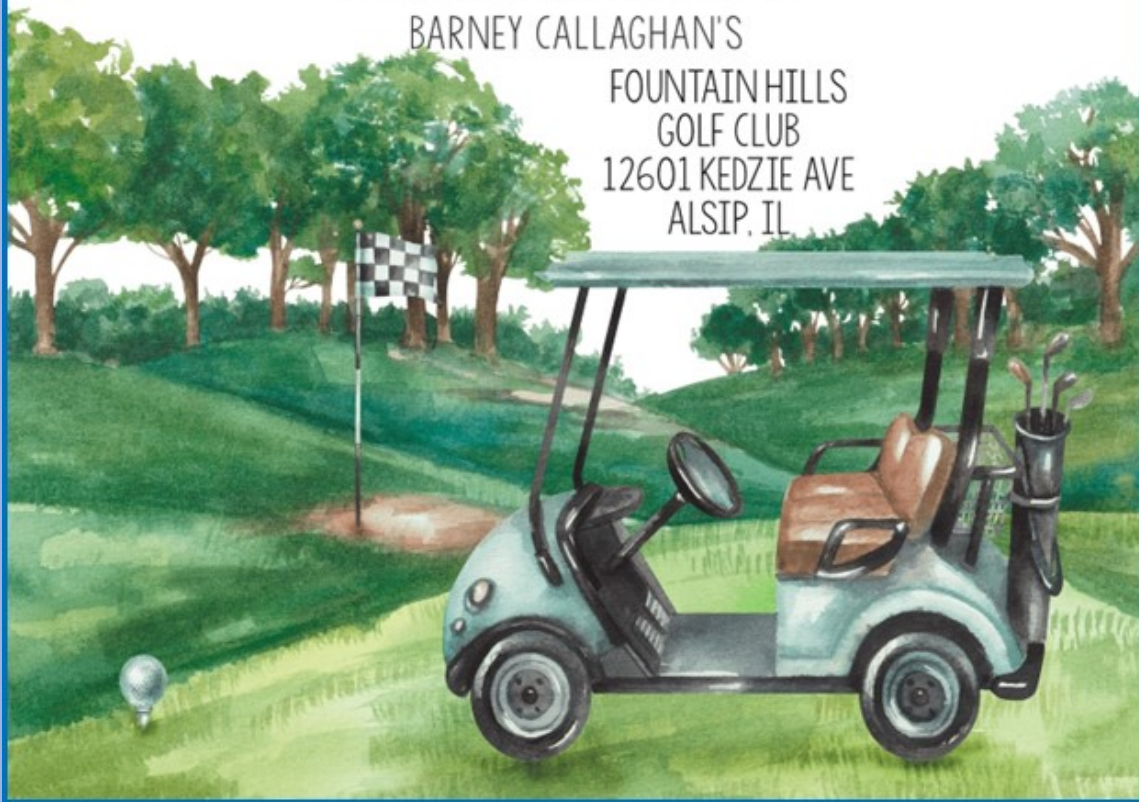
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GOLF CLUB

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Women's Club on  
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As we say every single month and it's true every single month, thank you for the May 6th lunch making session. For the volunteers who worked feverishly and those who wanted to but couldn't be there, **we have so much gratitude**. 170 lunches were compiled in that magical 45 minutes. **You guys just keep on giving!**

The **next lunch making will be on Saturday, June 3rd at 9:15am**, in the rectory basement. Our needs for that day are: 150 individual bags of chips.

**We continue to collect pantry items on the SJF parking lot on Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 10am, but will NOT collect on May 20th.** We will join hands with the Holy Name Society in their collection that day. So, please, donate to the food drive. We know it will be a huge success.

Can we take a moment to **thank the St. John Fisher students who showed up each month for lunches and donated food at Thanksgiving, gifts and Christmas and baskets at Easter. You guys were awesome this year.**

For questions or concerns please contact Pam O'Mara (773-612-0281) or Jerry and Pat Hayes (773-239-8428)

### SJF Service Opportunities Facebook Page



# 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%). **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.



### 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](mailto: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 through June 7:

- Mondays: 8:00 – 9:00 AM
- Wednesdays: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
- Thursdays: 8:00 - 9:00 AM
- Fridays: 2:00 - 3:00 PM
- Saturdays: 8:30 - 9:30 AM
- Sundays: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

### Manna Hours Starting June 7th, ONLY:

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

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](mailto:sjfmanna@gmail.com) with any questions.

Manna Forms and Information





# WE'RE HIRING



## MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEACHER

- Maternity Leave for the '23-'24 School Year
- August 15th - December 22nd
- Team-oriented, nurturing, warm and friendly work environment

### Qualifications:

- College Degree Required
- Math competency
- Highly organized and energetic
- Team oriented
- Strong communication skills
- Reliable



Send Your Resume  
[mnash@sjfschool.us](mailto:mnash@sjfschool.us)



For more information about SJF  
[www.sjfschool.net](http://www.sjfschool.net)

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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](mailto:mnash@sjfschool.us).



# SOUTHSIDE PARISH RENEWAL

*family sponsorship*

Thousands of men, women and children seeking asylum have arrived in Chicago since the fall of 2022. Catholic Charities has set up a program for parishes to help asylum seekers reestablish their lives.

**The SPR parishes will work together to support a family that will join our community in the near future.**

We're asking for parishioners to share their time, talent, and treasure. Financial donations will assist in getting this family settled and will pay for rent, food, clothing, and transportation. We'll soon provide sign ups for volunteers to assist in navigating our school, health care and social service systems, learning English and adjusting to a new community and culture.

Catholic Charities will walk alongside parishes and families, offering client navigation and access to our services. Learn more at

**[www.SouthsideParishRenewal.org](http://www.SouthsideParishRenewal.org)**



*donate  
here*





Proudly presents:

*Celebration of*  
**KINDNESS**

A St. John Fisher community event in support  
of the inaugural Sister Jean McGrath  
Kindness Scholarship & SJF School.

Sunday, June 11th 2023

12:30 pm

Ridge Country Club

*Event & Scholarship organized by the SJF Women's Club*  
Buffet Lunch | Beer & Wine | Split the Pot Raffle  
\$100/person

Tickets & scholarship details can be found at:  
[SJFkindness.givesmart.com](http://SJFkindness.givesmart.com)

"Remember to be kind because that's the best gift we can give our world."

-Sister Jean McGrath-

[SJFKINDNESS.GIVESMART.COM](http://SJFKINDNESS.GIVESMART.COM)







# SOUTHSIDE PARISH RENEWAL

CHRIST THE KING • ST. BARNABAS • ST. CAJETAN • ST. JOHN FISHER

**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.



## The Chosen Season 1

### Interactive Bible Study

Each week we will watch an episode of “The Chosen” and reflect on Jesus and his followers.

Where: St Cajetan Parish Center

When: Beginning Wednesday May 10th from 7:00pm –9:00pm,  
continuing on 8 consecutive Wednesdays.

Please RSVP to Deacon Joe at [jroccasalva@cajetan.org](mailto:jroccasalva@cajetan.org) or by phone at 773-474-7814. Please let us know how many are in your group and what parish you are from.



**SOUTH SIDE PARISH RENEWAL**

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### Please Support SJF School!

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](http://www.givecentral.org/FFEF).

### More Ways to Support SJF

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to SJF Parish

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Laughter  
is the sound  
of the soul  
DANCING



"I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things."

- Mother Teresa

*Only look into your neighbor's bowl to make sure that they have enough.*



*Never look into your neighbor's bowl to see if you have as much as them.*

If we could see  
the miracle of a single flower clearly  
our whole world would change.

*Buddha*



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

Bulletin  
5/14/2023

Bulletin  
5/7/2023

Bulletin  
4/30/2023

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