

Happy New Year and Well Wishes from the SJF Clergy, Staff and Parish Council

A Year in Review and Welcome to the New Year - 2025

As we bid farewell to 2024, we are grateful for all the efforts that went into celebrating our annual 2024 theme of **The True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist** and **all the improvements made to help us continue to grow as a family friendly parish**. Please join us in traveling back through 2024 in gratitude:

- Parish-wide distribution and book discussion of the Beautiful Eucharist;
- Offering the first 5-week session of Nurturing Seedlings to young parents with child care provided;
- Updating children's faith-based book offerings and presentation for easy access;
- Adding children's holy water fonts at the entrances;
- Presentation of the Vatican's traveling Eucharist Miracles display in our church hall;
- Moving weekly Adoration to Monday mornings following morning Mass;
- Continued development and offering of the Family Faith Formation program;
- Transfer of the tabernacle from the chapel to a "front and center" location in the sanctuary behind the altar;
- Updates to the chapel area to allow for multi-purpose use – quiet prayer and Marian reflection; ministry meetings, enhancements to kneelers and acoustic efficiency and use of the chapel for parents and children to "take a break" if needed and return to the Mass in progress as valued and embraced members of the parish family; and finally,
- Parish-wide distribution of the book 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory.

The Holy Spirit was truly in action with all of us this year as we focused on the Eucharist and efforts to support families and their participation in Mass. We eagerly look forward to a new year and a **new focus for 2025: Pilgrims of Hope, to correspond with the 2025 Jubilee Year**. Stay tuned for various faith formation and service opportunities to help us embrace the glorious hope in Christ within our community, our parish and in our individual lives.

To start out this new year, hearing from you on efforts to experience and celebrate this new year of **Hope** or any other suggestions you have are ALWAYS needed and welcome – our first Parish Council meeting of this year is Thursday, January 16th at 7:00 pm in our church hall. You are welcome to attend and share your thoughts and/or connect with any of the Parish Council members on the back side of this sheet. We want to hear from you and welcome all our collective thoughts, suggestions and efforts as we launch into a new year blessed with the Hope in and of Christ. Happy and Healthy Blessed New Year!

St. John Fisher Parish Council Members 2024-2025

Please feel free to connect with any Parish Council members to share your thoughts, suggestions and feedback. The Parish Council supports the pastor in the operation of the church, works to advance enhancement efforts, helps set and nourish the climate of our parish and serves as a voice for our parishioners. Together we **ALL** make St. John Fisher an active, faith-filled and vibrant parish focused on sharing the abundant love and mercy of Christ.

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Remaining meetings for 2024 - 2025 are on the following Thursdays: January 16th, March 20th and May 15th beginning at 7:00 pm in our church hall. A new Parish Council season starts up again in September, meeting every other month through May. We are always interested in new members so please consider this opportunity to participate in the parish happenings and direction of the parish. Please contact Father or Barbara Meyer if you have interest.