



# SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

*Aug. 1, 2021*



### Mass Schedule

**SATURDAY VIGIL:** 4:00 PM  
**SUNDAY:** 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM  
**WEEKDAYS:** Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM  
**HOLY DAYS:** Vigil - 7:00 PM; 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM  
**HOLIDAYS:** 9:00 AM  
**CONFESSION:** Sat. 3:00 - 3:45 PM or by appointment

### Business Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
Friday 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
*Closed weekdays for lunch between Noon and 1:00 PM*  
Saturday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Robert B. McDermott (ext. 3)  
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TODAY IS AUG. 1, 18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. THE GOSPEL IS JOHN 6:24-35.

**THINK ABOUT IT:** “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”



**ADULTS:** The crowds following Jesus asked him, “What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you?” Do you find yourself looking for signs that God is listening to your prayers? When has your faith helped you believe with out seeing signs from God?

**YOUTH:** Can you think about the adults in your life who teach you new things? Can you remember a time when someone helped you believe in something you could not see? This is what Jesus asks us to do, to have faith in things we cannot see. Pray for more faith this week.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF LOURDES SCHOOL BUILDING

Located in Marcus Hook, Immaculate Conception School had been leased in recent years to the Delco Intermediate Unit for a Head Start program. This lease ended in August 2019. With the loss of income from the lease and no immediate use by St. John Fisher Parish, the process began to put the building up for sale. After consulting the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee, and with permission of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the old school was listed with a realtor. An acceptable offer was made and settlement was concluded on July 22. With no parish debt, the funds from the sale remain with St. John Fisher Parish. Immaculate Conception of Lourdes Church remains a worship site of the Parish for weddings and funerals. One religious sister resides in the rectory of the church and the Holy Saviour Knights of Columbus use the hall for their monthly meetings and food drives. May the legacy of the graduates of Immaculate Conception School continue to provide inspiration for many of the constancy of faith and education of the soul!

### Statement of Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez Regarding Reinstating the Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass

“We have all felt the impact of COVID-19 in as individuals and families. It has been a time of acute hardship and struggle, of separation and isolation. It has also had an impact on our lives of faith. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has been with us throughout this challenging period and is most especially near to us when we encounter him in the Eucharist. The Eucharist offers us His healing and peace, His mercy and reconciliation. It is now time for everyone to return to the Eucharist with renewed faith and joy.

**As many aspects of life are now returning to normalcy, each Catholic Bishop in Pennsylvania will reinstate the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

The Bishops previously jointly decided to dispense the faithful from this obligation in March of 2020 in order to provide for the common good given concerns over the developing pandemic. Now, with the impact of the pandemic considerably reduced, it is again possible for the faithful to assemble for the Eucharist. It is time to lift the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days comes from our Baptism as Christians. Baptism compels Christians to unite themselves with Christ at the altar in his saving Sacrifice of the Cross. Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2182*). This is the foundation for the law of the Church that binds Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days (*Code of Canon Law, canon 1247*) and the Christian way fully to observe the Third Commandment, to keep holy the Lord’s Day (*Deuteronomy 5: 12; Exodus 31: 15; Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 2180-2181*).

**This obligation, as is always the case, does not apply to those who are seriously ill, have a serious health risk, as well as those who have serious anxiety about being a part of large groups at this time.**

Likewise, the obligation does not apply to those who care for those who cannot attend Mass in person (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2181*). Those who are legitimately excused from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days are encouraged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the Death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the Sacred Scriptures, and uniting themselves to Christ in his worship of the Father of us all. Those who are legitimately excused are also encouraged to view a broadcast of the Mass which is intended for those who cannot participate in person.

As Bishops, we welcome this moment of the reinstatement of the obligation for all Catholics in Pennsylvania. This is a moment to thank God anew for the great gift of the Mass and the Real Presence of Jesus to us in his Holy Body and Blood as well as the joy of gathering together as people of faith.”

— Most Reverend Nelson Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia

### PREP AT ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH

The Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) for children who do not attend Catholic school begins on September 14/15 for Grades 1 to 7. Parents must accompany their children on the first day of class.



If you have not registered your child for the upcoming school year, please do so now! Families have the choice between Tuesday afternoon (4:30-6:00pm) or Tuesday evening classes (6:15-7:45pm) for Grades 1 to 5. Confirmation preparation classes for Grades 6 and 7 will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:30pm. Registration forms are available on the website under the Education tab. If you are new to the parish and your child has never attended PREP at St. John Fisher, please contact the PREP office to enroll them.

**PREP CATECHIST AND AIDES** will meet on Monday, August 30, at 6:30pm. All Catechists and Aides should plan to attend. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Aaronson in the PREP office at 610-485-0441, extension 5.

### ST. JOHN'S ON THE HILL SENIORS

Join the St. John's on the Hill Seniors for a day trip to the Tomasello Winery on September 15! The price of \$66 includes wine tasting, a sit-down luncheon, a casino bonus at the Resorts Casino, and motor coach transportation.



A deposit of \$20 will hold your seat on the bus. To make a reservation, please call Barbara at 484-645-4533.

### HELP WANTED- NURSING

Assisi House, a 120-bed retirement Convent for the Sisters of St. Francis, is in dire need of clinical help—nurses and Certified Nurse Assistants, for full-time, part-time, or occasional employment. The Assisi House has assisted living, advanced care, and a dementia unit. It is located at 600 Red Hill Road, Aston. If you are interested and able to care for the elderly sisters, please contact Sr. Peggy Egan, OSF, Administrator, at 610-588-5321.

### FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**JULY 18:**  
Total: \$ 14,805  
Number 353

**MISSION CO-OP**  
Total: \$ 2,823

*As followers of Jesus Christ, we are reminded that all things, including life itself, are gifts from God. What we do with what we have been given is a sign to God and to the world of the depth and meaning of our commitment.*

### JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY!

Choir rehearsals will resume after Labor Day. The **Adult Choir** usually sings at the 9:30am Mass on Sundays and for special liturgies throughout the year. Rehearsal is held at 7:15pm on Wednesdays. The **Resurrection Choir**, a group of dedicated volunteers, will begin singing at funeral liturgies following Labor Day. This group does not hold rehearsals. Adults and teens are invited to sing with the **Contemporary Choir**, which holds practice twice a month on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm. The Youth Choir rehearses on Sunday morning at 10:30 - 11:15am. All ages are welcome to join! If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Kathy Aaronson, at 610-485-0441, ext 5.



### HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL SCHOOL



Are you looking for a quality pre-school for your child? We have some great news! It's not too late to register for the 3/4-year-old class at Holy Family Regional School! Please call us at 610-497-0147 ext. 3 for more information.

If you are interested in gaining the benefits of a robust Catholic education for your elementary school child that enforces what you are teaching at home, Holy Family Regional Catholic School offers the perfect solution! For more information, please visit [www.holyfamilyaston.org](http://www.holyfamilyaston.org).

### SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

The annual school supply collection begins the weekend of August 7 & 8. We will be collecting all the items a child need to begin the new school year, which will be distributed to less fortunate children in our community. Please leave your donations in the designated bins in the Church or Parish Center Hall.



### ST. JOHN FISHER MEN'S GATHERING INVITES YOU TO JOIN

Men of the parish, 18 and older, are invited to join a group of others who meet weekly for a bit of socialization and discussion about the Catholic faith and topics relevant to today. The launching point of the discussion is generally a book that each person is encouraged to read. They meet weekly on Monday evening at 7:00pm, in the Parish Center Hall. All are welcome; come to listen or share your thoughts!

### CARING FOR FRIENDS

The Caring for Friends (*formerly Aid for Friends*) freezer is starting to run low again. Are you grilling this summer? Throw an extra burger or piece of chicken on the grill and package it with a side and dessert in the pans found in the Parish Center kitchen. Whatever you enjoy, the seniors who receive these meals will enjoy! Thanks for your support of this program!



**Question:** I'd like to make some resolutions about practicing the faith in our family during the new school year. How do I accomplish this?

**Answer:** The family is the most essential space for the formation of values and character. Consistent prayer together builds habits that can last a lifetime. With younger children, praying together as a family in the evening or at dinnertime is fairly doable most nights. At bedtime, select a few common prayers such as the Our Father, Hail Mary, or Guardian Angel prayer. Ask each of your children to thank God for three things that day and include a time for children and adults alike to pray out loud for special needs in your family. This practice requires a committed, intentional effort to 'schedule' the time in the midst of increasingly busy lives.

Commit to other opportunities to practice the faith outside the home as well. Sunday Mass should already be part of your family's weekly routine. Consider setting other monthly goals as well. This could be a family service project in your city, attending the sacrament of Confession together, or hosting a hospitality night in your home. Get your children involved in the planning process. Ask them where they'd like to volunteer or who they think is having a hard time and might need a special night just for them. Rather than simply imposing new practices, encourage your whole family to have a dynamic role understanding and integrating faith and life.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

The 3-, 4- and 5-year-old children of the parish are invited to attend Sunday School this fall! The program begins on September 26, from 9:30am until 10:30am, while parents attend Mass. All pre-schoolers are welcome, but you must register your child in advance. Please call the PREP office at 610-485-0441, ext. 5, for more information.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 1, 2021

**Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/John 6:24-35

*Response: The Lord gave them bread from Heaven.*

**Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Matthew 14:13-21

**Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Matthew 15:21-28

**Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Matthew 16:13-23

**Friday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mark 9:2-10

**Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/John 6:41-51

*Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of  
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**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Celebrated on the First, Second and Fourth Sundays of each month at 12:30pm. Pre-Jordan baptismal instruction is held on the Third Sunday at 12:30pm. Please call or visit the Parish Office to arrange baptisms.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:45pm; other times by appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** One party must be a registered member of Saint John Fisher Parish. Couples must make arrangements with the Pastor at least six months prior to the intended date. Weddings can be held at Saint John Fisher or at Immaculate Conception Church. Couples are required to attend the Archdiocesan Sacramental Preparation Program for Marriage (four sessions) or a Pre-Cana program.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** We welcome new members to Saint John Fisher! If you are new to our parish, please call or visit the Parish Office to register.

**LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY:** If you need a Letter of Eligibility from Saint John Fisher Parish to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be

- a registered member of the parish,
- at least 16 years of age,
- a practicing Catholic (have received the Sacraments and attend Mass regularly).
- If married, you must be in a 'valid' marriage.

The pastor is unable to sign a letter unless you meet these requirements. To request a letter, please speak with Father McDermott after any Mass or call the Parish Office at 610-485-0441, ext. 2.

**PARISH ON-LINE GIVING:** Visit the parish website, [www.stjohnfisherchurch.com](http://www.stjohnfisherchurch.com) and click on the **We Share** icon to sign up for the electronic giving program.

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP):** The PREP program provides religious education for public school children from September through May. Please call the PREP office at 610-485-0441, ext. 5, for more information and to register.

**HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** Grades Pre-K through Eight. St. John Fisher parishioners support Holy Family Regional Catholic School. Children from the parish who enroll there receive the supporting parish tuition rate.

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Rev. Robert B. McDermott, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### The gift of work

Work can feel like a treadmill. The routine can be exhausting and the job seem pointless. When we treat our labor as a gift back to God, there is an additional purpose to it than just a paycheck. *"There is nothing better for man than to eat and drink and provide himself with good things by his labors. Even this, I realized, is from the hand of God"* (Ecclesiastes 2:24).

### Think and pray

Consider how many mistakes or heartaches could have been prevented if we had been wise enough to stop and think before acting. Too many times we focus on enjoying ourselves as much as possible and we step closer to sin until it draws us in. Trouble can be averted if we think and pray before we act.

*"Understand this well: there is something holy, something divine hidden in the most ordinary situations, and it is up to each one of you to discover it."*

St. Josemaria  
Escriva



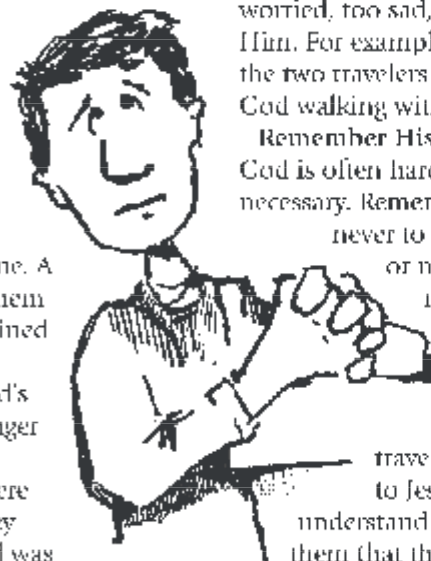
## Where in the world is God?

Two travelers, distraught over the murder of someone they loved, were heading out of town. As they walked, they struggled to understand what happened and why God had abandoned them. They felt overwhelmed and alone. A kind stranger joined them in their journey, explained the recent events, and reminded them of God's reliable love. The stranger turned out to be the very loved one they were grieving. Although they hadn't realized it, God was with them all along (Luke 24).

Why can't we find him? Events or experiences in our lives can lessen

our awareness of God and make Him appear distant. Sometimes we are too worried, too sad, or too angry to find Him. For example, preoccupied by grief, the two travelers failed to recognize God walking with them.

Remember His promise. Trust in God is often hardest when it is most necessary. Remember, He promised never to abandon us. Whether or not we are aware of Him makes no difference. God never breaks a promise. Talk to Him. When the travelers opened their hearts to Jesus, He helped them to understand their situation, assured them that they were firmly in God's care, and gave them peace and consolation. When we open our hearts to Jesus and tell Him everything, He will give us peace and consolation, too.



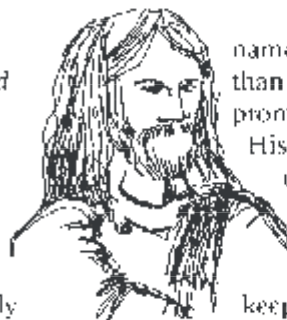
## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## How do Catholics regard Jesus' name?

*"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth"* (Philippians 2:10). The use of His name is so powerful, Jesus promised that He will answer any prayer we make in His name (John 14:14).

It is wrong to speak the holy

name of God in any way other than prayer or praise. In fact, He promised that whatever we ask in His powerful name, He will give us. Calling on His name as a swear, to express improper emotions, using it to curse or make promises we don't keep are grave sins.



## Grow in patience and tolerance

The past eighteen months of pandemic have tested our patience and good humor. Tempers have become shorter and tolerance limited. Yet, followers of Jesus know that it is critical for our daily treatment of others to demonstrate our love for God. We are asked to show as much patience to others as God has with us.

**Fight against your own defects.** Certainly it can be frustrating when the faults and mistakes of others disrupt the routine of our lives. In fairness, our own defects disrupt theirs as well. Instead of noting and



resenting the weaknesses of our neighbors, we can focus on improving our own.

**Help, don't judge.** Developing an honest concern for those around us helps us to become generous in our relationships. Acting with love and understanding means that we aid those in our lives instead of looking for their blunders.

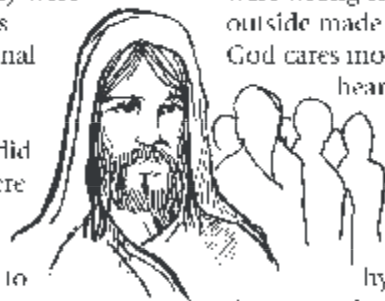
**Become a carrier of love.** Jesus asks us to be His hands and feet on Earth. As His disciples, we are to carry His love to others. It is through our actions that we bring Jesus to the world.

### from Scripture

#### Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Clean hearts vs. clean hands

The religious leaders sent investigators to check up on Jesus and didn't like what they saw. Not only were Jesus and His followers ignoring some traditional rituals, Jesus scolded the leaders for being hypocrites when they did observe them. They were outwardly obedient so they could look holy instead of taking steps to actually be holy.

For example, devout Jews performed a cleansing ritual before each meal. The Pharisees liked to believe this ceremony kept them from being considered unclean. They were critical because



Jesus' followers didn't perform this ceremony. Jesus told them that they were wrong to think being clean on the outside made them acceptable to God. God cares more about the state of our hearts than our hands.

Hypocrisy is when we pretend to be something we aren't and have no intention of becoming.

Jesus called the Pharisees hypocrites because

they went through the motions of worshipping God so they could appear holy in the eyes of the Jews. We become hypocrites when we follow religious practices carefully but allow our hearts to remain distant from God.

### Q & A How can I resist temptation?

There is only one effective way to resist temptation and that is to say "no." But that is easier said than done. Try these ideas for help:

**Make a list of what most often leads you into sin.** Do you have friends who love to gossip? Do you drink too much with coworkers? Do you spend too much money at the mall? Write your list down and make it complete. Then decide to reject each item on the list.

Practice saying "no" when you are alone. Say it out loud if you have to. Don't offer explanations. Just make it a "no." "I don't do that." "That's not me."

Remove yourself from temptation. In the Old Testament story of Joseph, his boss's wife "looked at him with longing" and followed him around but Joseph "would not agree to lie with her or even be near her" (Genesis 39:10). Avoid the gossiping friends, go straight home from work, stay away from the mall.

There is nothing more important than avoiding sin.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord.** Tradition holds that it was on Mt. Tabor where Christ appeared radiant in the company of Moses and Elijah. A voice said, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

**August 8 - St. Dominic (1221).** Dominic was alarmed by the Albigensian heretics who threatened the Church. He and his followers rejected material comforts while many Catholic preachers traveled in luxury. St. Dominic became an itinerant preacher like the Apostles and founded the Order of Preachers, "Dominicans."

**August 10 - St. Lawrence (258).** A Roman deacon to Pope St. Sixtus, II. In response to Roman demands for the Church's material treasure, St. Lawrence gathered the poor and presented them as the Church's treasure. He was martyred shortly afterwards.

**August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Declared a dogma of our faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary's taking up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life.



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## *May They Rest in Peace*

### THOSE WHO HAVE DIED OF GUN VIOLENCE

*"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."*

## *Please Pray for Our Sick*

Ava Hernandez, Connie McElwee, Joe Stafford, Baby Briana McGrath, Nick DeShullo, John Chambers, Evelyn Krajnik, John Montella, Bernice Watson, Susan Peppelman, Ursula Sparks, Judy Benvenger, Jerry Kester, Anthony Costa, Karen Mariniello, Elizabeth DiTomaso, Regan Sperduto, Sharon Hildick, Kathleen Fischer, Linda & Ed McDaniel, Joe & Joan Mascherino, Verna Ebright, John Murphy, Brian Allison, Harry Sperrone, Father Gregg Hickey, Betty Wenger, Lorraine Karpinski, Nicholas Pilch, Michael Goodnight, EllieMae McCreight, Michael McGovern, Gloria Williamson, Kim Cassano, Enzo Cardaroli, Sister Connie Davis, OSF, James Mack, Margaret Chaga, Cass Powers, Shawn Bedwell, Scott Moyer, Gail McCafferty, JoAnn Bezold, Linda Johnston, Hazel Neary, Frank Taylor, Norman Falkowski, Jr., Ruth Jobe, Ruth Ann Moffett, Connie Carney, Billie Hobdell, Gloria Patterson, John Grady, Bryan Snyder, Rose Liott, Betty Ann Deshullo, Gladys Kinsler, Frank Breitmayer, Mary Giambri, Velia Brill, Pasquale Mignogna, Judy Frezetti, Paula Davis, Pat Oakes, Hank Granville, Colleen Hughes, John Rossi, May Graves, Amy Calcagno, Susan Curl, Marie Barker, Veronica & Joe Egan, Helen Brogley, Judy Giovan, Kevin Neary, Tom O'Leary, Nancy Finn, Barbara Rogers

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 31</b>	Joseph Bleiler
	4:00 PM	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug 1</b>	Vicki Salvatore Smith, 23rd Annv.
	8:00 AM	Judie McGinn
	9:30 AM	Janet Kadyszewski
	11:30 AM	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug 2</b>	Ann Waring
	7:30 AM	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Aug 3</b>	George J. Ershaw
	7:30 AM	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Aug 4</b>	Denise Eileen Tulli
	7:30 AM	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Aug 5</b>	Grainne McGee
	7:30 AM	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Aug 6</b>	Leroy Phillips
	7:30 AM	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug 7</b>	Mahoney Mathues
	4:00 PM	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug 8</b>	Joseph Kane
	8:00 AM	Cornelius Dever
	9:30 AM	People of the Parish
	11:30 AM	

*PRAYERS FOR THE INFIRM: To add a name to the prayer list, please email Renee Devine@SJF71.org People remain on our prayer list for 30 days, except for those with long-term medical issues. If you wish to add a person again after 30 days, please contact the office.*

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