



Divine Mercy Parish

SACRED HEART CHURCH • ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



My child, You are
here with me
always;
everything I have is
yours. But now we
must celebrate and
rejoice, because your
brother was dead
and has come to life
again; he was lost
and has been found.

Luke 15: 31-32

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

I heard from a number of people after this past Sunday who suggested I share the homily I gave with everyone. For what it's worth, here it is. The gospel that I am reflecting on in this homily is Luke 14:25-33.

Before you read it, I'd like to acknowledge that the image of the "Discipleship Sandwich" that I use is something I found in a homily originally given by Father Paul Holmes. I take it in a different direction. Still, the image is originally his.

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We have just been served a whopper of a Discipleship Sandwich. Did you hear Jesus?

If we were to analyze this gospel text from top to bottom, looking at the beginning of it (or the top), then looking at the end of it (or the bottom) — which would make up the two slices of bread for this sandwich, and then if we look at what's in the middle, for the meat or the heart of the sandwich, we have—and many of you, I think, would agree with me in this—a very unpalatable Discipleship Sandwich.

The top slice of bread: Hate your family and yourself. The bottom slice of bread: Get rid of all your possessions. And in between them is the toughest meat imaginable: Carry your cross.

That's a lot to digest, difficult two thousand some years ago. Difficult today.

Most people I know would not voluntarily order this kind of sandwich. This, to me, is not the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time. I'd like to rename it: Really Challenging, Hard-to-Swallow-Gospel Sunday.

So what do we do with this? As is

often the case with scripture, context is important.

Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem. He knows what awaits. The established religious leaders do not like him. They want him gone. They want him dead. Still, Jesus is walking into the lion's den.

By speaking as he does, on the verge of Jerusalem, he's letting everyone know that being his follower, his disciple, is going to cost them. That's the stuff about the builder of the tower and the king marching into battle. Don't start any sort of project like those, without first counting the cost. How much of your income, your energy, your time will those projects take from you?

Discipleship is going to cost us!

Our families, if they don't believe as we do, may try to dissuade us from going to the cross with Jesus.
Our possessions may distract us from the work of salvation that's going to take place on Golgotha.

So what will equip us for journeying with Jesus as his committed disciples?

First, let me ask for a show of hands. How many here believe they know about Jesus? (Lots of us.)

You don't have to raise your hand on this next question. How many here, honestly, *know* Jesus?

When we're talking about a person, there's a difference between knowing about that person and *knowing* that person. That's what makes the difference for disciples!

Those of you who are married, would you accompany your spouse to the cross, if that's where they were going? Sure you would, because you *know* your spouse, and knowing your spouse, you love him or her. Same for your child, right?



Too often, believers only know *about* Jesus.

But they do not know him.

Too often, in religious formation programs we think what children need is an understanding of the catechism, or that they need an understanding of the history of the church. Those things are fine and good, but they don't cultivate a relationship with the Lord Jesus who died for us—for you and me, and who also rose from the dead: not "rose from the dead" back then in history, but has Risen from the dead even now in my own time, in my history, in my life.

Do I know this Lord? Is he present in my heart, and my brains, and my blood, Risen, conquering death, speaking the living Word to me such that I am on fire with the Spirit. And there's the key to this tough gospel, this Discipleship Sandwich—passion!

If I am passionate about my relationship with the Lord Jesus as the guiding light of my life, then all other things, family, possessions, job, neighbors, the needy—all fall into place.

If I am passionate about my relationship with the Lord Jesus, I will be willing to go to the Cross with him: precisely because he is with me, and because other similar, passionate disciples are also with me, on the journey.

This is what we are hoping for through Renew My Church and through Alpha.

Renew My Church is not primarily

PASTOR'S PEN (CONT'D)

about structures and organization. It's about revitalization. And a proven instrument to help effect that revitalization is *Alpha*.

What we seek to grow and form are not members of a church but disciples of Jesus who know him and therefore love him and therefore who are passionate about following him wherever he may lead us.

I'm not saying we don't have any passionate disciples within the parish. Far from it. But what I am saying is that one year from now, if, as a result of Alpha, we have twelve additional passionate disciples, then those twelve will go on to generate more passionate disciples, and so on, year by year until we are so constituted as a parish that we will partake of the rich fare that Jesus presents to us and we will realize that everything and anything good, and holy, and lifegiving is ours by the gift of God in Christ. And as a parish, we will soar and make an even bigger difference in the world than we do now.



WELCOME OUR NEW FAMILIES TO DIVINE MERCY PARISH

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Dawes
Mr. and Mrs. Michael McClurg

STEWARDSHIP GIVING

FINANCES AT A GLANCE AS OF September 8, 2019

(Combined SPA / SH Church Sites)
YTD 2019-2020 Sunday Collection \$159,279
YTD 2018-2019 Sunday Collection \$187,637

If you are not an online donor and wish to sign up, please contact Cindy Atsaves in the parish office.

Thank you for your generosity to Divine Mercy Parish!

Please note we are now posting combined actuals from both church sites.

OUR PARISH VISION STATEMENT

DIVINE MERCY PARISH IS A WELCOMING COMMUNITY THAT INSPIRES DISCIPLES OF JESUS TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE AND TRANSFORM THE WORLD.

"Our Hearts are Broken."



LISTENING SESSION ON THE CHURCH-CLERGY ABUSE SCANDAL: SEPTEMBER 16th at 7pm PARISH CENTER

Are you, or any of your friends or family members, struggling with the Church because of the abuse scandal? Stopped going to Mass? Walked away from a faith community because of it? Angry or hurt?

If you are a hurting Catholic or ex-Catholic, please consider attending a listening session about the abuse scandal on Monday night, September 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Divine Mercy Parish Center, at the corner of Gage and Burr in Winnetka. Come share your frustrations and your struggles with others. This will be a safe place where people can express their feelings. A facilitator will be present to guide us through the conversation, as well as representatives from the Archdiocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth and Victim's Assistance. This session is not expected to achieve closure, but seeks to better understand the depth of the pain, outrage and moral damage experienced by victims, those they love and those in, or estranged from the Church, that struggle with this reality.

Attendees can also learn about efforts taken to prevent such abuse from happening in the future.

ADULT FORMATION

RESPECT LIFE

That all in the Church may heed the words and example of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, who defended the human dignity of all, born and unborn, we pray to the Lord.

RESPECT LIFE AND THE WOMEN'S CENTER

The Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland serves women during pregnancy and after. Their mission is to love, support, and empower a woman, giving them the tools to choose life for herself and for her child. The Women's Center is in need of diapers in all sizes, especially 5 and 6. If you would like to contribute, please drop packages of diapers off in the vestibule of St. Philip the Apostle Church and they will be delivered and appreciated.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP

A scripture reflection group meets every Monday morning in the Sacred Heart offices after the 8:30am Mass.

We gather for one hour to read and reflect on the coming Sunday readings. We share what is in our hearts and on our minds. The Holy Spirit is always at work! No experience in scripture necessary, and everyone walks away learning something new! All are welcome—it will make your Sunday experience even more worthwhile!

ACCESS TO SACRED HEART CEMETERY IN NORTHBROOK

Visitors to the Sacred Heart cemetery can no longer access Lee Rd. from Shermer Rd., as they have for the past few months. Instead visitors must travel to the intersection of Shermer Rd. / IL 68 (Dundee Road) where they will be able to gain access to Lee Rd via a temporary road the Illinois Department of Transportation has installed.

Save the Date!

Fr. Pat McGrath, SJ



President of Loyola Academy

Join us for this thought provoking evening!

WHY BOTHER? LIVING OUR FAITH IN CHALLENGING TIMES

Tuesday, October 1st at 7:00pm

Pizza and wine/beer at 6:30pm
Divine Mercy Parish Center, Winnetka

Brought to you by the Tri-Parish Adult Formation Team from Divine Mercy, Sts. Faith Hope & Charity and Sts. Joseph & Francis Xavier

ALL ARE WELCOME!

RESPECT LIFE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

September 25 through November 3: 40 Days for Life. Stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Family Planning Associate Medical Group Women's Health Clinic (4341 N. Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60641), and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information please contact: Joe Lazar at 847-309-0360 Joe@vision2020cookcounty.comor visit our website for more information and to sign up: www.4oDaysforLife.com/Chicago

ALL YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE MASS... AND THEN SOME!



Wednesday, September 25th 7pm St. Joseph Church (Ridge and Lake) Monsignor Dan Mayall, celebrant

This is the first in an Adult Education/
Formation series at Sts. Joseph Francis
Xavier called *RCIA for Catholics*. This
series is offered to folks at large so
they might deepen their
understanding of the mass, ask
questions and share insights on
liturgy. This "teaching" mass is an
actual celebration of the mass with
moment to moment explanation.
Why do we do this? What is the priest
saying? What does this or that mean?
Where do they get the prayers and
readings?

There are deep roots and profound symbolic expression in the celebration of mass. Let this be an opportunity to deepen your understanding, ask questions and reflect on this gift of thanksgiving, mystery and experience of God we celebrate every day as Catholic Christians.

Questions: Contact Kieran Lyons at Sts. Joseph Francix Xavier at klyons@ssjfx or 847-256-4250

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER



What must one do to be a good Christian? The answer is simple: we have to do, each in our own way, what Jesus says in the Beatitudes.

ADULT FORMATION



ALPHA AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH

We believe everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

Location: **Divine Mercy Parish Center** Burr & Gage Sts in Winnetka.

Starting: Monday evening, September 23rd at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday morning, September 25th at 9:30 a.m.

Contact: Judy Pyke at jpyke@divinemercynorthshore.org or Sue Lehocky at slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org or call us at 847-446-0856.

Alpha Runs Here. www.divinemercynorthshore.org

JOIN US FOR ALPHA!

Divine Mercy invites you to participate in Alpha!

What is it? Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in an open and informal environment. Each session includes a meal, a short video and a discussion where you can share your thoughts in a small group. There's no judgement, no pressure, no charge and **it's FUN!** Alpha in the Catholic Context is run around the world, and all have three things in common: good food, a video and good conversation.

We believe Alpha is a key component of what the future holds for us as Divine Mercy parish. It's a wonderful opportunity to get to know people in our faith community, whether they are from St. Philip or Sacred Heart. Come and check it out! No matter who you are or what you believe, everyone is welcome...Catholic or not...practicing or not...or simply curious...Join us and #TryAlpha.



COMMUNITY



JOIN US!

JOIN US FOR COCKTAILS IN THE COURTYARD FRIDAY! ST. PHILIP CONVENT PATIO 6PM

Come and meet other Divine Mercy Parishioners at our casual gathering called Cocktails in the Courtyard on Friday, September 20th from 6:00-7:30pm on the patio & screened-in porch of the St. Philip convent. The convent is just west of the Church. Come enjoy a beverage along with some snacks and meet some new people in our faith community. Break out of your regular routine and chat with fellow Divine

Mercy folks!

Have kids? No problem, there is a playground right next to the convent patio, and your kids will have plenty of room to run around! **#JOINUS**



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)

In only one more week...

We will kick off a new year of Children's Ministry!

Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday, Sept. 22: Child sessions, both sites

Sunday, Sept. 29: Family Mass, 9 am Sacred Heart Church

Confirmation Enrollment and Blessing of Catechists

Sunday, Oct. 20: Child sessions, both sites

Sunday, Oct. 27: Saints Celebration, both sites

Sunday, Nov. 3: Parent/Child sessions, both sites

Sunday, Nov. 17: Service Fair, 9 am Sacred Heart site

Sunday, Nov. 24: Prayer Event, 9 am Sacred Heart site

Sunday morning Children's Ministry meets:

9-10:15 a.m. Sacred Heart campus 10:30-11:45 a.m. St. Philip's campus Family Faith Connection meets:

September 22nd, October 20th, November 17th, December 15th, January 26th, February 23rd, March 15th, April 19th

Our 8th graders are preparing for Confirmation — let's pray for them!



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!





On the anniversary of 9/11 we celebrated Mass and prayed for the families and loved ones who lost their lives on this day 18 years ago. We also welcomed our local first responders and honored them with a special blessing and procession.









HERE COME THE 3 YEAR OLDS!





Kindergarten did a taste test of three different types of honey and recorded their results in their science journals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 16th Picture Day for grades PS – 7th
Thursday, September 19th Back to School Night for PS – 5th grades 7pm



Just hanging out in 4th grade.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE - Weekend of September 21 &22, 2019

SACRED HEART CHURCH

5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Solazzo

Greeters: Patty Sanfilippo, Dan O'Rourke

Servers: Volunteers needed Lector: Ludy Mariano

EM's: Sheila Devlin, Barbara Fifer, Samuel Fifer

Cantor: Saturday Choir

7:30 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Cassidy Greeter: Volunteer needed

Servers: Andrew Southwell, Volunteer needed

Lector: Chris Lane

EMs: Bernadette Broccolo, Nancy Kehoe

Cantor: Tim Stadler

9:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Semmer

Greeters: Volunteers needed

Servers: Joe Drehkoff, Quinn Drehkoff

Lector: Chris Hartman

EMs: Ann Marie Kiener, Robert Maganuco, Volunteer

needed

Cantor: Shannon Barker Keys

10:30 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Semmer

Greeters: Jim Harrington, Edward Kuffert
Servers: Matthew Compton, Volunteer needed

Lector: Barbara Anderson

EMs: Kay Madden, Marion Powers, A.J. Leonard,

Catherine Lehman, Volunteers needed

Cantor: Sacred Heart Choir

4:30 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Cassidy
Greeter: Volunteer needed

Servers: Charlotte O'Bryan, Lindsay Minoque

Lector: Dan Kubasiak

EMS: James Collins, Dan Hagedorn, Deb Kubasiak

Cantor: Matt Mieling

MINISTERS OF CARE

Lake Cook: Catherine Lehman
Glen Oaks: Jose Vargas, Frieda Baker

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Mary Breen, Mary Claps, Maureen Claps, Marilyn Hielscher,

Marty Kearney, Anna Koberda, Michael Koberda,

Diana Scheeler, Tom Carroll

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

5:30 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Lanza (Deacon McNulty preaching)

Servers: Volunteers Needed Lector: Annmarie Gesualdo

Ems: Judy Meade, John Meade, Bobbie Weiss Ushers: Charlie Orth, Tom Stegich, Gino D'Egidio

7:30 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Solazzo Servers: Volunteer needed Lector: Steve Clingan

EMs: Caroline Duppler, Elsie DiCesare, Jane Clark

Ushers: Joe Pacini, Greg Clingan

9:30 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Lanza (Deacon McNulty preaching)

Servers: Volunteers needed Lector: Steve Thordarson

EMs: Diana Scheeler, Gerry Schroeder, Jean Kane Ushers: Tom Andersen, Fred Steinemann, Patrick Krohn,

Gene Nowak

PLEASE PRAY

For Those Who Are Sick

The following people suffer from illness or chronic conditions.

They have asked for the prayers of our parish family.

Please remember them to the Lord.

Mark Agnew, Jeannie Ambrose, Michael Anderson, Jim Baisley, Dorothy Banas, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Sande Bolan, Paula Brady, Dennis Braun, Wendy Braun, Luciana Butera, Milly Calabrese, Kierre Caldwell, Patt Carlson, Patricia Catarello, Teresa Chapman, Kelly Bolan Chevalier, Tim Doll, Rick Doucette, David and Mary Ann Duerwachter, Maureen Dwyer, Timothy Feeney, Reese Felderman, John Flynn, Lisa Franke, Lydia Gatton, Benjamin Grillo, Philip Hall, Laura Hendricks, John Hoerster, Nancy Holihan, Mario Iturino, Cindy Jatis, Emily Jatis, Sean Jatis, Tom Jatis, Becky Jones, Philip Jones, Marge Kalsch, Carol O'Leary Kane, Edward Kennedy, Ginny Kunkel, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Anne Lesniak, John Madden, Drew Mans, Jackson Mans, Matthew Morgan, Beth O'Brien, Sally O'Malley, Shirley Rood, Ennio Rossi, Mary Sabo, Donna Sabido, Dick Schager, Catherine Scheid, Mary Shepherd, Judy Sokal, Bob Southwell, Mary Tatro, Eleanor Valvassori, Linda Walsh, Julie Wright, Lisa Zitella and Dr. Jerome Zwierzycki

For Those Who Have Died

May the souls of the faithfully departed, Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Shirley Rood, mother of Lisa Lesniak

MASS INTENTIONS

SACRED HEART

Monday, September 16

7:00 am- Edmond Garvey Madden 8:30 am-

Tuesday, September 17

7:00 am-8:30 am-

Wednesday, September 18

7:00 am –

8:30 am- Robert "Bob" Foley

Thursday, September 19

7:00 am-8:00 am-

Friday, September 20

7:00 am - William Flocco 8:30 am – Patricia A. Hart

Saturday, September 21

8:30am- Liza Madden 5:00 pm –Rowland and Rosemary Hoffman The Joan Ryan Family

Sunday, September 22

7:30 am - In memory of Chuck Benda Frank and Teresa D'Astici 9:00 am - Parishioners of Divine Mercy Jim O'Toole Dan O'Meara 10:30 am- Shaku Mali 4:30 pm - James Ryan

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE

Monday, September 16

8:ooam – Emma May Dietz

Tuesday, September 17

8:00am –Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, September 18

8:ooam – Robert Marschall

Thursday, September 19

8:ooam – Sammy Galioto

Friday, September 20

8:ooam-Irena Koberda

Saturday, September 21

8:00 am-Daniel J. McNamara 5:30 pm-John F. Flynn Jr.

Sunday, September 22

7:30 am-Seymour Brown 9:30 am-Parishioners of Divine Mercy Robert Hutchings

THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

Monday, September 16

Scripture Reflection Group 9:00am / SH Parish Office Fireplace room SLT Meeting 12:00pm / SH PO CR

Tuesday, September 17

Crafty Ladies 9:00am / SPA Convent Prayer Group 9:00am / SH Fireplace Rm

Wednesday, September 18

Thursday, September 19

Friday, September 20

Organizational Meeting for Pancake Breakfast 9:00am / SPA JPII Holy Hour 3:00pm / SPA Cocktails in the Courtyard 6:00pm / SPA

Saturday, September 21

Men's International Study Group 7:30am

Sunday, September 22

Alpha Witness Talks at all Masses Children's Ministry Sessions 9:00am / SH School, Gym & Parish Center Children's Ministry Sessions 10:30am / SH School, Gym & Parish Center Family Faith Connection 5:00pm / SH PCR

SACRAMENTS

Sacraments can be scheduled at either church. Arrangements should be made through the main office at Sacred Heart.

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday—3:00-5:00pm (SP) Saturday—9:00-9:30am (SH) Saturday—5:00-5:15pm (SP) or by appointment

BAPTISM

By appointment. Please call the main parish office or visit our website for the requisite forms.

MARRIAGE

Contact the main parish office 6 months prior to the anticipated date of the marriage.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the main parish office to arrange for the sacrament for the seriously ill and homebound.

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Continue to create ads for special events like A Moveable Feast, Oktoberfest or NiteLites. We simply ask you incorporate the Corbel font style when you are able. Please submit all items to divinemercybulletins@gmail.com.

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