



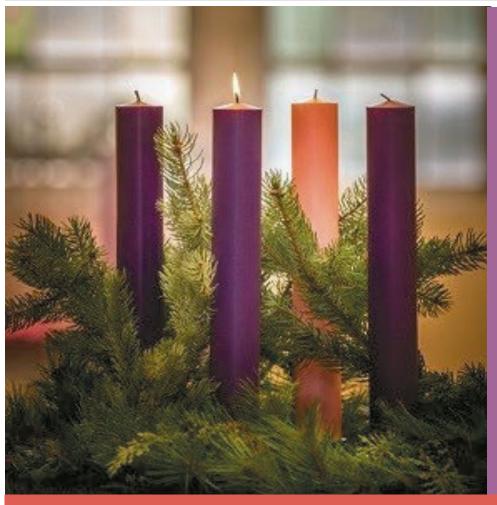


Divine Mercy Parish

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

HOPE

Lord,

Make us turn to
you; let us see
your face and we
shall be saved.

The Beginning of the Year of Grace

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

THE START OF THE YEAR OF GRACE

This weekend we embark upon Advent. This special, short season prepares us to celebrate the nativity of the Lord at Christmas and the ensuing season which sees the feasts of the Holy Family, Mary, Mother of God, Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord.

Advent also marks the start of the Church year, the year of grace as it unfolds through the liturgy. Where would we be without liturgy?

We don't have far to look. Check out those who do not attend weekend Mass (in person or via livestream/TV), or who do not attend a Protestant service or those who are absent from the synagogue.

Those individuals or families observe their own type of ritualized behavior, whether it's the weekly sporting event of their children or Sunday night football on TV, or the weekly "whatever." Insert any habitual behavior for "whatever" and arrive at a homegrown ritual that gets people through the week, the month, the year.

I believe those who are connected to a Church or a synagogue or a mosque are better off than those without organized religion in their life. At the minimum, those who attend some form of religious service weekly are raising their minds and hearts to another level, gaining a divine perspective on the activities of the week

I know people claim to nurture their spirituality by walking in the park or along the lakefront. This is true to a certain extent.

But how much better is it to elevate one's reflection through the word of God so that one's spirituality is challenged by that sacred text versus rehashing the same old concerns and conversations that arise from within one's own mind and heart? The scriptural word takes us beyond ourselves.

In the Catholic world, we also have the challenge and comfort of the Eucharist to broaden that internal spiritual conversation. We believe that when we open ourselves to the word of God we are prepared to celebrate the Eucharist in a worthy manner, a fruitful manner.

With this Advent, we begin the liturgical cycle once again. This time, Luke's gospel will predominate. If you are attending Sunday Mass from now till the feast of Christ the King next November, you will have heard the entirety of Luke's gospel account.



Luke follows the same general outline as do Mark and Matthew. In Luke, however, we get charming details around the infancy narrative of Jesus. We also get many descriptions of meals that Jesus has throughout his public ministry.

If you only read Luke's gospel and not the others, you'd think Jesus loves a good meal. He does, when it's in the company of people who hunger for his message, especially the sinners and tax-collectors of his day.

Even though Jesus is the guest in other people's houses, he truly is the host in that he brings the message of healing, mercy and salvation to those most in need of it. Father Eugene LaVerdiere, a Lucan scholar, wrote a bestseller on Luke's gospel entitled "Dining in the Kingdom of God."



Encapsulated in that title is a great image, I think. Every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we dine in the kingdom of God. From that sacred meal, we are sent forth into the world to be agents provocateur of God's kingdom.

As the year of grace unfolds, let us stir things up in the world, bringing the Good News to others by ourselves being good news!

A blessed Advent to you all!



A THANK YOU NOTE FROM FR. DAN

Dear Divine Mercy Family,

My heartfelt Thanks for your uplifting cards, encouraging messages and especially your prayers for my recovery. They are deeply appreciated and brighten my days as I slowly get stronger.

Our God is truly amazing and I feel enormously blessed to be a part of the awesome Community of Faith at Divine Mercy. May our Gracious God bless you

and your families a thousand-fold for your kindness!

Gratefully,







TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

We created a Christmas Sharing page on our website, where you can "sign up" for one or more gift cards that will be distributed to the parishioners of St. Benedict the African & St. Moses the Black. JUST CLICK HERE (if you're reading online) or scan the QR Code below.

Many thanks to all those who have already donated!

HERE'S WHAT TO DO NEXT:

- 1) Sign-up for a gift card on our website (link above) or call the parish office at 847-881-6664 if you don't have access to a computer.**
- 2) You need to purchase the gift card at your favorite store (in person or online). Please provide the verification slips as well.
- 3) Place gift card(s) in an envelope marked "Christmas Sharing (fill in the name of the Sharing Parish)"
- 4) Drop it at Mass, **or** at the parish office at Sacred Heart Church, or send them via snail mail to: Divine Mercy Parish

1077 Tower Rd. Winnetka, IL 60093 Attn: Christmas Sharing

DEADLINES:

- St. Moses cards are due Monday, December 6th.
- **St. Benedict the African** cards are due by **Thursday, January 6th**. Two deliveries to St. Benedict will take place: one before Christmas, and one after.

**You'll notice the gifts cards are different for each Sharing Parish. The larger amounts for St. Moses replace the multitude of gifts that have been purchased for each family in the past. The variety of stores and amounts for St. Benedict reflect their needs throughout the entire year (not just at Christmas).

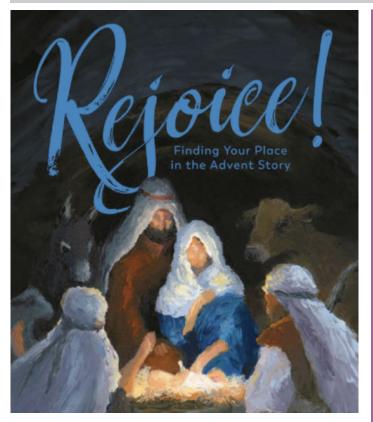
Thank you for participating in the Great Gift Card Challenge! Our sharing parishes are so grateful for your generosity!!







PRAYER AND WORSHIP



FAITH SHARING GROUPS FOR ADVENT

What does God want this Advent? Simple. **He wants you.** He wants a personal encounter with you. Our Virtual Café this Advent will help you open your heart to the peace and joy of the Advent season as you prepare for the coming of Jesus this Christmas.

A way that Divine Mercy is seeking to prepare for Jesus' birth and experience true transformation in the season of Advent is by engaging with a program from Ascension - *Rejoice! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story*. We will explore the places, meet the people, and experience the events that shaped the first Advent, find our place in the story, and experience this sacred season in a new way.

Intro & Session 1: Watch on your own - video provided. Sessions 2-4: Short video, followed by conversation. Zoom options: Thursday evenings 12/2 -12/16, 7-8 p.m. or Friday mornings 12/3 – 12/17, 9:30-10:30 a.m. New in-person option with Judy Pyke: Wednesday mornings 12/1 - 12/15, 11am-Noon at St. Philip's John Paul II Room next to the church.

Want to join? <u>Sign up here</u>, use this QR code, or contact Sue Lehocky at 847-446-0856 or

<u>slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org</u>. An accompanying journal is available in limited quantities. For copies, contact Sue as well.



Would you like to host your own small group in person? Email or call Sue to let her know.

CONTEMPLATIVE AMBIENCE INTRODUCED AT THE 4:30 P.M. MASS

With the earlier darkness and the liturgical focus of Advent just weeks away, we have introduced a contemplative ambience to the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Elements of this contemplative ambience include dim, softer lighting with the use of candles to enhance our worship space, music that is more chant or Taizé like, and a tone that encourages us to slow down and focus our attention on the presence of the Lord around us and within us. Contemplation calms our mind and spirit. Thus, it can help us relieve worries and stress. It also leaves room for our mind to wander and then



to focus again. This helps us clarify our thoughts and invites the Holy Spirit to enrich our prayer. This also is easily accomplished with the familiar text and responses of the Mass. It will provide a wonderful way to center us in our activities for the coming weeks during this busy time of year.

You'll notice a few changes to the Mass that will help create

this new ambience and help us to dwell deeply in Christ's presence around and within us. We encourage you to limit conversation with other worshipers around you as soon as you enter your pew. You'll notice the Priest (and Deacon if he is present) will already be seated on the altar, sitting still, listening to the Lord. The assembly is invited to do the same. The Entrance Song is started, and when indicated by the Priest, we are invited to stand and begin with the

familiar words "In the name of the Father ...". The other parts of the Mass remain unchanged. They simply incorporate this theme of contemplation.

We invite you to come experience the "new" 4:30 p.m. Mass, and dwell in the quiet love of the Lord.



OUTREACH THANKYOUS

NEW DATES ADDED

Fr. John Kartje Bible Study!

Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Dec 1 & 15 / Jan 12 & 26

Feb 9 & 23 / Mar 9 & 23

Apr 6 & 20 / May 4 & 18

Divine Mercy Parish Center

at Sacred Heart



JOIN US!

Rector and President of Mundelein Seminary/University of St. Mary of the Lake, Fr. Kartje was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago in 2002.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics, a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics in 1987, and a Ph.D. in Astronomy and Astrophysics in 1995 from the University of Chicago. In addition, he earned a Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Catholic University of America in 2010.

NEW DATES ABOVE!

Register below or scan the QR code. This helps us plan for the number of tables we need. Thank you!

https:// www.signupgenius.com/ go/8050f49a8ad28abfb6bible1



FINANCE

WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

Your legacy is a reflection of your values and must be cultivated through thoughtful planning.

If you want your assets to be given to the people and charities you care deeply about after your passing, then it's important for you to establish a formal estate plan. Your estate includes everything you own, regardless of size.

If you have already included a gift to support our parish, school or the archdiocese, please let us know about your generous gift so you can ensure that your wishes are carried out as you intend.

Consult an attorney and financial advisor when creating your estate plan. For more information, please contact Michelle Wasielewski, Our Director of Operations at mwasielewski@divinemercynorthshore.org or 847-446-0856.



THANK YOU

Many thanks to all of you who graciously donated items on Thanksgiving for A Just Harvest's kitchen pantry. They are so grateful to Divine Mercy for your continued support as they work to feed the hungry in Roger's Park.



THANK YOU

Thanks to all who contributed to our Hunger Hero collection this month which benefited the Northfield Township Food Pantry. (New Trier has asked us to delay through the holidays and resume collections in the new year.)



THANKS FROM ST. MOSES

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped out at the St. Moses the Black Food Pantry the day before Thanksgiving. Your help was so appreciated by Fr. Matt and the clients of the Food Pantry.

Thanks as well to all the Children's Ministry families who donated funds to purchase turkeys for the Food Pantry, and collected non-perishable food for their Thanksgiving distribution. Thank you for your generosity!!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

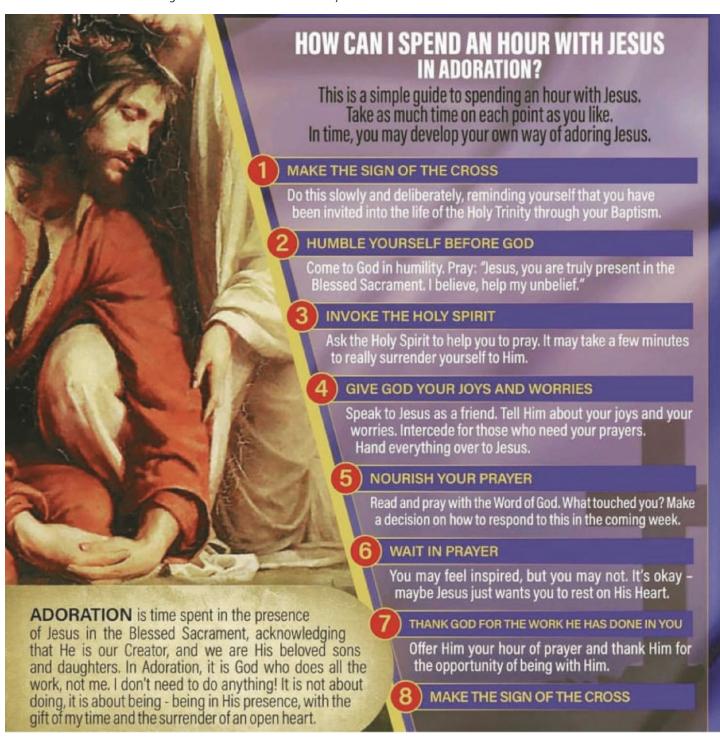
JOIN US FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT BOTH OUR CHURCHES DURING DECEMBER

Join us on Wednesday afternoons at Sacred Heart Church from 2-3:00 p.m. for Adoration and recitation of the Rosary. (*Note, there will be no Adoration December 22nd or 29th*.)

We'll also gather at St. Philip the Apostle Church on Friday mornings after the 8:00 a.m. Mass (typically 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.) for Adoration and recitation of the Rosary as well. (*Note, there will be no Adoration December 24th or December 31st*)

Our faith community also gathers at St. Philip the Apostle on Tuesday mornings after the 8:00 a.m. Mass to say the Rosary.

We hope you'll join us, and spend some time with Jesus. Our world and our Church need so many prayers today! We've included a wonderful guide below for those who may be new to Eucharistic Adoration.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!





There is nothing better than celebrating 50 DAYS OF KINDERGARTEN than with a milk shake!



The 3rd graders are learning about architecture by recreating a famous tower with Goobi tools!













CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)



Our Turkey Got His Feathers

A major thank you to our children and their parents for giving our turkey his feathers. We raised almost \$1,200 to provide turkeys for St. Moses the Black Food Pantry. More than 500 people were served this Thanksgiving. Our families also brought in cranberry, pumpkin, stuffing, corn, sweet potatoes, cornbread, gravy, potatoes — all the sides! In addition, our Confirmation candidates made 120 lunches for Connections for the Homeless.

We're cooking!

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In!

Our Confirmation candidates held a Saints Fair, providing them an opportunity to research their saint. Their saint typically is the name they select as their Confirmation name. The children learn about the lives of these saints, what they are known for, the amazing things they did, and their deep faith. They also tell all the children and parents at the fair why they feel drawn to the life of this saint. It's special! Our younger children celebrate by making their own Saint crown, which aptly says their name and "saint in the making!"







Catechist Sam Fifer, left, led a discussion about Jesus during a recent Family Faith Connections gathering.

Director of Communications Judy Pyke, above, leads a tour of the sanctuary and sacristy. Judy has led parent and student tours this fall. They love them!

Engaged in our Catholic Faith

Catechist and active parishioner Sam Fifer led a thought-provoking discussion on the Alpha video "Jesus: Who Is He?" for our Family Faith parents, reminding them that they are the primary catechists of their children's faith and that the home is the very first church the children know.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

December 4, 2021 SACRED HEART CHURCH 5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. John Kartje

December 5, 2021

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

8:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

December 5, 2021 SACRED HEART CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

December 5, 2021 SACRED HEART CHURCH

4:30 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the **Most Holy Sacrament.**

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, please come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you now

as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

MINISTERS OF CARE

Given restrictions of nursing homes in the State of Illinois, the constraints of safety protocols of the Archdiocese, and the fact that the majority of our volunteers fall into the vulnerable category, home visits by Ministers of Care cannot be made at this time. If your loved one is seriously ill or near death, and in need of the Sacrament of the Sick / Last Rites, please contact the parish office at 847-446-**0856.** One of our priests will respond to your call. Please leave a message!!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTOR ASSIGNMENTS:

December 4, 2021 Sacred Heart Church 5:00 p.m. Minister Needed

December 5, 2021 St. Philip the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Liz Harvey

December 5, 2021 Sacred Heart Church

10:00 a.m. Catherine Boyle

December 5, 2021 Sacred Heart Church 4:30 p.m. Minister Needed

As we increase the use of ministers in our liturgies please let Ron Vanasdlen know of your interest in the ministry of Lector, Sacristan, and/or Altar Servers for either daily or weekend Masses. Those in grades 9-12 are welcome to minister at the 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass. Please contact him via email rvanasdlen@divinemercynorthshore.org

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, Donald Blair, Dennis Braun, Ronald Braun, Wendy Braun, Patt Carlson, John Coyne, Mary Beth Fellinger, Lisa Marie Franke, Paul Greco, Benjamin Grillo, June Hocter, Jack Hogan, Sarah Hyde, Mario Iturino, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Rosaleen Mazur, Beth O'Brien and Eleanor Valvassori

For Those Who Have Died

May the souls of faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Readings for the week of November 28, 2021

Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, Sunday:

10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Monday:

Mt 8:5-11

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/ Tuesday:

Mt 4:18-22

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/ Wednesday:

Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a

[26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: ls 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

[cf. ls 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-

6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-

MASS INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK AT BOTH SACRED HEART AND ST. PHILIP

MONDAY, November 29 (SH) 8:00 a.m. - Sheila Berner

TUESDAY, November 30 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Marilyn Hielscher

WEDNESDAY, December 1 (SH) 8:30 a.m. - Jeannie Balsam

THURSDAY, December 2 (SH) 8:00 a.m. - Knud & Connie Nielson

FRIDAY, December 3 (SPA) 8:00 a.m. - John Flynn

SATURDAY, December 4 (SH) 5:00 p.m. - Frank & Teresa D'Astici

SUNDAY, December 5 8:00 a.m. (SPA) - John Flynn and Parishioners of Divine Mercy 10:00 a.m.(SH) - The Mariano Family 4:30 p.m. (SH) - Roberta Olshansky

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like a Mass said for a loved one? Just call Megan Nolan at our office at 847-446-0856, and she'll be able to help you. You can also email Megan at

megan@divinemercynorthshore.org

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER

The world needs Christians who know how to demonstrate the beauty of the Gospel by the way they live; who are weavers of dialogue, models of fraternal life; who bring the sweet fragrance of hospitality and solidarity, who protect and safeguard life.

THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

Meetings at Divine Mercy are gradually returning. Check with the parish office for the most up to date information.

SACRAMENTS

Please call the Parish Office at 847-446-0856 for information regarding Sacraments, or visit our website at www.divinemercynorthshore.org.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at both of our worship sites. Sacred Heart Church offers the Sacrament on Saturday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and at St. Philip the Apostle Church on Wednesday afternoons with Fr. Javier Del Castillo from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. And there is no need to make a reservation!

Please know that if it has been a while since your last confession, "Do not be afraid!" (Matthew 14:27). *The priest will help guide you*.

A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. (Rite of Penance, no. 45)

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

That those who suffer from diseases of the mind or body may trust in God's continuing love for them and experience God's healing presence, we pray to the Lord.

DO YOU HAVE A BULLETIN SUBMISSION?

Please adhere to the following specifications when submitting an item for the bulletin. The deadline is Tuesday, 9:00am for the following Sunday.

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Avoid outlining text boxes, if you can.

Continue to create ads for special events like Nite Lites. We simply ask you incorporate the Corbel font style when you are able. Please submit all items to:

divinemercybulletins@gmail.com

DIVINE MERCY OFFICE

Our office currently is open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can reach us by calling 847-446-0856.

You can also reach any staff member via email. You can find that directory on the next page.

Office Address:

Divine Mercy Parish 1077 Tower Rd. Winnetka, IL 60093

WORSHIP AIDS FOR MASS

Worship aids for Mass can be found on our website, which you can download before you come to Mass or scan this QR code with your smart phone camera to access it at church or at home so that you can follow along.

NOTE: all four Masses will appear, so you'll need to scroll to the Mass you are attending.



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