





DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

DECEMBER 5, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PEACE

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CHRISTMAS EVE
SACRED HEART CHURCH
3:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m. (CAROLS 9:30 p.m.)

CHRISTMAS DAY 10:30 A.M.



CHRISTMAS EVE ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH 5:00 p.m.

> CHRISTMAS DAY 9:00 A.M. WITH BISHOP MARK BARTOSIC

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

DISCIPLESHIP AND ADVENT

If you've heard a few of my homilies over the past couple of years you know that I speak about being disciples a lot. By faith we have inherited the mantle of discipleship from those original Twelve disciples of Jesus.

To my mind, there is nothing more important than being a disciple of Jesus. It implies that we have a close relationship with him. The Lord is a person whom we follow and to whom we relate as we follow him.

This, in turn, means that we are not embracing an idea or a program. We are embracing a person who is Risen, alive and well, Someone to whom we can relate right here and right now.

Jesus is not merely an historical figure that we read about who lived long ago. He is living because he is Risen and he is present in our lives through the action of the Holy Spirit. He promised us, his disciples, to be with us always; he would not abandon us.

How do we cultivate this living relationship with the Lord Jesus? There are a whole bunch of avenues and tools available for us to do so in our Catholic tradition.

- We can read and study Scripture, especially the New Testament.
- We can join a small faith-sharing group for support and help in living the Christian life.
- We can celebrate sacraments, especially Reconciliation and the

Eucharist.

- We can dedicate a portion of each day to prayer using formulaic prayers from our tradition, like the Rosary, or we can peruse the words of Scripture, or we can simply talk to God as we would a friend.
- We can engage in spiritual direction.
- We can go on a retreat.
- We can keep a spiritual journal.
- We can learn about the lives of the saints.
- We can read and explore all sorts of useful spiritual books.

These are just a few ideas on deepening our discipleship and finetuning our relationship with the Lord Jesus. As with any relationship, it takes work and energy and development over time.

Our discipleship is not something that will ever be perfected in this life. We will get distracted. We will go off course. We will even sometimes keep

Jesus at bay, like we do with other friends of ours.

The good news is that the journey of discipleship never stops. It is a journey of a lifetime.

That's one of the meanings of Advent.

The journey of discipleship is never accomplished. The whole

point is that it is precisely a journey. It will have twists and turns, like any relationship. It will morph, and grow, and mature even as we ourselves morph and grow and mature over the years.

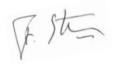
Advent is only four weeks. But it can be a powerful four weeks that lead us to the joy of Christmas and the celebration of God being born in our lives.

The liturgical season of Advent is only



four weeks. But our looking forward as disciples to the fullness of Christ and his kingdom is a life-time adventure, an adventure that, for us, will not stop this side of heaven.

A blessed Advent to you!



Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. Regular School Mass at Sacred Heart Church Noon at St. Philip the Apostle Church 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church

GREETINGS 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!



TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR CHRISTMAS SHARING!

DONATIONS FOR ST. MOSES ARE DUE TOMORROW!

Visit our Christmas Sharing page on our website, and "sign up" for one or more gift cards that will be distributed to 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 mail to: Divine Mercy Parish

1077 Tower Rd.

Winnetka, IL 60093

Attn: Christmas Sharing

DEADLINES:

- •St. Moses cards are due Tomorrow 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 parishioner needs throughout the entire year (not just at Christmas).

Thank you for participating! Our sharing parishes are so grateful!!







PRAYER AND WORSHIP

JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT! DECEMBER 12, 2021, 9:30 A.M. ST. PHILIP CHURCH

We hope you'll join fellow parishioners in experiencing our Children's Ministry Christmas Pageant this year, featuring our third and fourth graders. They have worked so hard to prepare the way of the Lord and share the Good News of the birth of the Christ Child with us. Come give them the support and recognition they so richly deserve!

A reception in the Church lobby will follow. Join us!



NEW DATES ADDED



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.

JOIN US FOR OUR NEW CONTEMPLATIVE MASS ON SUNDAYS AT 4:30 P.M. AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

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. 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.

NEW BIBLE STUDY DATES!

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



https://www.signupgenius.com/ qo/8o5of49a8ad28abfb6-bible1

OUTREACH

THANKSGIVING AT ST. MOSES THE BLACK

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 their pastor, Fr. Matt and the clients of the Food Pantry. It was wonderful to gather in the Church to receive a blessing from Cardinal Cupich before the food distribution began. And even the press was there to capture the day, and our own Patrick Smylie, age 9, was quoted in the Chicago Sun Times! Click here to read the article, or see the QR code below.

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!!











COMMUNITY



...AND IT'S NAME TAG SUNDAY!

Join Us Next
Weekend...for
hospitality after the
8am Mass
at St. Philip,
the 9:30am
Christmas Pageant
at St. Philip,
and the 10am Mass
at Sacred Heart

HELLO

Mary



OPENS SAT. DEC. 4 7:30AM

2022-2023 EARLY CHILDHOOD APPLICATION

EARLY CHILDHOOD APPLICATIONS FOR SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPEN

Applications for 3 year old Preschool, 4 year old Junior Kindergarten (1:30 or 3:00pm dismissal) & full day Kindergarten fpr the 2022-2023 school year will be accepted online beginning Saturday, 12/4 at 7:30am. To experience what makes Sacred Heart School special, schedule a private tour at www.shwschool.org.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

JOIN US FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT BOTH OUR CHURCHES DURING DECEMBER Why not spend some time with Jesus during Advent this year?

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*.)

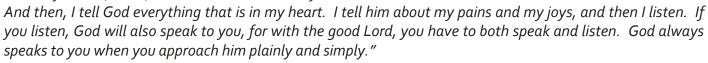
We'll also gather at St. Philip the Apostle Church on Friday mornings after the 8:00 a.m. Mass (typically 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.) for Adoration and recitation of the Rosary as well. (*Note, there will be no Adoration December 24th or December 31st*)

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!

Did you Know? The Saints Encourage Us to Go to Adoration. Learn from their Experiences.

"Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to him, 'Lord, I am here. Tell me what you would have me to do'...



- St. Catherine Labouré

The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

"Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. True, Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, for He has made the promise, 'Ask, and you shall receive,' but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament will obtain a more abundant measure of grace."

- St. Alphonsus Liquori

O Christ, let my greatest delight be to see You loved and Your praise and glory proclaimed, especially the honor of Your mercy. O Christ, let me glorify Your goodness and mercy to the last moment of my life, with every drop of my blood and every beat of my

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

heart. Would that I be transformed into a hymn of adoration of You. When I find myself on my deathbed, may the last beat of my heart be a loving hymn glorifying Your unfathomable mercy. Amen.

- St. Faustina

SACRED HEART SCHOOL



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!





Our Early Childhood students celebrated the first week of Advent by lighting the candle representing HOPE. Followed by a story about Advent. It was fun having our families here to celebrate with us!



JK read the story *God Gave Us Angels* by Lisa Tawn Bergen & talked about Angels and how they help protect us and help God. Afterwards the students made letter A angels!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)



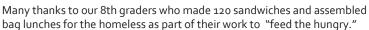
Please Join Us for
Our Children's Ministry Christmas Pageant
9:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 12, 2021
St. Philip the Apostle Church

One of the most cherished traditions at Sacred Heart and St. Philip the Apostle is the Christmas Pageant and this year we are working hard to combine our best rituals with a special, new Divine Mercy Parish Pageant. Watching many of our 3rd and 4th grade children perform the beautiful Nativity story with everyone singing carols is what Christmas is all about! Families will receive a special Advent Blessing! All children, families and parishioners are welcome. There will be no Children's Ministry session that day, so you are especially encouraged to come to the Pageant! Treats will be available for the children!











PRAYER AND WORSHIP

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

December 11, 2021 SACRED HEART CHURCH 5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Lanza

December 12, 2021

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

8:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Kartje

December 12, 2021SACRED HEART CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Kartje

December 12, 2021 SACRED HEART CHURCH

4:30 p.m.

Presider: Fr. 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 11, 2021 Sacred Heart Church 5:00 p.m. Barbara Anderson

December 12, 2021 St. Philip the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Jim Dietz

December 12, 2021 Sacred Heart Church **10:00 a.m. Dan Kubasiak**

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December 12, 2021 Sacred Heart Church **4:30 p.m.** Lily Hartvigsen

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, Elaine Boback, Dennis Braun, Ronald Braun,

Wendy Braun, John Coyne, Mary Beth Fellinger,

Lisa Marie Franke, Paul Greco, Benjamin Grillo, June Hocter,

Jack Hogan, Sarah Hyde, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Rosaleen Mazur,

Teresa McNamara

For Those Who Have Died

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

Patt Carlson Anne Marie Jurayi

Readings for the week of December 5, 2021

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

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14

[cf. ls 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf.

Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph

1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab

[8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/

Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-

19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/ls12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/

Lk 3:10-1

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, December 6 (SH) 8:00 a.m. - Charlotte "Char" Adashek

TUESDAY, December 7 (SPA) 8:00 a.m. - Mary Lou Colfer

WEDNESDAY, December 8 (SH) 8:30 a.m. - James Harrington, Jr. 12:00p.m. (SPA) Brian Blair 6:00p.m. (SH) Phil Alexander

THURSDAY, December 9 (SH) 8:00 a.m. - Petie Oldfield

FRIDAY, December 10 (SPA) 8:00 a.m. - Madge and Betsy Dorsey

SATURDAY, December 11 (SH) 5:00 p.m. - The Coradini Family

SUNDAY, December 12 8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Bill Kelly 10:00 a.m.(SH) - The Koepfgen Family and Parishioners of Divine Mercy

4:30 p.m. (SH) - W. Curt Martini, Jr.

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

Service makes our talents bear fruit and gives meaning to our lives. Those who do not live to serve, serve for little in this 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 governments may be inspired by the words of the prophets to promote justice, mercy, and peace, , 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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