



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

DECEMBER 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



JOY

My Soul
Rejoices in
my God!

MAKE YOUR PLANS!

SACRED HEART CHURCH
CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00 P.M.

5:00 P.M.

10:00 P.M. (CAROLS 9:30 P.M.)

CHRISTMAS DAY
10:30 A.M.



ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE
CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 P.M.

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

The parish is slowly putting together what we're calling a "discipleship pathway" for those adults among us who want to either embark upon or deepen their intentional following of Jesus. Obviously, once begun, this is a life-long task.

In the pursuit of that task there are many different and creative ways folks can cultivate their relationship with Jesus such that it becomes more and more intentional and more and more transparent in their lives. In fact, I wrote about various means to do so in last week's bulletin.

This weekend, I'd like to follow up a bit on this notion of a discipleship pathway by sharing with you my own experience of *Rejoice!*

That's the title of a short booklet that our small faith-sharing groups are using this Advent season to guide the discussion as they meet in their groups. We've got a handful of small groups meeting these days totalling about 40 people who are using this resource.

Given my schedule, I'm not able to meet in one of the small groups but I do have the booklet and I use it every morning after I finish praying the Liturgy of the Hours/Morning Prayer. I'm really loving this little book.

It's opened a whole new avenue of prayer for me. By the grace of God, the exercises in the booklet have been a big help to me as I've traveled through these Advent days. I especially like the scripture selections and the reflection questions. I have also quickly come to enjoy the space in the booklet for journaling in response to the questions.

Journaling is not something I have done to a great extent. I have never kept a diary. But I'm taking to these exercises these days. Apparently, it's meeting a spiritual need and, I like to think, improving my intentional

following of the Lord as I reflect upon the movement of the Spirit in my life.

Pope Benedict XVI, in meeting with youth in Rome before the Twenty-First World Youth Day (April 6, 2006), said this:

It is necessary to enter into real friendship with Jesus in a personal relationship with him and not to know who Jesus is only from others or from books, but to live an ever deeper personal relationship with Jesus, where we can begin to understand what he is asking of us. And then, the awareness of what I am, of my possibilities: on the one hand, courage, and on the other, humility, trust and openness.

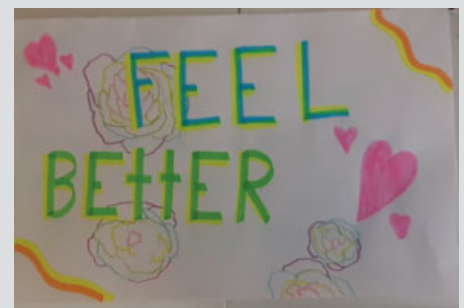
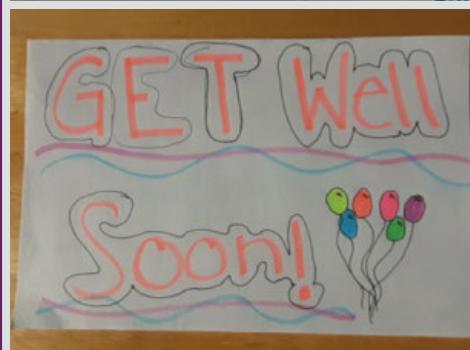
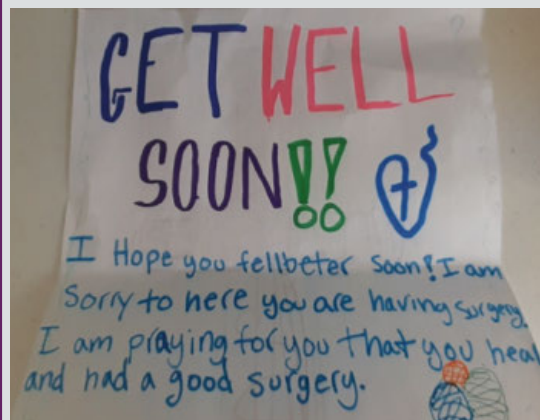
I hope that you are able to engage in a courageous spiritual practice this Advent which deepens your relationship



to the Lord Jesus in such a way that he becomes even more present in your life than he has been, a practice that is filled with humility, trust and openness. Even if you're not using *Rejoice!* but some other resource or method of prayer, scripture reflection, or a combination thereof, may this Advent bring you closer to Jesus and to his community of disciples, the Church. May you travel this Advent prepared for the coming celebration of Christmas.

FR. DAN SHARES SOME NOTES!

Fr. Dan so loved receiving all the get well notes from our young people that he wanted to share some with us. Enjoy! And you may see Fr. Dan greeting after some of the Masses today as he eases back into his regular routines.



**JOIN US TODAY FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!
SUNDAY DECEMBER 12th at 9:30 a.m.
AT ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE 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!



**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.

**BIBLE STUDY MEETS
THIS WEEK!
NOTE NEW
BIBLE STUDY DATES**

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805of49a8ad28abfb6-bible1>



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MEN'S SILENT RETREAT COMING IN JANUARY: SAVE THE DATE!

October 8-10, 2021

WITH FR. MICHAEL SPAROUGH, SJ AND
FR. BERNIE OWENS, SJ



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January 21-23, 2022

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FR. MICHAEL SPAROUGH, SJ

Men's Silent, Weekend Retreats: Discerning Your Decisions in the Ignatian Tradition ~ Come Away to the Quiet ~

Drawing on insights from his book **What's Your Decision?**, Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ will present an Ignatian tool kit for discernment and decision making, leading us in a series of prayer exercises designed to help us listen to God.

We live in stressful times.

Occasionally it's necessary to stop and smell the roses, to get away from the busyness and pressure, to take time to discern where we are headed.

Please join the men of Divine Mercy Parish on a weekend retreat at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House. Private rooms, wonderful meals and the opportunity to pray, walk the beautiful grounds, even take an afternoon nap.

Questions? Please call:

Bob Berner at 847-446-5601 | Tom Hession at 312-343-7666 | Steve Thordarson at 847-902-1624 | Mike McNulty at 224-217-1505

420 W County Line Rd | Barrington, IL 60010 | 847-381-1261
www.JesuitRetreat.org

Suggested Contribution: \$310 | A Deposit of \$100 Required
All men of Divine Mercy are invited.

OUTREACH

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

While we are still collecting for **St. Benedict the African** through January 6th, many thanks to all those who have graciously donated gift cards for St. Moses the Black (formerly St. Columbanus). We are grateful to you for making Christmas dreams come true for so many St. Moses the Black families.

You can still participate in Christmas Sharing by visiting our Christmas Sharing page on our website and clicking on St. Benedict button at the bottom of the page. There, you can "sign up" for one or more gift cards for **St. Benedict the African**. Just click [here](#) or use the QR code to the right.

Here's what to do:

- 1) Sign-up for a gift card on our website ([link above](#)) or call the parish office at 847-446-0856.
- 2) Purchase the gift card at your favorite store (in person or online)
- 3) Place gift card(s) in an envelope marked "Christmas Sharing St. Benedict" (Please include verification slips if possible.)
- 4) Drop it at Mass, or the parish office at Sacred Heart Church, or send them via snail mail to: Divine Mercy Parish, 1077 Tower Rd., Winnetka, 60093, Attn: Christmas Sharing
- 5) We do have a locked DROP BOX outside the parish office if you visit after hours.



DEADLINE

St. Benedict the African gift cards will be accepted up until **Wednesday, January 6th**.

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!

SOME THOUGHTS ON "HOW" TO MAKE A HOLY HOUR FROM THE WORD ON FIRE INSTITUTE

The following is an excerpt from an article written by Fr. Billy Swan for the Word on Fire Institute in January of 2019. The article stresses that sometimes we need a little guidance for Adoration to help us focus.

"The first twenty minutes before the Lord really present in the Eucharist is a sacred time of intimacy between us and him. It is a time to just be present to our God who welcomes us and accepts us. In the words of St. John Vianney, it is a time when "I look at Him and he looks at me." Before the Eucharist is a time when we lean on Jesus' breast, like John did at the last supper, and allow his heart to speak to ours. This was the episcopal motto of Blessed (now Saint) John Henry Newman: *cor ad cor loquitur* (heart speaks to heart). We begin to grow in our "interior knowledge of the Lord" as we contemplate his words, his life, and his real presence before us (St. Ignatius of Loyola, *Spiritual Exercises*, 104). Here is the zone into which we are drawn in the first third of our holy hour, where our heart speaks to his. It is also a time when we listen to him and allow him to speak to us. This is a time when we can tell him everything about how we are and how we feel. It is a time to tell him about our day and to ask his help in ways in which we need it. Above all it is a time to thank the Lord for his presence and action in our lives and to adore him for his goodness,

truth, and mercy. It is also an opportunity to present to him the things we don't understand, our sins, failings, and the worries that burden us. In this twenty minutes of our holy hour, we bask in the light of his love that never fails us.

The second twenty minutes can be a time when we intercede for all the people we know and are part of our lives. At this stage of our prayer, we bring to the Lord all who have asked us to pray for them, our families and friends both living and dead. In this time we pray for all we have met in the past day or week, the conversations we had, the things we have said and done. Often during this time in the holy hour, some person will arise in our minds who we feel the Lord is calling us to pray for, reach out to, to contact or to visit. It is also a time to focus on what lies ahead—our next appointment, our next challenge, or perhaps a courageous conversation we need to have with someone to clear the air. In this time of prayer, our hearts are reminded that our call is to love others in Christ's name, and that the same Lord before us in the Eucharist is the same Lord present in everyone, especially in the least of his brothers and sisters (cf. Matt 25:31ff).

The final twenty minutes can be a time when we pray for the entire human family and the whole universe. So we might pray for persecuted Christians around the world, for the victims of famine, and for an end to conflicts and wars. We might pray for the Church around the world, for the Holy Father



on a foreign visit, or for all missionaries away from home. We might pray for the environment and for the care of the earth, thinking of ways to conserve more and consume less. For his beauty revealed in creation, this is a time to thank God for the sun, moon, and stars that were made through his Word present before us in the Eucharist. Finally, we can pray in this time for the peace among all nations for which Jesus lived and died—and that it might become a reality in our troubled world today.

There are many ways of praying and many ways of making a holy hour for "the Spirit blows where it wills" (John 3:8). But sometimes we need a little guidance that helps us to focus. Above is a guide for a holy hour of Adoration before the Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. It starts off with his love for us but ends with a prayer that blesses God for the whole of creation. In this way we exercise our share in Christ's priesthood that lovingly embraces every individual but extends to the entire cosmos we inhabit."

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

JOIN US DURING ADVENT 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.

COMMUNITY



...AND IT'S
NAME TAG SUNDAY!

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

HELLO
my name is

*Jesus ...
Join Me!*



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 for 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.

THANK YOU TO THE JOHNSON FAMILY

We sincerely thank Erik & Jacquelyn Johnson, for offering the services of their family business, Nels Johnson Tree Experts, to our parish. They graciously offered to remove a dead tree on the SH campus and to take care of some additional pruning as a gift to us. We are blessed!





LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



1st graders are creating Advent lap books as they learn about the meaning of each of the Advent candles.



1st grade creates maps of our classroom.



Have you ever been on a Teddy Bear Picnic? Our early childhood students have and it sure was fun!



We are excited to celebrate the second Sunday of Advent, Preparing the Way and lighting the Peace candle.



*Please Join Us for
Our Children's Ministry Christmas Pageant
This Sunday, December 12, 2021
9:30 a.m.
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 Christmas Pageant! Treats will be available for the children!

*O Come Let Us Adore Him! O Come Let Us Adore Him!
O Come Let Us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

December 18, 2021

SACRED HEART CHURCH

5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. John Kartje

December 19, 2021

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

8:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Dan Cassidy

December 19, 2021

SACRED HEART CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

December 19, 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

Our Ministers of Care have begun to visit those who are homebound, in nursing homes, and in hospitals. We are still waiting for some facilities to reopen, and there are some people who are not yet comfortable with visiting/receiving visitors, but we are visiting as we are able. **If your or your loved one is in need of a Minister of Care or 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.** If you reach the answering machine after office hours, please leave a message, as someone will respond to your call.

If you are interested in being trained as a Minister of Care, please contact Liz McGowen at lmcgowen@divinemercynorthshore.org or 847-446-0856.

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 Fellingner, Lisa Marie Franke, Paul Greco, Benjamin Grillo, June Hocter, Jack Hogan, Sarah Hyde, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Rosaleen Mazur, Teresa McNamara, 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.

LECTOR ASSIGNMENTS

December 18, 2021 Sacred Heart Church

5:00 p.m. Lourdes Mariano

December 19, 2021 St. Philip the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. Steve Clingan

December 19, 2021 Sacred Heart Church

10:00 a.m. Deb Kubasiak

December 19, 2021 Sacred Heart Church

4:30 p.m. Barbara Anderson

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. Please contact him via email rvanasdlen@divinemercynorthshore.org

Readings for the week of December 12, 2021

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/
Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,
8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and
23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10,
11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b
[2a]/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/
Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/
Mt 1:18-25

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/
Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-4

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, December 13 (SH)

8:00 a.m. - The Martinsen Family

TUESDAY, December 14 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Deceased Members of the Berning Family

WEDNESDAY, December 15 (SH)

8:30 a.m. - Lynn DiPaolo

THURSDAY, December 16 (SH)

8:00 a.m. - Conway-Stevens Family

FRIDAY, December 17 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Julie Cohen

SATURDAY, December 18 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - Roberta Olshansky

SUNDAY, December 19

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Al Tagtmeier

10:00 a.m. (SH) - Holly Madigan

4:30 p.m. (SH) - Duke Dellin &

Parishioners of Divine Mercy

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

In our lives, there will always be times when we get the impression that we are in a desert. Yet it is precisely there that the Lord makes his presence felt with words of closeness, compassion and tenderness: "Do not fear, for I am with you" (Is 41:10).



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 through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn, couples may experience the joy that comes with every new life, and in that joy find strength to overcome the difficulties they may face, 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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Headlines: 12 (ALL CAPS & BOLD)

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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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