SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCHES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

WELCOME TO DIVINE MERCY PARISH



Divine Mercy is a Welcoming Community that Inspires Disciples of Jesus to Share God's Love and Transform the World.

THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

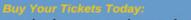
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Tons & Tons of Food * Live Band: "Steely Dad" * Backyard Games Beer, Wine, & Premium Wine* Live Auction * Whiskey & Cigar Bar Watch the Notre Dame/Ohio State Football Game with Us!

Saturday, September 23, from 6 - 10 pm

A grown-ups only casual "fun"raiser Clarkson Park, 1950 Willow Road, Northfield, IL



divinemercynorthshore.org/partyinthepark

WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US ON SATURDAY!

PASTOR'S "TO THE POINT"

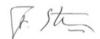


This weekend we kick off Children's Ministry. Watch for kids and their families at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

We've got a great, energetic and creative ministry for kids helmed by Kathy Handelman and Kelly Shoup. Our catechists are very dedicated. They are helped by teen assistants, which by the way, grows each year.

More and more teens are signing up to help, which is a real positive sign! The younger kids truly look up to them and enjoy their presence.

This is Year Two of our parish strategic plan, The Way Forward. One of the specific ways forward for us as a parish is to nurture and strengthen the bonds of unity that make us one in Christ, bonds visibly seen in the commitment of families, catechists, kids, and teens drawing together to meet Jesus and become his disciples, younger and older.



PARTY IN THE PARK PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT SOUND SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS IN OUR CHURCHES

Why are these improvements necessary? Haven't we already made upgrades during recent years?

To answer these questions, we want to share some background information. Indeed, we have made improvements to the systems at both churches in recent years, including upgrades that enabled us to introduce livestream capabilities during the Covid pandemic.

We are once again facing the need for replacement of components and enhancements to our technology. In general, church sound systems get a real workout, and we are seeing this firsthand at both of our sites.

We have enlisted the expertise of trusted professionals who are working to identify specific solutions to our problems, while at the same time kindly providing us with loaner equipment until we decide upon a course of action.

At this point, we need to purchase a new power amplifier and digital processor for the St. Philip the Apostle church, along with some new presider microphones. At the same time, we are working to develop a solution for the poor acoustics that continue to plague Sacred Heart church. The estimates for these improvements start at \$20,000 and will most likely be upwards of \$50,000.

We thank you in advance for your support of our efforts to make sound at Mass, and other events at our beautiful churches, the best it can be!

CHECK OUT ALPHA!

Give yourself the gift of the Alpha experience to connect with others, energize your faith and converse with others on a deeper level.

UNDECIDED? Just come and see. It's food, friends, a video and great conversation.

All are welcome regardless of spiritual background or beliefs. Really.

Feel like you already know what you need to know about your faith? Many others felt the same way. Yet they came to check it out and discovered more about themselves, their faith, and their relationship with Jesus. Just come and see. There's no commitment, no questions asked if you decide it's not for you after the first session. Come and see.

ALPHA is important to our future as a parish faith community. We hope that all parishioners will give ALPHA a chance so that they may grow in their faith and in their relationship with Jesus who calls us as his own and as his missionary disciples. Just come and see.

There are several options for your convenience.

MONDAYS (ONLINE) from 7-8:15pm Starts 9/18

TUESDAY EVENINGS from 6:30-8:00pm

WEDNESDAYS from 9:30-11am Or

from 12:00-1:30pm

THURSDAYS (ONLINE)
Starting 9/21/23

from 7-8:15pm

You can register <u>here</u> on our ALPHA webpage to help us with meal planning or scan the QR code. Just look for the session you'd like to join.

Don't worry, this does not mean you've made a commitment!

Just Come & See!



THIS WEEK!



Divine Mercy Parish Family Life Speaker Series

How To Talk To Children About Scary Things

with Dr. Karen Cassiday, PhD

Anxiety Treatment Center of Chicago

Author of The No Worries Guide To Raising Your Anxious Child

Wednesday, September 20 7:00 pm

Divine Mercy Parish Center at Sacred Heart Campus
1090 Gage St., Winnetka



Learn concrete tips and age-appropriate strategies to help you discuss life's difficulties and disasters with your children.

This event is free and all are welcome.

Please RSVP so that we know how many guests to expect: divinemercynorthshore.org/pastoralcare

in collaboration with:





BLOOD DRIVE: OCTOBER 16

In conjunction with Versiti Blood Center of Illinois, Divine Mercy will host a blood drive on Monday, October 16th from 2-6 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you would like to donate blood that day, you can reserve your appointment here: https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/ donor/schedules/ drive_schedule/5606395

Did You Know?



Across the communities we serve, more than 2,400 donors are needed every day to maintain a safe and adequate blood supply for patients.



While about 38% of the population is eligible to donate blood, fewer than 5% do. Your convenient community blood drive helps attract more donors!

Why is our participation so important? Check out the statistics above!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DIVINE MERCY

SCOTT HAHN

Study Scripture from the heart of the Church with one of today's most respected scholars



Saturday, September 30 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION

Sts. Joseph & Francis Xavier 1747 Lake Ave Wilmette, IL 60091

PRICE

Register Now! stpaulcenter.com/wilmette2023



WOMEN'S

NETWORK SEPTEMBER

GATHERING

(7:00-8:00 PM

MONDAY 25TH SEPT

PARISH CENTER

Our special guest this month is Fr. Steve! Think "Inside the Actor's Studio". Enjoy an evening of fun with Fr. Steve, and learn a few things you never expected! We may also learn a bit about his plans for the future and his aspirations for the parish when he • retires. Join us to learn more!



JOIN

US!

FINANCES AT A GLANCE

Sunday Collections (excludes Christmas & Easter) 7/31/2023

Actual YTD \$ 62,575 **Budget YTD** \$ 67,500 Variance Ś (4,925)

Actual YTD Comparison for 3 years:

7/30/2023 \$ 62,575 7/30/2022 \$ 61,006 7/30/2021 \$ 61,345







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Scott Alexander, PhD

Director, Doctor of Ministry



Sved Atif Rizwan, PhD

Director, The Catholic-Muslim Studies Program

What the Prophet Muhammad (s.) and Islam Have Taught Me: One Catholic's Journey

Join us for an interfaith conversation between Scott C. Alexander, PhD and Syed Atif Rizwan, PhD of Catholic Theological Union.

The event will start with coffee and light refreshments at 9:00am and then a welcome by Fr. Jim Barrett. There will be a Q&A session following the talk.

Livestream available here: https://vimeo.com/event/2850914 but in-person attendance is encouraged

LOCATION

Our Lady of Perpetual Help 1775 Grove St Glenview, IL 60025



ABOUT the CATHOLIC-MUSLIM STUDIES PROGRAM

Founded in 2000 and rooted in the sacred teachings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Holy Qur'ān, the Catholicunderstanding, reconciliation, and cooperation between Muslims and Christians, in order to advance justice and compassion in the human family.



PARENT-TOT PLAYGROUP

Join other parents for a weekly drop-in playgroup at Sacred Heart (Parish Center Teen Room) & St. Philip the Apostle (JP II Room). All are welcome! NOW FRIDAYS 9-10am

Sacred Heart Dates 9/29 10/6

10/20

St. Philip Dates 9/22 10/13 10/27

QUESTIONS? CONTACT LIZ MCGOWEN LMCGOWEN@IDIVINEMERCYNORTHSHORE.ORG



During the first quarter of 2023, the parishioners of Divine Mercy were asked to participate in the Archdiocesan-wide Disciple Maker Index Survey, which gave people an opportunity to reflect on their spiritual growth, level of involvement in the parish, as well as their satisfaction with the parish and parish related activities. Approximately 54 percent of our active* parishioners completed the survey. (That's 235 completed surveys out of 435 average weekend mass-goers.) Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts. We appreciate your efforts in providing the parish with valuable insights into how we can enhance our faith and service-based community. Below is a brief overview of the survey findings. If something you read stirs anything in you, or if you have something to share, let us know! Email the Parish Council via Judy Pyke at jpyke@divinemercynorthshore.org.

PARISH STRENGTHS

Based on the survey data, we have identified our top parish strengths. The following percentages show those who answered "agree or strongly agree" for each question.

know that scripture is the word 90% of God.

87%

make time daily or weekly for individual prayer time.

believe that the Eucharist is the **87**% Body and Blood of Christ.

78%

attend Mass weekly, with some attending daily.

feel our parish communicates 86%

well and makes information readily available.

75%

understand that the Church is critical to their relationship with

PARISH OPPORTUNITIES

Although the results are encouraging, you have helped us identify some opportunities for growth. These areas include:



We will strengthen our missionary discipleship by enabling parishioners to share their personal witness stories, helping them feel confident to have a conversation about faith with family and friends, and inviting another person to a parish activity or Mass.



We will provide opportunities for parishioners to grow in their confidence of Church teachings so they can answer questions from others.



We will explore ways to ensure that preaching and homilies connect faith with everyday life.

NEXT STEPS

The survey results will help the Parish Council update our Parish Strategic Plan, particularly as we begin year two (Community). They will also be able to finetune the goals set forth for years three through five, which address missionary discipleship, ministry, and worship.

*Active parishioners are defined as regularly attending Mass and being active in one or more ministries.

THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

Join us for Season 2

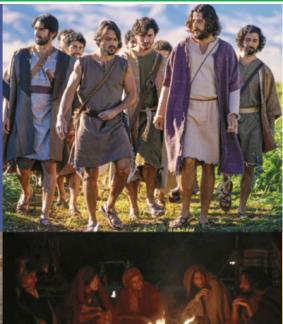
The Chosen

Following Jesus Then & Now

Thursdays 6:30-8pm beginning Sept. 21st for 8 weeks in the Divine Mercy Parish Center at Sacred Heart (Burr & Gage Sts.) Come a little early for Dinner!



Each episode will be followed by a short discussion, hosted by Judy Pyke & other parishioners. Join Us!



Enter into the story of the people who surrounded Jesus. Sinners who spent time with the one Man who understood them & would eventually die for them. You'll meet the people who loved Him, served Him, & followed Him, seeing the Savior through their eyes as you consider who He is & why He came.

Their story is ours.

MISS THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATION BOX?

Then this donation drive that our neighboring parish is hosting is just for you! Bring your clothing donations to the St. Joseph Church parking lot on Saturday, September 30 or Sunday, October 1, 2023 from 1-3:30 p.m.

Remember, clothing only!



Uncle Pete's Ministry at Divine Mercy Parish

New "Take Home" with Curbside Drop-Off

Beginning in September 2023 A new way you can help feed the homeless!

Step 1:

Weekend of September 9th & 10th

pick up a packet (each with 2 sacks & instructions) when you come to Mass

Note: One packet will be sent home to each Sacred Heart School family

Step 3:

Return your sacks Sunday, Sept. 17th

Drop off your two sack dinners at: St. Philip the Apostle Church between 7:30-8:00 am or

In front of the Parish Center at Sacred Heart (1090 Gage, Winnetka) between 9:00-10:00 am

Step 2:

Fill your 2 sacks as instructed

Each bag will contain:
2 sandwiches
2 hard boiled eggs
1 bag chips or pretzels
1 small candybar or cookie
1 bottle of water
1 napkin

Step 4:

Our volunteers will deliver your sacks to an organization serving the homeless. Your family will help feed at least two people who otherwise might not have enough to eat!

Can you volunteer to help make all this possible? The signup form is at www.divinemercynorthshore.org/outreach-partners

Contact Liz McGowen, 847-446-0856 ext. 108 or Lmcgowen@divinemercynorthshore.org.

Thank you!



THANK YOU!

On this Catechetical Sunday, we express our deepest gratitude to all those parishioners who have come forward to share their gift of teaching and presence with our Children's Ministry students and families. God bless our catechists and aides!

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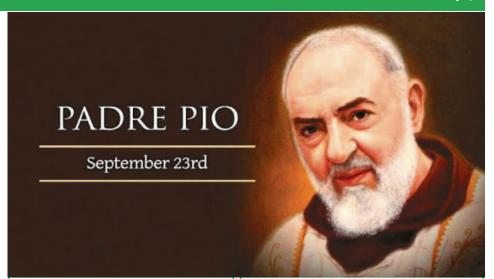
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On Sept. 23, we remember the Italian Franciscan priest St. Pio of Petrelcina, better known as "Padre Pio" and known for his suffering, humility and miracles. The man later known by these names was originally named Francesco Forgione, born to his parents Grazio and Maria in 1887. His parents had seven children, two of whom died in infancy. They taught the five surviving children to live their faith through daily Mass, family prayer of the rosary, and regular acts of penance. Francesco had already decided at a young age to dedicate his entire life to God. At age 10, he felt inspired by the example of a young Capuchin Franciscan, and told his parents: "I want to be a friar – with a beard." Francesco's father spent time in America, working to finance his son's education so he could enter the religious life. On Jan. 22, 1903, Francesco donned the Franciscan habit for the first time. He took the new name Pio, a modernized Italian form of "Pius," in honor of Pope St. Pius V. He made his solemn vows four years later, and received priestly ordination in the summer of 1910. Shortly after, he first received the Stigmata – Christ's wounds, present in his own flesh. Known for patient suffering, fervent prayer, and compassionate spiritual guidance, Padre Pio also lent his efforts to the establishment of a major hospital, the "Home to Relieve Suffering." Padre Pio died in 1968, and was declared a saint in 2002. Three years after his death, Pope Paul VI marveled at his simple and holy life in an address to the Capuchin Order.

THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE LITURGICAL MINISTER ASSIGNMENTS

September 23, 2023 5:00 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH **Presider: Fr. John Kartje** Sacristan: Joe Schuessler Servers: Ministers Needed Lector: Minister Needed

September 24, 2023 8:00 a.m.

EM: Minister Needed

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza Sacristan: Rima Abraham Servers: Ministers Needed Lector: Minister Needed EM: Dcn. Bob Puhala

10:00 a.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza Sacristan: Ludy Mariano Servers: Ministers Needed Loctor: Pill Hague

Lector: Bill Hague EM: Mary Jo Bushell

4:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH Presider: Fr. John Kartje Sacristan: Minister Needed Servers: Ministers Needed Lector: Minister Needed EM: Minister Needed

New ministers are always welcome. If available please contact Ron Vanasdlen via email at: rvanasdlen@divinemercy northshore.org. Ask him about the "Family Plan."

Training is provided.

THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

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, Loretto Berghoff, Paul Berghoff, Caroline Birnbaum, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Ronald Braun, Wendy Braun, Robert Conte, Jr., John Coyne, Rich Danstrom, Joel Dysart, James Farney, Joseph Felicelli, Julie Felicelli, Mary Beth Fellinger, Lisa Marie Franke, Ermin Garcia, Jr., Patricio Gilchrist, Benjamin Grillo, Rose Anne Grimes, Barbara Hayward, Jack Hogan, Jim Horrell, Sarah Hyde, Rick Kehrer, Ryan Kelly, Andy Klatt, Patti Kotscharjan, Diana Lambert, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Cathy Lehman, Ginny Linting, Susan Lodge, John Madden, Sr. Peggy McDonnell, Mike McNulty, Heather Mroz, Beth O'Brien, Joan O'Donnell, Lynn Pattison, Debbie Puhala, Brad Raguse, Judy Rasfeld, Scott Rood, Kathy Sarch, Terry Shin, Catherine Sullivan, Kay Thomas, Rita VanHyning, Violet Vanselow, Amanda Warford, Larry White, and those written in our parish book of prayer.

If you or your loved one needs 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.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

May the souls of faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, especially **Jean Kane**.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacred Heart Church:

Saturdays 9 - 9:30 a.m.

St. Philip the Apostle Church:

Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. with Rev. Gerald Cole.

ADORATION

Sacred Heart Church:

Wednesdays 2 - 3:00 p.m.

St. Philip the Apostle Church:

Fridays from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

PARISH CALENDAR

September 17, Sunday

The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 a.m. Mass - Blessing of Catechists 11:15 a.m. Baptism (SH) 12:15 p.m. Baptism (SH)

- 8:45 a.m. 8th Grade Parent / Child Confirmation Meeting - Parish Center
- 11 a.m. 2 p.m. A Just Harvest Lunch Service (Rogers Park)
- 5:15 7 p.m. Family Faith Parish Center

September 18, Monday

Monday of the 24th Week of Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. Mass Sacred Heart
- 6:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting Parish Office Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Evangelization Team Meeting - Fireplace Room

September 19, Tuesday

Optional Memorial St. Januarius

- 8 a.m. Mass St. Philip
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary St. Philip
- 8:45 a.m. 1 p.m. Tutoring at Tolton
- 9:00 a.m. Crafty Ladies JPII Room
- 6:30 p.m. ALPHA Parish Center

September 20, Wednesday

Memorial of Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions

- 8:30 a.m. Mass Sacred Heart
- 9:30 a.m. ALPHA Parish Center
- Noon ALPHA Parish Center
- 2 3 p.m. Adoration Sacred Heart
- 3 4:30 p.m. Confessions St. Philip
- 7 8:00 p.m. Family Life Speaker Series "Scary Things" - Parish Center

September 21, Thursday

Feast of St. Matthew International Day of Peace

- 8 a.m. Mass Sacred Heart
- 8:45 a.m. 1 p.m. Tutoring at Tolton
- 2:00 p.m. Caregiver Support Group Fireplace Room
- 6:30 p.m. The Chosen Season 2 Parish Center

September 22, Friday

Friday of the 24th Week of Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. Mass St. Philip
- 8:30 9 a.m. Adoration & Rosary St. Philip
- 9 a.m. Parent Tot Playgroup SPA JP II Room

September 23, Saturday

Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Inspirational Study Group - Fireplace Room
- 9 9:30 a.m. Confessions Sacred Heart
- 6-10 p.m. PARTY IN THE PARK— Clarkson Park on Willow Road

September 24, Sunday

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Priesthood Sunday World Day of Migrants and Refugees National Migration Week begins

- 8:45 a.m. 7th & 8th Grade Children's Ministry Sessions Parish Center
- 8:45 a.m. PK—6th Grade Children's Ministry Sessions - Sacred Heart School

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, SEPT 17

8:00 a.m. (SPA) – Gene Nowak †
10:00 a.m. (SH) – Earle Gott
4:30 p. m. (SH) – Dennis Haugh† and
Parishioners of Divine Mercy

MONDAY, SEPT 18 (SH)

8:00 a.m. - Vince and Peggy DiPaolo†

TUESDAY, SEPT 19 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Margaret Lenhart

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 20 (SH)

8:30 a.m. - Stella Galanis †

THURSDAY, SEPT 21 (SH)

8:00 a.m. - Phil Alexander †

FRIDAY, SEPT 22 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Marge Clingan †

SATURDAY, SEPT 23 (SH)

5:00 p.m. – Frank Weiss and Parishioners of Divine Mercy

SUNDAY, SEPT 24

8:00 a.m. (SPA) – Jean Kane † 10:00 a.m. (SH) – William J. Hocter † 4:30 p. m. (SH) – Tom Reedy †

MASS INTENTIONS

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