

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

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THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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L**Thanks!**

Those of my vintage may remember Bob Hope singing "Thanks for the Memory". He ended his show with it every week. It began – "Thanks for the memory of sentimental verse, nothing in my purse. Chuckles when the preacher said, for better or for worse. How lovely it was". And it ended – "Awfully glad I met you, Cheerio and Toodle-oo. Thank you, thank you so much."

I am so grateful to have had the privilege of laughing, praying, and working with you, both before and after ordination in 1979. So many wonderful folks who were so kind and welcoming to me and my family, both as a parishioner and as a Deacon. My memory may be failing a bit, but I will never forget you, so thanks for the memory. Thank you so much and may God bless you and yours.

Mike McNulty

**PASTOR'S "TO THE POINT"**

Deacon Mike McNulty has labored longer than anyone else on staff in this parish. Up until just a few years ago, he maintained an office here and ministered as deacon, caring for the people of God.

Generations have known his care and concern, his lovely preaching, and his amazing example of discipleship. Deacon Mike grew up in the former Sacred Heart Parish, and when he was ordained a deacon, ministered here since 1979.

Long past most people retire, Deacon Mike continued to work. In October he petitioned the Cardinal to be officially designated as retired. We received the Cardinal's letter a few weeks ago and wanted to share it with all of you along with Deacon Mike's short reflection.

Typical of him, Deacon Mike does not want any sort of reception or acknowledgment beyond this column. That is so like him! However, we know many of you would like to tell him what he's meant to you, so we will make available special cards so that you can write him a personal note of gratitude. We'll bundle them all up and get them to him as soon as we get them back from you.

We have been greatly blessed over these many years by Deacon Mike's presence. All the best, Mike! *Ad multos annos!*

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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October 18, 2023

Deacon Michael McNulty  
1440 Sheridan Road  
Apartment 101  
Wilmette, Illinois 60091

Dear Deacon McNulty,

The Vicar for Deacons has advised me that you have requested to be placed on retired status. It is clear that you have served well over these many years, and I wish to offer my heartfelt thanks to you for your dedication and loyalty.

Effective November 1, 2023, you will be listed as a retired deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago. While retired deacons no longer have ministerial faculties, if an occasion arises where you would desire to celebrate a sacrament, you may request permission from the Vicar for the Diaconate. Faculties will normally be granted so long as you are in compliance with current Archdiocesan requirements for public ministry.

In the days ahead, I would be grateful for your remembrance of me in your prayers, and pray as well for vocations to diaconal ministry, and to the priesthood. In this way, you will continue as one of our deacons to assist me in bringing the love of the Lord to those we serve. Again, I am most grateful for your many years of service that you have given to the Archdiocese. Many thanks on behalf of all the faithful whose lives have been touched by your generous ministry. With kind personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Most Reverend Robert Casey, Vicar General  
Most Reverend Jeffrey Grob, Episcopal Vicar, Vicariate I  
Deacon David Keene, Chancellor  
Reverend Steven Lanza, Pastor, Divine Mercy Parish  
Deacon James Norman, Vicar for Deacons  
Deacon David Brenic, Associate Director  
Deacon Tom Westerkamp, Vicariate Deacon Coordinator





Volunteer at the St. Moses the Black Food Pantry the day before Thanksgiving,

**NOVEMBER 22, 2023**

**from 9am - 1pm.**

**Register [here](#)** or scan the QR Code.

Registration link includes instructions and directions.



## Join a Group this Advent!

and discuss the reflections in  
**Waiting in Joyful Hope!**

**THURSDAYS Beginning 11/30/23**

**Mornings 9-10am**

John Paul II Room at St. Philip

Hosted by Cathy Stegich

(Coffee & light Breakfast served)

[CLICK HERE  
TO REGISTER](#)



**Evenings 7-8pm**

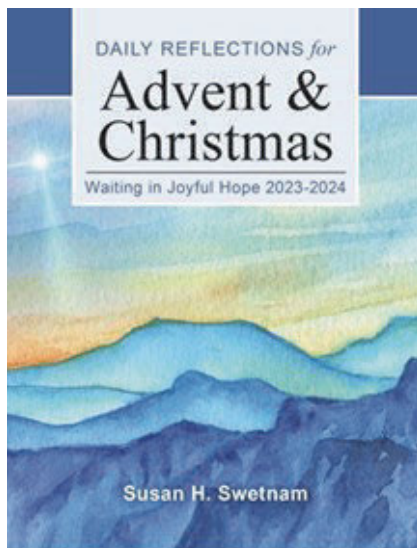
Fireplace Room  
at Sacred Heart

Hosted by

Kathleen Clarke

(Come early  
for a slice of pizza)

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



## ENROLLMENT FOR FIRST COMMUNION

Last weekend, all those who will receive their First Communion in May celebrated the Rite of Enrollment at our 10:00 a.m. Mass. It was a joyous occasion for all!





## 4. WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DIVINE MERCY


### CHILDRENS MINISTRY SAINTS FAIR

Our Children's Ministry 8th Graders hosted the annual Saints Fair during which they offer short presentations on the saints they have chosen for their Confirmation names. These presentations are given to their fellow Children's Ministry students and catechists. A wonderful morning!




Divine Mercy Parish presents

# ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT: REFLECTIONS OF FAITH



## A WOMEN'S EVENING OF RELAXATION, REFLECTION, & RENEWAL

7:00-10:00 pm on Wednesday, December 6, 2023  
Divine Mercy Parish, Sacred Heart Church  
1077 Tower Road, Winnetka, Illinois




**Keynote Speaker: Joan Watson**  
Catholic writer, podcaster, and speaker  
who loves helping people encounter Christ.

Please bring a beverage to share; holiday attire.  
\$25 per person.

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Questions? Contact Liz McGowen  
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## Christmas Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent  
December 23rd (Saturday) 5 pm at St. Philip the Apostle

<p><b>Christmas Eve</b></p> <p>3 pm at Sacred Heart</p> <p>4 pm at St. Philip the Apostle</p> <p>5 pm at Sacred Heart</p> <p>10 pm at Sacred Heart</p>	<p><b>Christmas Day</b></p> <p>9 am at St. Philip the Apostle</p> <p>10 am at Sacred Heart</p>
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### MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS PLANS!

Please note that the Fourth Sunday of Advent is *also* Christmas Eve this year. To help you plan, we will only have **one Mass** for this last Sunday of Advent on Saturday, December 23 at 5 p.m. at St. Philip the Apostle Church. There will be no 8 a.m. Mass at St. Philip and no 10 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart on the morning of December 24th.

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: DECEMBER 3, 11 A.M. AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

for those in 3rd Grade and up, including teens and adults. New and returning servers will receive training on their ministry at the altar.

The Altar Server's Ministry is a unique one in the Catholic Church. Other than priests and deacons, no one else is allowed to so closely play a part in the preparation of the Eucharist.

*Your participation as an Altar Server is special. When you serve the priests and deacons, you serve the people of God, and above all, you serve Christ.*  
Pope Benedict XVI



### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Your Christmas Flower donations will assist us in enhancing our worship with beautiful poinsettias at all our Masses during Christmas Time at both St. Philip and Sacred Heart. You may use your envelope to make your donation via our Give Central site by clicking [here](#) or scanning the QR code.



### SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

As we prepare to celebrate the joy of the Christmas Season, let's come together to amplify the joy through the gift of music. Our Music Ministry has been a heartbeat of our worship, filling our hearts with hope and inspiration all year long. This holiday, we invite you to join us in making a beautiful symphony of togetherness. Your heartfelt donations will harmonize our celebrations and resonate with the spirit of the season. Let's create lasting memories with music, kindness, and love. You may use an envelope or our GIVE CENTRAL link by clicking [here](#) or by scanning the QR Code.





## 6. WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DIVINE MERCY

### CHRISTMAS SHARING IS HERE

Christmas Sharing with St. Benedict the African and St. Moses the Black returns for 2023! Once again, we have worked with each parish to tailor the cards to the needs of their communities. We are thankful for all who give so generously to this program each year.

#### DEADLINE:

**Monday, December 11, 2023.**

#### HERE IS WHAT TO DO:

1. Sign up for a gift card. You may sign up for as many as you wish. Click [here](#) or scan the QR Code below or visit our website.
2. Purchase the gift card and get a receipt for each card.
3. Place the gift card(s) and receipt(s) in an envelope marked "Christmas Sharing." Remember to put your name on the envelope so we can keep track of who returned their cards.
4. Put your envelope in the offertory at Mass or bring it to the parish office. If the office is closed, you may put it into the **black drop box** next to the front door.
5. Please do not put your envelope into the mailbox -- if you do, it will go to the post office and not to our sharing parish!

Or, you may mail your envelope to Divine Mercy Parish, 1077 Tower Rd., Winnetka, IL 60093, Attn: Christmas Sharing.

Questions? Contact Liz McGowen, [Lmcgowen@divinemercynorthshore.org](mailto:Lmcgowen@divinemercynorthshore.org) or 847-446-0856 ext 108.



 Divine Mercy Parish

## 100 Suitcase Project

November 18–December 17

*Many people in the Chicago area are in desperate need of warm clothing, blankets, and suitcases.*



**Divine Mercy Parish is collecting suitcases in good condition.**

**All are encouraged to fill the suitcases with Blankets, Sleeping Bags & Winter Clothing**

**OUR GOAL IS 100 FULL SUITCASES!**

Donations accepted at the entrances to Sacred Heart and St. Philip the Apostle Churches.  
Items will go to organizations serving the needy.

**Too much to fit in a suitcase or no suitcase to donate?  
Please put items to donate into bags and bring them anyway!**

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## THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

### LITURGICAL MINISTER ASSIGNMENTS

**November 23, 2023**

**Thanksgiving Day**

**9:00 a.m.**

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

**Presider: Fr. Bob Heinz**

Sacristan: Rima Abraham

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Deb Kubasiak

EM: Dcn. Gerry

**November 25, 2023**

**5:00 p.m.**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

**Presider: Fr. Bob Heinz**

Sacristan: Joe Schuessler

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Cathy Lehman

EM: Minister Needed

**November 26, 2023**

**8:00 a.m.**

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

**Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza**

Sacristan: Rima Abraham

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Jim Dietz

EM: Dcn. Gerry

**10:00 a.m.**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

**Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza**

Sacristan: Ludy Mariano

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Kathy Janega

EM: Dcn. Gerry

**4:30 p.m.**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

**Presider: Fr. John Kartje**

Sacristan: Minister Needed

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Chris Hartman

EM: Frieda Baker

### Questions for the Week

How do I share my gifts?

What talent have I been told I have but am afraid to share out in the open?

## Our November Celebrations at Divine Mercy Parish

### All Souls

*You may bring your photos to either worship site. Photos are displayed until November 26.*

*You may take your photos after any of the Masses on Christ the King Sunday.*

### Thursday, November 23, Thanksgiving Day

- 9 a.m. Mass St. Philip the Apostle Church

You are welcome to bring food and present it during the Offertory.

The food will be blessed and taken to A Just Harvest immediately following the Mass for their Thanksgiving Day meal.

***Are you on the parish email list? If not, send an email to or call the parish office and give your name, email address and phone number, and keep informed of parish events scheduled throughout the year.***

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## PARISH OFFICE

Open Monday - Friday. 9am to 4pm  
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**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,  
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, Margaret Lenhart,  
Ginny Linting, Susan Lodge,  
John Madden, Sr. Peggy McDonnell,  
Mike McNulty, Heather Mroz,  
Beth O'Brien, Joan O'Donnell,  
Lynn Pattison, Mike Pearson,  
Cheryl Pierson, 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, 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 **Rita Marini**.

**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.

**ONLINE ROSARY via Zoom**

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m.

Link on website homepage

**PARISH CALENDAR**

November is

**Black Catholic History Month  
Native American Heritage Month,  
and the Month of All Souls**

**November 19, Sunday**

*The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
World Day of the Poor  
Catholic Campaign for  
Human Development  
International Men's Day*

**November 20, Monday**

*Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini  
Universal Children's Day*

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

**November 21, Tuesday**

*Memorial of the Presentation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary*

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

**November 22, Wednesday**

*Memorial of St. Cecilia*

- Parish Office Closed
- 8:30a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Service Day at  
St. Moses the Black Food Pantry
- 2 - 3 p.m. Adoration — Sacred Heart
- 3 - 4:30 p.m. Confessions — St. Philip

**November 26, Thursday**

*Thanksgiving Day*

- Parish Office Closed
- 9 a.m. Mass — St. Philip

**November 24, Friday**

*Memorial of St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc  
and Companions*

*Native American Heritage Day*

- Parish Office Closed
- 8 a.m. Mass — St. Philip
- 8:30 - 9 a.m. Adoration  
& Rosary — St. Philip

**November 25, Saturday**

*Optional Memorial of  
St. Catherine of Alexandria  
Optional Memorial of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary*

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Inspirational Study  
Group—Fireplace Room

- 9—9:30 a.m. Confessions — Sacred Heart

**November 26, Sunday**

*Solemnity of Our Lord  
Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

- 11:15 a.m. Baptism - Sacred Heart Church

**MASS INTENTIONS****SUNDAY, NOV 19**

8:00 a.m. (SPA) — Parishioners of Divine Mercy

10:00 a.m. (SH) — John O'Brien †

4:30 p.m. (SH) — Tom Reedy †

**MONDAY, NOV 20 (SH)**

8:00 a.m. — David Fitzgibbon †

**TUESDAY, NOV 21 (SPA)**

8:00 a.m. — Rev. John Foley, SJ †

**WEDNESDAY, NOV 22 (SH)**

8:30 a.m.— Mary Ellen Cronin †

**THURSDAY, NOV 23 (SH)**

9:00 a.m. — Tom Reedy †

**FRIDAY, NOV 24 (SPA)**

8:00 a.m. — Hedy Freiman

**SATURDAY, NOV 25 (SH)**

5:00 p.m. — Sarah Powell †

**SUNDAY, NOV 26**

8:00 a.m. (SPA) — Umberto Buzza †

10:00 a.m. (SH) — Parishioners of Divine Mercy

4:30 p.m. (SH) — Tom Reedy †

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Contact the parish office 847-446-0856 or  
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