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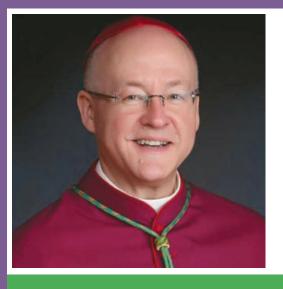
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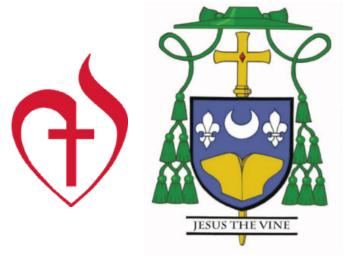
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Divine Mercy is a Welcoming Community that Inspires Disciples of Jesus to Share God's Love and Transform the World.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DIVINE MERCY

PASTOR'S "TO THE POINT"



On this First Sunday of Advent, I'd like to share something with you from Pope Francis' encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* (On Fraternity and Social Friendship). He writes: "Human beings are so made that they cannot live, develop and find fulfillment except 'in the sincere gift of self to others (n. 87)."

Pope Francis is quoting from a document of the Second Vatican Council. He goes on quote from a Angelus talk of his own to say: "Life exists where there is bonding, communion, fraternity; and life is stronger than death when it is built on true relationships and bonds of fidelity."

This Advent we prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord and his Incarnation. God takes on human flesh so that we might see the divine mystery made manifest in Christ. That divine Person reminds us that our own personhood is best developed in community, which is the focus of our parish strategic plan as we move through year two of its implementation.

We are best when we are together. We are even better when we are together in Christ as his disciples.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame. *cf. Psalm 25(24)1-3*

Adoration by Candlelight

Sunday, December 17, 2023, 6:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Parish Sacred Heart Church



As we begin the last full week of Advent, the Season of Preparation for Christmas Time, let us forever adore the most Holy Sacrament with the Divine Mercy Men's Inspirational Study Group.

All are welcome!

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 (Come at 8:45 a.m. for coffee and light breakfast)

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



Evenings 7-8pm

Fireplace Room at Sacred Heart Hosted by Kathleen Clarke (Come at 6:30 p.m. for a glass of wine and pizza)

CLICK HERE
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For many centuries Catholics have been praying the Angelus prayer, a devotion the recalls the Incarnation of Jesus at fixed points during the day. The Angelus is most often prayed at 6:00 a.m., noon, and 6:00 p.m. It is a most appropriate prayer during Advent.

The Angelus

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary, full of grace...Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

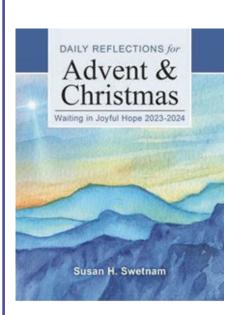
Be it done unto me according to your word. Hail Mary, full of grace...Amen.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. Hail Mary, full of grace . . . Amen.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

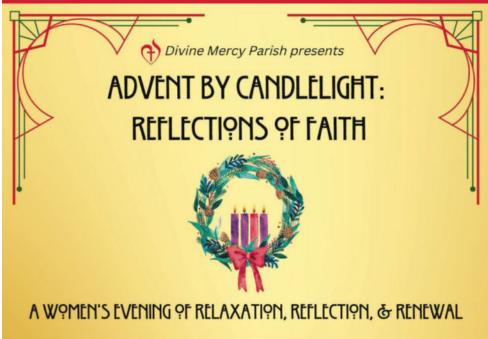
Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.



THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

THIS WEDNESDAY! DO YOU HAVE TOUR TICKETS?



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



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: TODAY, 11 A.M. AT SACRED HEART CHURCH FOR 3RD GRADE AND OLDER, TEENS, AND ADULTS NEW AND RETURNING SERVERS RECEIVE TRAINING ON THEIR MINISTRY AT THE ALTAR

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Pope Benedict XVI



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.





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.





WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DIVINE MERCY

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, & Coats

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Donations may be dropped off at Sacred Heart Church Mon-Fri 7-3, Sat 7-6, Sun 7-5:30
St. Philip the Apostle Church Tues & Fri 7-9 am, Sun 7-9:30 am
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!

www.divinemercynorthshore.org/outreach-partners



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 <u>here</u> or scan the QR Code below or visit our website.
- 2. Purchase the gift card <u>and</u> get a receipt for each card.
- 3. Place the gift card(s) <u>and</u> 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, <u>Lmcgowen@divinemercynort</u> <u>hshore.org</u> or 847-446-0856 ext 108.





What's Happening at Divine Mercy



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY **MASS SCHEDULE**

A holy day of obligation (Vigil) Thursday, December 7th, 6:30 p.m. at St. Philip the Apostle

(Day) Friday, December 8th, 8:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart

Please note: there is no Friday 8 a.m. Mass at St. Philip on Dec. 8.

INFORMATION ON THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Please note that the Fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve this year. There is only one Mass for the last Sunday of Advent, which will take place on Saturday, December 23rd at 5 p.m. at St. Philip the Apostle Church. Please note 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.

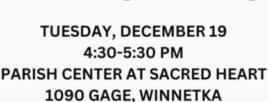














- · Christmas crafts
- · Hot chocolate and treats
- Come cozy and comfy or dress in your holiday gear
- · Babies, children of all ages, aunts, uncles, grandparents, caregivers & friends welcome

Come one, come all!

Questions?

Contact Kathy Handelman, khandelman@divinemercynorthshore.org or Liz McGowen, lmcgowen@divinemercynorthshore.org, 847-446-0856 ext. 108













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

Christmas Eve

3 pm at Sacred Heart 4 pm at St. Philip the Apostle 5 pm at Sacred Heart 10 pm at Sacred Heart

Christmas Day 9 am at St. Philip

the Apostle 10 am at Sacred Heart

Join Fr. John Kartje's **Amazing Bible Study!**

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

Nov 15 & 29 / Dec 13 Jan 17 & 31, Feb 7 & 28 Mar 6 & 20, Apr 3 & 17 May 1, 15 & 29



Divine Mercy Parish Center at Sacred Heart

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Enrollment for Preschool through 8th Grade Opens to the Public on December 3rd at 9:00 am.

THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

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December 7, 2023 6:30 p.m.

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Presider: TBD

Sacristan: Rima Abraham Servers: Ministers Needed Lector: Minister Needed EM: Minister Needed

December 8, 2023

8:30 a.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH
Presider: Fr. Robert Ryan
Sacristan: Ron Vanasdlen
Servers: Sacred Heart School
Lector: Sacred Heart School
EM: Sacred Heart School

December 9, 2023

5:00 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza Sacristan: Joe Schuessler Servers: Ministers Needed Lector: Minister Needed EM: Minister Needed

December 10, 2023 8:00 a.m.

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Presider: Fr. Steve LanzaSacristan: Rima Abraham
Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Chris Kaiser EM: Minister Needed

10:00 a.m.

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

4:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH
Presider: Fr. Bob Heinz
Sacristan: Minister Needed
Servers: Ministers Needed
Lector: Chris Hartman
EM: Minister Needed

Questions of the Week

How do you practice watchfulness in your spiritual life?

Who and what reveals God's face to you as you wait for the fullness of Christ's return?

The Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on a Sunday this year.

There is only one Mass to fulfill our Sunday obligation at 5 p.m. on Dec. 23 at St. Philip the Apostle Church

Please note: there are no Sunday morning Masses (8 a.m. St. Philip and no 10 a.m. Sacred Heart) on Dec. 24

The Season of Christmas Time

Christmas is not a single day but an entire season concluding on January 8.

Join us in worship!

Dec. 26, 8 a.m., Feast of St. Stephen—St. Philip

Dec. 27, 8 a.m., Feast of St. John
—Sacred Heart

Dec. 28, 8:30 a.m., Feast of the Holy Innocents—Sacred Heart

Dec. 29, 8 a.m., Fifth Day of Christmas—St. Philip

Dec. 31, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Jan. 1, 9 a.m., Mary, the Holy Mother of God—Sacred Heart (note time change)

Jan. 2, 8 a.m., Ss. Basil and Gregory Nazianzen—St. Philip

Jan. 3, 8:30 a.m., The Most Holy Name of Jesus—Sacred Heart

Jan. 4, 8 a.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton—Sacred Heart

Jan. 5, 8 a.m., St. John Neuman, First Friday—St. Philip

Jan. 7, Epiphany of the Lord
—Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Jan. 8, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Last Day of Christmas Time—Sacred Heart

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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, James Farney, Joseph Felicelli, Julie Felicelli, Mary Beth Fellinger, Lisa Marie Franke, Ermin Garcia, Jr., Patricio Gilchrist, Benjamin Grillo, Rose Anne Grimes, Regina Harvey, Mike Hayes, 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 J. Patrick Craddock.

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

The month of December is dedicated to the **Immaculate Conception** and the **Divine Infancy**.

December 3, Sunday

1st Sunday of Advent

- 8:45—9:50 a.m. Children's Ministry Sessions
- 11 a.m. Altar Server Training SH Church
- 4:30 6 p.m. Teen Council Meeting Teen Room in the Parish Center LL
- Hospitality after the 8am and 10am Masses to welcome Bishop Grob

December 4, Monday

Monday of the 1st Week of Advent

- 8 a.m. Mass Sacred Heart
- 7 p.m. Uncle Pete's Ministry Parish Center

December 5, Tuesday

Tuesday of the 1st Week of Advent

- 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

December 6, Wednesday

Wednesday of the 1st Week of Advent Optional Memorial of St. Nicholas

- 8:30 a.m. Mass Sacred Heart
- 2-3 p.m. Adoration Sacred Heart
- 3-4:30 p.m. Confessions St. Philip
- 7 p.m. Advent by C andlelight -Sacred Heart Church & Parish Center

December 7, Thursday

Memorial of St. Ambrose Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

- 8 a.m. Mass Sacred Heart
- 8:45 a.m. 1:30 p.m. Tutoring at Tolton Academy
- 8:45 10:15 a.m. Advent Small Group SPA JPII Room

VIGIL of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

- 6:30 p.m. Mass—St. Philip
- 6:45 8:15 p.m. Advent Small Group Sacred Heart Fireplace Room

December 8, Friday

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

- 8 a.m. Mass NO MASS at St. Philip
- 8:30 Mass Sacred Heart

 5-9:30 p.m. 8th Grade Christmas Dance-Parish Center

December 9, Saturday

Saturday of the 1st Week of Advent Optional memorial of

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

- 9 9:30 a.m. Confessions Sacred Heart
- Hunger Hero Weekend

December 10, Sunday

The Second Sunday of Advent

- Hospitality after the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Philip and the 10 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
- Hunger Hero Weekend
- 5:15 –7 p.m. Family Faith Parish Center

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DEC 3

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

10:00 a.m. (SH) – Tim Samson, Sr. † 4:30 p.m. (SH) – Marjorie Martinez

MONDAY, DEC 4 (SH)

8:00 a.m. - Hilda Vicens & Mario Iturino †

TUESDAY, DEC 5 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Rita Marini †

WEDNESDAY, DEC 6(SH)

8:30 a.m.— J. Patrick Craddock †

THURSDAY, DEC 7 (SH)

8:00 a.m. - Bob Berner †

6:30 p.m. - Parishioners of Divine Mercy

FRIDAY, DEC 8 (SPA)

8:30 a.m. - Concepcion Mariano†

SATURDAY, DEC 9 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - The Coradini Family

SUNDAY, DEC 10

8:00 a.m. (SPA) – Tom Reedy †
10:00 a.m. (SH) – Ludy Mariano
4:30 p.m. (SH) – Parishioners of Divine
Mercy

MASS INTENTIONS

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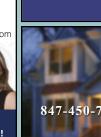
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