DECEMBER 17, 2023

Pray for the Repose of the Soul of the Most Reverend, Bishop Raymond Goedert

Welcome to Divine Mercy Parish



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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*, from the Latin of the entrance antiphon, *Gaudete in Domino semper, Rejoice in the Lord always* (*Philippians 4:4*). The antiphon captures the mood of the entire liturgy as we move into the second part of Advent: there is a sense of joyful expectation, an awareness that the fulfillment of God's great plan for us is near.

PASTOR'S "TO THE POINT"



On this Third Sunday of Advent, I have another tidbit from Pope Francis' encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* (On Fraternity and Social Friendship). He writes: "... authentic and mature love and true friendship can only take root in hearts open to growth through relationships with others. As couples and friends, we find that our hearts expand as we step out of ourselves and embrace others. Closed groups and self-absorbed couples that define themselves in opposition to others tend to be expressions of selfishness and mere self-preservation (n. 89)."

What can we do as a couple, or as friends, to "step out of ourselves?" How might we express appreciation and concern for others just as they are, versus trying to remake others in our own image?

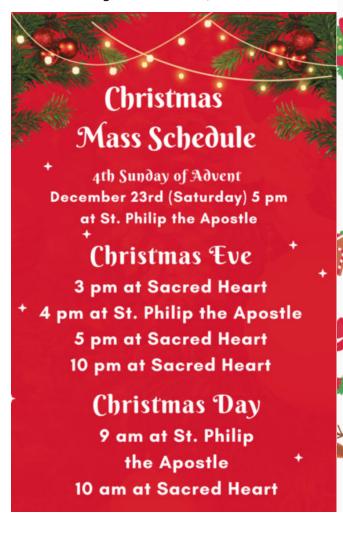
Perhaps there are no concrete answers to those questions when posed in the abstract. Think on those questions. Pray over the insight of Pope Francis. And allow Advent to open a way forward for us all to grow, that is, grow together.



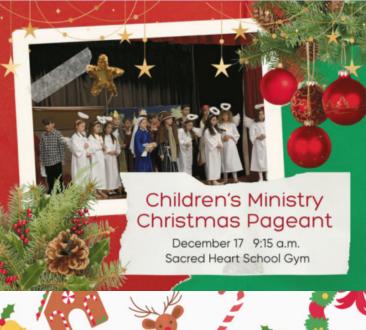


THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.



THIS MORNING IN THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL GYM ↓



Caroling Party

Divine Mercy Parish Presents

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 4:30-5:30 PM PARISH CENTER AT SACRED HEART 1090 GAGE, WINNETKA

- Come and sing Christmas carols led by parishioner Alex Valvassori
- · 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!

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









NEW PASTOR SELECTION PROCESS AND OUESTIONNAIRE

Our pastor, Fr. Steve Lanza, will be retiring in June of 2024. The Archdiocesan Priest Placement Board is beginning the search process for a new pastor of Divine Mercy Parish beginning July 2024. Representatives of the Priest Placement Board met with our Parish Staff, as well as members of the Senior Leadership Team, the Parish Council, the Finance Council and the Chairs of all of our Boards (including Sacred Heart School) on December 4th to gather input on what Divine Mercy needs in a pastor for our future.

The Priest Placement Board seeks input from our parishioners as well through a questionnaire they have created. You can find copies of that questionnaire in the Gathering Space at Sacred Heart and the vestibule of St. Philip. Once you complete the questionnaire, you can place them in the receptacle box located in the same location. All questionnaires will be forwarded to the Priest Placement Board.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE DUE AT THE PARISH BY DECEMBER 28th.

Next steps? The Priest Placemen Board will review all the information gathered from and about Divine Mercy (as well as other parishes in need of a pastor) over the next 2-3 months, while simultaneously speaking with priests who are considering new assignments. Please keep the Priest Placement Board in your prayers during this process as they discern the best pastor for Divine Mercy.

Thank you for your participation in this important process. The future of Divine Mercy depends on all of us!

Come Holy Spirit, Come!

CHRISTMAS MASS AT HOME KITS

Are you or do you have a loved one who is homebound for Christmas? We are livestreaming our Christmas Eve 3pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church and our 9am Mass on Christmas Day at St. Philip the Apostle Church, and are providing "Mass Kits" for those who will be joining us via livestream. The Mass kits will include a Worship Aid/Bulletin, as well as a few wonderful surprises. We want to be sure that all of our parishioners feel connected to the parish whether they are at home or joining us in person.

All those who are visited by one of our Ministers of Care will automatically receive one of these kits. If you, or a loved one, is not currently visited by one of our Ministers of Care but would like to receive on of these Christmas Mass Kits, please contact Liz McGowen at 847-446-0856, extension 108 or Imcgowen@divinemercynorthshore.org.

Thank you!

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TONIGHT!

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!

THANK YOU BISHIOP GROB

Many thanks to Bishop Jeffrey Grob for joining us on the First Sunday of Advent for Mass at St. Philip the Apostle and Sacred Heart. It was wonderful having him with us!





THANKS TO OUR UNCLE PETE'S CREW!

We had a great group for Uncle Pete's ministry this month, during which we packed 300 sack dinners for the hungry! Thank you so much for coming out to serve, which is a key component of our Catholic faith!



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

OUR GOAL IS 100 FULL SUITCASES!

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



MARIAN SHRINES PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN, & FRANCE WITH JOAN WATSON: JUNE 20-30, 2024

Join Verso Ministries and Joan Watson on a Marian pilgrimage across the Iberian Peninsula. Travel from Fatima to Lourdes at a contemplative pace, with the opportunity to pray at ancient and modern Marian sites. Specifically curated by Joan with daily focuses & themes, this journey will increase your love of Jesus through his Mother and saints like Anthony, Dominic, and Teresa of Avila. Visit https://versoministries.com/departures/marian-pilgrimage-june-2024/ for more information.



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Brian Schmisek, PhD

Provost, University of Saint Mary of the Lake/ Mundelein Seminary

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How does our faith inform our response?

What are the teachings of Jesus and the Church?

Join popular speaker Brian Schmisek for an important discussion about the issue of violence and our response as Christians.

You are invited to stay for refreshments and conversation following the presentation.

The event will not be livestreamed but will be recorded. Please register if you would like to receive the link to the recording after the event. **A Tri-Parish Event**

Monday, January 15

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Ss. Faith Hope & Charity Parish Center 191 Linden St. Winnetka

To register, go to https://www.signupgen ius.com/go/10C0D4AAD AB29ABFA7-46512245-blessed or use the QR code below.



Questions? Contact Pam Coster at pcoster@gmail.com

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Many thanks to all who attended Advent by Candlelight. It was a wonderful evening of reflection, renewal and community. Special thanks to our keynote speaker Joan M. Watson, who shared her thoughts on 'What it Means to Need a Savior', and our very own Lindsay Kiraly for sharing her thoughts on Advent. Special thanks to our leader of song, Jenny Farney and her accompanist, Kathy Janega. We offer our utmost gratitude to the committee who organized this special evening: Alison Schroeder, Beth Perlmutter, Bobbie Weiss, Camille Kearns Rudy, Cathy Stegich, Chris Kaiser, Cynthia LeVeille, Dona Carroll, Fran Freeman, Kathy Janega, Kelly Smith, Kristin Levoy, Laurie Schachman, Melanie Puljic, Pat Dietz, Patty Sanfilippo, Renee Richart, Rita Compton, Susan Seeberg, Sylvia Hernandez and Liz McGowen. A shout out to Megan Nolan for her delicious handmade desserts, too! Visit our website at divinemercynorthshore.org/advent for more photos and information about Joan Watson!































THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE LITURGICAL MINISTER ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, December 23, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 5:00 p.m. (only one Mass)

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Presider: Fr. John Kartje Sacristan: Rima Abraham Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Kevin Ryan EM: Liz Harvey

Sunday, December 24, 2023

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

10:00 a.m. NO MASS SACRED HEART CHURCH

Sunday, December 24, 2023 CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH **Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza** Sacristan: Ludy Mariano Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: See Signup Genius for latest EM: See Signup Genius for latest

4:00 p.m.

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Presider: Fr. Bob HeinzSacristan: Rima Abraham
Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: See Signup Genius for latest EM: See Signup Genius for latest

5:00 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza Sacristan: Ludy Mariano

Servers: See Signup Genius for latest Lector: See Signup Genius for latest EM: See Signup Genius for latest

10:00 p.m.

Mass during the Night SACRED HEART CHURCH Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza Sacristan: Ludy Mariano

Servers: See Signup Genius for latest Lector: See Signup Genius for latest EM: See Signup Genius for latest

Monday, December 25, 2023 CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 a.m.

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Presider: Fr. Bob Heinz Sacristan: Rima Abraham

Servers: See Signup Genius for latest Lector: See Signup Genius for latest EM: See Signup Genius for latest

10:00 a.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza Sacristan: Ludy Mariano

Servers: See Signup Genius for latest Lector: See Signup Genius for latest EM: See Signup Genius for latest

4:30 p.m. NO MASS SACRED HEART CHURCH

Question for the Week

How can I recognize and then bear witness to the light that comes from God?

PARISH OFFICE

Open Monday - Friday.9am to 4pm Office Address: Divine Mercy Parish 1077 Tower Rd. Winnetka, IL 60093

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The Season of Christmas Time

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

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 (starts one hour later than usual weekday schedule)

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

PARISH CALENDAR

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

December 17, Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

- 8:45—9:50 a.m. Children's Ministry Sessions - Sacred Heart School and Parish Center
- 9:15 a.m. Children's Ministry Christmas Pageant - Sacred Heart School Gym
- 11 a.m. 2 p.m. A Just Harvest Lunch Service (offsite)
- 6 7 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Sacred Heart Church

December 18, Monday

Monday of the 3rd Week of Advent International Migrant Day

• 8 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart

December 19, Tuesday

Tuesday of the 3rd 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
- 4:30-5:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Caroling Party - Parish Center

December 20, Wednesday

Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Advent

- 8:30a.m. Mass Sacred Heart
- 10 a.m. SHS Early Childhood Christmas Pageant - Parish Center
- 2 3 p.m. Adoration Sacred Heart
- 3 4:30 p.m. Confessions St. Philip
- 6 9 p.m. SHS Candles and Carols -Sacred Heart Church

December 21, Thursday

Thursday of the 3rd Week of Advent Optional Memorial of St. Peter Canisius Winter begins

- 8 a.m. Mass Sacred Heart
- 8:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tutoring at Tolton Academy
- 8:45 a.m. Advent Small Group SPA JPII Room
- 6:30 p.m. Advent Small Group SH Fireplace Room

December 22, Friday

Friday of the 3rd Week of Advent

• 8 a.m. Mass — St. Philip

- 8:30 a.m. Adoration & Rosary St. Philip
- PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

December 23, Saturday

Optional Memorial of St. John Kanty Simban Gabi Begins Las Posada Begins Las Parrandas Begins

- 9 9:30 a.m. Confessions Sacred Heart
- 5 p.m. Mass of Anticipation for the 4th Sunday of Advent — St. Philip

December 24, Sunday December 25, Monday

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord SEE MASS SCHEDULE ON PAGE 9

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DEC 17

8:00 a.m. (SPA) — Jean Kane † 10:00 a.m. (SH) — Parishioners of Divine Mercy

4:30 p.m. (SH) - Tom Reedy †

MONDAY, DEC 18 (SH)

8:00 a.m. – Bishop Goedert †

TUESDAY, DEC 19 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Brian Blair †

WEDNESDAY, DEC 20 (SH)

8:30 a.m.— Bob and Sheila Berner †

THURSDAY, DEC 21 (SH)

8:00 a.m. - Fr. Robert Ferrigan †

FRIDAY, DEC 22 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Fr. John Kilgallen, SJ †

SATURDAY, DEC 23 (SH)

5:00 p.m. – Parishioners of Divine Mercy

SUNDAY, DEC 24

3:00 p.m. (SH) — Emily Solek † 4:00 p.m. (SPA) — Andrew Berghoff † 5:00 p.m. (SH) — Ellie Valvassori † 10:00 p.m. (SH) - Parishioners of Divine Mercy

MONDAY, DEC 25

9:00 a.m. (SPA) - Al Tagtmeier † 10:00 a.m. (SH) - Fran Sinclair

MASS INTENTIONS

Contact the parish office 847-446-0856 or megan@divinemercynorthshore.org

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, Jamey Machens, 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 **Bishop Raymond Goedert**.

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:

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