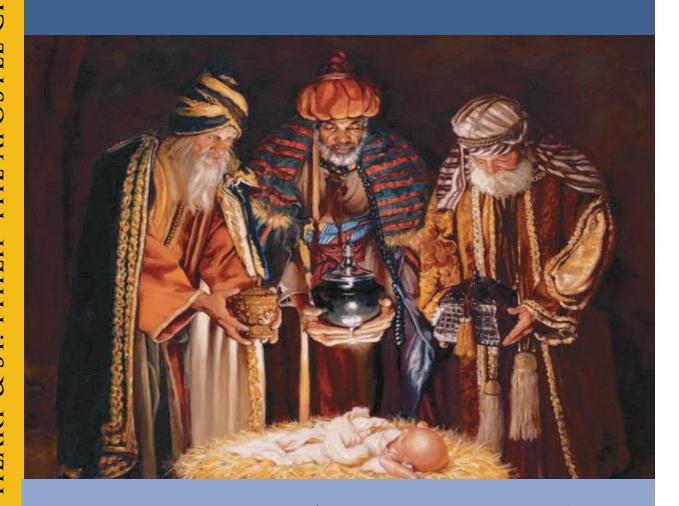
DIVINE MERCY PARISH WELCOMES THE MAGI!



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

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PASTOR'S "TO THE POINT"



Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany means "manifesting" or "showing." This feast day focuses on the revelation of Jesus Christ as the Savior of the entire world. He is the longawaited Messiah who will redeem us and raise us up.

The magi, or "the visitors from the East" symbolize the universal breadth of the salvation found in Christ. The Lord Jesus is meant for all people, everywhere. The magi announce to us that an astonishing event has taken place: everyone will know the glory of God, a God who acts in human history to bring about our salvation.

May we be led by the magi to the mystery of the manger and allow ourselves to be caught up in the splendor of the Incarnation. God seeks to save us. He comes among us to raise us up to newness of life!

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Christmas Time ends tomorrow with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord with the 8 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart.

Introduction to the Liturgy

Today we recall the magi, who, drawn by the star, journeyed from distant lands to find the newborn king of the Jews and present him with their finest gifts. We each make our own journey to the Lord, and when we come to celebrate the Eucharist we offer our finest gifts—our prayers, our lives, our future—to him whose birth we have just marked. Let us in turn welcome all those who are making their journeys from near and far to worship the Lord.

BLESSING OF THE HOME AND HOUSEHOLD ON EPIPHANY 20 + C + M + B + 24

Traditionally, Catholics bless their home and those who live in their household on the Solemnity of the Epiphany each year. The blessing may be celebrated before the main meal of the day.

L: God's peace be in this home, All: And in all who live here.

HOUSE BLESSING

L: Let us pray. O Lord, Almighty God, bless this house that it may become a shelter of health, chastity, self-conquest, humility, goodness, mildness, obedience to the commandments, and thanksgiving to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Upon this house and those who dwell herein may your blessing remain forever, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Final inscription on the doorway should read: 2 0 + C + M + B + 2 4:

"The three wise men, Caspar, [Caspar inscribes 'C' on lintel] C
Melchior, [Melchior inscribes 'M'] M
and Balthasar [Balthasar inscribes 'B'] B
followed the star of God's Son who became man
two thousand [The leader inscribes the '2 o' on left]
twenty four years ago. [The leader inscribes '2 4' on right] 2 4
"May Christ bless our dwelling, [The leader places + after '2 o'] +
and remain with us throughout the new year, [+ after 'C'] +
and grant that our comings and goings [+ after 'M'] +
will be in search of truth [+ after 'B'] +

L: Almighty God, incline your ear. May you bless us and all who are gathered here. Send your holy angel who will defend us and fill with grace all who live here. **All: Amen.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DIVINE MERCY



ALPHA STARTS IN TEN DAYS!

WHAT IS ALPHA?

A series of gatherings where guests have the opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly and inviting atmosphere where no question is too simple or complex. It's an opportunity to explore the big questions of life: Is there more to life than this? Why is there suffering in the world?





HOW DOES IT WORK?

Each session includes a great meal, a short video followed by a chance to share thoughts on the topic in a small group setting. There's no obligation to say anything, there's nothing you can't say (seriously), and there's no such thing as a silly question.

WHY IS ALPHA FOR YOU? YOU'LL:

FIND A COMMUNITY

Connecting people in our area from all walks of life, Alpha is a way to meet people that you wouldn't have otherwise.

ENERGIZE YOUR FAITH

Does your faith feel stagnant? Joining Alpha is an engaging and relational way to grow in faith through powerful videos and small group discussion.



MOVE PAST SMALL TALK

With the small group format, each week is an opportunity to get to know others through the sharing of thoughts, experiences, and perspectives which in turn can help you get in touch with your own beliefs.

JUST NOT SURE? COME AND SEE

No pressure, no judgment...just food, friends, and great conversation exploring great questions. Everyone is invited, regardless of spiritual background or beliefs.



Give yourself the gift of Alpha to connect with others, experience faith, and converse on a deeper level. Join an upcoming Alpha session that fits your schedule:

Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center starting January 16th (register here)

or **Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m.** in the Parish Center starting January 17th (<u>register</u> here).





Questions: contact <u>Patty Sanfilippo</u> or call 847-446-0856.

4. WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DIVINE MERCY



Blessed are the Peacemakers: The Christian Call in the Midst of Violence

Brian Schmisek, PhD

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

Our world, both at home and across the globe, seems engulfed by violence. We each have our own fears, hopes and coping mechanisms when confronted with it.

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

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SOUTH SIDE SUNDAYS!

Divine Mercy Parishioners are planning to travel to our Sharing Parishes in 2024 to celebrate Mass, and we are calling this "South Side Sundays." All are invited and encouraged to participate.

The first "South Side Sunday" will be on **Sunday, January 14,** when we will attend the 10:30 am Mass at St. Moses the Black. On Sunday, February 18, we plan to attend the 10:00 am Mass at St. Benedict the African.

• The Plan:

- Parishioners who would like to travel as a convoy are asked to indicate whether they can drive others or need a ride. We will try to match everyone up.
- All who want to be part of the convoy will gather at the parking lot of St.
 Philip the Apostle on the Sunday of the visit. On January 14, we will gather at 9:30 am.
- We will drive to the designated Sharing Parish, attend the Mass, and return.
- Please know that it may be as late as 2 pm by the time our group returns to St. Philip's, since Mass at our Sharing Parishes may be a bit longer than the ones at Divine Mercy.

<u>SIGN UP HERE</u> if you'd like to join us, or visit the signup on the Outreach Partners page of our website: www.divinemercynorthshore.org/outreachpartners

Please contact Liz McGowen, lmcgowen@divinemercynorthshore.org, if you have questions. If you would like to travel to the Sharing Parish on your own and meet us there for Mass, you are more than welcome to do so. We just thought it would be more fun to do this as a group.

Thank you, and we look forward to having you join us for South Side Sunday!!





THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK AT DIVINE MERCY

We are on the cusp of great things at Divine Mercy. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are everywhere we look, and that is because our parishioners and guests have chosen to be engaged with their faith. They have taken that first step of saying, Yes! They've made the commitment to get to know Jesus better. And the heavens rejoice.

This is YOUR church, YOUR parish and YOUR faith community. It can only flourish through God's grace and the efforts of us all.

We graciously ask you to remember Divine Mercy Parish in your giving this new year. Your generosity, which is the SOLE source of funding for everything we do at Divine Mercy, helps us bring you the Mass each week, do the good work of the parish through our community outreach partners, evangelize through efforts like ALPHA, connect with our homebound parishioners, and keep the lights on! We are grateful beyond measure for your support.

<u>Click here</u> to use our website to make your Christmas donation, or scan the QR Code.

Happy Feast of the Epiphany and God bless you!





JOIN UNCLE PETE'S MINISTRY NEXT MONDAY JANUARY 15TH

Looking for a great family service activity?

Join us on Monday, January 15 -- Martin Luther King Jr. Day -- at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center to create sack dinners for the hungry.

Our team of volunteers will prepare 300 sack dinners! All items and supplies will be provided. No experience is necessary and all ages are welcome. The meals will go to A Just Harvest, our community partner serving Rogers Park.

Please <u>register here</u> or on our Outreach Partners page on our website, so we know how many stations to prepare. All ages are welcome!



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Thursdays 6:30-8 pm Beginning February 1, 2024 for 8 weeks

at Divine Mercy Parish Center at Sacred Heart (Burr & Gage Sts.) We Begin with Dinner!

ALL ARE WELCOME



Each episode will be followed by a short discussion. Join Us!



HUNGER HERO NEXT WEEKEND FIGHT HUNGER LOCALLY

We'll be collecting Hunger Hero donations after all of our Masses next weekend, January 13 and 14. Here's what's needed.

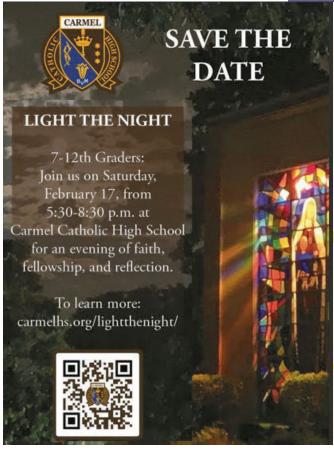
- Cereal
- Nuts, Raisins & Other Healthy Snacks
- Rice and Rice Mixes
- Salad Dressings
- Cooking Oils
- Condiments

Many thanks in advance for your generous donations. Please bring donations bagged or boxed for easy transport. Thank you!

DROP-OFF TIMES:

Sacred Heart Church: Saturday, January 13th 4:30 - 6pm or Sunday, January 14th from 9:45 a.m.-5:30pm

St. Philip the Apostle Church: Sunday, January 14th from 7:45 - 9:00a.m.





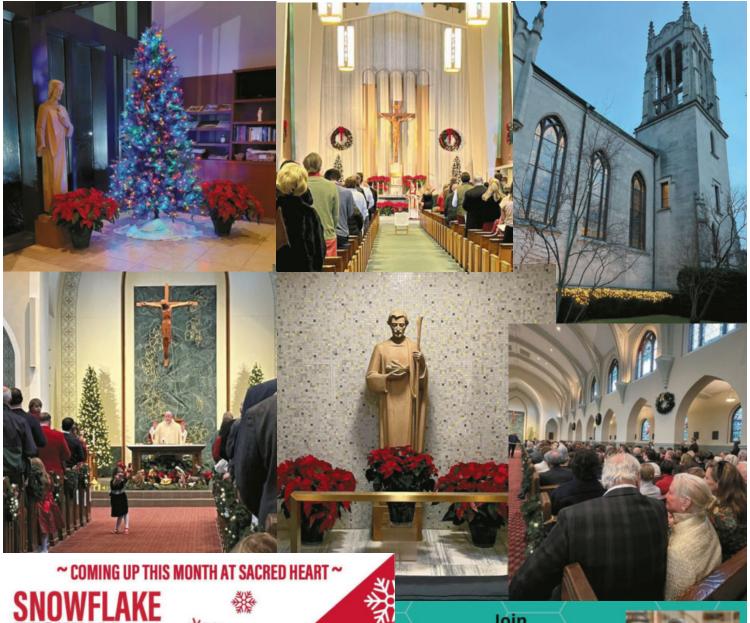
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CHRISTMAS AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH

Many thanks to all the individuals who made Christmas so special at Divine Mercy: our churches were decorated beautifully; the music that filled our liturgies was wonderful; the children who placed baby Jesus in the manger did a fantastic job; our maintenance staff did a great job of making sure our decorations (inside and out) were terrific this year; and our greeters, lectors, eucharistic ministers, ushers and cantors were phenomenal as always. Thank you to all!



MORE PHOTOS FROM CHRISTMAS 2023 AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH



Saturday, January 27 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Open to the Community Toddlers - 2nd Grade w-Adult

Join our early childhood teachers in the gym at Sacred Heart for some fun, snow-themed activities!



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Divine Mercy Parish Center at Sacred Heart



THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE LITURGICAL MINISTER ASSIGNMENTS

January 13, 2024

5:00 p.m.

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

January 14, 2024

8:00 a.m.

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza Sacristan: Rima Abraham Servers: Ministers Needed Lector: Ministers Needed EM: Ministers Needed

10:00 a.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza Sacristan: Ludy Mariano Servers: Ministers Needed Lector: Kathy Janega EM: Deacon Gerry

4:30 p.m.

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

Next Sunday we welcome Alpha members who will share their testimonials with us.

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JOIN US FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT BOTH OUR CHURCHES

Join us on Wednesday afternoons at Sacred Heart Church from 2-3:00 p.m. or Friday mornings after the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Philip the Apostle Church for Adoration and recitation of the Rosary

We hope you'll join us, and spend some time with Jesus. Our world and our Church need so many prayers today!

What the Saints say about Adoration:

"Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to him, 'Lord, I am here. Tell me what you would have me to do'... And then, I tell God everything that is in my heart. I tell him about my pains and my joys, and then I listen. If you listen, God will also speak to you, for with the good Lord, you have to both speak and listen. God always speaks to you when you approach him plainly and simply."

- St. Catherine Labouré

The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."

– St. Teresa of Calcutta

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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, 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.

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

January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

January 7, Sunday

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, Monday

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord The last day of Christmas Time

• 8 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart

January 9, Tuesday

Tuesday in the 1st Week in Ordinary Time

- 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
- 9:00 a.m. Crafty Ladies JPII Room

January 10, Wednesday

Wednesday in the 1st Week In Ordinary Time

- 8:30a.m. Mass Sacred Heart
- 2 3 p.m. Adoration Sacred Heart
- 3 4:30 p.m. Confessions St. Philip

January 11, Thursday

Thursday in the 1st Week in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. Mass Sacred Heart
- 8:45 a.m. 1:30 p.m. Tutoring at Tolton Academy

January 12, Friday

Friday in the 1st Week in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. Mass St. Philip
- 8:30 9 a.m. Adoration & Rosary St. Philip

January 13, Saturday

Friday in the 1st Week in Ordinary Time Optional Memorial of St. Hilary Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Inspirational Study Group - SH Fireplace Room
- 9—9:30 a.m. Confessions Sacred Heart
- 10 11:30 a.m. RCIA SH Fireplace Room
- Hunger Hero Weekend
- 5 p.m. Vigil of the Epiphany Sacred Heart

January 14, Sunday

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Hunger Hero Weekend
- Hospitality after the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Philip and the 10 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
- 10 a.m. Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JAN 7

8:00 a.m. (SPA) -Nancy Blair†
10:00 a.m. (SH) - Frank & Teresa D'Astici
4:30 p. m. (SH) -Denis Dunne † and
Parishioners of Divine Mercy

MONDAY, JAN 8

8:00 a.m. (SH) -James David Cobb †

TUESDAY, JAN 9 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Rita Marini †

WEDNESDAY, JAN 10 (SH)

8:30 a.m. - Susie Mahon †

THURSDAY, JAN 11 (SH)

8:00 a.m.— Peggy DiPaolo †

FRIDAY, JAN 12 (SPA)

8:00 a.m.— Joel Dysart †

SATURDAY, JAN 13 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - Diane McIntosh † and Parishioners of Divine Mercy

SUNDAY, JAN 14

8:00 a.m. (SPA) -Claire Mary Madden
Petzniger†

10:00 a.m. (SH) - Craig Haring † 4:30 p. m. (SH) -Stuart Levin †

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