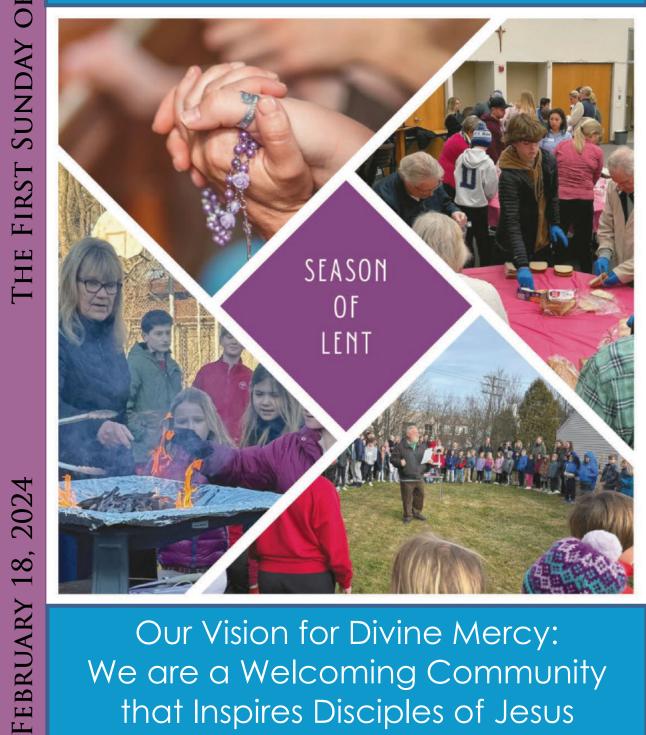
# WORSHIP AID & BULLETIN ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH SACRED HEART CHURCH **DIVINE MERCY PARISH**

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT





Our Vision for Divine Mercy: We are a Welcoming Community that Inspires Disciples of Jesus to Share God's Love and Transform the World.

#### PASTOR'S "TO THE POINT"



Lent. Today we begin the forty days of the Lenten season, the journey that prepares us for Easter.

Some folks count the forty days beginning on Ash Wednesday and then exclude the Sundays of the season. That would be incorrect. Ash Wednesday and the following Thursday through Saturday are described by the Fathers of the Church as the "porch" of Lent, the solemn lead up to the season which begins today.

The Sundays of Lent are not excluded from the season. All you have to do is read the title of each Sunday to know it's part of the season, so, for example, we call today the First Sunday of Lent. Not the First Sunday of "Something Else." It's the first in five Sundays which are all part of the Lenten season.

Why am I making such a big deal of this? Well, because some people mistakenly think that on Sunday, it being Sunday, we get a break from the Lenten discipline.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Lent is not a depressing time such that we need a rest on Sundays. It is a joyful season of renewal through penitential practices. There is joy in prayer, fasting and almsgiving, a joy that is evident in those very activities which permeate every day of the Forty Days.

Happy Lent! Be joyful! God is renewing us throughout each of these Forty Days.

#### About Lent...

The English word Lent is a shortened form of the Old English word lencten, meaning "spring season", as its Dutch language cognate word lente (Old Dutch lentin) still does today. A dated term in German, Lenz (Old High German lenzo), is also related. In Spanish Lent is called Cuaresma, Quaresima in Italian. Both come from the Latin word Quadragesima meaning fortieth.

Pope Francis has centered his Lenten message for 2024 on the Book of Exodus, choosing Through the Desert God Leads Us to Freedom as its main theme to encourage the faithful that the season is a journey from bondage to spiritual renewal and freedom. The pope framed this reflection on the departure of the Israelites from Egypt, a story that not only represents the journey from bondage to emancipation but also of revelation and spiritual freedom. "When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom," the pope said. The Holy Father went on to note that this process "is a demanding one" and that "it is not answered straight away. It has to mature as part of a journey."

During Lent 2024, the pope has encouraged the faithful to undertake an interior examination by asking: "Do we hear that cry? Does it trouble us? Does it move us?" "Our Lenten journey will be concrete if, by listening once more to those two questions, we realize that even today we remain under the rule of Pharaoh. A rule that makes us weary and indifferent. A model of growth that divides and robs us of a future."



Because the Gloria (Glory to God) is a festive song, during Lent it is omitted from Mass except on March 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, and March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. However, since March 25, this year, is Monday of Holy Week,

the Annunciation is transferred to April

Next Saturday we send our catechumen, Jack Perlmutter, to Holy Name Cathedral for the Rite of Election.

The Rite of Sending was developed to let the parish experience some aspect of the Rite of Election, because the ceremony at the cathedral can usually accommodate very few of the faithful from each parish. During this rite Jack will write his name into the Book of the Elect. At the end of the rite, the presider announces that the catechumen is now a member of the Elect.

The Rite of Election takes place at the cathedral because of the bishop's role. The bishop is ultimately responsible for deciding who is among the elect, although in practice he relies on the testimony of others working more closely with catechumens. The bishop is the primary minister of the Sacrament of Baptism itself because in the early Church the bishop presided for all the baptisms of the diocese. Today, however, this is impractical, and Baptisms take place in parishes

As Jack begins his final preparations for the Easter Vigil's Sacraments of Initiation, let us remember him in our prayers.

Fridays of Lent are days of obligatory abstinence for those between age 14until age 59. Traditionally Fridays of Lent are devoted to remembering the Passion of the Lord and in such we do not eat meat. Eggs, milk, fish, grains, and fruits and vegetables are allowed.

Code of Canon Law 1251

#### JOIN US DURING LENT FOR SEASON 3 OF THE CHOSEN: FOLLOWING JESUS THEN & NOW!

We'll gather on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. beginning February 1st to have dinner, watch an episode of the Chosen, and discuss in small groups. It's a great way to share

your faith and discuss the many scripture passages as portrayed in The Chosen.



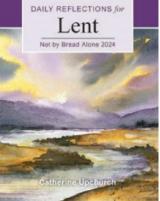
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episodes in Season 3, which will take us through Lent and prepare us for Holy Week. This week we'll watch episode 4. Join us!



#### SPECIAL MASS FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

All are welcome to a Mass for the Anointing of the Sick, March 2, 10 a.m. St. Philip the Apostle Church. We celebrate the sacrament with our entire community. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.



#### DID YOU GET YOUR LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLET?

Each Friday of Lent

St. Philip the Apostle Church

at 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome to take a copy of the 2024 issue of Not by Bread Alone from Liturgical Press featuring Catherine Upchurch.

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You can find them in the vestibule of St. Philip Church and the Gathering Space or Vestibule of Sacred Heart Church. There are a few left!

# THREE PASTORS REFLECTIONS ON THE EUCHARIST

**The Real Presence** 

**The Mass** 

Thanksgiving

Fr. Martin O'Donovan
Ss. Faith, Hope & Charity Parish
Fr. Steven Lanza
Divine Mercy Parish
Fr. Wayne Watts
Saints Joseph, Francis Xavier

Parish

### MONDAY, MARCH 4 7:00 p.m. by Zoom videoconference



# A Tri-Parish Event!

Questions? Contact Kathleen Clarke at clarkekathleen63@aol.com



**Register here:** <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E44A5AC2BA0FB6-47707084-three</u> or scan the QR Code.

#### JOIN OUR SMALL FAITH GROUP FOR LENT

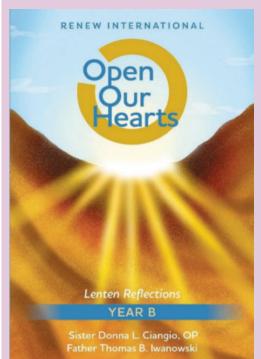
Lent is a great time to take stock of where we are on our spiritual journey. It is a moment to check our spiritual bearings and take any action that will keep us moving in the right direction.

We'll take time this Lent to engage with scripture and reflect on different aspects of your spiritual life with Renew International's *Open Our Hearts*.

We'll gather on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. at St. Philip the Apostle with Cathy Stegich and Kim Rak beginning February 15th. (Coffee and a simple snack will be provided, too!) Each week we'll connect on a deeper level with scripture, prayer and reflections, along with concrete ways to live out our faith at home, in our parish and the world.

If you'd like to join us, click  $\underline{here}$  or scan the QR code to register.





CALLING ALL PARENTS! CATHOLICISM 101 - PART 3

EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW

About Lent:

THE SEASON OF FORGIVENESS & THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION

Explain Lent, the Sacraments of Healing, and the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday) to your kids.

Sunday, February 25 8:45-9:50 a.m. Rm 300 of Sacred Heart School Presented by Sam Fifer from Children's Ministry Coffee & light bites will be served.

#### **DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?** In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words
Fast from sadness
Fast from anger
Fast from pessimism
Fast from worries
Fast from complaints
Fast from pressures
Fast from bitterness

- Fast from selfishness
- . Fast from grudges
- . Fast from words

...and say kind words. ...and be filled with gratitiude. ...and be filled with patience. ...and be filled with hope. ...and have trust in God. ...and contemplate simplicity. ...and be prayerful. ...and fill your hearts with joy. ...and be compassionate to others. ...and be reconciled. ...and be silent so you can listen.

#### VISITING A HOMEBOUND FRIEND OR RELATIVE?

We encourage you to take a copy of the bulletin or the most recent issue of *Connections* on your next visit with any of our homebound parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. We know how much they appreciate those visits, and being filled in on all that happens at the parish. Thank you!

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# MEN'S CLUB

#### DIVINE MERCY MEN'S CLUB TO MEET FEBRUARY 21ST

A group of men from Divine Mercy plan to re-start a Men's Club. The first meeting will be at 7 pm, February 21st in the Parish Center at Sacred Heart. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided. A free will donation is requested to cover the cost of the refreshments.

A working mission statement for the group is: The Divine Mercy Men's Club provides a faith-based opportunity for the men of the parish to meet, coordinate events to provide assistance to community members in need, and help with other philanthropic efforts.

We hope you'll join us!



LINK TO BUY YOUR TICKETS: CLICK <u>HERE</u> OR SCAN THE QR CODE:



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2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

# Together at the table

annualcatholicappeal.com

#### Please Make Your Gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal: Together at the Table

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call "Together at the Table." In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish. For example, the funds help support many of our renewal efforts like Alpha, the Women's Network, our small faith sharing groups, Sacred Heart School, Children's Ministry, and our outreach efforts.

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude.

Please give what you can to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal.

#### THANK YOU

Thanks to all of our Hospitality Sunday helpers, and especially our youngest helpers —our Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten Children's

Ministry students who helped distribute goodies last Sunday after their tour of Sacred Heart Church and the 10am Mass. Thank you!





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## **DIVINE MERCY'S** WOMEN'S **NETWORK FEBRUARY**

- C 7:00-8:00 PM
- GATHERING
- MONDAY 26TH FEB PARISH CENTER

JOIN US!

Join us for Becoming a Contagious Christian! Come for a beverage as we discover how to naturally communicate our faith to others. This Lent, as we heed the call in Matthew's Gospel to "go make disciples," let's do this together!















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#### PALM BURNING SERVICES

Both our Children's Ministry community and Sacred Heart School gathered early last week for prayer services to burn last year's palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Many thanks to our Director of Liturgy and Music, Ron Vanasdlen, for leading both services.

Many of our Children's Ministry parents were happy to experience this service for the very first time.





# THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

#### THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE LITURGICAL MINISTER ASSIGNMENTS

February 24, 2024 5:00 p.m. SACRED HEART CHURCH Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza Sacristan: Joe Schuessler Servers: Ministers Needed Lector: Minister Needed EM: Minister Needed

February 25, 2024 8:00 a.m. ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH Presider: Fr. John Kartje Sacristan: Rima Abraham Servers: Ministers Needed Lector: Steve Clingan EM: Minister Needed

10:00 a.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH **Presider: Fr. John Kartje** Sacristan: Marjorie Martinez Servers: Ministers Needed Lector: Sacred Heart School EM: Dee Hanlon

#### 4:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH **Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza** Sacristan: Minister Needed Servers: Ministers Needed Lector: Barb Anderson EM: Minister Needed

#### LENTEN GUIDELINES FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.



#### PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING

These are three traditional practices of Lent that can easily be incorporated into your life at home. They are meant to help us turn away from unhealthy habits and open our hearts to God.

Through **prayer**, we come to know God. Spend some time with God during Lent! Create a prayer corner at home; practice times of silence and listen to God; join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 2-3pm at Sacred Heart or Fridays from 8:30-9:30am and spend some time in prayer; create a prayer journal; pray the rosary (with our Zoom group—see page xx) or the Stations of the Cross with your family. There are great resources online, too! Just search Lenten Daily Reflections.

**Fasting** is actually a spiritual exercise. We fast to grow our inner spirit and life. Fasting forces us to abandon wasteful habits and to do without, so we have more to share. It fosters solidarity with the millions of our planet who go without sufficient food. Fasting draws us nearer to God and opens our hearts to God. We fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday to remember Christ's passion and death.

Almsgiving challenges us to give of what we have. It is a work of justice, not an option, for it benefits those in need. As Catholics, we are always called to share what we have with the less fortunate, but during Lent we are especially called to share God's love with others through the giving of our time, sharing our gifts, and offering our treasure for those in need. Almsgiving involves action and sacrifice, a reminder of Christ's passion and sacrifice for us. Volunteer with Uncle Pete's Ministry, A Just Harvest, or one of our many outreach ministries this Lent! Just visit our website for more opportunities: www.divinemercynorthshore.org.

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

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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, Bob, Julie, James and Robert Conte, Jr., John Coyne, James Farney, Mary Beth Fellinger, Lisa Marie Franke, Ermin Garcia, Jr., Patricio Gilchrist, Benjamin Grillo, 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, Ben Mazzone, Sr. Peggy McDonnell, Mike McNulty, Heather Mroz, Beth O'Brien, Joan O'Donnell, Lynn Pattison, Mike Pearson, Cheryl Pierson, Brad Raguse, Judy Rasfeld, Steve Roemer, 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 Salvator "Sam" Scaccio.

#### 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**

February is dedicated to the Holy Family Black History Month

#### February 18, Sunday

The First Sunday of Lent ACA Follow-up Weekend

- 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Prayer Team Members available for prayer after Mass — St. Philip
- 11 a.m. 2 p.m. A Just Harvest Lunch Service in Rogers Park

#### February 19, Monday

Monday of the 1st Week of Lent Presidents' Day

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

#### February 20, Tuesday

Tuesday of the 1st Week of Lent World Day of Social Justice

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. ALPHA Parish Center

#### February 21, Wednesday

Wednesday of the 1st Week of Lent

- 8:30a.m. Mass Sacred Heart
- 9:30 a.m. ALPHA Parish Center • 2 - 3 p.m. Adoration - Sacred Heart
- 3 4:30 p.m. Confessions St. Philip
- 7 p.m. Men's Club Meeting Parish
- Center

#### February 22, Thursday

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

- 8 a.m. Mass Sacred Heart
- 8:45 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. Tutoring at **Tolton Academy**
- 9 10 a.m. Lenten Small Faith Sharing Group - SPA JPII Room
- 6:30 p.m. The Chosen Parish Center

#### February 23, Friday

- Friday of the 1st Week of Lent
- 8 a.m. Mass St. Philip
- 8:30 9 a.m. Adoration & Rosary - St. Philip
- 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross St. Philip Church

#### February 24, Saturday

Saturday of the 1st Week of Lent

• 7:30 a.m. Men's Inspirational Study Group - Sacred Heart Fireplace Rm

- 9 9:30 a.m. Confessions Sacred Heart Church
- 5 p.m. Anticipated Mass Sacred Heart—RCIA Rite of Sending to the Cathedral

#### February 25, Sunday

- The Second Sunday of Lent • 8:45 - 9:50 a.m. Children's Ministry
- Sessions
- 10 a.m. Mass Sacred Heart School in Ministry
- 2:30 p.m. RCIA Rite of Election Holy Name Cathedral
- 5:15 7 p.m. Family Faith Parish Center

#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, FEB 18 8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Jeff Estabrooke † 10:00 a.m. (SH) - Ted Heppner † 4:30 p. m. (SH) - John F. Flynn, Sr. †

MONDAY, FEB 19 8:00 a.m. (SH) - Bob Erzinger +

TUESDAY, FEB 20 (SPA) 8:00 a.m. – Madge and Betsy Dorsey †

WEDNESDAY, FEB 21 (SH) 8:30 a.m. - John F. Flynn, Sr. †

THURSDAY, FEB 22 (SH) 8:00 a.m. - Mario Iturino †

FRIDAY, FEB 23 (SPA) 8:00 a.m. - John F. Flynn, Sr. †

#### SATURDAY, FEB 24 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - The Conway and Stevens Families

#### SUNDAY, FEB 25

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - John F. Flynn, Sr.<sup>+</sup> and Parishioners of Divine Mercy 10:00 a.m. (SH) - Bob Vanecko † 4:30 p. m. (SH) - John F. Flynn, Jr. †

#### MASS INTENTIONS

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