



Divine Mercy Parish

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH



FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

SPECIAL FEAST DAY

To begin with, the second Sunday of the Easter season which we celebrate this weekend is special in and of itself. It is a Sunday within the Octave of Easter (the first eight days of the season which, altogether, functions as a sort of "Sunday" for the entire liturgical year). It was also recently named by Saint John Paul II as Divine Mercy Sunday to highlight the great kindness of our God in saving us in spite of our sinfulness.

So it's special enough. But because our parish is named for the mercy of God, it also means we celebrate our patronal feast this weekend.

Our parish is not named after a saint. It's named after a divine attribute, a characteristic of our God. He is loving and kind. He is generous. He is extremely merciful.

If you are signed up for the parish eblast, I hope that you will spend a few minutes watching the great video montage put together in honor of our patronal feast day. It contains images that portray who we are as a parish and what we are doing to further the mission of Christ in the world. (You'll also be able to find it on our website.)

VISION

Our parish starts with "why?" Why do we exist? What is our purpose?

Here's how our Parish Council and our Senior Leadership Team describes our "why": Divine Mercy Parish is a welcoming community that inspires disciples of Jesus to share God's love and transform our world.

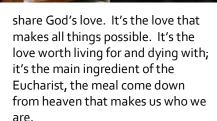
This is the vision that guides us. This is the vision to which we aspire. This same vision will infuse every aspect of our five year strategic plan currently being worked on by our Parish Council.

It's not a small vision. It shouldn't be. We are dreaming big. We're going for the "God's eye" view of who we are and why we exist as a parish.

Small visions aren't worth the effort. Big ones are. This vision will keep us busy for a very long time.

The parts that make it up will provide plenty of work for us in the present time and in the future.

- A welcoming community: A
 parish can never be too hospitable
 or welcoming. We can spend many
 years refining how our doors are
 open, and how we accept people
 for who they are and bring them
 along with us in striving to be the
 face of Christ in the world.
- Inspiring disciples: The formation of believers of all ages does not primarily consist of catechesis, the knowledge of the faith, although that's important. It is first and foremost about cultivating a relationship with the living Lord Jesus, Risen and present in our lives. Without this relationship, knowledge doesn't really mean much, does it? It is a relationship nurtured by prayer, scripture, liturgy and the company of other believers engaged in the journey of faith.
- Sharing God's love: We're not here to judge, lest (in the warning of Jesus) we ourselves be judged. We are here to do one thing in a variety of ways. The one thing is to



Transforming the world: We engage others, serving their needs, person to person, community to community, one step at a time. This relationship of service, outreach and ministry will slowly change our world as we give witness to the power of Christ by the way in which we serve others. It's the work of a lifetime.

HAPPY FEAST DAY!

I am deeply grateful to call this parish home. I am thankful to God for the many committed individuals and families who make Divine Mercy Parish what it is.

May the celebration of our patronal feast bring many more graces into your life!. I know it has for me. Thanks be to God!





COMMUNITY

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The following is a little history of Divine Mercy Sunday from our Deacon Mike McNulty, and how profound it is that as a parish, we bear the name Divine Mercy.

A bunch of guys my age used to have lunch together monthly. We called ourselves the Romeos, Retired Old

Men Eating Out. Eventually we started going on an annual trip. One year Krakow, Poland was on our itinerary.

Tom McCabe was an active parishioner at St. Phillip the Apostle, and a devotee of Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska, who dedicated her life to spreading good news of the Divine Mercy of God. She died on October 5, 1938 in Krakow, and Tom made it his mission to come home with a relic for his parish. He succeeded and the reliquary where it is displayed is in the east side aisle of St. Phillip the Apostle Church. At that time, Tom had no idea what was to occur later. St. Phillip the Apostle and

Sacred Heart united to become Divine Mercy Parish. Was Tom inspired by God who knew all along?

Elena Kowalska was called to religious life early. She was only 7 when during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, she experienced that call. In 1924, a few weeks before her 20th birthday, she

had a vision of Jesus during his Passion. In 1925, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Warsaw. In 1926, she entered the novitiate taking the name Maria Faustina. A year later having worked at the most menial tasks

in the convent, she experienced a vision of potatoes turning into roses, thus reassuring her how pleasing to Jesus is lowly work done out of love for Him.

She was barely literate and kept a diary written phonetically without punctuation. John Paul II was

Archbishop of Krakow at that time, and he ordered, what had become 700 pages of deeply spiritual observations, be translated. It was published under the title *Divine Mercy in My Soul*. She later experienced the stigmata, the wounds suffered by Jesus on the Cross.

She was beatified in 1993 and canonized on April 30, 2000 by Pope John Paul II. Her life inspired religious and lay people to form an organization called *Apostles of Divine Mercy*, and their work has spread to 29 countries. Her congregation operates the Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Lagiewniki, Poland. Her order opened their first house outside of Poland at Boston Massachusetts in 1988. There is a Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Eden Hill, Massachusetts.

Happy Feast Day! Mike McNulty

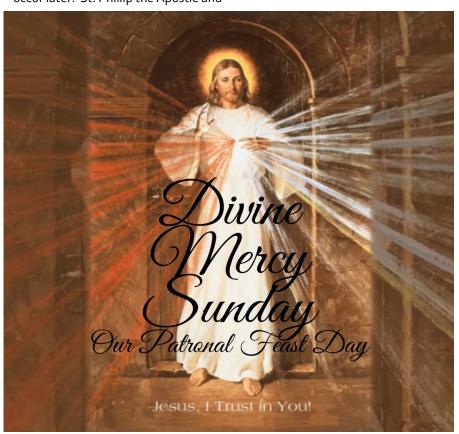
A SPECIAL DIVINE MERCY VIDEO

In case you missed (or do not receive) our e-blast this morning, be sure to visit our website Sunday morning. In recognition of our feast day, you'll find a wonderful video with all the Parish highlights from the past year, showcasing the wonderful people of Divine Mercy and what they can accomplish even in the midst of a pandemic! You'll find it on our website homepage, too!



The primary way we can regularly communicate with our parishioners today is through email (our e-blast), our website and social media. They often include important information you ought to know.

So! If you're not receiving our e-blasts, get on our mailing list. Please send Judy Pyke your email address, and she'll get you connected. Email her at jpyke@divinemercynorthshore.org or call our temporary office number: 847-881-6664. THANK YOU!

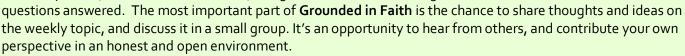


Take the next step in your faith journey this Spring

Grounded in Faith

A series of conversations based on the concept of discipleship. All are welcome. If you're looking for a place to start, or you've been on the Alpha journey and want to go deeper, this course is for you.

Grounded in Faith is an informative, no-pressure series where you can come as you are, meet some new friends, and get some of those burning





What it is:

An 5 part series that explores the foundational elements and core concepts of discipleship. We will dive into topics like building a personal relationship with Jesus, letting Him take you from good to great, dealing with mistakes and regret, cultivating a deeper relationship with God through prayer, and more!

When:

Choose an evening or a morning session: Thursday Evenings 7-8:15 PM beginning April 22nd or Friday Mornings 9:30 – 10:45 AM beginning April 23rd. Runs for 5 weeks.

Invite a friend and attend together if you like!

Reserve your spot:. https://forms.gle/usmDCLxN1hnvYUUJA

Contact Sue at slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org with questions or for more information.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE OUR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES SO SPECIAL!

A special shout out of thanks to everyone who contributed their talents to create a beautiful environment for our liturgies in the past week, especially Ron Vanasdlen, Tanya Scandariato, Mary and Maureen Claps, Suzy Trott, and Jim Dietz.

We'd also like to thank our team of greeters and ushers, coordinated by Sue Lehocky and Michelle Wasielewski, who helped with the **11 liturgies** of Holy Week and Easter! We could not have welcomed so many parishioners without your devoted service to Divine Mercy.

We were also blessed with Tom Carroll, Mary Newton, and Ludy Mariano assisting as servers, with Kathy Janega as Master of Ceremonies.

Our music ministry: Violin: Nina Saito, Linda Veleckis Mussbaum; Viola: Jessica Lipon; Cello: William Cernota; Percussion: Brent Roman; Cantors: Jenny Farney (Holy Thursday and Easter Morning at St. Philip); Andrew Dahan (Good Friday, 3 p.m. and Easter Morning Pianist at St. Philip); Carla LaMarr (Good Friday, 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart), Micah Dingler (Easter Vigil); Kevin Siembor, Easter Vigil and Easter Morning at Sacred Heart; and Sarah Cozzi, Easter Morning for Masses in the school gym.

Many thanks to our live-stream team (Tony Sarch and Jon Comstock), and maintenance staff (Alex Hodge, Tony Sarch and Carlos Santillan) who enable us to host each liturgy by preparing our space and sanitizing each location after every liturgy.

Profound thanks to you all, and God bless the good work that you do for Divine Mercy Parish!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER

@Franciscus
The Lord waits for us to
offer him our failings so that he can
help us experience his mercy.
#DivineMercySunday

JOIN US FOR OUR ALPHA REUNION!

Have you attended Alpha? If so, we're having another online reunion and would love for you to join us! Save April 13th at 6:30 p.m. It's just one hour on ZOOM. We'll catch up, do some sharing in small groups and connect with fellow Alpha attendees.

If you can join us, email Sue at slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org and she'll send you the ZOOM link.

Meanwhile, our current Alpha session will finish in the next few weeks. Keep them, as well as the team members, in your prayers as they encounter the risen Christ!



RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

That as the apostles put their resources at the service of the needy, so we may support the efforts of pregnancy resource centers that provide alternatives to abortion, we pray to the Lord.

YOU CAN STILL MAKE YOUR EASTER DONATION HERE

Divine Mercy Parish exists because of you. We depend on your donations to help keep the lights on, keep our churches open for liturgies, care for all of our outreach partners, provide pastoral care for those in need, offer formation programs for our parishioners and help pass on the faith to our young people. And this is only part of the work we do here at Divine Mercy. Can you help us? You can give directly via our Give Central portal by visiting https://www.givecentral.org/location/205/event/4265 or by simply clicking here.



MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like a Mass said for a loved one? Just call Megan Nolan at our office at 847-881-6664 or 847-446-0856, and she'll be able to help you.

You can also email Megan Nolan at megan@divinemercynorthshore.org

WORSHIP AIDS FOR MASS

In an effort to reduce costs at the parish during the pandemic, worship aids will no longer be printed. They will be found on our website, which you can download before you come to Mass or scan this QR code with your smart phone camera to access it at church or at home so that you can follow along. NOTE: all three Masses will appear, so you'll need to scroll to the Mass you are attending.



FINANCE





Scan the Code to Donate!

PLEASE MAKE A REGULAR DONATION TO DIVINE MERCY

Whether you join us for Mass in Church, via live-stream on our website or our Facebook page, or from the St. Philip parking lot when we have drive-in Masses, we graciously ask you to remember Divine Mercy Parish in your giving.

Your generosity helps us bring you the Mass each week, do the good work of the parish, support our outreach efforts and keep the lights on! We are grateful beyond measure for your support, particularly during this extraordinary year! God Bless You!!

FINANCES AT A GLANCE

We are not reporting collection information this week, as we are working with our finance council to help provide better information to the parish based on the current situation with the pandemic.

If you are not an online donor and wish to sign up, please contact Cindy Atsaves in the parish office at cindyatsaves@divinemercynorthshore.org. If you wish to make a donation via a stock transfer, please contact Cindy as well.

Thank you for your generosity to Divine Mercy Parish!

COMMUNITY

TATTOOS ON THE HEART

Join parishioners from Divine Mercy, Faith Hope & Charity, and Sts. Joseph and Francis Xavier to discuss this excellent book by Father Greg Boyle, SJ, founder of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world.

Tri-Parish Book Discussion



Tattoos on the Heart

By Gregory Boyle, S.J.

Mondays, April 19 - May 10

9:30 a.m. Leader: Pam Coster 7:30 p.m. Leader: Jack Smyth

Join us in reading and discussing Fr. Boyle's best-selling book, *Tattoos on the Heart:* The Power of Boundless Compassion. In the book, Fr. Boyle distills his many years of experience working in the Boyle Heights area of Los Angeles, "the gang capital of the world", where he founded and runs Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program. There are lessons for all of us in his powerful and poignant stories of universal kinship and redemption.

Contact Pam Coster to register at pcoster@gmail.com.

By Zoom videoconference. The book can be purchased through any bookseller.



MASQUERADE: NITE LITES 2021

Nite Lites is ON and we're selling Nite Lites Raffle Tickets before all the Masses this weekend! Currently scheduled for May 22nd, our 2021 NIte Lites team is seeking donations for this year's upcoming event, benefitting Sacred Heart School. If you have a vacation home, airline miles, gift cards or any other in-kind item you would be willing to donate, we would love to have your help! Perhaps consider supporting our local restaurants or retailers and purchase a gift card to donate. If you are a business owner consider sponsoring the event. We have some great sponsorship packages which are a wonderful way to reach our community and gain exposure for your business. Contact the Nite Lites Team at our new address: nitelites@shwschool.org with questions, inquiries or donations!

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!!

A very big thank you to this year's sponsors:

Chamberlain Advisors, Merrill Lynch, Salvi Schostok &
Pritchard, Ryan Building Group, The Popovici Family,
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)

Two Special First Reconciliation Services for Our 2nd Graders



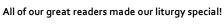
















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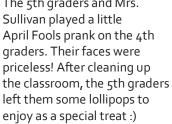


LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT **SACRED HEART SCHOOL!**







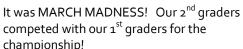
















Congratulations to our 8th graders who received the Sacrament of Confirmation.



4th grade math activities! The fourth grade has enjoyed some new review games to help with finding equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions.



We have been on our Easter spring break and will be back at school tomorrow, Monday, April 12th.





PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

PRESIDER SCHEDULE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 17, 2021 SACRED HEART CHURCH 5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Dean Semmer

April 18, 2021 ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH 8:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

April 18, 2021 SACRED HEART CHURCH 10:00 a.m. Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
please come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you now
as if you were already there
and I unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

MINISTERS OF CARE

Given restrictions of nursing homes in the State of Illinois, the constraints of safety protocols of the Archdiocese, and the fact that the majority of our volunteers fall into the vulnerable category, home visits by Ministers of Care cannot be made at this time. If your loved one 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 or 847-881-6664. One of our priests will respond to your call. Please leave a message!!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTOR ASSIGNMENTS: APRIL 17 & 18

April 17, 2021 Sacred Heart Church 5:00 p.m. **Bill Hague**

April 18, 2021 St. Philip the Apostle Church 8:00 a.m. TBD

April 18, 2021 Sacred Heart Church 10:00 a.m. TBD

If you are interested in the ministry of Lector at either Sacred Heart or St. Philip the Apostle, please contact Ron Vanasdlen, via email rvanasdlen@divinemercynorthshore.org

PLEASE PRAY

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, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Dennis Braun,
Wendy Braun, John Dory, Lisa Franke,
Paul Greco, Benjamin Grillo, Jack Hogan, Mario Iturino, Gina
Quirk Lazicki, Ruth Martin, Teresa McNamara, Beth O'Brien,
Joan Rohrs, Pat Rupp, Mary Rycroft, Sister Betty Tranel,
and Lisa Zitella

For Those Who Have Died

May the souls of faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Marge Ayers

Robert Desmond, Sr.

Paul Gerlach

Sonya F. LaMarr, Mother of Carla LaMarr Gerald Deppe, Father of Maria Deppe McNitt John Paul Kiraly, brother of Phil Kiraly Susan Folz, sister of Julie Stiller

Please note: There will be no confessions at St. Philip the Apostle Church on Wednesday April 14 nor May 12, as Fr. Javier is unavailable. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Note that the Wednesday Mass currently is closed to the public. Only the Sacred Heart School students are allowed to attend. It may be viewed on our website homepage via livestream.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK AT BOTH SACRED HEART AND ST. PHILIP

MONDAY, April 12 (SH) 7:00 a.m. - Michael Hickey

TUESDAY, April 13 (SPA) 8:00 a.m. - Daniel Weber

WEDNESDAY, April 14 (SH) School Mass: Closed to the Public 8:30 a.m. - John Flynn

THURSDAY, April 15 (SH) 7:00 a.m. - Linda Walsh

FRIDAY, APRIL 16 (SPA) 8:00 a.m. - Ian Binnie

SATURDAY, APRIL 17 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - Coradini Family and Parishioners of Divine Mercy

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

8:00 a.m. **(SPA)** - John Lucas and Parishioners of Divine Mercy

10:00 a.m. **(SH)** - John Flynn and Parishioners of Divine Mercy

THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

All meetings at Divine Mercy Parish are currently suspended until further notice.

SACRAMENTS

Please call the Parish Office temporary number at 847-881-6664 for the most current information regarding Sacraments during this time.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at both of our worship sites. Sacred Heart Church offers the Sacrament on Saturday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and at St. Philip the Apostle Church on Wednesday afternoons with Fr. Javier Del Castillo from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. And there is no need to make a reservation! We remind everyone to wear a mask, and that you'll be greeted by someone from our reopening team.

Please know that if it has been a while since your last confession, "Do not be afraid!" (Matthew 14:27). *The priest will help guide you*.

A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. (Rite of Penance, no. 45)

DO YOU HAVE A BULLETIN SUBMISSION?

Please adhere to the following specifications when submitting an item for the bulletin. The deadline is Tuesday, 9:00am for the following Sunday.

BULLETIN SPECS:

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Headlines: 12 (ALL CAPS & BOLD)

Body text: 10 LINE SPACING:

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Avoid outlining text boxes, if you can.

Continue to create ads for special events like Nite Lites. We simply ask you incorporate the Corbel font style when you are able. Please submit all items to:

divinemercybulletins@gmail.com

DIVINE MERCY OFFICES

Given the constraints of the pandemic, our offices are currently closed. You can still reach us by calling our temporary office number at 847-881-6664.

You can also reach any staff member via email. You can find that directory on the next page.

Thank you for your understanding.

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

Making Disciples • Building Church • Serving Others

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