



Divine Mercy Parish

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



THANK YOU FATHER DEAN!

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

FAREWELL FOR FR. DEAN

This past year due to the pandemic, I've been occupying my spare time, such as it is, with pursuits I would normally not engage in. For example, I've been rereading a science fiction series that I have on the shelf, and listening to I watching (on YouTube) old musicals. Not so very long ago I watched a recording done at the Hollywood Bowl of "The Sound of Music." It was great. If you're familiar with this particular Rogers and Hammerstein musical, you know that one of the songs is "So Long, Farewell."

I'm reminded of this because this weekend we bid a fond farewell to Father Dean. He's reached retirement age and the Cardinal has granted his request to ride off into the sunset, so to speak.

I hope you are able to join in the festivities. Normally, pre-pandemic we would host a reception after a farewell Mass. Unfortunately, we are not able to gather at a reception. So we are doing what we did for Father Mike when he retired last year.

We're holding a drive-by parade in front of the Sacred Heart rectory going down Burr Street (which is one way, by the way, entering from Tower Road). Father Dean will be out front with a bucket of Holy Water, and as you say farewell he'll be happy to douse you with the Holy Water and bless you.

Someone will also be there with a basket if you would like to drop off a personal note or card to Father Dean. If you're not able to participate in the drive-by parade, you can always either drop off or mail in a card to the parish office and from there it will get to Father Dean.

Father Dean will be the main celebrant for the Saturday evening Mass on April 24 at 5:00 p.m., so you can also see him there. As with all our Masses these days, you'll need to register online in order to attend. The Saturday evening Mass, per usual, is being livestreamed.

Father is also scheduled for the daily Masses on April 26 and 27. If you're not able to attend the Saturday evening Masses, you can see him at those Masses.

Father Dean, it's been great having you here. We wish you all the best in well-deserved retirement. We offer you the traditional Latin congratulatory phrase: Ad multos annos!

SARTO FUND

A number of parishioners have recently donated gifts earmarked for the Sarto Fund. If you recall, this fund, established many years ago, is for the benefit of our own parishioners who are experiencing financial difficulty.

This pandemic has been difficult for all of us, but for some it's been devastating. If you are able to contribute to this special fund it would be much appreciated.

Thank you for your support of the parish in these challenging times!
Thank you for helping those in need!

FAMILY DINNERS

In my homily last weekend, I made reference to the importance of families gathering for dinner. You've probably done more of this type of thing in comparison to pre-pandemic days due (at least in the initial months) to most things shutting down. Kids were less involved in sports during those months, and as a family you may have had more time on your hands, such that you could dedicate several evenings to family dinners.

I mentioned in the homily the following website: thefamilydinnerproject.org. Take the time to check it out. It's got all sorts of good information in it, including tips on conversation starters for families with young kids.

Having at least one meal a week with all the members of the family goes a long way to strengthening the family



itself and the individual members of it. Enjoy!

I leave you with this thought from Saint John Paul II: "The very experience of communion and sharing that should characterize the family's daily life represents its first and fundamental contribution to society. The relationships between the members of the family community are inspired and guided by the law of 'free giving.' By respecting and fostering personal dignity in each and every one as the only basis for value, this free giving takes the form of heartfelt acceptance, encounter and dialogue, disinterested availability, generous service and deep solidarity. Thus the fostering of authentic and mature communion between persons within the family is the first and irreplaceable school of social life, and example and stimulus for the broader community relationships marked by respect, justice, dialogue and love (Familiaris Consortio, 1981, nos 43.1-43.3).



Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Take a moment to pray for vocations. We need more of those Good Shepherds to lead us!

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER



@Franciscus

Being Christian is not first of all a doctrine or a moral ideal; it is a living relationship with the Risen Lord.

COMMUNITY



A TIME FOR GOING FORTH

There are many transitions in life from the moment we enter this world through our mother's womb. With a certain amount of pulling and pushing we enter into life as we know it. There are the stages of life that progress from that point on from going to school, high school and for some college. We enter the work force and through the blessings we have received we are able to succeed in life with our family and friends. Eventually there is a time when we may have the opportunity to retire and carry out a different aspect of life. Hopefully this is with the certitude of our health remaining good.

I have come to this stage in my life, where I have the opportunity to retire. It has mixed blessings for me. It is hard to see the friends of the parish go. Many people have been a part of my life. That experience is irreplaceable. It also brings back memories of the many people who have been a part of my priestly life for the past forty-two years. The many ministries that I have been involved in. As I was going through my folders of the things I have done over the years I couldn't believe it. I become aware of how I have changed and the things I have learned over the years. Including during this assignment. I am very happy that I continue to learn, because without learning we wither. I am grateful to all the people of Divine Mercy parish. I also know that life does progress on.

I am also grateful to God for the opportunity to be a part of the Church. When I considered entering the seminary I truly felt that it was God who wanted me to be God's servant as a priest. I am extremely thankful for that gift.

It is has been especially challenging for us during this past year. All of us have had to adjust our lives with the pandemc. A year ago none of us knew what it would entail. It certainly has been an adjustment. In

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our social lives, in our work, and in our worshiping together.

I look forward to the future. Some of you may wonder what does a retired priest do? I plan on seeing some friends, travel and possibly look for a place to stay in Florida. I am not a cold weather person.

Thank you for the gift of being able to serve in this parish. I would like to thank Fr. Steve for all of his efforts and work trying to make Divine Mercy parish the best it can be. I will pray for you and for all God's people. May your love for Jesus continue to grow.

Fr. Dean

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FR. DEAN IS RETIRING!

JOIN US FOR HIS FAREWELL MASS: SATURDAY APRIL 24th
5:00 PM AT SACRED HEART CHURCH
MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ON OUR WEBSITE

His farewell Parade was held earlier Saturday, so parishioners could bid farewell to Fr. Dean.

Do you have a card for Fr. Dean? Just send it to the Parish Office, and we'll make sure it gets to him!

Divine Mercy Parish

1077 Tower Road

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THANK YOU FR. DEAN FOR THE GIFT OF YOUR PRIESTHOOD AND YOUR SERVICE TO DIVINE MERCY PARISH AND THE PEOPLE OF GOD FOR SO MANY YEARS!



ADULT FORMATION



"Do Whatever He Tells You." Mary, Mother and Disciple

Morning of Reflection on the Blessed Mother

Join speakers from Ss. Faith, Hope & Charity; Ss. Joseph and Francis Xavier and Divine Mercy parishes to explore the lessons Mary teaches us through her story in scripture. Speakers will each focus on one of nine biblical passages about Mary and there will be time for prayer, reflection and discussion.

Thursday,

May 20 10:00 – 11:00 AM

A Tri-Parish

Program

"Jesus is the Sun and Mary is the dawn, announcing His rising." Pope Francis

To Register for this ZOOM session: Contact Pam Costner at pcostner@gmail.com

OUTREACH



Our food collection is this weekend!

Items to be collected at **BOTH** churches:

- 1. Ramen noodles;
- 2. Non-refrigerated Juice & juice boxes;
- 3. Cooking oil.

Times:

Saturday at SH from 4:30 - 5:45 p.m. Sunday at SPA from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday at SH from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

The items will ALL go to the Northfield Township Food Pantry. Why? There has been a fire at the New Trier Food Pantry, and they have no idea at this point when they will reopen. Meantime, they are sending all of their clients to Northfield as an alternative. Thus, all of our collections will be taken there until further notice.

Please pray for the staff of the New Trier Food Pantry as they work to restore their facilities.

Thank you for your generosity and your efforts to fight hunger locally!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

DAILY MASS CHANGES, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND THE ROSARY!

We want to share some news and exciting changes! **Beginning Monday May 3, 2021,** our Monday and Thursday morning Masses at Sacred Heart Church will move to 8:00 a.m. to be consistent with the Mass times at St. Philip and to accommodate more parishioners.

In addition, we plan to reintroduce the **Wednesday morning Mass** (to the public) during the summer, while Sacred Heart School is not in session. This Mass will also be at 8:00 a.m. at

Sacred Heart Church beginning June 16, 2021 and running through Wednesday, August 18th. We will keep you apprised of COVID protocols for the school year in early August.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & THE ROSARY

Also beginning Wednesday May 3rd, Eucharistic Adoration and the Rosary will be offered at Sacred Heart Church from 2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Attendees will be required to enter via the Gathering Space and sign in per COVID quidelines.

Beginning Tuesday, May 2nd, parishioners will also be able to gather after Daily Mass at St. Philip the Apostle Church to recite the Rosary, as was the custom before the Pandemic. We strongly encourage parishioners who have attended morning Mass to remain in their same seats for the Rosary in order to help our Maintenance staff in disinfecting the church after the Rosary. Any persons participating only in the Rosary need to sign in (in the vestibule) per COVID guidelines. Thank you!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

OUR PARISH OFFICE WILL NOW BE OPEN MORNINGS M-F

Beginning tomorrow, our parish office will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. Our receptionist, Megan Nolan, will be present during those hours for your parish business, such as Mass Intentions or donations.

During these office hours, you may call our regular parish number: 847-446-0856. From 12:15 p.m., you may call our temporary parish number: 847-881-6664.

If you have an emergency outside of business hours, and need to reach a priest, please call our regular number 847-446-0856, and leave a message with our answering service, who will contact the priest.

Please note that most of our staff is still working remotely, and typically will not be on site. You can continue to contact them via email or telephone.

Thank you!

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

That the Church be blessed with many vocations after the model of Christ the Good Shepherd, we pray to the Lord.

WE ARE STILL IN THE EASTER SEASON AND YOU CAN 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

It's not too late to 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:

<u>Chamberlain Advisors</u>, <u>Merrill Lynch</u>, <u>Salvi Schostok & Pritchard</u>, <u>Ryan Building Group</u>, The Popovici Family, <u>Dr. Michael J. Lee</u>, <u>Grace Flatt Realtor</u>, <u>Brady Orthodontics</u>, <u>Figuerora Orthodontics</u>, <u>Storino Ramello & Durkin</u>, <u>City Kids Dental Northshore</u>, Perillo Auto Group, B's Gourmet Nuts, and Coinflip.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)

Confirmation 2021

A total of 67 young people from Sacred Heart School and Divine Mercy Children's Ministry were confirmed this spring. Forty three children were from Children's Ministry, and due to COVID guidelines, they were confirmed in three separate Rite of Confirmation services. Father Steve Lanza was delegated by the Cardinal to confer the sacrament. Our young people prepared well over the past two years, and their sponsors, families and friends shared in the joy of this special moment in their lives. We are blessed to have beautiful music, churches to share meaningful liturgies, and young people who are ready to "Go Light the Way" with their love and faith. As we reminded them, Confirmation is not a singular sacramental moment in the life of a believer, but rather the continuation of the journey of the mature believer. Amen!

































SACRED HEART SCHOOL



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!





The 4th graders participated in a fun activity to write, compare, order and model decimals.



While studying Ancient Greece our 6th graders took a break to compete in our very own Olympic Games! The students studied the strategies used by the five

Greek territories and constructed their own game plan to compete in our best event- Paper airplane racing!





1st grade geologists wrote a nonfiction book about rocks, explored how rocks are formed, collected rocks, and created a pet rock!



Students had an amazing start to our golf season on Monday! They are looking forward to more fun on the links and at the range.

7th grade had an amazing opportunity this week to Zoom with one of their favorite authors, Alan Gratz. He spoke to the students about what inspires him to write and gave information on each book that he has written. Alan Gratz specializes in showing historical events from the perspective of children, so the students love to read his works! The students were then able to check out some of his books from the junior high library. Thank you to the Book Stall in Winnetka for providing this amazing opportunity for students!





6th and 1st grade students celebrated Father Dean's final school Mass on Wednesday presenting him with a signed banner and handmade farewell and congratulations cards. God bless Fr. Dean on his retirement!

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

PRESIDER SCHEDULE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

May 1, 2021 SACRED HEART CHURCH 5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

May 2, 2021

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH 8:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

May 2, 2021 SACRED HEART CHURCH 10:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Dan Cassidy

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. One of our priests will respond to your call. Please leave a message!!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTOR ASSIGNMENTS: APRIL 24 & 25

May 1, 2021 Sacred Heart Church 5:00 p.m. Matthew Compton

May 2, 2021 St. Philip the Apostle Church 8:00 a.m. Steve Clingan

May 2, 2021 Sacred Heart Church 10:00 a.m. Mary Newton

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, Alice McGowan,
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.

Readings for the week of April 25, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

[22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/

Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/

Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/

Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/

Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/

Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/

Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

[26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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 26 (SH) 7:00 a.m. - Herman Roegge

TUESDAY, April 27 (SPA) 8:00 a.m. - John Flynn

WEDNESDAY, April 28 (SH) School Mass: Closed to the Public 8:30 a.m. -

THURSDAY, April 29 (SH) 7:00 a.m. - John Conley

FRIDAY, APRIL 30 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Living and Deceased Members of the Henry and Irene Berning Family

SATURDAY, MAY 1 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - Frank and Teresa D'Astici and Parishioners of Divine Mercy

SUNDAY, MAY 2 8:00 a.m. **(SPA)** - Cecilia Fulton

10:00 a.m. (SH) - Bob Erzinger

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)

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

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:

FONT STYLE: Corbel

FONT SIZE:

Headlines: 12 (ALL CAPS & BOLD)

Body text: 10 LINE SPACING:

Before and After Paragraphs: opt

Between Lines: 1sp

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 only open in the mornings from 9:00 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.

Monday through Friday. You can reach us by calling 847-446-0856 during offices hours, evenings and weekends. You may call our temporary office number 847-881-6664 in the afternoons.

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

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Thank you for your understanding.

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