



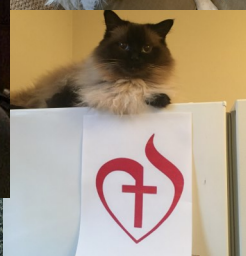
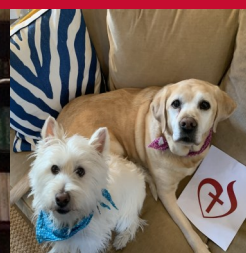
# DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH • ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

APRIL 26, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday!



See inside for more information regarding Streaming Masses



## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

### SOCIAL, WITH DISTANCE

People ask me in emails and over the phone how I'm doing. I respond to them that, like everybody else these days, I'm doing the best I can to cope with the constraints imposed upon us all by social distancing, and I am doing fine.

Like some of you, I work from home, more or less. The office building, the former Sacred Heart convent, is only a few steps away from the rectory. In essence, I've always worked from home.

The difference these days is that no one else is in the office. Staff members each work from their own homes, and Fathers Dean and Dan relocated to their respective homes away from the parish, so that aside from daily "pass-throughs" by our maintenance staff to check on our

systems, I am alone. The house is quiet in the evenings and throughout the night. The office is eerily silent with no one coming to the door, and no sounds of others in their offices pursuing work.

Oddly, I've never been busier. (And I thought I was busy before this pandemic.)

I'm on the phone a lot, to check up on parishioners. The other priests are doing the same, from their remote locations. There's a group of parishioners currently giving of their time who are also on the phone a lot, checking in with you to make sure you're doing OK or if you need help.

I'm also involved in plenty of meetings via Zoom and Microsoft Teams. Zoom works fine as far as I'm concerned. It's easy and clear.



Teams doesn't get a high mark from me. The last deanery meeting I attended via Teams, I had no audio. I couldn't hear anyone. That didn't make for a very good meeting. I'm not a lip-reader. I'm sure the lack of audio was due to user error, but dog-gone-it if I can't figure it out!

In addition to a lot of Zoom meetings, I'm also conducting appointments via Zoom. That's been real good.

And then there are my daily walks. I'm getting more exercise in my day



**Many thanks to all the parishioners who sent in their photos for Divine Mercy Sunday! We love them and are glad to see that so many have Divine Mercy in their hearts!**



It's still the Easter Season! Thanks to the Luzadder family for sharing their drawings and to Mr. Sam Fifer, their catechist, who planted this seed! Happy Easter!





## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN (CONTINUED)



than ever before. Interestingly, my walks in the various neighborhoods around the rectory have become more than just a physical roving. On every walk, I've met parishioners either out for their own walk, bike ride, or just puttering around in their yard. Most want to stop and chat for a bit.

Whereas before social distancing most of my chatting would take place before or after weekend Masses as I stood in the back of church, now I chat with folks on my daily walk. That's how one parishioner, who stopped to talk, found out about the death of another parishioner whom she knew was sick, but had not yet received the news of her passing. It was a good conversation, although sad. This news reminded her of her own loss of a family member. She promised to pray for them as they dealt with this terrible loss. Then, she continued on her way, as did I.

As I walked away from that encounter I thought it's amazing how we forge connections even with these Coronavirus constraints. We humans crave connection. We're made that way by God; to long for connection and community.

The walks are helping me to stay connected, such as it is, so these daily jaunts are part and parcel of ministry. What else have I been doing to minister to you?

### PRAYER, A HIDDEN POWER

First and foremost, each day before I go to the office, I pray. I spend quite a bit of time in prayer using the format of Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. You can go to our website to find prayer resources like the Liturgy of the Hours, the official daily prayer of the Church.

Along with Morning Prayer, which essentially is a series of psalms and readings from scripture, I also have a list of parishioners and others that I keep in my prayer book. Towards the end of Morning Prayer, I specifically lift up to God in prayer all those on my list. The list changes, people get added to it, or they get taken off the list if their need is met. It takes me a while to get through the list, as I prayerfully mention each name on it and think of why they are there and what they need.

My prayer in the morning is private. Obviously, the only public prayer I'm engaged in these days is when I preside at the Mass which is streamed. Well, it's not quite the *only* public prayer I'm involved in.

### CREATIVE PRAYER

I've been to the cemetery once since social distancing, to lead an internment for a parishioner who died. The only family member present was the grandson, who did his grandmother proud by getting this organized, and Facetiming with his family from the cemetery. They were all still in Montana, where his grandmother had been living these past few years. I've never done an internment with a family tuning in via Facetime on the phone. It was, however, moving, and proof that we are resilient in dealing

with these constraints while continuing to minister to each other.

In the same vein, last week, a gathering in prayer was organized by a staff member who is also a parishioner. A group of ten of us gathered at the home of a family who had just experienced the loss of a loved one. We didn't go inside. We stayed out on the front lawn, appropriately spaced apart.

The family came out on the front porch. Everyone spoke for a few minutes about the person for whom we were grieving. Then we prayed right there. We sang *Amazing Grace* right there.

In 39 years of ministry, it's the first "yard prayer" I've led. I have to say, it was no less powerful, even though we weren't in church. The family wants to celebrate a memorial Mass as soon as we can open up the church.

Till then, Zoom prayer, phone calls, and yard prayers work. We all know that prayer can be done anywhere and under any circumstances. And it is powerful.

I wonder: are you praying these days more than ever? Those with little kids, can you find the time and space to pray? Are you engaging your family in group prayer? I'd love to know. Email me.

In my walks I check out the sidewalks and front windows where signs and messages are posted. Lots say "thank you" to health care workers. That too, is a form of prayer, a thanksgiving for others' service and ministry.

In all sorts of creative ways, let's continue to pray for one another. With a lot of prayer and good will, we'll get through this. Amen.



## UPDATE FROM THE PARISH

First, we continue to pray for your health and safety during this extraordinary time in our lives, and for those who are sick and those who care for them. We pray for our medical professionals who are the heroes among us today, as well as all those working to serve our needs in grocery stores, gas stations, delivery personnel, and restaurants that provide meals for our tables. God bless them all and keep them safe.

Since we are unable to gather in person, and our ability to communicate with you is limited to our e-blasts, social media pages and this bulletin, it's important for us to share with you what is happening behind the scenes at Divine Mercy.

### Streaming Masses

Yes, we've certainly had sound issues with our livestream Mass, haven't we?? The good news is, the long lost equipment needed to improve the sound has arrived and will be installed by our technician, per the stringent COVID-19 safety requirements, as soon as possible. Then, we'll be able to return to our parish Mass and be able to hear and see things properly! We certainly thank you for your understanding and your patience through all this!

### Love Your Neighbor Program Parishioner Connections

We are hearing great stories from the over 1,250 telephone calls that have been made to parishioners to date by members of our Love Your Neighbor Team, our Priests, and some members of our Evangelization

Team. They truly reveal the reality in which we are living. Some parishioners want to chat, some want to ask for prayers, others want to share stories of how they're connecting with others, some offer to make calls themselves or pick up groceries for those who are unable. Some share concerns about the health of a loved one, or their own anxieties related to the pandemic or struggling with the isolation of the "Stay-at-Home" Order, and are grateful to have an opportunity to chat with someone from the parish. Some share delightful stories of clandestine meet-ups that are totally appropriate (social distancing wise), while others tell us of emails prayer chains among parishioners to stay connected. Two women even shared how they start and end their day praying together while on the telephone.

Many of our younger parents are overwhelmed with managing both work and the homeschooling of children, not to mention the challenge of keeping preschoolers busy at home. Of course, there are those among us who have either lost their jobs or been furloughed from their employment, and worry about the future. They're grateful for our prayers and offer of support.

Finally, we must share the news of our 7th graders from Sacred Heart School, who wrote letters to some of our senior parishioners. Many of these seniors were quite delighted to receive these greetings, and reciprocated the effort. The school received quite a few responses, which will be forwarded onto the 7th grade authors! Bravo and thank you!

These stories offer just a glimpse of how we are trying to stay connected with parishioners. AND, if you haven't heard from Divine Mercy, please send us your contact information, so we can keep in touch. Just email your contact information to [mwasielewski@divinemercynorthshore.org](mailto:mwasielewski@divinemercynorthshore.org).

"We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience".

Pierre

Teilhard de Chardin, SJ



## WHAT'S NEW AT DIVINE MERCY

### Outreach Efforts

Stay tuned for more information about our Love Your Neighbor *Outreach efforts* in next week's bulletin. As you might imagine, all of the organizations we support are in desperate need of help. You can make donations to our sharing parishes online via our Give Central portal, via [this link](#).

The other organizations that we support would appreciate direct donations as follows:

**A Just Harvest Community Kitchen** in Rogers Park - You can click [here](#) or send a donation to:

A Just Harvest  
7649 N Paulina  
Chicago IL 60626  
Attn: Mark L Williams

**Connections for the Homeless** based in Evanston: You can click [here](#) to make a donation.

The New Trier Township Food Pantry's current list of needs is [here](#).

Thank you for your support and generosity!

### New Website

Want to learn more about the parish, or listen to Fr. Steve's new (short!) podcast on the daily scriptures? Just visit our new website, where you'll find a wealth of information. Click [here](#).

### Sacred Heart School

Through hard work, persistence, and thorough planning, Kristen Fink, our principal, and our talented teachers continue their e-learning efforts. While undoubtedly challenging for everyone (yes, parents, too! or maybe, "especially" for parents), our students are engaged and happy.

If you haven't seen Ms. Fink's morning assemblies and witnessed her creativity via Facebook, you may want to visit the school page. It's fantastic! Of course, the tear-jerker "Thank You"

video created by our students (and their parents) is a strong inducement as well.

### Children's Ministry

Our Children's Ministry team, under the leadership of Kathy Handelman, is finding creative ways to engage with families within our new virtual reality. Always be sure to check out the Children's Ministry page in the bulletin to learn more of what they are doing. Kathy is also reaching out to touch base with all those Children's Ministry families whose students were to receive a sacrament this year. Let's keep them in prayer.

### Social Media

Check out Divine Mercy on Facebook (Facebook.com/divinemercynorthshore), even if you're not a Facebook subscriber, as well as Instagram (@divinemercynorthshore). You won't be disappointed. You can help us increase our reach by sharing these platforms with friends and fellow parishioners.

### Donations

First and foremost, we are grateful for your continued financial support during these unprecedented times.

We are particularly grateful for your Easter donations, which have almost met the goal set long before COVID-19 entered our lives. Thank you!

We also are thrilled to now have the "Text to Donate" option within Give Central and are pleased to see that more parishioners are using the text option and the traditional E-giving options. We hope the recently-released "How to Donate Electronically" video on our website provides useful guidance.

We also encourage you to continue to send checks to the parish office if you prefer. There is someone who physically goes through the mail once a week for the parish.

Finally, Our parish staff is blessed to witness countless acts of kindness each and every day among the people of Divine Mercy and those within our community. We thank God for you, and wish you God's many blessings.

*The Priests and Staff  
of Divine Mercy Parish*

## SCHEDULE FOR MASSES

Tune into our website [www.divinemercynorthshore.org](http://www.divinemercynorthshore.org) to view the links for our streaming Mass on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. We hope you'll join us for our weekly liturgy. You will be able to watch the Mass *anytime after* 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, as it will be recorded.

## WEEKDAY MASS OPTIONS

Parishioners have several options from which to choose. Here are three we recommend at this time.

- 1) Daily Mass at 10:00 a.m. from St. James Chapel from the Archdiocesan offices in Chicago. VISIT: <https://radiotv.archchicago.org/>

[television/broadcast-masses](#)

- 2) Daily Mass from Loyola Academy at 8:00 a.m. VISIT: <https://www.goramblers.org/daily-mass>, and scroll down to Daily Mass.
- 3) Daily Mass with Bishop Barron videos are posted on the Word on Fire website each day at 8:15 a.m. EST. VISIT: <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

## CHURCH & OFFICE HOURS

Our Churches and Offices are closed for the time being, but you can contact all staff members via email, or call our **TEMPORARY OFFICE NUMBER: 847-881-6664**. You can find our email addresses in the back of the bulletin.

## COMMUNITY

### A NITE LITES SPONSOR!



### CHANGING LIVES THROUGH MATH!

Interested in a part-time job?  
Retired, empty nesters, college, Jr. or Sr. high schooler, our math learning center environment is fun, supportive and encouraging. Applicants should have a passion for math, love teaching, motivate students to succeed, and a good understanding of math skills through Algebra 1. Text, TUTOR to 484848

### WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!

Given our new reality, the only way we can truly communicate with our parishioners is through email, our website and social media. We have been sending out important information you need to know, so if you're not receiving our e-blasts, you need to get on our mailing list. They are also mobile-phone-friendly now, so please check them out! Please send Carol Brown your email address, and she'll get you connected. You can email her at [clbrown@divinemercynorthshore.org](mailto:clbrown@divinemercynorthshore.org) or call our temporary office number: 847-881-6664. THANK YOU!

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### RESPECT LIFE

For all who have been made ill by the Corona virus, for all who care for them, and for the governments and people of the world, that we may experience the healing mercy of the Lord, we pray to the Lord.

### PRAY CHICAGO: VIRTUAL PRAYER GROUPS

During these extraordinary times the Archdiocese and Divine Mercy Parish want to offer ways for people to stay connected. All are welcome! Join a small prayer group (15 people per group) that will gather weekly for 30-40 minutes to pray, read and reflect on scripture, offer prayer intentions and share helpful tips/resources. There are a variety of dates and times available. Sign up [here](#) as soon as possible.

## FINANCE

### EASTER DONATIONS

During this Easter season, we encourage you to either mail in your donations or donate via Give Central through this link:

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/205/event/4265>

As you might imagine, Easter provides Divine Mercy with significant offertory income. And rest assure that the Give Central site is safe and secure.

Last year, for example, we received just over \$90,000 in collection income for Easter. Of that total, only \$3,200, or 3.5%, was donated electronically. This year, we again set an Easter budget of \$90,000 based on prior giving patterns, and obviously well before this current crisis. If you are able, we are grateful for your continued generous support of our parish during this time. Please

prayerfully consider an Easter gift to Divine Mercy parish.

You can also mail checks to our main parish office: Divine Mercy Parish, 1077 Tower Road, Winnetka, IL 60093. Thank you!



Easter Collection

### FINANCES AT A GLANCE AS OF APRIL 19, 2020

(Combined St. Philip the Apostle/ Sacred Heart Church Sites)

YTD 2019-2020 Sunday Collection \$815,945

(Online this week \$6,083)

(Received in the mail \$6,867)

YTD 2018-2019 Sunday Collection \$886,462

Easter 2020 Collection - to date \$84,404

**Our Goal is \$90,000**

Thank you, Divine Mercy parishioners! Your generosity in these challenging times is amazing and we are so grateful!



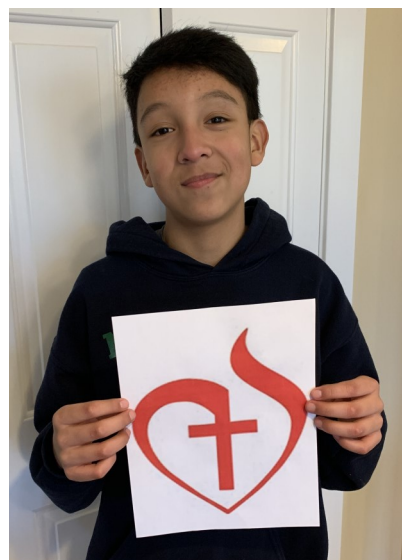
## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)



Thank you to all of our wonderful Children's Ministry families and catechists who took a moment to share their family and pet photos with us in honor of our Feast Day, Divine Mercy Sunday. We loved seeing your smiling faces. If you don't see your photo here, look another week! We are blessed to have this amazing community that supports one another and lifts one another up.

Please pray for our Confirmation and First Communion candidates and their families — this was supposed to be a time of gathering and joy, and a celebration of all the hard work they have done to prepare for these blessed sacraments. Instead, we are on hold waiting for a safe time to reopen our Church doors. Everyone is gracious and understanding, but we are all a bit disappointed.

May God bless you and yours during this Easter season!







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



4th Grade First Book Club meetings!



Students in grades 1-8 were challenged to create an Easter egg design over Easter vacation. Students were given three choices: They could decorate a hard boiled or hollowed out egg with dye or paint, create a mosaic with egg shells, or they could color a paper egg template. From the results, it looks like students and families had a lot of creative fun with the project.

Here are some pictures of preschool virtual number show and tell!



**Peace be with you all and stay safe.**



## PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY



Lord, we lift up our prayers to you for all those suffering from the Coronavirus, their loved ones, and all those health care professionals taking care of those who are sick.

### 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

Our Ministers of Care currently are prohibited from visiting Nursing Homes in the State of Illinois. If the Minister would still like to serve in hospitals, they must comply with protocols established by the hospitals. And due to the fact our Churches are closed, home visits cannot be made at this time. We encourage everyone to tune into the parish livestream Masses found on our website [www.divinemercynorthshore.org](http://www.divinemercynorthshore.org).

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Note: Please ignore any emails from Ministry Scheduler Pro. It has been technologically difficult to cancel the automatic emails. **Just know that ALL liturgical ministry assignments are suspended until further notice.**

### 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, Dorothy Banas, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Sande Bolan, Paula Brady, Dennis Braun, Wendy Braun, Luciana Butera, Milly Calabrese, Kierre Caldwell, Patt Carlson, Teresa Chapman, Kelly Bolan Chevalier, Sheila Devlin, Tim Doll, Rick Doucette, David and Mary Ann Duerwachter, Maureen Dwyer, Timothy Feeney, John Flynn, Lisa Franke, Lydia Gatten, Benjamin Grillo, Philip Hall, Laura Hendricks, John Hoerster, Nancy Holihan, Mario Iturino, The Jatis Family, Becky Jones, Philip Jones, Marge Kalsch, Edward Kennedy, Ginny Kunkel, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Anne Lesniak, John Madden, Drew Mans, Jackson Mans, Beth O'Brien, Sally O'Malley, Ennio Rossi, Mary Sabo, Donna Sabido, Dick Schager, Catherine Scheid, Mary Shepherd, Judy Sokal, Heather Stepan, Mary Tatro, Patty Wilson, Julie Wright, Lisa Zitella and Dr. Jerome Zwierzycki

#### For Those Who Have Died

May the souls of the faithfully departed,  
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
**John "Jay" Mommsen**, husband of Ann Mommsen  
**James "Jim" Meier**, father of Teri Hagedorn  
**Armand Norehad**, father of Steve Norehad  
**Sandee Barker**, mother of Shannon Barker Keys  
**Linda Walsh**

## MASS INTENTIONS

*All Mass Intentions offered at Sacred Heart Church and St. Philip the Apostle Church for the past and coming week will be offered at the Saturday Livestream Mass at 5:00 p.m.*

### SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR LAST WEEK (April 19-April 26):

Mercedes Rooney, Rita Madden, Rowland and Rosemary Hoffman, Joyce Ward, Genevieve Conway, Brian John Blair, Robert Hutchings, and John F. Flynn, Jr.

### SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR THIS WEEK (April 27 - May 2):

Carol Kane, Antonio and Rose Barone, Megan Starsiak, Lourdes Mariano, Marta Segura (Birthday Blessings), The Coradini Family, Mary Joyce DiCola, Blessings for all unborn children, and John F. Flynn, Jr.

### SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR NEXT WEEK (May 3 - May 10):

Badria Hannawa, Stephen Schmid, Grace Anderson, John Klemmer and John F. Flynn, Jr.



## THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

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

*The Church is now closed to the public until further notice, in order to keep people safe, per the Governor's "Shelter-at-home" order.*

## SACRAMENTS

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

## 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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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](mailto:divinemercybulletins@gmail.com)

## DIVINE MERCY OFFICES

*Given the Governor's Shelter in Place Order, 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.*

Even when we 'Shelter-at-Home'...  
Divine Mercy Parish is a Welcoming Community  
that Inspires Disciples of Jesus  
to Share God's Love and Transform the World.



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