



Divine Mercy Parish

SACRED HEART CHURCH • ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

APRIL 5, 2020 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

See inside for more information regarding Livestream Masses for Holy Week.



PALM SUNDAY

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

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. Please send Michelle Wasielewski your email address, and she'll get you connected. You can email her at mwasielewski@divinemercynorthshore.org or call our temporary office number: 847-881-6664. THANK YOU!

HAPPY PALM SUNDAY

With the liturgy of Palm Sunday, this weekend marks the start of Holy Week. As with all of our livestreamed Masses during this shelter-in-place order, the liturgy has a particularly different "feel" given that there is no assembly of the faithful aside from those who participate virtually. The palms we blessed at the livestreamed Mass will be made available to you, once we can gather together again in person.

This weekend I urge you to say a special prayer for our Confirmation candidates. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation was postponed. It would have taken place this past Friday evening. When our churches open again, we'll get word to you of the new date for Confirmation.

UPDATED DIRECTIONS

The situation, as they say, remains fluid. Accordingly, we've been getting weekly and sometimes daily updates from the Archdiocese on various pastoral issues confronting us as a Church. I'd like to convey to you the most recent update. It follows.

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As all residents of the state comply with the order to stay at home and refrain from non-essential activities, we are nonetheless painfully aware that being cut off from the sacramental life of the church, especially the Eucharist, creates a great hardship for our people, indeed for all of us. However, we make this sacrifice for the common good,

convinced that we, like all citizens, have a responsibility in preventing the spread of COVID-19. In fact, doing so will ensure that our people can return to the sacraments as soon as possible.

To offer our people as much pastoral care as possible during this time, please observe the following guidelines for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick, and ministering to the sick and homebound, which are in effect until further notice. A note about the Holy Father's recent issuance of a plenary indulgence is included.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Given that our churches are closed and a stay-at-home order is in effect:

- Individual confessions are currently not possible; this includes virtual or phone confessions, which are never permissible, nor drive-thru confessions. Despite the good intentions around such novelty, we must attend to our underlying theological tradition of the sacrament, as well as support the stay-at-home order and its intended purpose, which is to keep people safe in their homes at this time.
- In keeping with longstanding pastoral practice when penitents' access to the sacrament is restricted, they can be assured that their sins are forgiven if they make an act of contrition with a firm resolve to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation after the stay-at-



home order is lifted.

- The faithful should be encouraged to pray particular prayers or meditate on passages of the Bible that you recommend to assist them in seeking the mercy and forgiveness of God and the grace of reconciliation.
- The Holy See has made clear with a recent decree that the conditions for General Absolution have not been met. The decree states that the primary place it would be permitted is in a hospital ward. However, our hospitals are not currently set up for this possibility. At the same time, any thought of using general absolution in a parish is moot given that gatherings of people in our churches are not permitted.

We can serve our people well with pastoral tenderness if we recall for them that our Lord knows their hearts and desires to reconcile their lives to Him and He awaits their presence in the Sacrament once the stay-at-home order is lifted and our churches are re-opened. Sharing this message with our parishioners at this time could also prove to be a good reminder of the Church's precept of making a good confession at least once per year, which many parishioners strive to do during Lent.

Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound

Communion to the sick and homebound is suspended to be consistent with the governor's current stay-at-home order.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN (CONTINUED)

Anointing of the Sick

Under the State's exemption for essential services, the Archdiocese of Chicago is including anointing of the sick as an essential service. However, out of an abundance of caution only a select number of priests will be allowed to administer this sacrament to any confirmed COVID-19 patients until further notice.

Standards for the Selection of Designated Priests

Four priests will be selected for each vicariate by the Episcopal Vicar and authorized to anoint any confirmed COVID-19 patients. These priests must be younger than age 60 and be free of any underlying health issue which would preclude them from coming in contact with a person with COVID19.

Christian Burials

Please note that our churches are still closed; therefore, funeral Masses are not possible.

However, if a family requests a funeral service, there are two options. A funeral service, not a Mass, may take place at the funeral home. The limit for attendees remains 10 people at this time (inclusive of the funeral director, priest, mourners, etc.). All attendees must practice social distancing.

Or, a funeral service may take place graveside at the cemetery before committal/burial. The limit for attendees remains 10 people at this time (inclusive of the funeral director, priest, mourners, etc.). Social distancing must be practiced.

Plenary Indulgence

The Apostolic Penitentiary also issued a <u>Decree Granting a Plenary Indulgence</u> during this extraordinary time. Fundamentally, indulgences (plenary/full or partial) refer to a repairing and healing of the damage inflicted by sin.

In the English language, the word "indulgence" carries the connotation

of "permission" or "license to do something." In the Church and with regard to sin, this certainly is not the case. In traditional language, this is the "remission of temporal punishment due to sin." That we, through prayer and action recommended by the Church, can engage in this healing and repair is not because of our own efforts, merit, or power.

The Church, drawing on the doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ and the Communion of Saints, speaks of drawing grace from the "treasury of the Church." In this moment of isolation and disconnection, the proposal to seek an indulgence reaffirms our connection in the Body of Christ and with the saints.

The Plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes if, with a spirit detached from any sin, they:

- Unite spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion.
- Or if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters,
- with the will to fulfill the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic

- communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible, when the suspensions are lifted.
- In addition, health care workers, first responders, family members and all those who, following the example of the Good Samaritan, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion, care for the sick of Coronavirus according to the words of the divine Redeemer: 'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends' (John 15: 13), will obtain the same gift of the Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions.

Especially in this challenging moment, seeking an indulgence is a way of doing something spiritually and a way of praying for ourselves and for others.

Hopefully this sheds some light on the current guidelines from the Archdiocese, as well as the decree granting a Plenary indulgence from the Vatican.

God bless you during this Holy Week, as we prepare for the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Be sure to tune into our livestream liturgies, the schedule for which you'll find on the next page.



Even in times 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.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

RESPECT LIFE

For all who care for newborn children:

that they may recognize the miracles they witness; we pray to the Lord.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross." MATTHEW 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross". These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for someone. The key is putting the other person's needs before your own and not expecting anything in return.

POPE FRANCIS ON CONFESSION

Last week, when people around the world were retreating into their homes in hope of staving off the Coronavirus, the Vatican posted a video on the Sacrament of Confession from Pope Francis with the following text:



"Many of you go to confession before Easter to return to the Lord. Many will say to me: 'But Father, how can I find a priest, a confessor, if I can't leave my house? I want to make my peace with the Lord. I want Him to embrace me. I want my Heavenly Daddy to embrace me. How can I do that unless I find a

priest?' Do what the Catechism says. It's very clear: If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He's your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord', I did this, and this, and this. Pardon me.' Ask for forgiveness with all your heart and with an act of contrition. and promise Him, 'Afterward I will go to confession, but forgive me now.' You will return to God's grace immediately."

ONLINE RESOURCES

WE'VE LAUNCHED A NEW
WEBSITE, INSTAGRAM AND
FACEBOOK! Come visit these
platforms and engage with other
parishioners. Visit Facebook.com/
divinemercynorthshore and
Instagram: @divinemercynorthshore.
Spread the word and like us!

AND Fr. Steve now has a daily podcast scripture reflection Monday through Saturday that you can find on our website under Faith Formation. Check them out!!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE FOR LIVESTREAM MASSES

Tune into our website

www.divinemercynorthshore.org to
view the links for the livestream

Masses for the Triduum.

Holy Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday Vigil: 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

You will be able to watch the Easter Mass *anytime* after 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, as it will be recorded.

WEEKDAY MASS OPTIONS

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

NOTE: The Triduum (The Three Days) schedule for these organizations was not available at the time we went to print for our bulletin. 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 with 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.

E-GIVING

We ask you to keep in mind that we rely on the generosity of those who contribute to our Sunday collections. We are so grateful for you! Without Masses and their collections, we lose thousands of dollars a week of in-pew collections. The collections enable us to minister to our parishioners - even online and to continue our outreach efforts, particularly our new **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR** program. Granted, the world has changed for the time being, but the needs continue to exist, albeit in a new and changing way. Thank you so much for supporting the parish during this time.

You can donate or help us by signing up for e-giving here.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

OUTREACH

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE FOR LIVESTREAM MASSES

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COLLECTIONS FOR HOLY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY

Divine Mercy has traditionally taken up a collection at our Holy Thursday liturgy that supports a local outreach effort. This year, the collection will benefit our newly formed *LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR* ministry, which supports our outreach efforts with the New Trier Township Food Pantry, Connections for the Homeless and A Just Harvest Soup Kitchen, which are all experiencing challenges during the current Coronavirus/COVID-19 crisis.

Our Good Friday collection has always supported, and will continue to support, the Pontifical Collection for Christians in the Holy Land. God bless the work that they do!







FINANCE

EASTER DONATIONS

With Holy Week and Easter approaching quickly, 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 can imagine, Easter, the holiest day of our liturgical year, provides Divine Mercy with significant offertory income.

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.

CAN YOU HELP US?

Your donations and support are critical to funding our operations, including, but not limited to salaries, utilities, ministries, maintenance on our aging buildings, support for outreach efforts, IT support, etc.

Now, in the age of COVID—19, with Masses suspended indefinitely, your donations and support are especially critical. Did you know that approximately 75% of our collection income is **not** online? Of course, some parishioners have set

up automatic bank debits so that we receive checks from your banks, but we still rely heavily on the Sunday collection basket!

If you already are an online donor, we thank you!

If not, it is now easier than ever to sign up. You can either visit the givecentral.org website and follow the prompts, or NEW for Divine Mercy this week, you can **TEXT TO DONATE!** Just text this number:

847-865-9295

In the body of the message, type in the keyword: **givemercy** (all one word, no spaces). This will take you to a link to give central. You will then be prompted to input your donor info. It's safe, secure and so easy.

Alternatively, please also consider mailing your donation directly to Divine Mercy Parish, 1077 Tower Road, Winnetka, IL 60093.

Thank you! We appreciate your support as we stand together to help each other through these trying times.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

SURVEY ENDS APRIL 7th!

Every voice is needed. Please participate.





MEMBER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of this survey?

The Member Engagement Survey will give us a collective view of the spiritual health of our parish. The data will show us where we are doing well and help us see the areas that need our attention to make us a stronger parish.

What does the survey entail?

The survey features 25 items carefully chosen to measure engagement and spiritual commitment that are essential to spiritual health. The survey will only take approximately five minutes to complete.

Who should complete the survey?

We are asking all parish members aged 18 and older to complete the survey. In addition, any person who considers him or herself part of our parish, regardless of whether he or she is a member, is invited to respond to the survey.

Where do I complete the survey?

You can complete the survey online from March 7 through April 7 using the following link: (Click here)

 $\big(\underline{https://survey.gallup.com/divinemercywinnetka} \big)$

beginning March 7 and ending March 29.

How will the survey results be used?

The leadership team will receive the compiled results from Gallup and use them to gain additional insight into how the members feel about our parish. We will use the results to identify specific actions we can take to further meet the spiritual needs of our members.

OUR NEW LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR MINISTRY

Our new Love Your Neighbor ministry enlists parishioners to virtually connect with our seniors, those who live alone and those in need. The ministry also extended outreach efforts to include three organizations in our community who are in particular need during the crisis. They include the New Trier Township Food Pantry, Connections for the Homeless and A Just Harvest Community Kitchen.

The ministry is currently developing a list of parishioners they would touch base with regularly. These parishioners might need groceries, supplies or just a friendly phone call. If you're aware of anyone in need, please contact Maureen Valvassori at mvalvassori@divinemercynorthshore.org, and they will be added to the list. The ministry hopes to match volunteers with one or two individuals or families. If you'd like to volunteer for this effort, please contact Maureen.

COLLECTION OF ITEMS

Before the Shelter-at-Home order became so restrictive, we collected much needed items for our community outreach efforts. Volunteers were at both Sacred Heart and St. Philip to accept donations of food and cleaning supplies curbside. Special thanks to all of you who made donations and the parishioners who volunteered their time: Lisa Lesniak, Rich Adler, Fran and Jim Freeman, Cathie Murphy, Steve Thordarson (and grandson!), Missy Hession, and Alex and Maureen Valvassori.

The outreach agencies who received these donations were immensely grateful. They are really struggling at this time, so are appreciative of any help they can get. Please keep them in mind by sending them a donation, or putting aside some items you might be able to donate to them once this is all over.

Again, thank you to parishioners, School families and Children's Ministry families who participated in this effort! Your help was greatly appreciated!







SACRED HEART SCHOOL



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



Sacred Heart students were asked to wear the OLDEST piece of spirit wear they could find in their house – check out all these great outfits!













Mrs. Sullivan's daughter and dog participating in Worship Wednesday by watching daily Mass.



As we continue to work in this new "normal" routine, students and families are finding a way to continue learning at home.









Wednesday was superhero day. Students could either dress up as "traditional superheroes," or anyone they consider a superhero.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)

Still missing you!

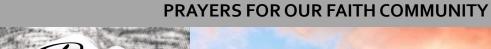
We wanted to share this great Lego that was created during the lockdown by Alex Thompson-Murrin, who is in our Children's Ministry and will be receiving his First Communion this spring. Alex's grandfather, Steve Thordarson, is an 8th grade catechist at our St. Philip's campus. Steve explained, "The stained glass window over the altar is a miniature of a watercolor I did of Saint Thorlak."

So, it got us thinking. Who is St. Thorlak? He is the patron saint of Iceland and his saint's day is celebrated on December 3 when Icelanders gather for final preparations for Christmas and eat cured fish. Born in 1133, his parents recognized his talents at an early age and made sure he received extensive religious training from a local priest. He was ordained as a deacon at 15, became a priest at 18, studied theology in France and became a follower of St. Augustine, which meant he was committed to celibacy and living a life in community without personal possessions. He returned to Iceland and founded an Augustinian monastery, which became a renowned place of prayer and study.

He gave up this monastic life he loved at the request of an Archbishop and became bishop of the Icelandic diocese of Skalholt (today Reykjavik), mainly because he "recognized the pressing need for reform and guidance among the clergy," according to the Catholic News Service. He worked very hard to improve public morality, and "dared to confront even the most popular and powerful chieftain in Iceland" and others who were not living clean lives. The first saint from Iceland, there are several miracles attributed to St. Thorlak. Here is one — in one farmstead, a thief stole a lot of goods. They prayed to Bishop to help them. It was a very poor season for food, but then it occurred to them that they should go to the river with a net and immediately their nets were filled with salmon so much so that "their loss seemed to them well compensated." St. Thorlak was declared a saint five years after his death by Iceland's national assembly, but not officially until 1984 when Pope John Paul II canonized him.

Thank you, Alex and Steve, for enlightening us about St. Thorlak! We welcome any other photos, drawings and ways to learn about our beautiful faith! God bless!







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.

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, Patricia Catarello, 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 Gatton, 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, Linda Walsh, 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. Elizabeth (Mitzi) Meagher, mother of Beth Boehrer

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. on March 28, 2020.

SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR LAST WEEK (March 29-April 4):

Brian John Blair, Chris Thordarson, John T. Flynn, Jr., Blessings for all unborn children, Stefan Jankowski, Dan Kadjan, Leonard and Clare Lehman, Rae Fritz, Lourdes Mariano and Loretta Maloney.

SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR THIS WEEK (April 5-April 11):

John Klemmer, Chris Thordarson, Luke Berghoff (birthday blessings), Frank and Teresa D'Astici, Jim O'Toole, Sandra Jaros, Diane McIntosh, The Corodini Family, and Benjamin Madden (Birthday Blessings)

SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR NEXT WEEK (April 12-April 18):

Margery Livingston, John J. Flynn, Jr., Greg Salm, Joyce Ward, Edmund Horsch, Judy Zacher, Katie Madden (Birthday Blessings)

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-athome" order.

SACRAMENTS

Please call the Parish Office for current information during this crisis.

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday—3:00-5:00pm (SP) Saturday—9:00-9:30am (SH) Saturday—4:30-5:15pm (SP) or by appointment

BAPTISM

By appointment. Please call the main parish office or visit our website for the requisite forms.

MARRIAGE

Contact the main parish office 6 months prior to the anticipated date of the marriage.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the main parish office to arrange for the sacrament for the seriously ill and homebound.

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:

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 Governor's Shelter in Place Order, our offices are currently closed. You can still reach us by calling 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.

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