



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

AUGUST 16, 2020 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Lord, help me.”

Matthew 15:25

See our website homepage www.divinemercynorthshore.org for Mass Reservations or call the parish office at 847-881-6664.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

WHAT IF?

You've heard it from me before. I am a fan of science fiction and fantasy. One of my favorite movies of all times is the first *Star Wars*.

If you go to a bookstore, which you can't do right now in this area because of the pandemic, the science fiction section has works by authors who write alternate history novels, the "what if?" stories such as: what if Abraham Lincoln was not assassinated, or what if the Japanese didn't attack Pearl Harbor and the U.S. never entered WWII. I've read my share of alternate history novels.

I'm reading one now that I'm not sure about. But like many others who enjoy reading, once I start a book I can't stop, even if I'm not really into it. I have to finish it. It's got to be a real clunker for me to put it aside. Usually I know if I'm going to like a book after reading the first page or so in the bookstore. Problem is, the bookstores aren't open for browsing these days.

Why am I telling you all this?

Alternate history novels are fun and unusual. By their nature, they get us thinking in new directions. Real life doesn't allow for "alternate history."

We can't re-engineer our past, or change it. We got to where we are, as individuals and as a community based on a certain, specific history and nothing can change that history once it has been lived.

What we *can* change, however, is our present day, and thus the foundation or trajectory for the future. Systemic racism embedded in the warp and weave of United States history is a fact. So is the treatment of indigenous peoples. History can be explored, explained, understood better, but it can't be changed, that is, changed as if such racism and unjust treatment of native Americans never existed.

Going forward is another matter entirely. In fact any forward movement relies precisely on a better understanding of what happened and why—so that we can do better as individuals and as a society now and in the future.

This requires, of course, the desire for change and to be (and do) better. I don't have answers for us, as a country. Who Does? We'll discover that as we go along, together.

PARISH STRATEGIC PLANNING

The desire for change and to be (and do) better goes for us as a parish, too, don't you think? The old ways of being a parish and engaging in ministry will give way to newness and revitalization only if we desire to change and desire to be better.

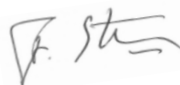
Change of this nature relies on vision.

Where do we want to end up? Who do we want to be as a faith community? What do we want our parish to look like?

That's a "what if?" exercise that is fruitful for us to engage in and we will be doing exactly that over the next handful of months at our Parish Council meetings. As a parish, we don't have much of a past history. We're only two years old.

We know what we came from, the former parishes of St. Philip the Apostle and Sacred Heart. What we are now is Divine Mercy parish.

What we will be five years from now? Time will tell, as will the desire for change and becoming better at making disciples, building Church and serving others.



Come early to the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays at Sacred Heart Church and enjoy listening to the new praise and worship music. The prelude begins at 4:45 p.m. with the livestream. Join us!



LOOKING FOR THE WORSHIP AID FOR MASS TO FOLLOW ALONG?

Just scan this QR code to access the worship aid or Mass when you watch online.

It also takes you to our parish website page featuring music at Divine Mercy, which you might like to peruse.



You may access today's Worship Aid using this QR Code Reader.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

SAINTS WE CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

St. John Eudes

November 14, 1601 – August 19, 1680

August 19th is his feast day.

The following is from Franciscan Media

"How little we know where God's grace will lead. Born on a farm in northern France, John died at 79 in the next "county" or department. In that time, he was a religious, a parish missionary, founder of two religious communities, and a great promoter of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

John joined the religious community of the Oratorians and was ordained a priest at 24. During severe plagues in 1627 and 1631, he volunteered to care for the stricken in his own diocese. Lest he infect his fellow religious, during the plague he lived in a huge cask in the middle of a field.

At age 32, John became a parish missionary. His gifts as a preacher and confessor won him great popularity. He preached over 100 parish missions, some lasting from several weeks to several months.

In his concern with the spiritual improvement of the clergy, John realized that the greatest need was for seminaries. He had permission from his general superior, the bishop, and even Cardinal Richelieu to begin this work, but the succeeding general superior disapproved. After prayer and counsel, John decided it was best to leave the religious community.

That same year John founded a new community, ultimately called the Eudists—the Congregation of Jesus and Mary—devoted to the formation of the clergy by conducting diocesan seminaries. The new venture, while approved by individual bishops, met with immediate opposition, especially from Jansenists and some of his former associates. John founded several

seminaries in Normandy, but was unable to get approval from Rome — partly, it was said, because he did not use the most tactful approach.

In his parish mission work, John was disturbed by the sad condition of prostitutes who sought to escape their miserable life. Temporary shelters were found, but arrangements were not satisfactory. A certain Madeleine Lamy, who had cared for several of the women, one day said to him, "Where are you off to now? To some church, I suppose, where you'll gaze at the images and think yourself pious. And all the time what is really wanted of you is a decent house for these poor creatures." The words, and the laughter of those present, struck deeply within him. The result was another new religious community, called the Sisters of Charity of the Refuge.

John Eudes is probably best known for the central theme of his writings: Jesus as the source of holiness; Mary as the model of the Christian life. His devotion to the Sacred Heart and to the Immaculate Heart led Pope Pius XI to declare him the father of the liturgical cult of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Reflection

Holiness is the wholehearted openness to the love of God. It is visibly expressed in many ways, but the variety of expression has one common quality: concern for the needs of others. In John's case, those who were in need were plague-stricken people, ordinary parishioners, those preparing for the priesthood, prostitutes, and all Christians called to imitate the love of Jesus and his mother."

SCHEDULE FOR MASSES

Mass is currently being offered on Saturdays at 5:00pm at Sacred Heart Church (our livestream Mass, which can be seen on our website www.divinemer McNorthshore.org) or 8:00am at St. Philip the Apostle Church.

Our Daily Mass Schedule is as follows:
Monday - 7:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart
Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. at St. Philip
Thursday - 7:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart
Friday - 8:00 a.m. at St. Philip.
Note, there is no Mass on Wednesday or Saturday mornings.

You must make a reservation to attend any Mass. Click [here](#) to visit our Mass Reservation page.

CHURCH & OFFICE HOURS

Our offices remained closed, and the churches are only open during designated times for Mass and Confessions. Reservations must be

made for Mass, which you can make on our website. You'll also learn all you need to know about attending Mass at this time. (Note: No reservation is required for Confessions.)

The dispensation from attending Mass is in place until the end of the year per the Archdiocese of Chicago.

CONFESSIONS: You do not need to make a reservation for Confession. It is available on Saturday mornings from 9 - 9:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, and Fr. Javier Del Castillo offers confessions at St. Philip on Wednesday afternoons from 3-4:30 p.m..

Have questions? 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.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX, ABBOT AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

1090-1153

Feast Day, August 20

The following is from the website,
My Catholic Life!

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux “was like a medieval rock star who never stopped touring Europe. He traveled with an entourage, drew enormous crowds, was wildly popular, and called the cream of society his friends. The details of Saint Bernard’s life, though he lived before even Saint Francis of Assisi, the Magna Carta, and Dante, are abundantly documented. He was nearly as prolific a writer as Saint Augustine, but primarily via letters, not thick books. And these letters outline his character in sharp profile. He was intelligent, emotion laden, erudite, forceful, and contemplative. He spoke and wrote poetically, beautifully, clearly, and deeply. Pope Pius XII called him “the last of the Fathers” of the Church.

Bernard was born in a castle to a highborn family and was sent away by his parents during his youth to receive a classical education. After the death of his mother left him in a depression, he pondered more seriously what God wanted of him. When Bernard was a child, in his native region of Southeastern France, a local monk decided to try something new. He founded a new monastery at a place called Cîteaux in the hope of living the Benedictine Rule with exactitude and rigor. At the age of twenty-two, still mourning his mother, Bernard decided to dedicate his life to God and to enter this new, experimental monastery. But Bernard being Bernard, with all the force of his mind and personality, when he knocked on the door of the abbey, he was not alone. Behind him at the door stood a long train of thirty of his brothers,

cousins, and friends, all noblemen. Bernard was the leader. They were the followers. They wanted to become monks because he wanted to become a monk. When he asked, they answered, and they answered “Yes.” This natural gift to command and lead was a sign of things to come.

Cîteaux inspired and gave its name to the Cistercian movement of monastic reform. Because of Bernard’s dynamic presence, Cîteaux soon overflowed with monks, and Bernard was sent, as Abbot, to found a new monastery at Clairvaux, or Clear Valley. This was his base for the rest of his itinerant life. As the first Abbot of Clairvaux, Bernard stamped the Cistercian movement with its distinctive character: sobriety in art and architecture,



solemnity in liturgy, austerity in life, industriousness in labor, strictness in observance of the Rule, and silence pervading all. Cîteaux gave birth to Clairvaux, and Clairvaux spawned a vast Cistercian family that considers Bernard its founder. By the time of Bernard’s death, there were 343 Cistercian monasteries the length and breadth of Europe.

For an austere contemplative monk, Bernard, ironically, spent much of his life on the road. His gifts were such that he was consulted by princes, kings, and popes on every imaginable issue. He participated in Church councils,

mediated civil conflicts, inaugurated Crusades, and wrote commentaries on prayer, theology, and Scripture. He had to employ secretaries, like a minister of state, who recorded the prodigious correspondence that flowed constantly from his mouth. He became famous as a miraculous healer. Crowds of people lined his route to receive his blessing or to feel his hands press against their skulls. In one incident, after wading into a large, clamoring crowd desiring his miraculous touch, he had to fight to return to his lodging as the people tore at his habit. A wit wrote that the real miracle was not his healing but that Bernard escaped alive.

Bernard’s authentic and tender devotion to the Virgin Mary was expressed sublimely in his writings. For his Marian devotion, eloquence, and contemplative spirit, Bernard

substitutes for Beatrice as Dante takes the final steps of his mythical voyage toward God in the Divine Comedy. In the blazing fire of pure love that is the Beatific Vision, Bernard is at Dante’s side as their eyes drink in the vision of a splendid, holographic, white rose emanating like a vision from the Godhead’s bright light. The Queen of this

mystical white rose is the Virgin, and “faithful Bernard” gazes in silent admiration at the woman he loves so dearly. Saint Bernard was canonized in 1174 and named a Doctor of the Church in 1830.

Saint Bernard, may we see in your devotion to Mary, endless travels, strict life, and keen eye for beauty, the model of an educated and devoted monk. Intercede for all religious, and for all those with a contemplative heart who are in the world, to love God half as well as you did.”
Amen!

OUTREACH

A JUST HARVEST AND THREE TARTS

You may recall that back in April, just after the pandemic shut down the state of Illinois, our outreach partner, A Just Harvest Community Kitchen, was forced to shut down their dining room, and only accept food for their patrons that was prepared in a commercial kitchen. Divine Mercy jumped into action to create a solution that would allow us to continue to help A Just Harvest in their mission to provide nourishment to those in need while following the established guidelines. Enter Three Tarts and some very generous parishioners.

Three Tarts is a small business/bakery/sandwich shop that has operated a commercial kitchen in Northfield since 1998. They, too, were impacted deeply by the shutdown. With the help of some very generous parishioners who agreed to fund this special effort, Three Tarts prepared (in their commercial kitchen) and delivered 200 "to-go" boxed meals to A Just Harvest, allowing us to continue our monthly commitment to A Just Harvest.

The response from you, our parishioners, was phenomenal. We were touched and moved by the fantastic response to fund Three Tarts, which enabled us to continue assisting A Just Harvest through October!

We wanted to share an update with you on A Just Harvest as the pandemic continues to affect their ability to serve their patrons.



A JUST HARVEST

BREAKING BREAD, RESTORING COMMUNITY

David Crawford, Director of Food Services at A Just Harvest, informed us that their Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to not re-open their dining room until March, 2021, or when a vaccine is made available. As a result, the "to go" boxed meals will continue.

David is currently on-site six days a week. A Just Harvest's numbers continue to rise and there is growing concern this will be the trend in the months to come.

We contacted Three Tarts, and

they would be very happy to continue this once a month meal arrangement and have really enjoyed getting to know the staff at A Just Harvest. David and his staff at A Just Harvest feel the same way. David informed us that the folks at Three Tarts have gone above and beyond, not only bringing the monthly meals, but often much needed cleaning supplies and additional food items.

We would like to continue to facilitate this partnership for as long as we can. We have the funds secured to provide 200 monthly meals through October. Our hope is to fund this effort until March. We'd

like to continue our outreach efforts with A Just Harvest, while helping a small, local business STAY in business during these precarious times. This is a win-win situation for everyone involved.

In order to accomplish this goal, it requires a financial commitment of approximately \$1500 per month, which we hope to raise through parishioner donations. Donated funds will be directed to Three Tarts and in turn, Three Tarts will continue to prepare delicious and safe meals for the clients at A Just Harvest.

If you can help us help Three Tarts help A Just Harvest, please send a check made out to Divine Mercy Parish, with A Just Harvest written on the memo line to our parish office, or you can click [here](#), and you'll be taken directly to the Divine Mercy Give Central portal where you can make a direct donation to A Just Harvest. Your donation is tax deductible. No amount is too small and any donation will be greatly appreciated.

On behalf of A Just Harvest, Three Tarts, and Divine Mercy Parish, thank you so much for whatever support you can provide for those in need. We are humbled by your generosity for those in need!



**Our website is www.divinemercynorthshore.org.
Our temporary number is 847-881-6664.**

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

That we may do more to welcome, cherish, and protect the gift of life which, like all God's gifts, is irrevocable, we pray to the Lord.

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER

We are born with a seed of dissatisfaction in search of fulfillment. Our heart, even without knowing it, thirsts for the encounter with God and seeks it, many times taking the wrong road. When our dissatisfaction encounters Jesus, the life of grace begins.



OUTREACH

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO THE ST. COLUMBANUS SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Thank you to all those who donated towards the St. Columbanus school supply drive for their school, Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy. Your generosity is overwhelming! The students and families of St. Columbanus' school, along with their pastor, Fr. Matt O'Donnell, are

so grateful for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

Divine Mercy parishioners have also donated nearly \$1200 towards uniforms for the students of Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy. Thank you so, so much! Your assistance has made their lives so much easier this school year, as the pandemic has wreaked havoc on so many in their community. Thank you!!



FINANCE



Scan the Code to Donate!

COMMUNITY

WANT TO BE IN THE KNOW? WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!

Given the current reality, the only way we can communicate with our parishioners is through email, our website and social media. **PLUS**, Fr. Steve writes a daily update on what's happening at the parish, and shares a short video reflection on a daily scripture. You won't want to miss these, or other important information related to the gradual reopening of our churches.

So! If you're not receiving our e-blasts, 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 or call our temporary office number: **847-881-6664**. THANK YOU!

FINANCES AT A GLANCE AS OF AUGUST 9, 2020

YTD 2020-2021 Sunday Collection \$71,577
(Online this week \$5,026)
(Received by mail / Mass collection \$8,113)
YTD 2019-2020 Sunday Collection \$93,302

If you are not an online donor and wish to sign up, please contact Cindy Atsaves in the parish office at cindyatsaves@divinemercynorthshore.org.

Thank you for your generosity to Divine Mercy Parish!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)

So Proud of Our Confirmandi!

To date, we have celebrated three Confirmations — Saturday, August 29, will be our fourth and final gathering for this special sacrament. We are so proud of these young adults, and are especially grateful that they are approaching their high school years armed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We pray for these young adults, especially in this most unusual of times. Let us pray that as a community of faith we find meaningful, creative and relevant ways to keep them connected to Christ. Enjoy these photos from our most recent Confirmation held on a beautiful summer night at St. Philip the Apostle.



Father Steve Lanza, above, uses a cotton ball soaked in the blessed Chrism oil to confirm the candidates. The sacred cotton balls are then burned. Catechist Joe McGowan, right, served as lector for the Rite.



Registration is Coming!

While the challenges of planning for this coming year are many, what we do know is that faith formation for our children and families is more important than ever. We are continuing to monitor the situation and will have a plan to you shortly that takes into consideration the challenges of the pandemic and the importance of nurturing the faith of our children. We thank you for your patience. Together, we will find the best way to cultivate our rich, beautiful and life-giving Catholic faith. We ask for your prayers as we all continue to navigate the waters of the pandemic. We pray for those who are battling COVID19, those who have died, for all health care professionals who continue frontline work, and for our amazing catechists who are stepping forward to share the faith. Amen!



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



We are happy to be opening our doors for the fall semester and look forward to a year full of learning and new experiences with our students. Our dedicated teachers are so happy to be coming back to see their students with the attention and focus of a bright and productive new school year.

If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about our school, please visit our website at shwschool.org and take a virtual tour with our principal, Kristen Fink.

Here is a look back to some of our most treasured moments of 2019-2020 school year...



We hope you all have a safe, healthy and wonderful summer break. We will see you in August!

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

August 22, 2020

SACRED HEART CHURCH

5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Lanza

August 23, 2020

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE
CHURCH

8:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Cassidy

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

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

If you are able to assist our Greeter ministry which assists the worshipers who attend Mass, please contact Michelle Wasielewski via email mwasielewski@divinemercynorthshore.org

Note: Please ignore any emails from Ministry Scheduler Pro. It has been technologically difficult to cancel the automatic emails.

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, Paula Brady, Dennis Braun, Wendy Braun, Luciana Butera, Milly Calabrese, Kierre Caldwell, Patt Carlson, Teresa Chapman, Diane Charhut, Kelly Bolan Chevalier, Sheila Devlin, Tim Doll, Rick Doucette, David and Mary Ann Duerwachter, Maureen Dwyer, Timothy Feeney, John Flynn, Lisa Franke, Lydia Gatton, Paul Greco, 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, Drew Mans, Jackson Mans, Beth O'Brien, Sally O'Malley, Joe Pellegrino, 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.

Sande Bolan

MASS INTENTIONS

Given the temporary schedule of Masses, all Mass Intentions for Wednesdays will be shifted to Thursdays, while all other Mass Intentions will remain on the designated day.

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

MONDAY, August 17 (SH)

7:00 a.m. - John Mann
Donna Bailey

TUESDAY, August 18 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Daniel Lorek

WEDNESDAY, August 19

Currently No Mass, Intentions shift to Thursdays

THURSDAY, August 20 (SH)

7:00 a.m. - Ian Binnie
Kay McGovern

FRIDAY, August 21 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Sister Augustine Wojcik,
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SATURDAY, August 22 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - Genevieve Conway

SUNDAY, August 23 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - 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.

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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Body text: 10

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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:
divinemeracybulletins@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.

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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