

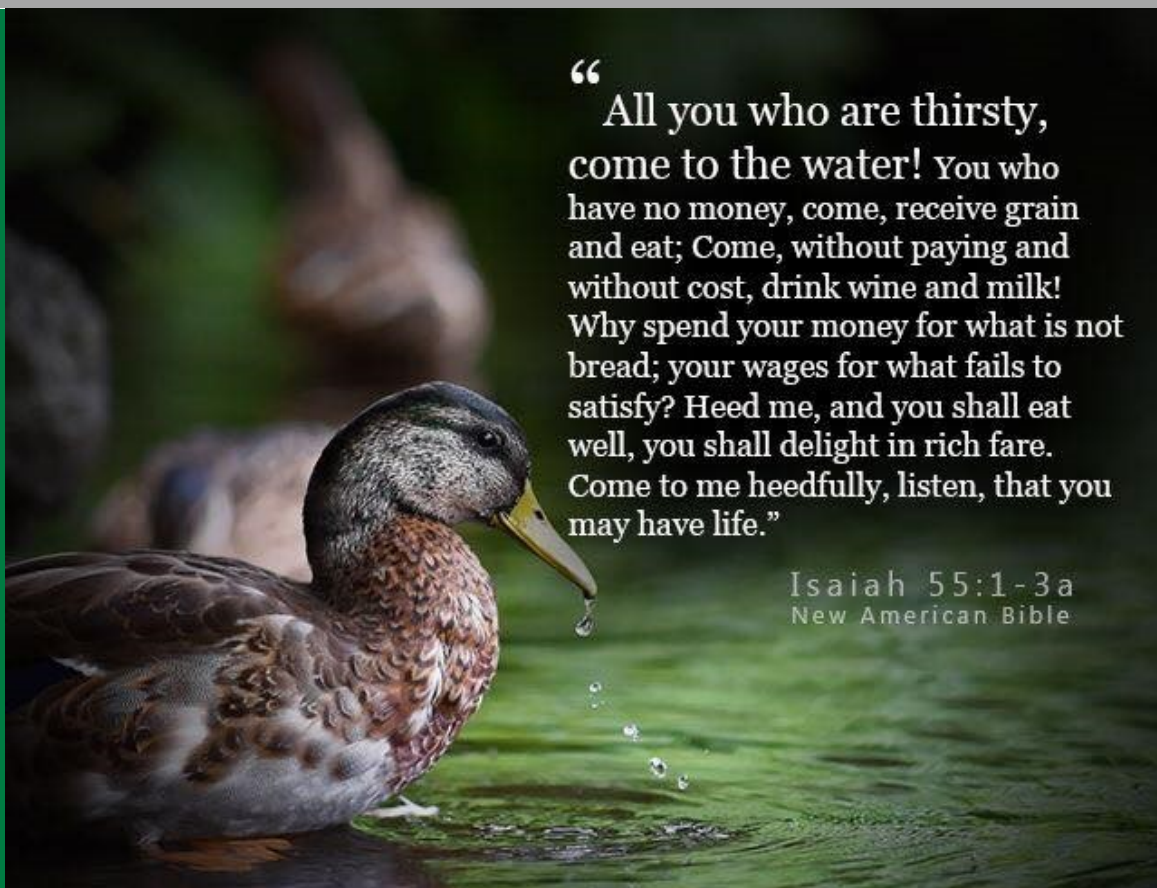


DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

AUGUST 2, 2020 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Streaming
Mass
Online
Saturdays
at 5:00
p.m.



“All you who are thirsty,
come to the water! You who
have no money, come, receive grain
and eat; Come, without paying and
without cost, drink wine and milk!
Why spend your money for what is not
bread; your wages for what fails to
satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat
well, you shall delight in rich fare.
Come to me heedfully, listen, that you
may have life.”

Isaiah 55:1-3a
New American Bible

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

ARE WE WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR?

I received a wonderful email from a gentleman who attended Mass at Sacred Heart church this past weekend at the 5:00 Saturday evening Mass. He wrote to me to say that he had moved into the area and was searching for a parish.

Ours was the fourth weekend Mass he had attended in his search. The opening hymn that weekend was "10,000 Blessings," which falls in the category of praise music. This heartened him because the very active and lively parish he had moved from routinely sang this hymn. The homily, he said, also resonated with him. He feels he has found his new parish home here at Divine Mercy.

I share this with you for a number a reasons.

First, I'm a bit amazed that there are folks out there who in this time of the pandemic with social distancing, mask-wearing and no congregational singing—in other words, with all these challenges to attending Mass—there are people out there who are diligently searching for a parish to call home. The desire to be situated within a worshipping community must be pretty strong to surmount the ordinary reluctances to try a new place, much less the extraordinary obstacles the pandemic creates.

Second, starting with our former music director, Todd, and continuing with our new liturgy and music director, Ron, we are beefing up our use of so-called praise music. It is characterized by a more contemporary feel with lyrics that generally praise God for his goodness. While we will use all genres of church music, we definitely want to add praise music to our repertoire.

Third, with our focus on being a mission-driven parish that is welcoming and hospitable to

everyone who is searching for God in their life, with the Alpha program as a type of "welcome mat" for those who are searching, we hope to continue to revitalize and renew this faith community that only two years ago was created through the merger of two former parishes into one.

Fourth, as I write this column I am looking forward to a Zoom call with the gentleman who emailed me. I want to find out what his Michigan parish was like, what made it so pivotal for him and if he had any particular elements or characteristics he was looking for during his search for a new home parish. This conversation could be very enlightening and a boost to our Parish Council as it begins the months-long strategic planning process. A set of "new eyes" may be very useful indeed.

VISION

As the Parish Council embarks on the strategic planning process outlined in *Divine Renovation Guidebook: A Step-by-Step Manual for Transforming Your Parish* (Father James Mallon, 2016, Twenty-Third Publications), we will first identify what values our parish upholds (not the ones to which we aspire but the *actual* values we pursue based on allocation of resources and scheduling). In the planning process, we'll get to the aspirational values later.

As we name the current values, we'll put those up against our parish vision statement, which is:

Divine Mercy parish
is a welcoming community
that inspires disciples of Jesus
to share God's love
and transform our world.

Eventually, the Council will engage in a lot of evaluation, assessing every aspect of ministry and parish life using a SWOT analysis



(strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats). From this we will develop a five year plan that details where we want to be as a parish in a handful of years from the end of the planning process.

Meanwhile, we will continue, as our parish "tag line" says: make disciples, build Church, and serve others.

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

MEN'S RETREAT: SAVE THE

DATE: OCT 9-11, 2020

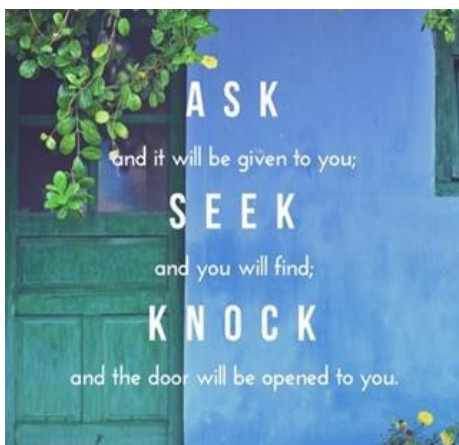
Come Away to the Silence

Mark your calendars. Plan to spend a weekend with the Lord. If ever there was a time for this it is now. Everyone is hurting – Covid 19, the economy, job losses, a nation at war within itself. Divine Mercy Parish is offering a silent Men's Retreat.

Father Matt Linn, S.J. will lead us in finding "Healing Through the Beatitudes: Transforming Hurts Into Blessings". We will explore what Jesus meant in preaching the Beatitudes, how He lived them, and how Jesus empowers us to find happiness and blessings in our struggles.

Join us Friday, Oct. 9th, arriving between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m., and staying through Sunday, Oct. 11 at noon at Bellarmine Hall, 420 County Line Road, Barrington. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Therese Larson at 847 381-1261, or registering online at JesuitRetreat.org. Each retreatant has a private room, and the meals are wonderful. There is plenty of time for private prayer, meditation and consultation with spiritual directors, as well as multiple opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Suggested retreat contribution is \$300. A deposit of \$100 secures your spot. Be assured social distancing will be observed.



RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

For all Church leaders, that they preach and teach the truth of the Gospel with courage and conviction, we pray to the Lord.

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER



The Kingdom of Heaven is the opposite of the superfluous things the world offers, the opposite of a dull life: it is a treasure that renews everyday life and leads it to extend towards wider horizons.



August 8th is the feast day of Saint Dominic. To read more about him, and to find out why the Dominicans focus on May 24th instead, click [here](#).

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

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.divinemercynorthshore.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.

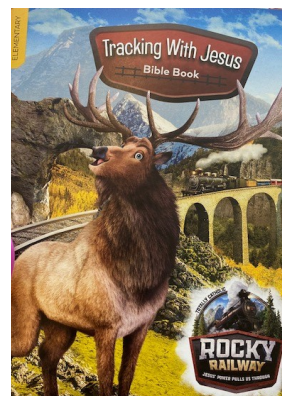
CONFESSIONS: You do not need to make a reservation for Confession. It is available on Saturday mornings from 9 - 9:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, and Fr. Javier Del Castillo offers confessions at St. Philip on Wednesday afternoons from 3-4:30 p.m. to hear confessions.

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.

Divine Mercy Launches Its First-Ever Online Vacation Bible School

We are so excited to have launched our first-ever virtual Vacation Bible School! This VBS would have been way too big of an undertaking for any one parish alone — so Divine Mercy joined in a collaborative effort with the Children's Ministries of St. Benedict's, United Catholic Youth Ministries, St. Andrew's, The Catholic Community of Northbrook, and Our Lady of Ransom. It started on an Archdiocesan call when St. Benedict's said VBS was likely cancelled, and did anyone want to work together on a virtual one? More than 100 children signed up — and we have a participant from as far away as Boston as her own parish cancelled their VBS and she asked to join ours upon learning about it from her parents who are parishioners.

What is involved? Great Bible stories, cool kid videos, toe-tapping worship songs, an intro to the Rosary, wonderful saints stories and more! The message for the week — Trust Jesus! Jesus Helps Us Do Hard Things! Children received a bag of handmade prayer cards featuring every saint and parish as well as arts and crafts projects and Bible stories. All told, we believe it was a great success during the time of COVID! We are grateful for the opportunity to bring Jesus to our children in a wonderful, creative, fun way...even during a pandemic! Blessings all around!





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!



THANK YOU

TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS

FOR SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY!

Please see the attached directory for the businesses that generously supported our community this past year.

Show them your appreciation by patronizing them when you are in need of goods and services!



Sacred Heart School Corporate Sponsors/Donors

Banking/Financial Services BMO Harris Bank The Scandariato Group/Merrill Lynch	Home Security Keyth Technologies
Beauty & Fitness BloOuts Blow Dry Bar Chicago Sports Institute Face Forward Med Spa Five Seasons Paul Rehder Salon SALT Shred 415 Sole + Luna Wellness Winnetka Community House	Home Construction/Contractors A. Perry Homes Landmark Building Group Ravinia Plumbing & Electric Red Spade
Children's Services Ciao Bella Sewing Hi-Five Sports Impact Ice Hockey Mathnasium	Legal Aerie Advisors Salvi Schostok & Pritchard Storino Ramello & Durkin
Dining Guildhall McDonalds North Shore Pizza Smylie Brothers Brewing Company	Pet Services Glencoe Animal Hospital Winnetka Animal Hospital
Dry Cleaners Zengeler	Photography Kate Olerich Photography
Funeral Services Donnellan Funeral	Real Estate Grace Flatt - @Properties Sara Sullivan - Compass
Grocery The Grand Food Center Sunset Foods	Recruitment/Staffing Chamberlain
Health/Medical Carillon Vision City Kids Dental Brady Orthodontics Grins on Greenbay – Pediatric Dentist Figuerora Orthodontics Dr. Michael J. Lee Plastic Surgery	Retail Abt Electronics Londo Mondo Lux Lab MARCUS Sweet Buddha Tiffany & Co.
	Vacation Services/Travel Tradewind Aviation Wimco Villas

OUTREACH

ST. COLUMBANUS SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE / UNIFORMS TOO!

We are collecting donations for St. Columbanus' school, Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy. St. Columbanus families are in particular need this year due to the pandemic, and students are in need of book bags/backpacks, school supplies, face-masks and hand sanitizer.

Divine Mercy will hold a **ONE DAY ONLY DRIVE** for these items on **Thursday, August 6th**. Bins for donations will be set in the office vestibule at Sacred Heart Church, and will be accessible between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. All donations will be collected and delivered to St. Columbanus on Friday, August 7th.

UNIFORMS TOO!

Students are also in need of school uniforms. If you're able to contribute towards uniforms, please consider making a donation via the St. Columbanus Give Central link (click [here](#)) or sending a check made payable to St. Columbanus Church with school uniform in the memo line.

Please send your checks to:
St. Columbanus Church
331 E. 71st Street
Chicago, IL 60619-1122



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 JULY 26, 2020

YTD 2020-2021 Sunday Collection	\$43,540
(Online this week \$6,776)	
(Received by mail / Mass collection \$6,665)	
YTD 2019-2020 Sunday Collection	\$51,091

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!

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

August 8, 2020

SACRED HEART CHURCH

5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Lanza

August 9, 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

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 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, John Madden, 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.

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 3 (SH)
7:00 a.m. - Edward Neuman

TUESDAY, August 4 (SPA)
8:00 a.m. - Patricia Catarello

WEDNESDAY, August 5
8:30 a.m. - Currently No Mass,
Intentions shift to Thursdays

THURSDAY, August 6 (SH)
7:00 a.m. - Daniel Lorek

FRIDAY, August 7 (SPA)
8:00 a.m. - Lourdes Mariano

SATURDAY, August 8 (SH)
5:00 p.m. - Jim O'Toole

SUNDAY, August 9 (SPA)
8:00 a.m. - Parishioners of Divine
Mercy Parish

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.

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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:
divinemercurybulletins@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.

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that Inspires Disciples of Jesus
to Share God's Love and Transform the World.

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