

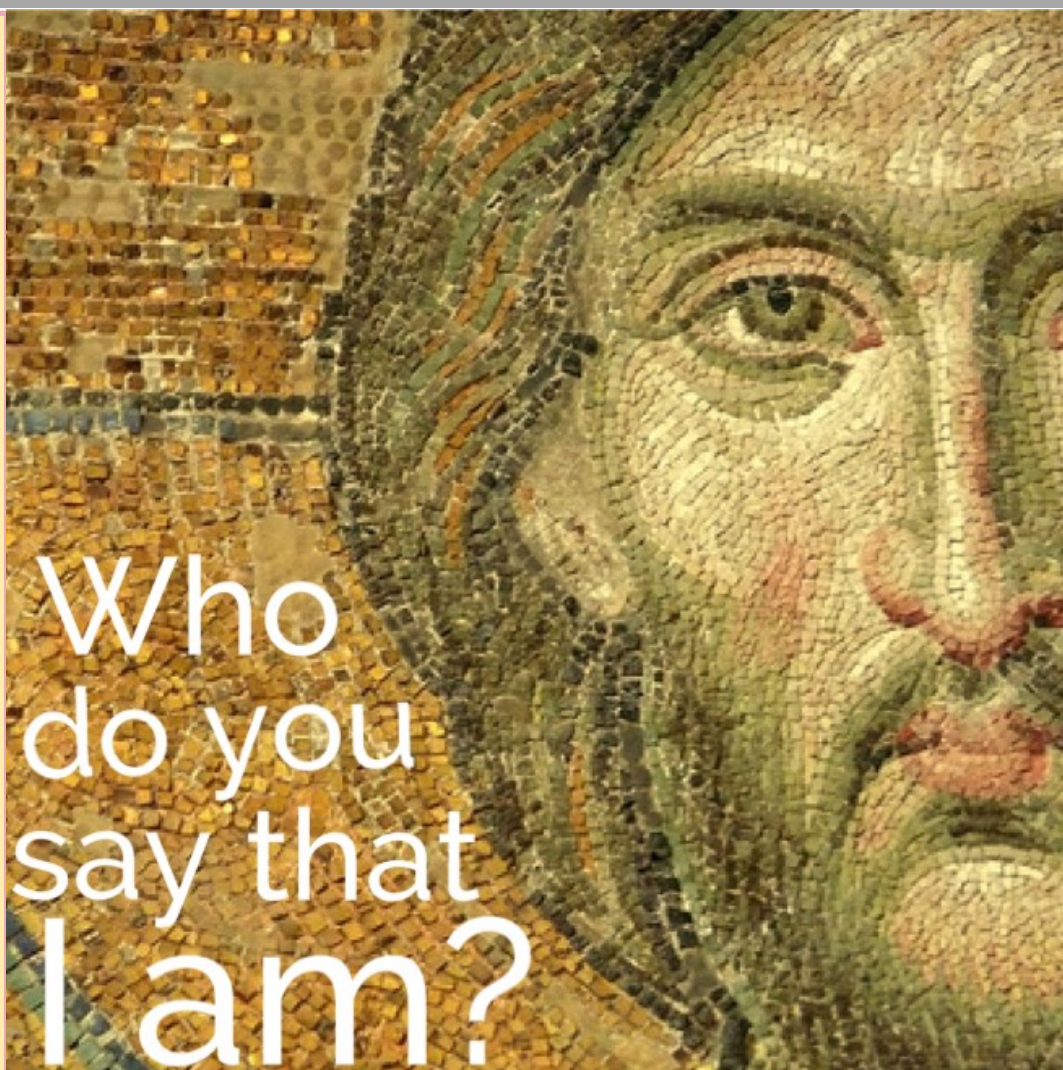


DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

AUGUST 23, 2020 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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for Mass
Reservations
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847-881-6664.



FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

COMING SOON TO YOUR MAILBOX

Please watch your mailbox. Your snail mailbox where you get the United States mail. I'll be sending out to every household in the parish our first ever parish newsletter, *Disciples in Mission*.

It's a great new publication from us to you that details some amazing stories of everyday disciples who are members of the parish. This is what we are about, discipleship.

Each of us, by our Baptism, has been invited to follow the Lord Jesus in our daily lives. The newsletter attempts to capture how our fledgling parish, Divine Mercy, is attempting to be the spring board for folks to follow Jesus as his disciples.

I've been wanting to do this for several years. The pandemic has presented an opportunity for people to be more involved in other's lives, to serve, to help, to assist. That's one reason we created the *Love Your Neighbor* program. And now we're focusing on the great stories of service and outreach of ordinary parishioners and brought some of those stories to you in this first issue of *Disciples in Mission*.

We are hoping that this truly is a first issue and that more will follow as we continue to gather the stories and get them out to you.

I read these stories, compiled by parishioner Liz Riggs, and thanked God for the wonderful men and women who make up this new parish. Not just the more mature men and women, but also the wonderful young people who are a part of Divine Mercy Parish.

You'll read about Julie Buzza and Ellen who have focused some of their efforts at St. Philip the Apostle Church. You'll also read about Jules and Bexi Ainsworth who are helping out at Sacred Heart Church. You'll also be

introduced to Jean Quinnan, Niki Campbell and Joe McGowan. Jean's been staying at home recently, due to the pandemic. Niki and Joe have worshipped at both Sacred Heart and St. Philip the Apostle in these pandemic days, and they've both reached out to Jean.

This is exactly what we want as we strive to put into practice our parish vision: Divine Mercy is a welcoming community that inspires disciples of Jesus to share God's love and transform the world. Or as our tag line reads: Make Disciples, Build Church, Serve Others!

Truly, no matter how you express it, in our parish vision statement, or in our tag line, or in the many ways parishioners give generously of themselves to join in the work of the kingdom, this is the heart of the matter.

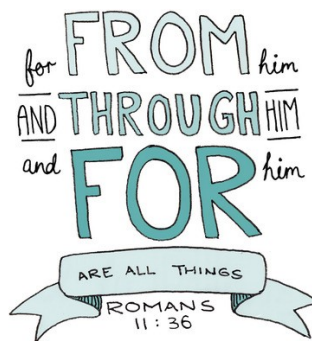
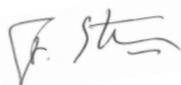
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SPECIAL THANKS

As I already mentioned, Liz Riggs wrote the copy for this first newsletter. In spite of that fact that she just went back to work full time, Liz gave generously of her own time to respond to my invitation to write for this first issue.

That's a story of discipleship in itself!

Thanks also to Judy Pyke, our Director of Communications, who edited and created the look of the newsletter that you'll soon be receiving. Judy's got a lot on her plate with all the different forms of communication we are spearheading during the pandemic. This is just one more thing on her plate, bless her!



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

SARAH COZZI BIDS A FOND FAREWELL / SEE YOU LATER!

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

One constant in life is change, and here we are at yet another junction. Due to the merging of two churches and the consequences of Covid-19, my position as Music Director for St. Philip the Apostle has ended. First and foremost, I wanted to thank you. Thank you for showing me your support over the past 7+ years as I've gone from an occasional "ringer" in the choir to cantor to music director. I will miss the friendly smiles, good conversation, great music and hospitality I've known at St. Philip. From pancake breakfasts and Mass in the Meadow to Easter and Christmas seasons, I've gotten to know the goodness of this parish, and I will never forget our memories together. You are in good hands with Ron Vanasden, and this isn't necessarily "goodbye" but "see you later", as I may step in for Ron from time to time, or sing at funerals and special events as needed. In closing, I'd like to leave you with my favorite bible verse. It comforts me through the changes and difficulties of life, and I hope this may bring you the peace it brings me as we continue to move forward in very uncertain times. Romans 5:3 We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you may need music or therapy services in the future.

May God bless you and keep you safe through the many changes of life.

With warm hugs and an eternally grateful heart,

Sarah



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY SARAH!

LOOKING FOR THE WORSHIP AID FOR MASS TO FOLLOW ALONG?

Just scan this QR code to access the worship aid for 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.

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!

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:

www.divinemercynorthshore.org.

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.

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

For world leaders, may they place the needs and rights of the oppressed before those who are revered in society, we pray to the Lord.

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER

Hope needs patience, the patience of knowing that we sow, but it is God who gives growth.

MEN'S RETREAT:**OCT 9-11, 2020****The Beatitudes: Turning Challenges Into Blessings**

Father Matt Linn, S.J. will lead a group of men in finding "The Beatitudes: Turning Challenges Into Blessings". The group 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.

If you're interested in attending this Men's Retreat, scheduled for October 9th - 11th, it's imperative you make reservations as soon as possible. Why? Under normal circumstances there would be 70-80 retreatants on a weekend at Bellarmine Hall. They now limit it to 37 retreatants in order to maintain social distancing. Thus, we encourage anyone who might be interested to go online to www.JesuitRetreat.org and make a reservation as soon as possible. You may also call Therese Larsen at 847-381-1261. A \$100 deposit will secure your place on the retreat.

For your information, masks are required, but may be removed when in your own private room or while alone outdoors. Cleaning by their staff takes place not just at the end of each retreat, but also in the middle of the weekend to minimize risk. Meals are served in place by staff rather than the usual self-serve procedure.

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.

Reservations are required!

Suggested retreat contribution is \$300 per person. A deposit of \$100 secures your place on the retreat.

Details:

Arrive Friday, Oct. 9th between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Departure is Sunday, Oct. 11th at Noon.

Location:

Bellarmine Hall
420 County Line Road
Barrington, IL.

"The Good News is that God still loves the world through each of you. You are God's good news, you are God's love in action."
St. Teresa of Calcutta

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church."
Matthew 16:18

**REOPENING OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS / PARTICULARLY SACRED HEART SCHOOL**

The Archdiocese has made in-person learning its top priority, but only if it could be done safely. An entire team at the Archdiocese has been working since April on a health-and-safety-focused plan overseen by local medical experts. The plan aligns with all of the guidance from the state, city of Chicago and county health departments and the Centers for Disease Control. Teams at each school (including Sacred Heart School) have been doing everything possible to implement the plan to make school buildings welcoming and safe. Sacred Heart School has a plan to allow for in-person learning, as well as virtual or e-learning, if and when needed.

These are truly unprecedented times. The challenges COVID-19 presents are real, and we have the humility to acknowledge that we may have to adjust these plans if needed. We believe God's grace will carry us forward.

We want to take this opportunity to thank our teachers, staff and principal, Kristen Fink. They are dedicated to doing what's best for our students and families. Like all the essential workers who have served to help their community during the pandemic, Catholic school teachers are serving our families, our neighborhood and our parish, and for that we are incredibly grateful.

We will continue to communicate with you over the next weeks about the progress of our school reopening efforts. In the meantime, please pray for our principal, teachers, staff and school families. Thank you!



OUTREACH

HELP US HELP 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.

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 telephone number is 847-881-6664.

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!!



The photo on the right shows half of our delivery to St. Columbanus being unpacked. They send their gratitude!



FINANCE

Our Parish uses



for online donations

Sign up for online giving at
www.givecentral.org



Scan the Code to Donate!

FINANCES AT A GLANCE AS OF AUGUST 16, 2020

YTD 2020-2021 Sunday Collection	\$83,728
(Online this week \$5,703)	
(Received by mail / Mass collection \$6,448)	
YTD 2019-2020 Sunday Collection	\$113,335

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!

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 Judy Pyke your email address, and she'll get you connected. You can email her at jpyke@divinemercynorthshore.org or call our temporary office number: **847-881-6664**. THANK YOU!

Register for Children's Ministry 2020-2021 Today!

Dear Families,

We are excited to launch **registration for the 2020-2021 year of Children's Ministry**. While current circumstances continue to evolve, we nonetheless know that we all need faith **more than ever** and we are committed to delivering a safe, innovative, engaging faith formation program for you and your children.

Registration

Please click [here](#) to register for Children's Ministry. We are waiving all late fees but **all children must be registered by Tuesday, September 8** so we have adequate time to prepare materials. Please register as soon as possible! A calendar specific to your child's grade will be sent to your family following registration.

Our Plan

Our plan is based on a number of factors, both from the Archdiocese of Chicago and our own schools. In addition, the health and safety of your children and families remains our highest priority.

What Children's Ministry Will Look Like for 2020-2021

- In-person or online beginning on October 4, 2020, for all children, with a Family Mass and Materials Pickup Party, thereby enabling you to get your children settled in school in September (Note: 8th Grade will start in-person on Sunday, September 20)
 - We will break in mid-December through mid- January and start up again for a spring semester.
 - We will feature:
 - 3 Family Masses**
 - 2 Service Sundays**
 - 1 Saints Celebration**
 - 1 Movie Sunday**
 - 1 Christmas Celebration**
- Zoom classes taught by our outstanding, experienced catechists**
- Monthly in-person sessions for 8th and 2nd graders, with a few special in-person sessions for our 7th graders.
 - We will deliver lessons in an easy-to-use format. We are sensitive to the overload already on your plates.

We are grateful for the opportunity to walk with you and your family on this faith journey and know that the Holy Spirit will guide us each step of the way. While we are faced with many challenges, we nonetheless know that there is nothing more important than instilling the beliefs and teachings of our Catholic faith. Our faith offers comfort, joy, peace, hope and love during this unprecedented time and always.

Please call 847-881-6664 with questions or email khandelman@divinemercynorthshore.org.
God Bless!



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 had a safe, healthy and wonderful summer break. We will see you next week!

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

August 29, 2020

SACRED HEART CHURCH

5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Lanza

August 30, 2020

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE
CHURCH

8:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Cassidy

With joy, we publish the **Banns of Marriage** between Elizabeth Anne Clarke, Divine Mercy Parish and Matthew Joseph Mastriano, St. James Parish, Red Bank, N.J. The prayers of our faith community celebrate with them as they prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

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

LECTOR SCHEDULE

August 29, 2020 Sacred Heart Church
5 p.m. Chris Hartman

August 30, 2020 St. Philip the Apostle Church
8 a.m. Pat Dougherty

If you are interested in the ministry of Lector at either Sacred Heart or St. Philip the Apostle, please contact Ron Vanasdlén, via email rvasadlen@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: It has been technologically difficult to cancel the automatic emails. **Just know that at this time, no other ministers are being scheduled. If you get an email from Ministry Scheduler Pro, please disregard it.**

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,
Kelly Bolan Chevalier, Sheila Devlin, Tim Doll, Rick Doucette,
David and Mary Ann Duerwachter, Maureen Dwyer,
Timothy Feeney, John Flynn, Lisa Franke, Benjamin Grillo,
Philip Hall, Laura Hendricks, John Hoerster, Nancy Holihan,
Mario Iturino, The Jatis Family, Becky Jones, Philip Jones,
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, 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.

Jeffrey Duerwachter

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 24 (SH)

7:00 a.m. - Patsy Hogan

TUESDAY, August 25 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Frank & Teresa D'Astici

WEDNESDAY, August 26

Currently No Mass, Intentions shift to Thursdays

THURSDAY, August 27 (SH)

7:00 a.m. - Michael Hogan, James Madden Segura (Birthday Blessings)

FRIDAY, August 28 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Henry Quintiliani, Nicholas Madden (Birthday Blessings)

SATURDAY, August 29 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - Jonathan Collie

SUNDAY, August 30 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Frank Schmid, 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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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:
divinemercurybulletins@gmail.com

DIVINE MERCY OFFICES

Given the constraints of the pandemic, 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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