

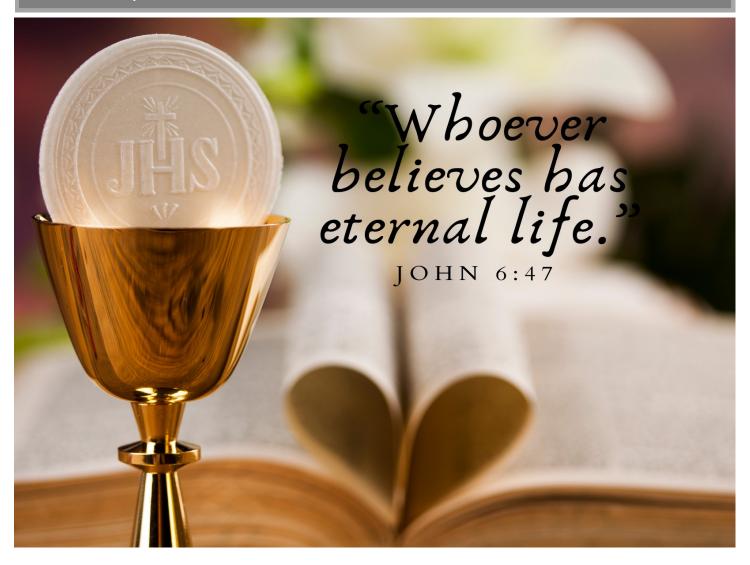


DIVINE MERCY PARISH

Sacred Heart Church \cdot St. Philip The Apostle Church

AUGUST 8, 2021

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

NEW WINE, NEW WINESKINS

As a scriptural prelude to what I'm about to share with you, I refresh our memory of what is recorded in Matthew 9:16-17.
Jesus responds to a question put to him by the disciples of John the Baptist who wonder why John's disciples fast but Jesus' disciples do not.

Jesus says, "No one patches an old cloak with a piece of unshrunken cloth, for its fullness pulls away from the cloak and the tear gets worse. People do not put new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise the skins burst, the wine spills out, and the skins are ruined. Rather, they pour new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved."

After several discussions which initially were undertaken not long after the merger of St. Philip and Sacred Heart and continuing recently, the Senior Leadership Team has decided that we will, as a new parish, put to rest all of the former special events associated with the former or old parishes of Sacred Heart and St. Philip the Apostle. What former special events are we referring to? To name a few: Oktoberfest, Advent by Candlelight, Pancake Breakfast, Mass in the Meadow, Women's Guild Luncheon, St. Patrick's Day Party, and Pastapalooza.

The reasoning behind letting go of these former special events is not simply because all of them were associated with the now defunct parishes. If that were the only reason, it probably wouldn't be a good enough reason.

The more significant reason for respectfully laying them to rest is because our new parish of Divine Mercy is refocusing and re-doubling our energies and efforts in three key areas of parish life that will serve us better. Those three key areas are 1) the weekend experience of Saturday/Sunday liturgy, 2) Alpha, and 3) after Alpha continuing formation.

To do so, we need to mobilize a great many of our lay leadership to become involved. We want to create a cadre of Greeters who will welcome people coming into our churches for Mass, as well as lay people who will mount the effort for hospitality after Mass. We also want to expand efforts to invite people into Alpha. After participating in Alpha we want to continue to involve people in further spiritual formation. All of this requires the ongoing time and energy of folks who are laser-focused on our parish vision. It is vision which propels us forward because vision tells us where we want to end up.

As Jesus says, new wine deserves new wineskins. Our new parish deserves to create new traditions and a new culture of involvement and excitement that draws people into our stated vision of who we are as a parish. That vision was formulated by the staff, the Senior Leadership Team and the Parish Council as: "Divine Mercy Parish is a welcoming community that inspires disciples of Jesus to share God's love and transform the world."

To my mind, our parish vision statement speaks about renewal of minds, hearts and lives that are centered in the living Jesus, Risen and Lord. He is the center of our lives. We are convinced of that. In turn, that conviction radiates outward as we are inspired to share the good news of God's love through our words, deeds and good example. As we become more transparently bearers of and witnesses to the good news of salvation in Christ, others will be attracted to us and to our parish. Thus, a good deal of our efforts will focus on the weekend experience, to make it the most vibrant encounter



with the Lord Jesus that it can possibly be here at Divine Mercy. Meanwhile, we will also mobilize our lay leadership to continue offering Alpha and after-Alpha formation.

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THE WEEKEND EXPERIENCE

In the accompanying column I talk about the weekend experience of liturgy being one key area that we want to focus lots of energy on. There are all sorts of ideas and guidance in Father James Mallon's book *Divine Renovation* on improving the weekend experience.

Some we have already been working on, for example, introducing Praise Music at Mass and trying out Name Tag Sunday. We've also taken the first steps to beef up our Greeter Ministry to welcome folks to the liturgy. Now that the pandemic restrictions have been lifted, we are also beginning to offer some hospitality after Mass.

These are all just a start. We've got a ways to go in implementing ideas to make the weekend experience better. For example, we'd like to work on a more thematic message series where a theme would be developed over a series of Sundays in the homilies. We'd also like to see many more lay witness talks at Mass. We'd also like to encourage Prayer Partners at our weekend Masses.

The only way we will be successful with our renewal and evangelization efforts is if we begin to engage with one another more and more, especially before, during and after weekend Masses. As we grow stronger in our faith and share that faith with one another, we will be given courage to share with others who are either lukewarm in faith or who do not know Jesus at all. As we create a warm, welcoming atmosphere at liturgy others who are "checking us out" will be drawn in because they too want to experience what we ourselves experience and radiate.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

Divine Mercy Parish is a Welcoming Community that Inspires Disciples of Jesus to Share God's Love and Transform the World.

Making Disciples • Building Church • Serving Others

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Finally, together we will create new special events that, while not directly related to the weekend Sunday experience, bring people together and cultivate a strong community of disciples, making of this parish a "home base" for followers of Jesus.

A PEEK AROUND THE CORNER

The Parish Council continues to work on an over-all strategic plan for the parish. The Council has been working very diligently and I am very encouraged by the direction of our discussions. I see no reason why we cannot have a strategic plan formulated within the next handful of months.

At the same time, staff members will be reaching out to parishioners to invite them to become members of some new lay boards. We already have a School Board and a Children's Ministry Board. The new boards being created will be a Liturgy Board, a Communication Board, an Evangelization Board, and a Service and Outreach Board.

Just as the current School and Children's Ministry Boards enables laity to partner with staff to collaborate in the work of those ministries, so too will the newer boards facilitate greater collaboration between staff and laity.

The formulation of a strategic plan, the new boards which are being created, and the focusing of our energies into the three key areas of parish life I mentioned above, will serve Divine Mercy Parish as we seek revitalization in Christ.

TRANSFORMATION

Yes, change is difficult. But change is also necessary.

We cannot keep holding onto the past, putting our efforts and energies into former ways of doing things and expecting new outcomes.

Jesus, in the Gospel of Matthew, is absolutely correct. New wine, new wineskins!

If we want new and exciting outcomes, we must try new and exciting things!

Let's continue to put our heads and hearts together as we grow ourselves: making disciples, building Church, and serving others!



COMMUNITY







Join us for Divine Mercy's End of Summer Celebration!



It's time to welcome everyone back and celebrate our parish community!
We've endured challenging times...yet we continued to Make Disciples, Build Church and Serve Others during the past 15 months.

Now we need to celebrate YOU, our parishioners, who made all this possible!

Join us Sunday 8/29 at 5:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Courtyard.

Want to help with this community event? Contact the parish office at 847-446-0856.



Food Trucks will be available for the purchase of food/snacks.

Beer/Wine and other beverages are compliments of Divine Mercy!

Activities for the Kids, and music for the Adults.

In case of rain, head to the Parish Center.

COMMUNITY

PRAYER & WORSHIP

NEWS FROM MAUREEN VALVASSORI

After 18 years of ministry, in a variety of roles and parishes, I will be retiring on September 1st.

I am so grateful to the staff of Divine Mercy Parish. Truly they are the best I have ever worked with and have become more like family than colleagues.

In addition, I am constantly moved by the depth of caring among Divine Mercy parishioners. Whenever there is a need, Divine Mercy parishioners show up!

And last, it has been my great joy to work side by side with my Dad, Deacon Mike McNulty. I know I am biased, but I believe most everyone would agree he is the best in the "business".

I look forward to transitioning from staff to parishioner. See you in church!

Fr. John Kartje Bible Study!

Wednesday evenings
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Sept 8 & 22 / Oct 6 & 20 /
Nov 3 & 17 / Dec 1 & 15
Divine Mercy Parish Center
at Sacred Heart



JOIN US!

Register at:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f49a8ad28abfb6-bible1

Rector and President of Mundelein Seminary/University of St. Mary of the Lake, Fr. Kartje was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago in 2002. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics, a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics in 1987, and a Ph.D. in Astronomy and Astrophysics in 1995 from the University of Chicago. In addition, he earned a Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Catholic University of America in 2010.

PRAYER & WORSHIP



Eucharistic Adoration & Recitation of the Rosary

Sacred Heart Church: Wednesday afternoons August 4 & 18 2-3 p.m.



St. Philip Church:
Friday Mornings
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
(Rosary on
Tuesday mornings
as well.)



Come by for 5 or 50 minutes - whatever fits your schedule! Come and go as you wish! This is meant to be a warm and welcoming experience, so please do not be intimidated.

The Blessed Sacrament of Jesus will be exposed on the Altar for prayer so that we are in His presence. During the first half hour, we will say opening prayers followed by the Rosary. The second half hour will be quiet time spent with the Lord.

ALL ARE WELCOME: THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER SAID THE ROSARY,
AND THOSE WHO PRAY IT DAILY.
GUIDES WILL HELP YOU ALONG THE WAY!

COMMUNITY

DIVINE MERCY PARISH GOLF OUTING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 WILMETTE GOLF CLUB

Open to all Divine Mercy parishioners and their guests. \$150 per person * includes golf, cart, dinner and prizes \$50 per person for dinner only

SPONSORSHIPS

- Master's Sponsorship \$1,000 includes Hole Sponsor sign, foursome, Divine Mercy logo wear & special recognition at dinner.
- Hole Sponsor \$295includes name/logo on sign at one hole on the course.
- "Holy Roller" Sponsor a member of the clergy to the day's event! \$150

RESERVATIONS: DUE SEPTEMBER 1ST

Sign-up and pay online: https://www.givecentral.org/DivineMercyGolf Or return this form with payment to the Parish Office.

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Schedule of Activities

Check in from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Lunch available in the clubhouse.

SHOT GUN START 1:30 P.M.

Cocktails 5:30 p.m. Dinner and Awards 6:30 - 7:30p.m.

Questions?

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Gerry Schroeder:
egerryschroeder@aol.com

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Your Name 1.	Player 2:
Player 3:	Player 4:
Dinner Only:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Make Checks payable to Divine Mercy This event Benefits our parish school, sharing parishes and other area charities.	Golfers @ Sponsorship @ Total Enclosed: \$

OUTREACH

HUNGER HERO: A JUST HARVEST

Our local food pantry still has a surplus, so we wanted to do another pantry collection for A Just Harvest.

Please help us stock their kitchen pantry! Many thanks in advance for your generous donations. Please bring donations bagged or boxed for easy transport.

Canned goods

- •Baked beans •Canned chicken •Canned tuna
- •Canned beef •Canned soup •Canned vegetables
- •Chicken and beef broth •Diced tomatoes

Comfort food

- •Cold cereal •Dry beans •Grits •Instant mashed potatoes
- •Instant oatmeal •Macaroni and cheese •Pasta •Rice

Kitchen supplies

Pre-wrapped silverware kits •Jewel gift cards Food service gloves (large and medium)

The collection is the weekend of August 28 and 29.

DROP OFF TIMES:

Sacred Heart Church:

Saturday Aug 28 from 4:30-6pm.

Sunday Aug 29 from 9:30-11am. / 4:00-5:30pm.

St. Philip Church:

Sunday Aug 29 from 7:30-9am.

COMMUNITY

MASK UPDATE

The Archdiocese of Chicago, consistent with the Illinois Department of Public Health and the CDC, strongly recommends all persons entering the Church, parish offices, school or other public spaces wear face masks beginning today, regardless of vaccination status.

As Catholics who cherish every human life, the Church urges anyone who has not been vaccinated to please do so for the safety of all. Approved vaccines are free and easily obtained. As Pope Francis has said, "I believe that morally everyone must take the vaccine. It is the moral choice because it is about your life but also the lives of others." As disciples of Jesus, who preached and lived kindness for our brothers and sisters, we can do no less.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

PRAYER & WORSHIP



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



New Junior Kindergarten Class opening this Fall!

BREAKING NEWS

VISIT WWW.SHWSCHOOL.ORG TO SCHEDULE A TOUR & APPLY #JOINOURFAMILY



Breaking News: Sacred Heart School has recently announced the opening of another section of Junior Kindergarten (4 years old by September 1, 2021)! Sacred Heart's Junior Kindergarten is five days/week with the option of 8:15am-1:3opm or 3:15pm (full day), and includes Spanish, Music, Technology, Gym, and Library as part of the school day.

There are also a few spots left in Preschool (3 years old

by September 1, 2021; four or five days/week from 8:15am-11:30am) and Kindergarten (5 years old by September 1, 2021, five days/week from 8:15am-3:15pm). All Sacred Heart Early Childhood students benefit as a part of a larger school community and are taught by certified teachers. To learn more about the Early Childhood Education program, please visit our website at www.shwschool.org or email slanser@shwschool.org.

VIRTUAL CAFÉ FOR AUGUST
Join Us for Feed Your Soul Gospel Reflection



When your soul is hungry, it's hard to be patient. It's easy to feel restless. And sometimes there is this sense that something is missing in life. If you find yourself in this spiritually-unsatisfied-sort-of-spot, then why not do something about it?

Join us for the Virtual Café in August, a 35 minute online time of community and conversation. Choose **Thursday Evenings from 7-7:35PM** beginning 8-5-21 or **Friday Mornings 9:30-10:05AM** beginning 8-6-21.

Invite a friend and join us together!

Register here or contact Sue for more info at slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org

OUTREACH



School Supply Drive!



We are collecting donations for Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy, the school of Saint Moses the Black Parish (formerly St. Columbanus). Their families are in need of book bags/backpacks, school supplies, face masks and hand sanitizer. Divine Mercy will hold a Drive for these items one weekend only - August 6, 7 and 8th. Bins for donations will be set in the parish office vestibule at Sacred Heart Church.

Additionally, students are in need of school uniforms. If you're able to contribute towards uniforms, please consider making a donation via our Give Central portal on our website (give central.org/location/205/event/3320), or sending us a check with ATCA School Uniforms in the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)

We Can't Wait for Our Year to Begin! Learning and Serving, Growing in Love and Faith!

























PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

PRESIDER SCHEDULE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

August 14, 2021 SACRED HEART CHURCH 5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Dan Cassidy

August 15, 2021 ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

8:00 a.m.
Presider: Fr. Dan Cassidy

August 15, 2021 SACRED HEART CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Dan 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

Given restrictions of nursing homes in the State of Illinois, the constraints of safety protocols of the Archdiocese, and the fact that the majority of our volunteers fall into the vulnerable category, home visits by Ministers of Care cannot be made at this time. If your loved one is seriously ill or near death, and in need of the Sacrament of the Sick / Last Rites, please contact the parish office at 847-446-0856. One of our priests will respond to your call. Please leave a message!!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTOR ASSIGNMENTS:

August 14, 2021 Sacred Heart Church **5:00 p.m. Chris Hartman**

August 15, 2021 St. Philip the Apostle Church **8:00 a.m. Bob Snediker**

August 15, 2021 Sacred Heart Church **10:00 a.m. Cathy Lehman**

As we increase the use of ministers in our liturgies please let Ron Vanasdlen know of your interest in the ministry of Lector, Sacristan, and/or Altar Servers for either daily or weekend Masses. Those in grades 9-12 are welcome to minister at the 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass. Please contact him via email rvanasdlen@divinemercynorthshore.org

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,

Donald Blair, Dennis Braun, Wendy Braun, Patt Carlson,

John Coyne, Lisa Marie Franke, Paul Greco, Benjamin Grillo,

Jack Hogan, Sarah Hyde, Mario Iturino, Gina Quirk Lazicki,

Beth O'Brien, Sister Betty Tranel

For Those Who Have Died

May the souls of faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Dorothy Banas**

Readings for the week of August 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/

Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/

Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/

Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17

[cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/

Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/

Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11

[cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16

[10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, August 9 (SH) 8:00 a.m. - John Flynn

TUESDAY, August 10 (SPA) 8:00 a.m. - Roberta Olshansky

WEDNESDAY, August 11 (SH) 8:00 a.m. - Paul Berghoff, Sr.

THURSDAY, August 12 (SH) 8:00 a.m. - Joanne (Jaye) Hickey

FRIDAY, August 13 (SPA) 8:00 a.m. -

SATURDAY, August 14 (SH) 5:00 p.m. - Coradini Family

SUNDAY, August 15

8:00 a.m. **(SPA)** - Parishioners of Divine Mercy

10:00 a.m. **(SH)** - Conway-Stevens Family

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like a Mass said for a loved one? Just call Megan Nolan at our office at 847-446-0856, and she'll be able to help you. You can also email Megan at megan@divinemercynorthshore.org

WORSHIP AIDS FOR MASS

Worship aids for Mass can be found on our website, which you can download before you come to Mass or scan this QR code with your smart phone camera to access it at church or at home so that you can follow along.

NOTE: all three Masses will appear, so you'll need to scroll to the Mass you are attending.

NO CONFESSIONS AT ST. PHILIP DURING AUGUST

Fr. Javier has informed us that he will be away for the month of august. Therefore, there will be no confessions at St. Philip during the month of August. Confessions on Wednesday afternoons will resume September 1, 2021.

THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

Meetings at Divine Mercy are gradually returning. Check with the parish office for the most up to date information.

SACRAMENTS

Please call the Parish Office at 847-446-0856 for information regarding Sacraments, or visit our website at www.divinemercynorthshore.org.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at both of our worship sites. Sacred Heart Church offers the Sacrament on Saturday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and at St. Philip the Apostle Church on Wednesday afternoons with Fr. Javier Del Castillo from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. And there is no need to make a reservation!

Please know that if it has been a while since your last confession, "Do not be afraid!" (Matthew 14:27). *The priest will help guide you*.

A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. (Rite of Penance, no. 45)

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:

divinemercybulletins@gmail.com

DIVINE MERCY OFFICES

Given the constraints of the pandemic, our offices are only open in the mornings from 9:00 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can reach us by calling 847-446-0856.

You can also reach any staff member via email. You can find that directory on the next page.

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Thank you for your understanding.

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