



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

AUGUST 9, 2020 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He went up on the mountain
by himself to pray.

Matthew 14: 23

Do you ever go off by yourself to pray?

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

Which goes the same for us as a parish, 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.

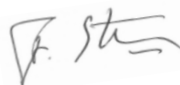
Change of this nature relies on vision.

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.



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 OF HONOR FOR THIS WEEK

ST. CLARE (OF ASSISI) / AUG 11th

"Saint Clare was born in 1193 in Assisi to a noble family. As a child she was already very strongly drawn to the things of God, praying fervently, devoutly visiting the Blessed Sacrament, and manifesting a tender love towards the poor.

When she was 18, she heard St. Francis preaching in the town square and she knew at once that God wanted her to consecrate herself to Him. The next evening, Clare left her house, ran to meet St. Francis and his companions at the church they were staying in, and shared her desire to follow him in his way of life. He received her, gave her his tunic, and sent her to a Benedictine convent. Her younger sister Agnes soon joined her.

When Clare was 22, St. Francis placed her in a small house beside the convent and made her superior, a post she should serve for the next 42 years of her life until her death. The 'Poor Clares' as they came to be known, lived an unusually austere life for women of the time, walking barefoot around the town begging for alms, wearing sackcloth, and living without any possessions, completely dependent for their food on what was given to them. But the emphasis of their lives was, and still is, contemplation.

Clare's reputation for holiness was such that the Pope himself came to her deathbed in 1253 to give her absolution, and wanted to canonize her immediately on her death, but was advised by his cardinals to wait. She was canonized in 1255, two years after her death."

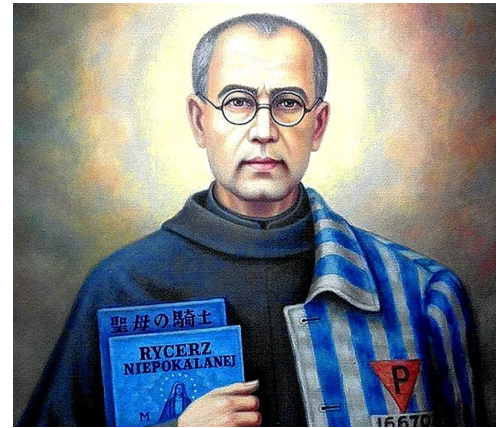
From the Catholic News Agency.

To view a wonderful video on Clare, from the Franciscans, click [here](https://youtu.be/6vqn1JFGeoM) (<https://youtu.be/6vqn1JFGeoM>)

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE/AUG 14th

A Franciscan priest, Fr. Kolbe is most known for his martyrdom. In 1941, in the Nazi death camp, Auschwitz, he offered to take the place of a man condemned to die in reprisal for an escaped prisoner. His offer accepted, he died two weeks later on August 14, the vigil of Mary's Assumption. In the process he ministered to nine others dying with him from starvation. Pope Paul VI beatified Maximilian in 1971. In 1982, St. Pope John Paul II canonized him as a "martyr of charity," calling him "patron of our difficult century." He is the patron saint of journalists, media communications, the family and the chemically addicted.

You can read much more about Maximilian Kolbe by visiting the shrine dedicated to him at Marytown in Libertyville, or by visiting the Shrine website at



**Our website is www.divinemergynorthshore.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.divinemergynorthshore.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

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

That those who serve in public office and all those entrusted with the common good, that they may promote true justice and peace, we pray to the Lord.

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER



Men and women who pray know that hope is stronger than discouragement. They believe that love is more powerful than death, and that love will surely triumph one day, even if it be in times and ways we do not know. #Prayer

OUTREACH

ST. COLUMBANUS SCHOOL CHILDREN NEED UNIFORMS

We are collecting donations for uniforms for the students of St. Columbanus' school, Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy. St. Columbanus families are in particular need this year due to the pandemic. If you're able to make a donation towards this effort, 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

COMMUNITY



Scan the Code to Donate!

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 2, 2020

YTD 2020-2021 Sunday Collection	\$58,438
(Online this week \$6,551)	
(Received by mail / Mass collection \$8,347)	
YTD 2019-2020 Sunday Collection	\$73,184

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)

Divine Mercy Parish Celebrates 65 First Communicants!

Our Children's Ministry and Sacred Heart School families have come together over the past month to celebrate four beautiful First Communion Masses. We wore masks and socially distanced ourselves from one another, but still enjoyed beautiful liturgies, joyous music and the gift of the Eucharist. Some of our candidates will be making their First Communion at regular masses over the next several weeks — if you happen to be at one of them, we thank you for helping our children celebrate this special sacrament!

This pandemic has shown us many things, but especially what a gift it is when possible to be in community together in church and receiving the Eucharist. God bless!



Lucia Baldini, above, mother of Attilio Lombardi, gave a personal welcome in Italian to her parents and in-laws who were watching the livestream from northern Italy. A First Communicant, left, offers a beautiful smile on a special day!

Thank you to all of our Vacation Bible School families!



Seven parish "conductors" teamed up to bring a first-ever "virtual" Vacation Bible School to children and families throughout the parishes. From the comfort and safety of home, we still were able to spend mornings and afternoons dancing, singing, cooking, meeting cool kids and animals, and hearing great Bible stories, all under the theme of Trust Jesus! We had a lot of fun and are grateful for our families who rode the "Rocky Railway" with us! COVID can't stop this train!



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
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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
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Grocery The Grand Food Center Sunset Foods	Recruitment/Staffing Chamberlain
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	Vacation Services/Travel Tradewind Aviation Wimco Villas

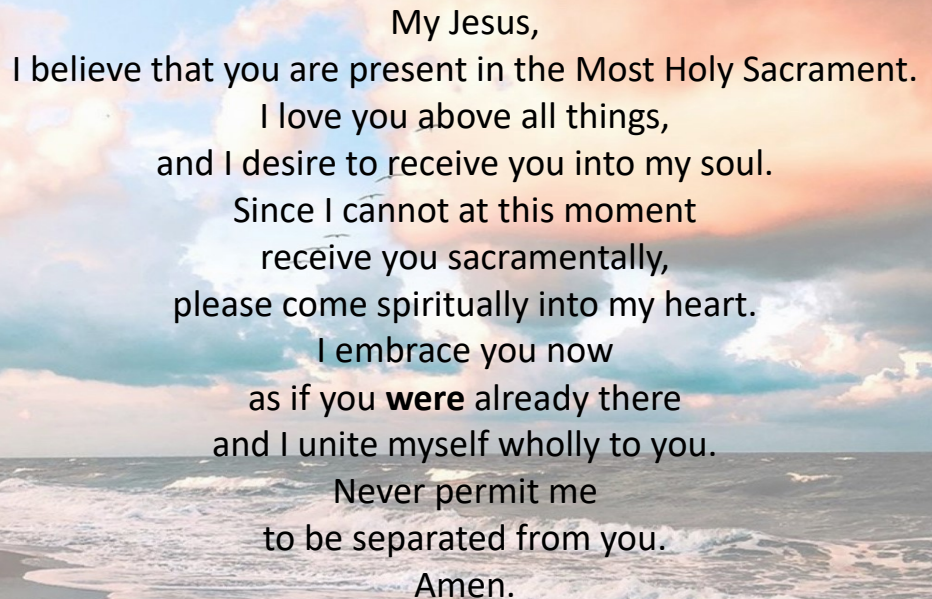
PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

August 15, 2020
SACRED HEART CHURCH
5:00 p.m.
Presider: Fr. Cassidy

August 16, 2020
ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE
CHURCH
8:00 a.m.
Presider: Fr. Lanza

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.**

WELCOME OUR NEW FAMILY TO DIVINE
MERCY PARISH:

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew (Beckley) Maggio
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Maria) Herring
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel (Adrienne) Hannis

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 10 (SH)
7:00 a.m. - Jim O'Toole, Sr.

TUESDAY, August 11 (SPA)
8:00 a.m. - Paul Berghoff
(Birthday Blessings)

WEDNESDAY, August 12
Currently No Mass, Intentions shift to Thursdays

THURSDAY, August 13 (SH)
7:00 a.m. - Daniel Lorek

FRIDAY, August 14 (SPA)
8:00 a.m. - Philip O'Cone

SATURDAY, August 15 (SH)
5:00 p.m. - Parishioners of Divine Mercy

SUNDAY, August 16 (SPA)
8:00 a.m. - Patricia Catarello

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 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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