



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH • ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

DECEMBER 29, 2019 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH



NEWYEARS / SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

Note: No Masses on the
morning of December 31st

**December 31, 2019
New Year's Eve**

Sacred Heart Church
5:00 p.m. Mass

**January 1, 2020
New Year's Day**

St. Philip the Apostle Church
9:00 a.m. Mass

HAPPY NEWYEAR!

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

FAMILY

This weekend we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. For all people, the word "family" is tremendously evocative. For most, the word evokes warm and tender feelings and thoughts. For others, it evokes feelings of hurt or disappointment.

My hope for those who would describe themselves in that second category is that God might send his healing grace to them and that they might find or create a family of choice among friends that can provide a substitute or alternative. For all of us, the Holy Family provides an ideal.

It's not just an ideal, however. The Holy Family is our family, too.

In virtue of our faith, we are members of the Holy Family. They draw us into their familial embrace through word and sacrament.

And let's not forget, the Church herself is a type of family. Basically Church is a network of relationships, a network that is grounded and created in God who has been revealed to us as a community, the Blessed Trinity, a community of love.

Most of us experience Church at the local level, the parish. We pray at this feast this weekend that our parish community take on the characteristics of the Holy Family.

That Holy Family had a purpose: to provide a safe haven and a nurturing environment for the infant and then the young Jesus as he grew or advanced in wisdom, age and favor before God and others (see Luke 2:52).

Through our parish ministries, events and groups, may this faith community be a strong and loving family that nurtures each of us to arrive at the full stature of Christ and

to carry out the mission of the entire people of God in the Church and in the world (see Christian Initiation, General Introduction, RCIA 1).



Did You Know?

Saint John Paul II published an apostolic exhortation whose subject matter was the family, *Familiaris Consortio*, on November 22, 1981. It followed the synod on the family, convened in Rome in 1980. Here are some excerpts from *Familiaris Consortio*:

- The very experience of communion and sharing that should characterize the family's daily life represents its first and fundamental contribution to society (43.1).
- Thus the fostering of authentic and mature communion between persons with the family is the first and irreplaceable school of social life, and example and stimulus for the broader community relationships marked by respect, justice, dialogue and love (43.3).
- For this reason, the Church openly and strongly defends the rights of the family against the intolerable usurpations of society and the State. In particular, the synod Fathers mentioned the following rights of the family—
 - the right to exist and progress as a family [for all, even the poor]
 - the right to exercise its responsibility regarding the transmission of life and to educate children
 - the right to the intimacy of conjugal and family life
 - the right to the stability of the bond and of the institution of marriage
 - the right to believe in and profess one's faith and to propagate it
 - the right to bring up children in accordance with the family's own tradition and religious and cultural values
 - the right, especially of the poor and sick, to obtain physical, social, political and economic security
 - the right to suitable housing
 - the right to expression and to representation
 - the right to form associations with other families and institutions
 - the right to protect minors
 - the right to wholesome recreation
 - the right of elderly to a worthy life and a worthy death
 - the right to emigrate as a family in search of a better life (46.3).

**WELCOME OUR NEW FAMILIES
TO DIVINE MERCY PARISH**
Mr. Brian Baxter

STEWARDSHIP GIVING

FINANCES AT A GLANCE

Due to the printer's holiday deadline, we will not be able to provide this week's Glance.

NOTE: The Divine Mercy Parish Offices will be closed through Sunday, January 5, 2020. The office will reopen Monday, January 6th. If you have an emergency during that time, please call the parish office, and follow the prompts to contact a priest.

Thank you!

Happy New Year!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

RESPECT LIFE

That the family may become ever more the sanctuary of life, where all are welcomed as a gift rather than a burden, we pray to the Lord.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP

A scripture reflection group meets every Monday morning in the Sacred Heart offices after the 8:30am Mass. We gather for one hour to read and reflect on the **coming** Sunday readings. We simply share what is in our hearts and on our minds. No experience in scripture necessary. All are welcome!

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MEETING DECEMBER 30th.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

"Wives, be subordinate to your husbands...Husbands, love your wives...Children, obey your parents in everything...Fathers, do not provoke your children..." COLOSSIANS 3:18-21

Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become "schools of true human growth." Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.

POPE FRANCIS OFFERS ADVICE FOR HEALING FAMILY WOUNDS

Vatican City, Dec 30, 2018 - Pope Francis prayerfully entrusted troubled families to the protection of the Holy Family of Nazareth...and offered his advice for healing family wounds. "When there are problems in families, we assume that we are right and we close the door to others. Instead, one must think: 'What does this person have?' And marvel at this 'good.' This helps family unity," Pope Francis said in his Angelus address. On the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, the pope offered a special prayer "for all families of the world, especially those in which, for various reasons, there is a lack of peace and harmony."

The pope pointed to both the "amazement" and the "anguish" found in the Holy Family. He invited all to imitate this amazement by finding and contemplating the good in each of the member of one's family. "Opening up to others, understanding the reasons of others: this attitude is important for healing compromised relationships among people, and it is also indispensable for healing open wounds within the family," he explained.

Francis entrusted broken families to the protection of the Holy Family of Nazareth and noted that even Mary and Joseph experienced anguish when they could not find Jesus during their pilgrimage to Jerusalem. "That anguish they felt in the three days of the loss of Jesus should also be our anguish when we are far from Him, when we are far from Jesus. We should feel anguish when we forget about Jesus for more than three days, without praying, without reading the Gospel, without feeling the need for his presence and his consoling friendship," he said. "Mary and Joseph looked for him and found him in the temple while he was teaching: for us too, it is above all in the house of God that we can meet the divine Master and welcome his message of salvation," he continued.

The pope encouraged families to "draw strength to face the difficulties of every day" (in) the Eucharist at Mass, where Christ "speaks to us, offers us his Word, enlightens us, illuminates our journey, gives us his Body."...Today ... the liturgy invites us to reflect on the experience of Mary, Joseph and Jesus, united by an immense love and animated by great trust in God...The family of Nazareth is holy: because it was centered on Jesus," he explained. "In the family of Nazareth, the wonder never ceased."

From Catholic News Agency, December 30, 2018

COMMUNITY

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER



18,134,737 Followers

May the Holy Family watch over all child migrants and accompany the vulnerable and the voiceless on their journey.

SACRED HEART RECTORY WINDOW AND DOOR PROJECT

In early fall, we began the replacement of the drafty, 100-year-old windows in the rectory. So far, all but the four attic windows in the front have been replaced. When the weather gets a bit warmer we will have these windows installed. To complete the project, we will replace three storm doors in the back of the rectory and strip, repair and paint the basement windows and door frames.

So far, the project has been a tremendous success: reduced energy bills, and better temperature control. And of course, the new windows greatly enhance the curb appeal of the rectory. The windows also look terrific on the inside.

This project was initiated by parishioners. No capital campaign funds or savings have been used and we do not intend to tap these resources for this project. To date, we have already collected \$85,000 to cover the projected cost of about \$140,000. Any contributions to this project will be carefully used and greatly appreciated. We will continue to keep you informed of this and other projects to improve our parish campus. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

COMMUNITY

THANK YOU TO THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST TEAM!

Many, many thanks to all those parishioners who contributed to the success of the annual Pancake Breakfast that took place earlier this month at St. Philip. We actually ran out of pancakes and syrup!! This effort was led by a dedicated group of parishioners who contributed in so many ways, particularly Bobbie Weiss! Thank you! Additional thanks go to Jeanne Doherty for ticket sales and cashiers, Jim and Pat Dietz for hospitality, Dona Carroll and Margery Fejes for their décor, Kim Orth for publicity, Cathy Stegich for the raffle, Rima and Ed Abraham for their donation of the Nativity Set, Lori Racine for supervising the Children's Ministry volunteers, to Stephanie Kirk and Jenny Gallagher for coordinating Children's Ministry ticket sales, to Santa's Workshop, the North Pole Outlet ladies and the Crafty ladies - cheers! Thanks to Stan Smith, the infamous coffee maker and sausage cooker! To the many, many volunteers who freely gave of their time to plan for this event for months, thank you! Additional thanks to all those who set-up, cooked, served, greeted, bussed tables, and cleaned-up (special thanks to Tony, Salvador and Noemi), and all those who sponsored the Pancake Breakfast and donated raffle prizes. And of course, thank you to Santa Claus for his visit!

THANK YOU TO ALL!!



OUTREACH

CHRISTMAS SHARING WITH OUR SHARING PARISHES ST. COLUMBANUS AND ST. BENEDICT THE AFRICAN

SACRED HEART CHURCH

THANK YOU to all of the Divine Mercy families who adopted St. Columbanus families this Christmas season. Fr. Matt O'Donnell, the pastor of St. Columbanus, extends his thanks to all of you on behalf of his parishioners. You have been a gift during this season of giving. Thank you!.

And...you can still make donations through the end of the year to Divine Mercy Parish towards the purchase of Jewel Foods Gift Cards for St. Columbanus families in need. We ask that your donation be in increments of \$25.

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Take a tag off of the Christmas Tree in the Church vestibule that indicates a particular gift card needed for the St. Benedict the African community. Gift cards in any denomination are welcome, though smaller denominations are preferred for the people of their community. Christmas Sharing at St. Philip will run through the feast of the Epiphany.

Please note that there will no longer be a toy collection for Catholic Charities. The parish has decided to focus all energies on the needs of the St. Benedict the African community.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)

A Very Special Christmas Pageant

This year's Christmas Pageant was very special—it marked the first time that we combined the two special traditions of St. Philip the Apostle and Sacred Heart into one pageant. Our 3rd and 4th grade children came together and gave us a beautiful reenactment of the story of the Nativity.



THANK YOU!

To our amazing directors Barb Anderson and Ed Kuffert; to our hard working co-chairs Sandy Carlson, Julie Buzza and Peggy Keese; to all of our 3rd and 4th grade children and their parents; to volunteers Kelly Shoup, Carolyn Withey, Maria Todorovski and Sandy Norbot; to music makers Jon Comstock, Dan Rosa and Katie Buzza; to photographer Brenda Robles and videographer Jeff Hartvigsen; to all the families who brought food, and to Natasha Harvey, Rima Abraham and Sister Gertrude for helping to serve it. A very special thank you to our catechists. They say "It takes a village," and we are very grateful for ours!

ALPHA

DIVINE MERCY INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN ALPHA!

What is it? Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in an open and informal environment. Alpha runs in churches, bars and coffee shops all over the world. Alpha sessions consist of sharing a meal with other members of the group, enjoying a short video and a discussion where you can share your thoughts in a small group. Alpha is for anybody and everybody who wants to know more about the Christian faith or simply grow in their faith.

There's no judgement, no pressure, no charge and it's FUN! Alpha in the Catholic Context is run around the world, and all have three things in common: good food, a video and good conversation.

We believe Alpha is a key component of what the future holds for us as Divine Mercy parish. It's a wonderful



COME AND SEE JANUARY 23rd

opportunity to get to know people in our faith community, whether they are from St. Philip or Sacred Heart. Come and check it out! No matter who you are or what you believe, everyone is welcome...Catholic or not... practicing or not...or simply curious...Join us and **COME AND SEE!**

SOME FEEDBACK FROM PARISHIONERS:

When I signed up for ALPHA, I did not appreciate what I would experience. The program was a great way to get to know other parishioners. We became a closer group as the weeks went by. The videos were very powerful means to remind us of how wonderful it is to be a Catholic.
Joe M.

If you yearn for greater purpose and meaning in your every day, consider trying Alpha. After the first gathering, you will sense the potential impact on your life. For me, it was an unexpected and profound gift!
Aimee G.

I so enjoyed our small group sessions. It was a place to share, support, and strengthen the bonds of our Catholic Community. Dona C.

I had no idea what to expect but was pleasantly surprised. It helped me review my faith on another level and talk with others about it. I also was very surprised about the number of fellow Parishioners that attended.
George K.

Alpha was the first experience that helped me to find a path to forgiveness in my heart. It would not have happened without the inspiring people I shared the Alpha journey with or the amazing overnight retreat. It was truly a life-changing experience.
Kirsten L.



Some members of our recent Monday night Alpha group.



Some members of our recent Wednesday morning Alpha group.

ALPHA

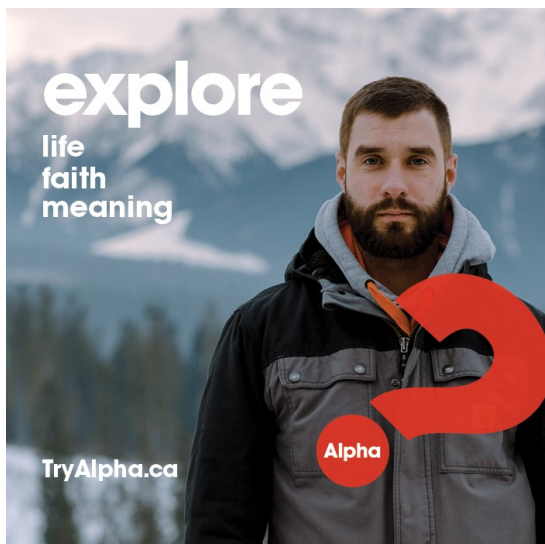
ALPHA AT DIVINE MERCY

We believe everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view.
Come and see what Alpha is all about!

Thursday, January 23, 2019
6:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish Center
1090 Gage Street, Winnetka

Have questions? Call the Divine Mercy office at 847-446-0856.

Pause Netflix. Try Alpha.



The Alpha
Weekend Crew!





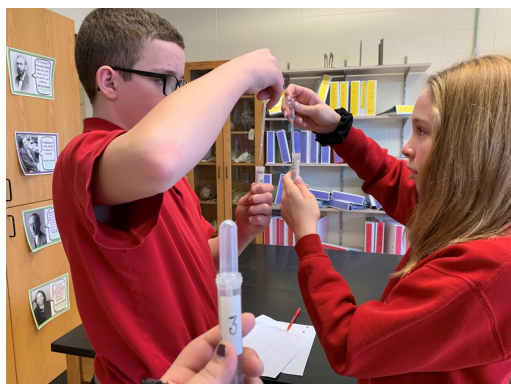
LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



Last Wednesday our 7th graders participated in an afternoon of team building, reflection, small group work and individual journaling led by Dr. Christine Porter. Dr. Porter has been to Sacred Heart several times over the years and has led team building workshops for both students and staff. She has over 25 years of experience working with young people and teachers as a school counselor and clinical practitioner. It was a good opportunity for our future school leaders to think about how they want to be seen by the younger students, to pause and consider how to put our Sacred Heart values into practice, and to come together to work as a cohesive group. It was a productive and thought-provoking afternoon!



As part of their unit on viruses, the 7th grade students simulated how viruses spread through the community. Their goal was to determine who was patient zero.



On Fun Friday during morning assembly the students had to go through a human obstacle course to make it to the opposite end of the gym. The students represented rocks, trees and bridges. It was truly a Fun Friday!



In 7th grade math, students practiced working with relations, or coordinate pairs, by playing Battleship. They were taught that the x-values represented horizontal movements while the y-values represented vertical movement. Students needed to know how to graph and read coordinates on a coordinate plane in order to win the battle.



We at Sacred Heart School wish you a very happy New Year full of blessings! May God bless your family with prosperity, good health and happiness in the New Year!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE - Weekend of January 4 & 5, 2019

SACRED HEART CHURCH

5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Solazzo
Greeters: Claudia Mann, Dan O'Rourke
Servers: Andrew Burden, Danny Burden
Lector: Ludy Mariano
EM's: Claudia Mann, Volunteers needed
Cantor: Saturday Choir

7:30 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Lanza
Greeter: Volunteers needed
Servers: Christopher Nelson, Harper Byrnes
Lector: Trip Lane
EMs: Bernadette Broccolo, Volunteer needed
Cantor: Bernadette Garza

9:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Cassidy
Greeters: Mary Newton, Volunteer needed
Servers: Quinn Drehkoff, Joe Drehkoff
Lector: Catherine Lehman
EMs: Catherine Lehman, Volunteers needed
Cantor: Bernadette Garza and Children

10:30 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Lanza
Greeters: Barbara Anderson, Edward Kuffert
Servers: Nora Murdock, Danny Hession
Lector: Tim Cawley
EMs: Kay Madden, Mark Kengott, Christine Kengott,
Mary Jo Bushell, A.J. Leonard, Frieda Baker
Cantor: Sacred Heart Adult Choir

4:30 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Solazzo
Greeter: Lynn Finneke
Servers: Charlotte O'Bryan, Luke Malles
Lector: Lynn Finneke
EMS: James Collins, Chris Hartman, Dan Hagedorn
Cantor: Matt Mieling & Ensemble

MINISTERS OF CARE

Lake Cook: Catherine Lehman

Glen Oaks: Jose Vargas

Maryhaven / Lutheran General:

Mary Breen, Mary Claps, Maureen Claps, Marilyn Hielscher,
Marty Kearney, Anna Koberda, Michael Koberda,
Diana Scheeler, Tom Carroll

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

5:30 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Semmer
Servers: TBA
Lector: Bill Kelly
EMs: Judy Meade, John Meade Liz Harvey
Ushers: Gino D'Egidio, Tom Stegich, Charlie Orth

7:30 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Lanza
Servers: Volunteers needed
Lector: Bill Doll
EMs: Tom O'Donoghue, Rima Abraham, Jane Clark
Ushers: Joe Pacini, Greg Clingan

9:30 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Semmer
Servers: TBA
Lector: Dan Seeberg
EMs: Jean Kane, Susan Seeberg,
Gerry Schroeder
Ushers: Patrick Krohn, Jason Cravens, Gene Nowak,
Paul Weiss

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,
Jim Baisley, Dorothy Banas, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback,
Sande Bolan, Paula Brady, Dennis Braun, Wendy Braun,
Luciana Butera, Milly Calabrese, Kierre Caldwell, Patt Carlson,
Patricia Catarello, 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,
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, Matthew Morgan, Beth O'Brien, Sally O'Malley,
Ennio Rossi, Mary Sabo, Donna Sabido, Dick Schager,
Catherine Scheid, David Schwoegler, Mary Shepherd,
Judy Sokal, Mary Tatro, Patti Todd,
Linda Walsh, Julie Wright, Simonne Wysocky,
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.

Mary Scott Sullivan

MASS INTENTIONS

SACRED HEART

Monday, December 30

7:00 am-

8:30 am- Conrado Chuidian

Tuesday, December 31

No Morning Masses at SH or SPA

**Vigil Mass Holy Mary, Mother of God
Sacred Heart Church**

5:00 pm-Blessings for all Mothers and
Grandmothers of Divine Mercy Parish

Wednesday, January 1

Holy Mary, Mother of God

**Mass to be celebrated at St. Philip
the Apostle**

9:00 am – Parishioners of Divine Mercy

Thursday, January 2

7:00 am-

8:30 am-

Friday, January 3

7:00 am –

8:30 am-Lourdes Mariano

Louise and Bob Berner

(In memory of their Wedding
Anniversary)

Saturday, January 4

8:30 am-

5:00 pm- Parishioners of Divine Mercy

Sunday, January 5

7:30 am –

9:00 am –

10:30 am - Parishioners of Divine Mercy

4:30 pm-

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE

Monday, December 30

8:00am –

Tuesday, December 31

No Morning Mass

**Vigil Mass Holy Mary, Mother of God at
Sacred Heart**

5:00 p.m.- Blessings for all Mothers and Grand-
mothers of Divine Mercy Parish

**Wednesday, January 1 Holy Mary, Mother
of God**

9:00am – Parishioners of Divine Mercy

Thursday, January 2

8:00am –

Friday, January 3

8:00am- Brent Weiland

Saturday, January 4

8:00 am-

5:30 pm-John F. Flynn Jr.

Sunday, January 5

7:30 am-

9:30 am-Parishioners of Divine Mercy

THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

Monday, December 30

Tuesday, December 31

New Year's Eve

Crafty Ladies 9:00am / SPA Convent

Wednesday, January 1

New Year's Day

Thursday, January 2

Friday, January 3

Holy Hour 3:00pm / SPA

Saturday, January 4

Sunday, January 5

Coffee after all Masses / SPA

Children's Choir at Mass 9:00am / SH

SACRAMENTS

*Sacraments can be scheduled at either
church. Arrangements should be made
through the main office at Sacred Heart.*

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday—3:00-5:00pm (SP)

Saturday—9:00-9:30am (SH)

Saturday—5:00-5:15pm (SP)

or by appointment

BAPTISM

By appointment. Please call the
main parish office or visit our website
for the requisite forms.

MARRIAGE

Contact the main parish office 6
months prior to the anticipated date
of the marriage.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the main parish office to
arrange for the sacrament for the
seriously ill and homebound.

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:

FONT STYLE: Corbel

FONT SIZE:

Headlines: 12 (ALL CAPS & BOLD)

Body text: 10

LINE SPACING:

Before and After Paragraphs: opt

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Avoid outlining text boxes, if you can.

Continue to create ads for special
events like A Moveable Feast,
Oktoberfest or NiteLites. We simply
ask you incorporate the Corbel font
style when you are able.

Please submit all items to

divinemercybulletins@gmail.com.

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Winnetka, IL 60093

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Fax: (847) 501-5311

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Northfield, IL 60093

(847) 446-8383

Fax: (847) 446-8338

Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

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Sacred Heart (847)446-6535

St. Philip (847)446-8390 or

(847)446-8383

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