



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

DECEMBER 6, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Looking for a special place for your child?
Join our family!**

Schedule a private, after-school tour to learn more about Sacred Heart School's top-rated Early Childhood Program!

Visit www.shwschool.org or call (847) 446-0005 for more information

Preschool
(3 years old by Sept. 1)
4 or 5 days/week
8:15-11:30am

Junior Kindergarten
(4 years old by Sept. 1)
5 days/week
8:15-1:30pm or Full Day

Kindergarten
(5 years old by Sept. 1)
5 days/week
Full Day

**EARLY CHILDHOOD APPLICATIONS OPEN ONLINE
MONDAY, 12/7 @ 7:30AM**

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Bright Lights

On my most recent walks through the neighborhoods around the rectory, I've noticed that quite a few households have not only put up Christmas lights and decorations outside but they've also already put up Christmas trees inside. As I walk by in the early evenings, with it getting darker out earlier, those trees are lit up and so very noticeable.

They are a welcome sight. I say this as an avowed liturgist who strictly observes the liturgical seasons. Well, *mostly* of strict observance.

A strict liturgist, a purist, would tell you that Advent is Advent, not Christmas. The Christmas decorations shouldn't go up until Christmas Eve, they would say.

I follow the liturgical rules with this one exception. I love Christmas trees. So I don't at all mind it when I see all those decorated Christmas trees put up during Advent.

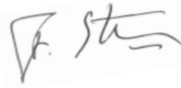
Here's what I do object to: the people who take down or throw out the Christmas trees the day after Christmas Day. The Christmas season lasts all the way till the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which this year is celebrated on January 10.

I'm lobbying now for everyone to keep their Christmas trees up until January 10! If your own tree is up now and you keep it up and lit till January 10 that will be 37 days of sparkly joy.

In these pandemic days, we need as much sparkly joy as we can get. We need lots of light in the darkness. We *ourselves* need to become bright lights for our own sake, and for the sake of our families, friends, neighbors and others.

There are so many ways we can become a bright light for others. I am grateful to be part of a parish where there are so many members who give

of themselves for others and in that way push back the darkness. Bright lights, indeed!



MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8th

8:00 a.m. - St. Philip the Apostle Church (Fr. Dean Semmer)

8:30 a.m. - Sacred Heart School Mass (**Closed to the public**/Fr. Dan Cassidy)

6:30 p.m. - Sacred Heart Church (Fr. Steve Lanza)

CHRISTMAS MASSES & HOW TO WATCH FROM HOME

Here is our schedule of Christmas Masses. Reservations must be made for all Masses, and most are already full. Thank you for signing up early! It truly helps our planning and recruiting of volunteers to help us host these Masses.

For those few spots that remain, visit our website at:

(<https://www.divinemercynorthshore.org/christmas-mass-reservations.html>)

to make your reservation as soon as possible.

MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24

3:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Church - FULL. Will be livestreamed via **Facebook**. You do NOT need a Facebook account to tune in. Visit:

Facebook.com/divinemercynorthshore

3:00 p.m. Sacred Heart School Gym (Overflow Mass) FULL - attendees will view the Facebook Stream on televisions.

3:00 p.m. St. Philip Church - SPOTS AVAILABLE. Will be livestreamed on our Website homepage.

3:00 p.m. St. Philip Church DRIVE-IN - SPOTS AVAILABLE. Attendees can tune in via smart phones or tablets to our website homepage or listen to the FM Radio transmission (station to be shared that day). HOLY COMMUNION BROUGHT TO YOUR CAR

5:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Church - FULL. Will be livestreamed on our website homepage.

5:00 p.m. Sacred Heart School Gym (Overflow Mass) FULL - attendees will view the Website livestream on televisions.

5:00 p.m. St. Philip Church - FULL

9:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Church - FEW SPOTS AVAILABLE

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00 a.m. St. Philip Church - SPOTS AVAILABLE

10:30 a.m. Sacred Heart Church - FEW SPOTS AVAILABLE

*****NOTE:** Not all Masses are livestreamed. **WHY?** Because trained technicians are required to do so, and technicians are not available for every Mass. If you're interested in being trained as a technician, contact Michelle Wasielewski at: mwasielewski@divinemercynorthshore.org or call 847-881-6664.

COMMUNITY

THE SUNDAY OF JOY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join us next Sunday, December 13th for The Sunday of Joy, a Christmas Concert featuring some of our talented parishioners, musicians, cantors and students (from both Sacred Heart School and Children's Ministry). The Concert will be available on our website for your viewing pleasure beginning Sunday, December 13th. Be sure to tune in!

We realize this has been a tough year for everyone, and we wanted to bring you a little extra joy on Gaudette Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Joy. It's a time to rejoice that our Savior is coming! Christ will come again and burst into our world and our hearts.

It's also been a difficult year for Divine Mercy Parish. As you might suspect, we're behind in our collections. Not all of our parishioners are with us on Sundays, and our usual crowds at Christmas will be much smaller due to the pandemic. We're hoping that this Concert might also be an inspiration for everyone to make their Christmas donation to the Parish.

We'll hope you'll join us and celebrate the Sunday of Joy! There are many reasons to rejoice, despite the pandemic, and YOU are among the best. We rejoice because of our wonderful parishioners, and particularly those who have volunteered to help us reopen our churches for Mass. We could not do this without you! **See you next Sunday for The Sunday of Joy!**



OUTREACH

TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR CHRISTMAS SHARING!

We've created the **Great Gift Card Challenge** to deal with the pandemic! Visit our Christmas Sharing page on our website under Ministries/Outreach, where you can "sign up" for one or more gift cards. [JUST CLICK HERE](#). Here's what to do:

- 1) Sign-up for a gift card on our website ([link above](#)) or call the parish office at 847-881-6664 if you don't have access to a computer.**
- 2) Purchase the gift card at your favorite store (in person or online)
- 3) Place gift card(s) in an envelope marked "Christmas Sharing (fill in the name of the Sharing Parish)" (Please include verification slips.)
- 4) Drop it at Mass, or at the parish office at Sacred Heart Church, or send them via snail mail to: Divine Mercy Parish, 1077 Tower Rd., Winnetka, 60093, Attn: Christmas Sharing

DEADLINES:

St. Columbanus: to Divine Mercy by **THIS, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH**

St. Benedict the African will be accepted up until **Wednesday, January 6th**. Two deliveries to St. Benedict will take place: one before Christmas, and one after.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like a Mass said for a loved one? Just call Megan Nolan at our office at 847-881-6664 or 847-446-0856, and she'll be able to help you. You can also email Megan Nolan at megan@divinemercynorthshore.org

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

That we may prepare for the new heaven and new earth by fostering respect and protection for all human life, including the unborn, we pray to the Lord.

POPE FRANCIS ON INSTAGRAM



Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Several of you have recently brought to our attention that your offering envelopes are not arriving by mail in a timely manner. We have discussed this matter both with Overt, the envelope printing and mailing service provider, and with our local mail carrier. At this point, we can only attribute the delays of inconsistency with the USPS. As an alternative to the traditional envelopes, we encourage you to sign up for on-line giving via Give Central. Please visit our website (click [here](#)) and do so today! It's easy, secure, environmentally-friendly, and reliable! Thank you for your support of our parish.

WORSHIP AIDS FOR MASS

In an effort to reduce costs at the parish during the pandemic, worship aids will no longer be printed. They will 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.



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5 BEHAVIORS TO KEEP US SAFE

As a member of our community, I will...

1. Wear a mask
2. Keep my distance
3. Wash and sanitize my hands
4. Stay home if I am sick
5. Get tested if I exhibit symptoms

...because protecting others in our community is my responsibility, too.

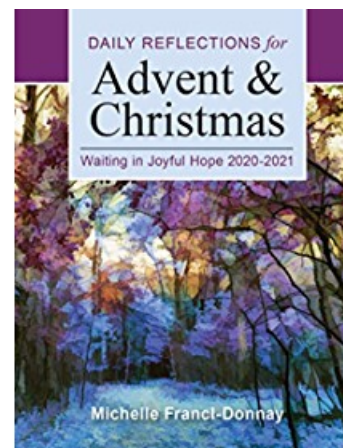
And finally...if you, or anyone in your family, tests positive, please let us know - especially if you have attended one of our Masses.

Thank you! And God bless all our medical professionals!

NEED A REFRESHER COURSE ON ADVENT?

Franciscan Media, a sponsored ministry of the Franciscan Friars of St. John the Baptist Province, offers wonderful resources to renew spirits and share God's love in the spirit of St. Francis. They have created a wonderful resource on Advent: how it began; the origins of the Advent wreath and the Jesse Tree; why the candle for the third week of Advent is pink; and whether St. Nicholas is/was real. You can visit their website [here](https://www.franciscanmedia.org/franciscan-spirit-blog/frequently-asked-questions-about-advent) or go to:

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/franciscan-spirit-blog/frequently-asked-questions-about-advent>



ADVENT BOOKLETS

Our traditional Advent booklets will be available in a hard copy for those who attend Mass. Pick up a copy when you are there!

You can find several other online Advent resources listed on our website under Parish News and Events.





IPS SCRIPTURE SCHOOL

Presents:

"When They Saw The Star" ~ Advent Retreat Series ~ **ONLINE!**

**All participants welcomed,
FREE of charge!**



The IPS Scripture School fosters a transformational encounter with God through online instruction and formation in Sacred Scripture within a live interactive framework. This retreat series will explore the beauty and message of Christ's birth within the context of our new 2020 reality!

You will enjoy this series if you:

- Want to learn more about the Infancy Narratives of Matthew and Luke's Gospel!
- Would like to engage in meaningful conversations with other people of faith!
- Wish to prayerfully reflect on the challenges of this past year and find hope for the New Year!

We meet online (Central Time), via ZOOM
2 hours/week, 3 weeks in a row:

- **Tuesdays (12/1; 12/8; 12/15)**
10am – 12pm OR 6:30 – 8:30pm
- **Wednesdays (12/2; 12/9; 12/16)**
10am – 12pm OR 6:30 – 8:30pm
- **Thursdays (12/3, 12/10, 12/17), 10am – 12pm**

This series is designed for the average layperson. All are welcome.

No prior academic experience necessary, just an open mind and heart.

FIVE SECTIONS AVAILABLE
Morning/Evening Options
DEC 1 – 17, 2020

INSTRUCTOR

Kevin Pease, M.T.S.
Institute of Pastoral Studies



Kevin Pease serves as Director of IPS Scripture School. A graduate of the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, CA, he remains passionate about Jesuit education and adult faith formation. He believes Scripture Studies deepen relationship with God, self, and others, and is so looking forward to sharing in this experience with you.

REGISTER

Please contact director,
Kevin Pease, by e-mail
for link to register!

CONTACT

Kevin Pease
Director, IPS Scripture School
t. 847.409.1433 | kpease@luc.edu

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Have access to a computer with Internet.
- Have a personal email address by which to receive and send pertinent communication.

COMMUNITY

WANT TO BE IN THE KNOW? EMAIL US!

Given the current reality, the only way we can communicate with our parishioners is through email, our website and social media. 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@divinemerlynorthshore.org or call our temporary office number: **847-881-6664**. THANK YOU!

JOIN THE VIRTUAL CAFÉ

Join fellow parishioners online on Sunday mornings to get to know each other better and share your thoughts on the homily or readings you heard at Mass. All conversation welcome! The group meets online every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m., so if you'd like to participate, contact Sue Lehocky at 847-881-6664 or slehocky@divinemerlynorthshore.org and she'll put you on the Zoom call!



MUNDELEIN SEMINARY VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: TODAY 2PM

Enjoy the Sounds of the Season, Mundelein Seminary's Annual (and virtual) Christmas Concert next Sunday, December 6th at 2:00 p.m. The concert features the Mundelein Seminary Choir under the direction of Linda M. Cerabona accompanied by seminarian Joseph Nguyen (Diocese of San Jose) playing the E.M. Skinner organ in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception.

To register to receive a link to watch the livestream, [click here](https://usml.edu/event/christmas/).
(<https://usml.edu/event/christmas/>)

FINANCE

Our Parish uses



for online donations

Sign up for online giving at www.givecentral.org



Scan the Code
to Donate!

MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS DONATION BEFORE YEAR END

Whether you'll join us for Mass in Church, the St. Philip parking lot, the Sacred Heart School Gym or your own living room in front of your Tree this Christmas, we graciously ask you to remember Divine Mercy Parish in your giving.

Your generosity helps us bring you the Mass each week, do the good work of the parish, support our outreach efforts and keep the lights on! We are grateful beyond measure for your support, particularly during this extraordinary year!. Merry Christmas and God Bless You!!



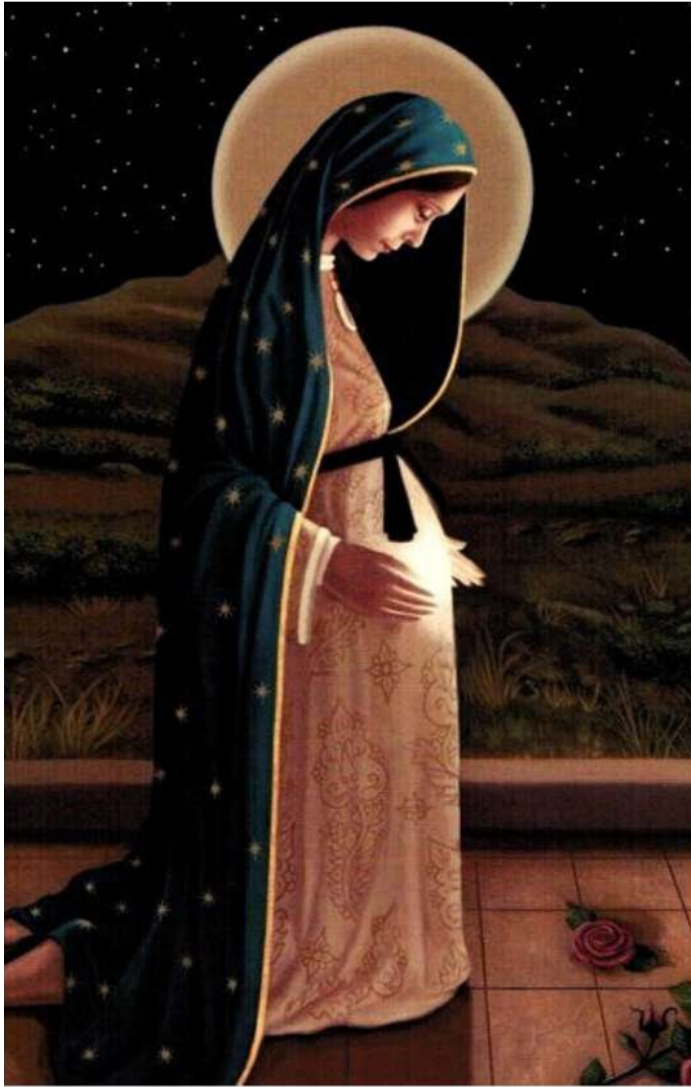
FINANCES AT A GLANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 29, 2020

	Current Year		Last Year	Over (Under) Last Year
	Week	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	Year-to Date
Mail/Mass Collection	\$ 4,528	\$ 135,127	\$ 254,190	\$ (119,063)
Online Giving	\$ 4,466	\$ 115,187	\$ 96,710	\$ 18,477
Total Collection	\$ 8,994	\$ 250,314	\$ 350,900	\$ (100,586)
Budget for Sunday Collection	\$ 21,674	\$ 358,834		
Difference	\$ (12,680)	\$ (108,520)		

If you are not an online donor and wish to sign up, please contact Cindy Atsaves in the parish office at cindyatsaves@divinemerlynorthshore.org.

Thank you for your generosity to Divine Mercy Parish!

***Deadline is Today
for our First-Ever Advent Vacation Bible School!***



Explore Advent traditions
with
LIGHT OF THE WORLD
Vacation Bible School



Register your children (K-4th grades) for the **Light of the World Vacation Bible School** (VBS) this Advent.

This live, online VBS will include lessons about Our Blessed Mother and Saints Nicholas and Elizabeth.

We'll explore the beautiful tradition of the creche, while enjoying music videos and crafts. Built on the success of this summer's first online VBS, this brand new three-day program has been created to help your children experience the beauty of Advent and to more fully prepare for the joy of Our Savior's birth.

Divine Mercy Parish is partnering with other Chicago area parishes to host this virtual VBS
the first few days of winter break:

Monday, December 21 through Wednesday, December 23

9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. (about 45 minutes each day)

Live on Zoom

Free for the children of Divine Mercy Parish Children's Ministry and Sacred Heart School
Donations are welcome to underwrite the cost of the program. See bottom of registration form for details.

Register your family [here](#) by Sunday, December 6th.

[Email Kathy Handelman](#) with any questions.



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



Our junior Kindergartners are preparing for Advent.



Kindergartners had a Pow Wow where they sang, danced and celebrated friendships. They also enjoyed eating fry bread! They even used the bow and arrows they made to go on a hunt!



Stop by and see what our 6th grade artists created on the windows at Figueroa Orthodontics right next door to the school on Gage Street! Scan the QR code to vote. Remember you are voting for Figueroa Orthodontics for your favorite Winnetka Window display!



SCAN HERE



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

December 12, 2020

SACRED HEART CHURCH

5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Dan Cassidy

December 13, 2020

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE
CHURCH

8:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Dean Semmer

December 13, 2020

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 the various restrictions of nursing homes in the State of Illinois, the constraints of established 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 or 847-881-6664. One of our priests will respond to your call.

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,
Irina Anikovich, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Dennis Braun,
Wendy Braun, John Dory, Lisa Franke,
Paul Greco, Benjamin Grillo, Jack Hogan, Mario Iturino,
Gina Quirk Lazicki, Ruth Martin, Beth O'Brien, and Lisa Zitella

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTOR SCHEDULE

December 12, 2020 Sacred Heart Church **5:00 p.m.**
Chris Hartman

December 13, 2020 St. Philip the Apostle Church **8:00 a.m.**
Susan Seeberg

December 13, 2020 Sacred Heart Church **10:00 a.m.**
Ludy Mariano

If you are interested in the ministry of Lector at either Sacred Heart or St. Philip the Apostle, please contact Ron Vanasdlen, via email rvanasdlen@divinemercynorthshore.org

If you are able to assist our Greeter ministry, please contact Michelle Wasielewski via email mwasielewski@divinemercynorthshore.org

No other ministers are being scheduled. If you get an email from Ministry Scheduler Pro, please disregard it.

For Those Who Have Died

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

Mary Deppe, Mother of Maria Deppe McNitt
Rev. George Klein

MASS INTENTIONS

Note that the Wednesday Mass currently is closed to the public. Only the Sacred Heart School students are allowed to attend. It may be viewed on our website homepage via livestream.

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

MONDAY, December 7 (SH)

7:00 a.m. -

TUESDAY, December 8

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Jane & Frank
Meade

8:30 a.m. (School Only)

6:30 p.m. (SH)

WEDNESDAY, December 9 (SH)

8:30 a.m. - NO MASS

THURSDAY, December 10 (SH)

7:00 a.m. -

FRIDAY, December 11 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. -

SATURDAY, December 12 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - The Coradini Family

SUNDAY, December 13

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Ruth Coyle

10:00 a.m. (SH) - Genevieve Conway

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.

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! We remind everyone to wear a mask, and that you'll be greeted by someone from our reopening team.

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.

BULLETIN SPECS:

FONT STYLE: Corbel

FONT SIZE:

Headlines: 12 (ALL CAPS & BOLD)

Body text: 10

LINE SPACING:

Before and After Paragraphs: opt

Between Lines: 15p

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 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.

Making Disciples • Building Church • Serving Others

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