



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 11, 2025

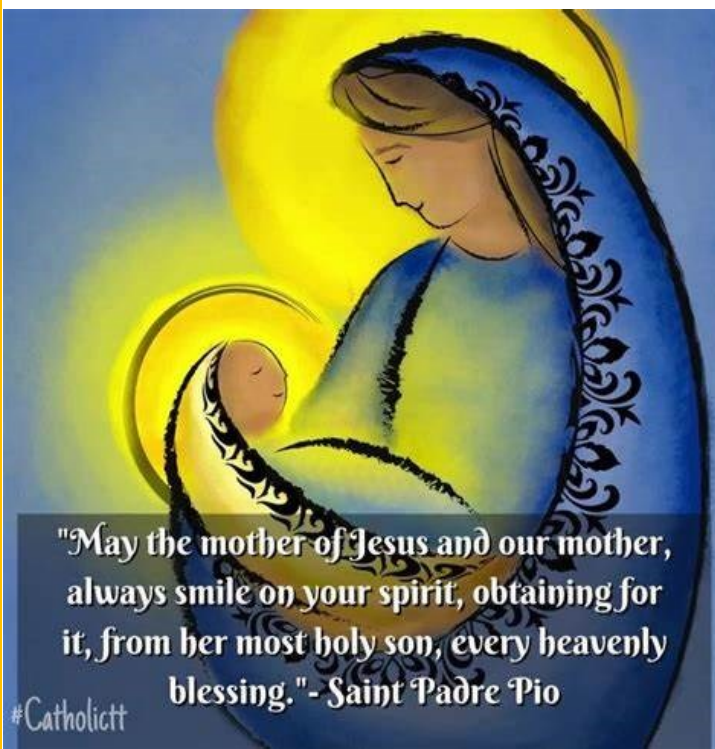
*A Happy and Blessed Mother's Day to all
on this "Good Shepherd Sunday"*

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SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCHES**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

World Day of Prayer for Vocations has been celebrated by the Church since 1964, when the visionary Pope Paul VI recognized a decline in priestly vocations and called all Catholics to intercede for an increase in vocations. World Day of Prayer for Vocations is today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also called Good Shepherd Sunday because of the Gospel reading.

LORD, JESUS, we ask you to send more servants to your people. Choose from our parishes, from our homes, from our schools and colleges, an abundant harvest of apostles for your Kingdom: priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and lay ministers. We pray that those you call may never lose awareness of the dignity and need of their vocation. O Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, teach to all those the Master calls to say a joyful "yes" as you did at the Annunciation. Amen.



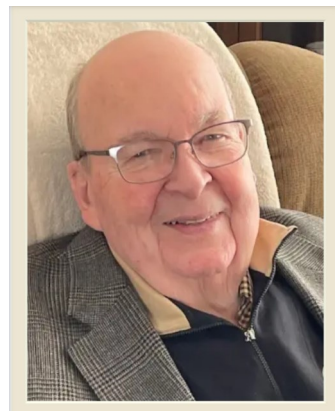
Welcome to Divine Mercy!
We are a Welcoming Community that
Inspires Disciples of Jesus to Share
God's Love and
Transform the World.

WE MOURN THE DEATH OF DEACON MIKE MCNULTY

Our beloved Deacon Mike McNulty, a lifelong parishioner of Sacred Heart Church, passed away on May 6, 2025.

Deacon McNulty will lie in state at Sacred Heart Church on Monday, May 12th, beginning at 3:00 p.m. with the reception of his body in church. Evening Prayer will commence at 6:45 p.m. and conclude by 7:00 p.m. The Funeral Mass for Deacon McNulty will be held on Tuesday, May 13th, at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, followed immediately by a reception in the Parish Center to which all are invited.

The Funeral Mass will be livestreamed on our website homepage, which can be found by clicking [here](#). Scroll down to *Worship With Us* and click play. You can find Deacon McNulty's obituary on the website of Donnellan Funeral home.



Deacon Michael James McNulty
Eternal rest, grant unto him
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.

PASTOR'S "TO THE POINT"



Mother. The word itself is evocative. It conjures up a whole host of images, memories and feelings.

This weekend we honor our mothers. We thank them for bringing us into this world. We thank them for nurturing us, for their care and comfort. And yes, we thank them for encouraging and challenging us to be the best we can be.

We thank them, too, for teaching us in the ways of faithfulness, how they stayed up nights when we were sick and how they bandaged bruised knees and the like. They are our moms and we honor them.

The ALPHA Reunion

Join us for a special evening to reconnect with ALPHA friends, new and old

June 5, 2025
6 - 9 p.m.
Divine Mercy
Parish Center



The month of May is Mary's month. It's the month we honor Blessed Mary as the Mother of Jesus and our Heavenly Mother.

Join Us to Thank & Bid Farewell to Fr. Steve Lanza
June 7, 2025 ~ the Vigil of Pentecost
5 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church at Divine Mercy Parish
1077 Tower Road, Winnetka, IL 60093
Reception to follow in the Parish Center

DIVINE MERCY TEEN COUNCIL CAR WASH

Sacred Heart Church parking lot
1077 Tower Rd, Winnetka



SATURDAY, MAY 17TH
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

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Please keep our newly baptized in your prayers during Easter Time. Ethan Sharobeem, Giovanni Dassa, William Clancy were initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Welcome our newly baptized!



HUNGER HERO THIS WEEKEND

All donations for our local food pantries can be dropped off during Mass times at both of our churches. Here's what's needed this month.

- Cookies, crackers and granola bars
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Salad dressing/salsa
- Cooking oil and condiments
- Canned fruit (all kinds)
- Canned chicken, tuna, salmon
- Brown and white rice/rice mixes

Feeding the hungry is one of the Catholic corporal works of mercy, and a wonderful practice during the season of Lent.

Thank you for your generosity as we address local food instability!

BIBLE STUDY
with
Fr. John Kartje



Join us Wednesday, May 21st
from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the Parish
Center. Watch our Website
for any changes.

A GREAT WAY TO CELEBRATE THE EASTER SEASON

A Just Harvest is a soup kitchen about 20 minutes away that serves lunch every day of the year to homeless and hungry people between 11 am and 2 pm. Divine Mercy provides food and serves guests every third Sunday of the month.

Our next day to serve at A JUST HARVEST is next weekend, **May 18th**. We need people willing to make the casseroles ahead of time and drop them off at the Parish Center on Saturday May 17th at Noon. We also need people to serve the meal that Sunday between the hours of 11am and 2pm.

Some or many of these slots have already been filled, but if you can help, please click below to see what help still might be needed.

[Click here](#) or scan the QR code to visit our website to learn more or if you would like to serve those who are hungry. They need you and so do we. Thanks for your consideration!



MEMORIAL DAY PRAYERS

Do you have a relative, friend, or loved one serving in the U.S. Military? Please send their name, rank, and branch of service to our Director of Liturgy & Music to be included in prayers at our Memorial Day Mass on May 26, 9 a.m., at Sacred Heart Church. You may also send him the names of any service member who has died either while on active duty, a retiree, or a veteran of the armed services. Please include their name, rank, and branch of service. (rvasdlen@divinemercynorthshore.org)

MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER & HONOR

JOIN OUR ONLINE ROSARY GROUP FOR MAY

All are welcome to join our parish online Rosary group each weekday morning at 7:30 a.m. on Zoom. Visit our website homepage (www.divinemercynorthshore.org), and scroll down for the link. Honor the mother of Jesus during this month of May!

Divine Mercy Parish

Men's Club

Tuesday, May 13

7-8 pm

Divine Mercy Parish Center



The Divine Mercy Men's Club provides a faith-based opportunity for the men of our parish to meet, coordinate events to provide assistance to our community, and help with other parish efforts.

Did you know that we also gather for basketball on the weekends?
Email John Joyce to find out more.

We hope you will join us.

All Are welcome!

Questions? Contact John Joyce
john.joyce@svn.com

TO ALL OUR MOMS, GRANDMOTHERS, FOSTER MOTHERS, STEP-MOTHERS AND MOMS IN SPIRIT...

**JOIN US FOR SOUTH SIDE SUNDAY ON MAY 25**

Parishioners will visit St. Moses the Black on Sunday, May 25 for their 10:30 a.m. Mass. If you'd like to carpool or caravan, [click here](#) or scan the QR code to let us know. We gather in the parking lot of St. Philip at 9:30 a.m. to travel together.

You can always meet us there, too. They are located at 331 E. 71st Street in Chicago.

Pictured is the crew that visited St. Moses in March.

**VISITING A HOMEBOUND FRIEND OR RELATIVE?**

If you are visiting with one of our homebound parishioners, we encourage you to take a copy of the bulletin or the Spring issue of *Connections* on your next visit with them.

We know how much our homebound parishioners appreciate such visits, and being filled in on all that happens at the parish.

You'll find copies of the bulletin and *Connections* at entryways or the parish office. Thank you!



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THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE LITURGICAL MINISTER ASSIGNMENTS

May 17, 2025

5:00 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Presider: Fr. John Kartje

Sacristan: Joe Schuessler

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Minister Needed

EM: Frieda Baker

May 18, 2025

8:00 a.m.

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Presider: Fr. Ken Kiepura

Sacristan: Dave McCarthy

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Minister Needed

EM: Dcn. Gerry Keenan

10:00 a.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

Sacristan: Minister Needed

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Kathy Janegz

EM: Minister Needed

4:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

Sacristan: Marjorie Martinez

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Minister Needed

EM: Minister Needed

WEEKDAY PRESIDER SCHEDULE

May 12, 8 a.m. (SH) Fr. Ken

May 13, 8 a.m. (SPA) Fr. Ken

May 14, 8:30 a.m. (SH) Fr. Ken

May 15, 8 a.m. (SH) Fr. Ken

May 16, 8 a.m. (SPA) Fr. Bob

Are you being called to ministry? There are wonderful opportunities to minister to the Divine Mercy Community as a weekend/weekday sacristan, lector, altar server, or communion minister.

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Will return this fall.

What is the Easter Duty and is it still required?

The Easter duty is the requirement of a Catholic to receive Holy Communion worthily at least once a year. It is a minimal requirement, not the optimal practice in receiving the life-giving spiritual graces given in this Sacrament.

The Fourth Lateran Council in 1215 had mandated Holy Communion to be received annually at Easter Time. The Council of Trent and the Code of Canon Law restated this obligation.

Many Catholics are under the impression that the Easter duty also requires going to Confession. While receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation annually is certainly a good idea, it's not part of the requirement unless one is conscience of having committed a serious or what is commonly called a mortal sin.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "Mortal sin destroys charity in the heart of man by a grave violation of God's law; it turns man away from God, who is his ultimate end and his beatitude, by preferring an inferior good to him" (#1855). Therefore, sacramental absolution is necessary to forgive mortal sin, to restore the sanctifying grace in a person's soul, and to reconcile the person fully with God and neighbor. In the United States, the fulfillment of the Easter duty [receiving Holy Communion worthily] can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday [the Sunday after Pentecost]. Altogether, this opens 14 weeks of the church year to fulfill the requirement of receiving Holy Communion worthily with the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) before if needed. Regular confession is the recipe for sainthood, and all of the saints of our Church knew it. As we continue our Easter celebration, we must not forget those graces of forgiveness and reconciliation the Risen Lord offers to each of us through the Sacrament of Penance.

OUR OFFERINGS IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

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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, Eliza Avila, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Ronald Braun, Wendy Braun, Bob, Julie, James and Robert Conte, Jr., John Coyne, Joe and Joella Cramblit, Marilyn Dichsen, Fr. Lou Faust, Mary Beth Fellingner, Lisa Marie Franke, Christine G., Ermin Garcia, Jr., Patricio Gilchrist, Benjamin Grillo, Mike Hayes, Barbara Hayward, Jack Hogan, Sarah Hyde, Elizabeth Mazur Johnson, Ryan Kelly, Andy Klatt, Patti Kotscharjan, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Margaret Lenhart, Les Lesniak, Mike Leonardson, Ginny Linting, Janet Lyman, Jamey Machens, Margot Martin, Sr. Peggy McDonnell, Judy Meade, James & Oliver Mendis, Joan Murphy, Beth O'Brien, Cheryl Pierson, Brad Raguse, Judy Rasfeld, Scott Rood, Josephine Sampson, Adriano Mejia Santos, Kathy Sarch, Terry Shin, Noah Small, Kay Thomas, Baby Kali Thornton, Ruth Tressa, E. J. Wahlund, Amanda Warford, Larry White and those written in our parish book of prayer.

If you or your loved one needs a Minister of Care or 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.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

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

Deacon Mike McNulty,
Bruce Elliott Baker, Maureen Gayton

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacred Heart Church:

Saturdays 9 - 9:30 a.m.

St. Philip the Apostle Church:

Wednesdays 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

ADORATION

Sacred Heart Church:

Wednesdays from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

ONLINE ROSARY via Zoom

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m.

Link on website homepage

PARISH CALENDAR

May is devoted to
the Blessed Virgin Mary

May 11, Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Good Shepherd Sunday

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

- Hunger Heroes Weekend
- 11:15 a.m. Baptism — Sacred Heart

May 12, Monday

Monday of the 4th Week of Easter

Optional Memorial of Ss. Nereus and Achilleus

Optional Memorial of St. Pancras

- 8 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- 4-6 p.m. Interfaith Knitting - Divine Mercy Parish Center Rotunda
- 6:30 - 7:30 Evangelization Team Meeting - SH Fireplace Room

May 13, Tuesday

Tuesday of the 4th Week of Easter

Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima

- 8 a.m. Mass — St. Philip
- 8:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Tutoring at Tolton Academy
- 9:00 a.m. Crafty Ladies — JPll Room
- 7-8 p.m. Men's Club Meeting - Parish Center

May 14, Wednesday

Feast of St. Matthias

- 8:30 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- 3 - 4:30 p.m. Confessions — St. Philip

May 15, Thursday

Thursday of the 4th Week of Easter

Optional Memorial of St. Isidore

International Day of Families;

Peace Officers Memorial Day

- 8 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- 8:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Tutoring at Tolton Academy
- 9 - 11:30 a.m. Ministers of Care - Offsite
- 6:30 - 8 p.m. Pastoral Care Committee Meeting - SH Fireplace Room

May 16, Friday

Friday of the 4th Week of Easter

International Day of Living

Together in Peace

International Day of Light

- 8 a.m. Mass — St. Philip

May 17, Saturday

Saturday of the 4th Week of Easter

Armed Forces Day

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Inspirational Study Group — SH Fireplace Rm
- 9 a.m. Confessions - Sacred Heart
- 9 a.m. - Noon A Just Harvest Food Drop-off - Parish Center Kitchen
- 1-4 p.m. Teen Council Car Wash - Sacred Heart Church Parking Lot

May 18, Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- Hospitality after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses
- 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. A Just Harvest - Rogers Park
- 11:15 a.m. Baptism — Sacred Heart

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 11

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Viola Dietz †

10:00 a.m. (SH) - Marcia Bushell-Slater,

Lourdes Bushell, & Alice Mantoan †

4:30 p.m. (SH) - Mary Ryan Townsend† and Parishioners of Divine Mercy

MONDAY, MAY 12 (SH)

8:00 a.m. - Our Priests at Divine Mercy

TUESDAY, MAY 13 (SPA)

8 a.m. - Genevieve Pyke †

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 (SH)

8:30 a.m. - Cindy Santaniello †

THURSDAY, MAY 15 (SH)

8:00 a.m. - The Coradini Family

FRIDAY, MAY 16

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Pat Doherty †

SATURDAY, MAY 17 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - James & Janice Sullivan †

SUNDAY, MAY 18

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Aurora Aceves †

10:00 a.m. (SH) - George Pine † and

Parishioners of Divine Mercy

4:30 p.m. (SH) - Diana & John Lambert †

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