



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

February 21, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Mark 1:14-15



LENT + PRAY + FAST + GIVE

PLEASE MAKE A RESERVATION FOR MASS.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

THE FORTY DAYS OF OUR LENTEN RETREAT

Ash Wednesday, and the days which followed it, all of which we celebrated last week, brings us to this point in the liturgical calendar today, the start of the counted forty days of the season of Lent. I like to look on this special time as an opportunity to go deeper in my own relationship to Jesus and cultivate my discipleship, my following of the Lord.

Kind of like a retreat. From now until the start of the Easter Triduum (which begins on the evening of Holy Thursday), I envision myself on a retreat with all of you as we journey through Lent.

Like everything else in this pandemic, the special details of how we observe the forty days of Lent may shift and change a bit given the constraints under which we are operating. But overall it's still Lent and we will just have to be as creative as possible in pursuing the season, allowing the scriptural images and prayers to sink in and affect us.

THE COLLECTS

That's the Latin term we use to describe the opening prayer of the Mass, the one that comes after the Penitential Act (or the Gloria when it's in season), the summary prayer that ties up the Introductory Rites of the Mass. It's spoken right before we sit down to listen to the Liturgy of the Word.

Starting on Ash Wednesday and from then on, you'll notice a slight change in the text of the conclusion of the Collect. You'll notice, that is, if your infant is not screaming at the top of his or her lungs (and has to be taken into the lobby or gathering space for a short walk). You'll notice if you're not distracted by that or something else that takes your attention away from the Collect prayer.

Of the two prayers spoken or chanted

from the chair by the priest presider, the Collect and the Prayer After Communion, the Collect has a longer ending, what's called a "doxology" because its referents are the opening word(s) calling upon God the Father, and then at the end wrapping it all up with "... Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever."

Deus in the Latin text of the prayer (what we translate into English as "God" right after referring to the Holy Spirit specifically points to Christ. Rome recently pointed out to the bishops of this country that in the original Latin version, upon which we base all of our prayers and rituals, there is no "one" in the text of the ending.

So the bishops of this country voted to remove it from the prayer. Now in all of the Collects you will hear us say, "Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever."

Hopefully, we priests will remember to omit the word "one," since right now we're not purchasing new Roman Missals. If I remember, I'll get the white out and dab it onto the page.

However, that a lot of dabbing! And this applies not just to Sunday and weekday Masses, but to any Mass that has an opening collect, for example, funerals, weddings, and other special Masses. If you recall we went through a massive change in the texts of the Mass prayers in 2010. Thank goodness this latest tweak does not require anything on the part of the people.

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

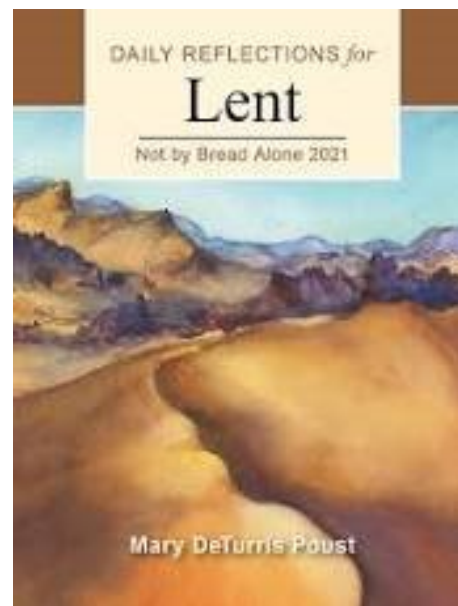
Good question. On the one hand, this is a minor thing. We've been saying "one" in the doxological conclusion to the Collect for ten years. No one has run off into a yammering heresy due to the inclusion of this one word.

On the other hand, one of the



hallmarks of the Roman Church is that the leader of prayer does not make up in his own words these texts. We all say the same things worldwide, albeit in differing translations.

I'd like to think I could come up with some better prayer texts that are more poetic and more easily understood than the current translation found in the Roman Missal. But that's just not how it works. As the Latin aphorism goes, *lex orandi, lex credendi* (or) "the law of prayer is the law of belief." In other words, what we say when we pray communally week after week forms us in our relationship to Jesus and one another and it guides our belief. Words matter. Have a beautiful Lent!



Be sure to pick up your Lenten Reflection booklet in the vestibule of St. Philip or Gathering Space of Sacred Heart!

Grow in Faith This Lent

Virtual Café for Lent - Six Week Special Series—It's NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

Join the Divine Mercy Virtual Café special series designed just for Lent. Small groups will meet for five weeks of community and conversation on the Lenten Sunday Gospels beginning February 18 and 19. Choose an evening or morning session: Thursday Evenings 7-8:00 p.m. or Friday Mornings 9:30-10:30 a.m. **Register for a small group at:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuWrpF9pkl83WdopLOE9PbN74Yx-PoiDyLviDDZFaZXQAX9A/viewform>

Contact Sue at slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org for more information.

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"Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me!" Lenten Retreat Series from Loyola University

Beginning the week of February 14. Choose the day/time that works best for you:

Tuesday mornings (10:00am – 12:00pm); Tuesday evenings (6:30 – 8:30pm); or Thursday mornings (10:00am – 12:00pm). This five week series from IPS Scripture School is designed for the average layperson. All are welcome. No prior academic experience necessary, just an open mind & open heart. \$55 Fee. *For information and registration, visit*

www.luc.edu/ips/continuing-education/ipsscriptureschool/.

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Six Weeks with the Bible: Living for a Just Society

Mondays beginning February 22, 9:30 a.m. by Zoom videoconference. This is a study of a dozen selections from Scripture which will help us discover God's vision for justice in society and our role in His plans. Book purchase required. Leaders: Mary Slocum and Pam Coster. Contact Pam Coster at pcoster@gmail.com to register.

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Refugees - A Catholic Response

Two talks by representatives from Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) and Lynn Gordon, founder of Madonna Mission in Chicago. Wednesdays, February 24th and March 10th at 7:00 p.m. Catholic social teaching calls us to concern for all people and to justice and mercy. Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) has been living out this demand of our faith since 1980. Their work is "helping refugees heal, learn and determine their own future."

Contact Pam Coster at pcoster@gmail.com to register.

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Picturing St. Joseph in European Art: A Special Presentation for the Feast of St. Joseph

In this Year of St. Joseph, SsJFX parishioner and art historian Leslie Scattone will do an online program on Tuesday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m. on depictions of St. Joseph in art through the ages, with special focus on European art from the 15th to early 19th centuries.

Register at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a45aba82da6ff2-saints>

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

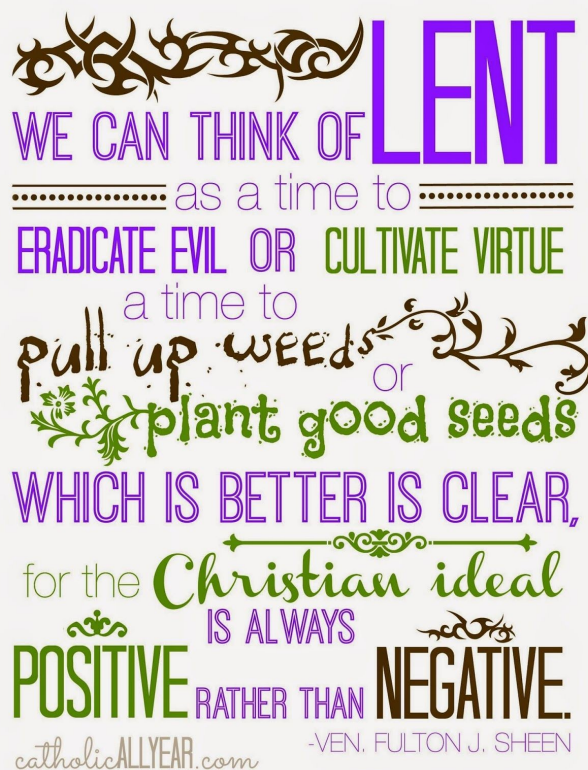
THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation for the celebration of Easter. Two important facets of Lent include the sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation and eucharist), with an emphasis on baptism and the sacrament of penance.

In the early Church, there was an intense, retreat-like period of time during which those who wanted to follow Christ prepared to be baptized. Over the centuries, this period of time came to be called Lent. Today, we recall our own baptism, and journey with those who will complete their initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Lent is a wonderful time to pray for those who are preparing to enter the Church at Easter.

The sacrament of penance (or reconciliation) is God's gift to us so that we may

be reconciled to God and the people of God, the Church, especially during the season of Lent. The sacrament of reconciliation is offered every Wednesday at St. Philip the Apostle from 3:00 - 4:30pm, and every Saturday morning at Sacred Heart from 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.



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.



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 as God made a covenant with all living things, so we His people may grow in our respect for life, and actively protect it, we pray to the Lord.

FINANCE

For online donations, our Parish uses



Sign up for online giving at givecentral.org



Scan the Code
to Donate!

PLEASE MAKE A REGULAR DONATION TO DIVINE MERCY

Whether you join us for Mass in Church, via live-stream on our website or our Facebook page, or from the St. Philip parking lot when we have drive-in Masses, 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! God Bless You!!

FINANCES AT A GLANCE

We are not reporting collection information this week, as we are working with our finance council to help provide better information to the parish based on the current situation with the pandemic.

If you are not an online donor and wish to sign up, please contact Cindy Atsaves in the parish office at cindyatsaves@divinemercynorthshore.org. If you wish to make a donation via a stock transfer, please contact Cindy as well.

Thank you for your generosity to Divine Mercy Parish!

OUTREACH

AN OUTREACH UPDATE

Many thanks to our wonderful parishioners who are beyond generous during difficult times and inclement weather. During the pandemic we have seen increased demand and new requests. As a result, we currently have several efforts happening and more to come in the Spring and Fall of 2021.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Many parishioners are still partnered with parishioners in need since last April! The errands, phone calls and notes of cheer continue.



HUNGER HERO

Hunger Hero is our most recent effort due to great need at our local food pantries. Each month we are collecting specific items for the Northfield and New Trier Township Food Pantries. Watch the bulletin and e-blasts for information about our next collection.



A JUST HARVEST

Through the generous donations of Divine Mercy parishioners, we have facilitated a partnership between Three Tarts in Northfield and our friends at A Just Harvest. Since last April, each month, Three Tarts in Northfield prepares and delivers 250 meals to A Just Harvest. These meals are distributed at A Just Harvest or delivered to clients who are elderly or disabled.

In addition, a group of parishioners collect and deliver day old food items from local grocery stores and restaurants that would otherwise be thrown out, while other parishioners have been sending much needed items in bulk.

CONNECTIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

Our Children's Ministry Confirmation students have done a fantastic job preparing hearty lunches with notes of hope and encouragement for clients at Connections. Although our goal was 150 lunches, the students happily surpass that number each month. These lunches make a huge impact in the lives of those who otherwise may go without while inspiring hope and joy.

ST. COLUMBANUS

Our Children's Ministry Families assembled Lenten Blessing Bags for the pantry clients. These bags contained a prayer intention, note or artwork, as well as much needed items such as warm socks and gloves.

Finally, we have a group of parishioners that attend and assist at the Food Pantry. Regardless of cold or snow, this group is a dedicated bunch and are there most weeks, socially distant, serving with a smile behind their masks!



FATHER PAUL FOUNDATION

Our friend Father Paul served here while studying at Loyola University. He then returned to his native Sri Lanka and has been supporting widows, orphans, and those affected by the civil war and tsunami. We recently had a collection asking for 1.50 a day, the daily cost to support the orphans Father Paul serves and our parishioners lovingly responded!



This spring we hope to partner with **FAMILY PROMISE**. Next fall we are looking at efforts with the World Vision Chosen Program, Catholic Relief Services and Kolbe House Jail Ministry.

None of this would be possible without the tremendous support of many caring parishioners. THANK YOU! What a blessing you are to so many in need.

For more information or to volunteer please email Maureen Valvassori, Director of Pastoral care and Outreach, mvalvassori@divinemercynorthshore.org.

COMMUNITY

NITE LITES 2021! MASQUERADE

Nite Lites is upon us once again! Currently scheduled for May 22nd, our 2021 Nite Lites team is seeking donations for this year's upcoming event, benefitting Sacred Heart School. If you have a vacation home, airline miles, gift cards or any other in-kind item you would be willing to donate, we would love to have your help! Perhaps consider supporting our local restaurants or retailers and purchase a gift card to donate. If you are a business owner consider sponsoring the event. We have some great sponsorship packages which are a wonderful way to reach our community and gain exposure for your business. Please direct any responses or inquiries to Tanya Scandariato at tmscandar@gmail.com.

A very big thanks to our sponsors:

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LOOKING TO CATCH UP WITH OTHER PARISHIONERS?

Bring your favorite beverage and join us online on Sunday mornings. All are welcome as we share how we are doing with life, and some spiritual reflection on something you may have heard at Mass (or elsewhere!). It's a great way to catch up with folks you know and meet others in the parish. Give it a try!

We meet online Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for 30 minutes. Join us! If you'd like to participate contact Sue Lehocky at 847-881-6664 or email her at slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org and she'll put you on the Zoom call!

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A Jubilant 2021? You Bet!



Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson of Old St. Pat's

Saturday, March 13, 2021

11am - Noon

From Your Car (by tuning into FM 95.7)

St. Joseph's School Parking Lot

NE Corner of Lake & Ridge in Wilmette. Please join from the comfort of your car to learn about ways to make this year jubilant whilst in the midst of a pandemic!

PRAY FOR OUR ALPHA PARTICIPANTS!

Please pray for all those participating in our Alpha series, including the Alpha Team members! Come Holy Spirit and bless these people who seek to know Jesus!

DO YOUR TEENS LOVE TECH? WE COULD USE THEIR HELP WITH LIVESTREAMING!

We're looking for help with our livestream Masses. If you'd like to assist us by operating the cameras and audio at either one of our churches, we'd happily train you! This may be perfect for teens, too!

Contact Michelle Wasielewski
at 847-881-6664 or
mwasielewski@divinemercynorthshore.org.



2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: COME, FOLLOW ME AND BRING HOPE TO THE WORLD

Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme, "Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world," was selected because as disciples of Jesus, we follow the Master who both gives us hope and sends us to bring his hope to our world that needs it so much.

Each pledge makes a difference! All parishes communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available at church or make a gift online at <http://annualcatholicappeal.com>.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)

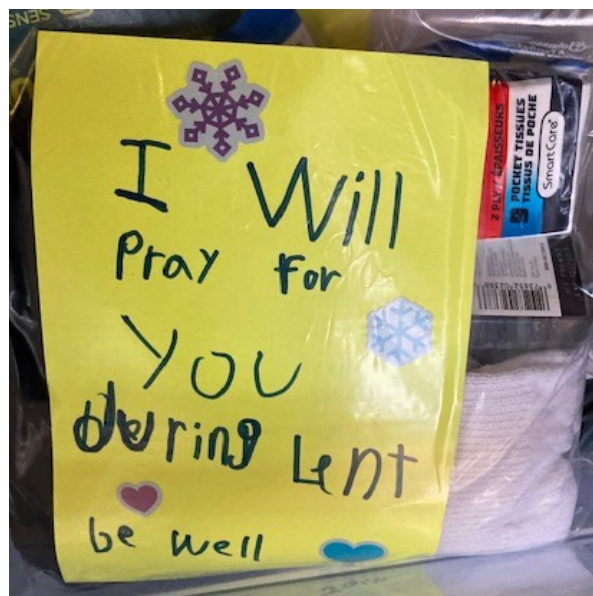
Blessing Bags and More!

Thank you to all the families who participated in our Service Project this weekend. We are so grateful for your generous donations and thoughtful notes. The clients at the St. Columbanus Food Pantry received all of your items on Ash Wednesday — what a wonderful way to begin our Lenten journey.

Another delivery will go down soon for any of you who were not able to deliver on time — we know the weather presented many challenges!

A few notes:

- This weekend we will all be on Zoom due to new Archdiocesan guidelines that prohibit more than 15 children gathering in the same non-liturgical space, even if they are in cohorts;
- No sessions next weekend February 28;
- We are actively beginning to prepare for our Spring sacraments. Despite the challenges we face, we are working hard to make these special and meaningful for your children;
- We look forward to supporting you and your families during these 40 days of Lent, again hoping to provide faith-building ideas that you can incorporate into your daily lives. Light the candle of hope!





LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



Kindergarteners were very "special valentines" for their parents.



First graders made special Valentine hearts for Mary.



Our 6th graders assembled candy grams that students, teachers and parents sent to each other for Valentine's Day. They helped package hundreds of Airheads and notes to be sent out to students. They did an amazing job and finished in just 45 minutes! They worked incredibly as a team and we are so proud of them!

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

February 27, 2021

SACRED HEART CHURCH

5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Dean Semmer

February 28, 2021

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE
CHURCH

8:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

February 28, 2021

SACRED HEART CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve 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

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 leave a message!!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTOR SCHEDULE

February 27, 2021 Sacred Heart Church **5:00 p.m.**
Sam Fifer

February 28, 2021 St. Philip the Apostle Church **8:00 a.m.**
Chris Kaiser

February 28, 2021 Sacred Heart Church **10:00 a.m.**
Cathy Lehman

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.

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, Barbara Anderson,
Michael Anderson, 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, Quinn Stepan, and Lisa Zitella

For Those Who Have Died

May the souls of the faithfully departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
GINNA CORTS, Sister of Kathy Handelman

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, February 22 (SH)
7:00 a.m. - Patricia Hurlbert

TUESDAY, February 23 (SPA)
8:00 a.m. - Irene Berning

WEDNESDAY, February 24
(Closed to the public)
8:30 a.m. - Brian Blair

THURSDAY, February 25 (SH)
7:00 a.m. - Robert & Mary Ann Wetoska & the Wetoska Family

FRIDAY, February 26 (SPA)
8:00 a.m. - Pat & Brian Doherty

SATURDAY, February 27 (SH)
5:00 p.m. - Earl Thompson and Parishioners of Divine Mercy

SUNDAY, February 28
8:00 a.m. (SPA) - John Flynn

10:00 a.m. (SH) - John Erickson

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:

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Body text: 10

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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 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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