

DIVINE MERCY PARISH

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SACRED HEART CHURCH • ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

JANUARY 14, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME TO DIVINE MERCY PARISH



The Wedding at Cana
The Gospel of John 2: 1-11

*At the 10 a.m. Mass we welcome inquirer
Jack Perlmutter as a candidate to the Order of
Catechumens. He begins his journey today to the
March 30 Easter Vigil Sacraments of Initiation
with sponsor Alex Valvassori.*

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

PASTOR'S "TO THE POINT"



The Christmas season is past. Liturgically, we are now back into ordinary time, that is, the Sundays and weekday celebrations of the year that are not designated as a special season (Advent – Christmas, Lent – Easter).

Ordinary Time runs till February 14, which is Ash Wednesday this year. With that celebration we enter what the ancient Fathers of the Church called "the porch of Lent." The First Sunday of Lent will be celebrated on February 18, which launches us into the 40 days of the Lenten season.

In these days between the Christmas season and Lent, let us commit to pursuing discipleship as intentional followers of Jesus trying our best to make a difference in the world for good. Each Sunday as we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, let us praise and thank God for his many blessings and gifts.

Is there a particular gift or strength of yours that you ask for the Holy Spirit's help in deepening or expanding? In the five weeks between now and the First Sunday of Lent, pray for the assistance of the Holy Spirit in strengthening your discipleship!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Steve".

Becoming Catholic

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Acceptance is the first public ritual for those inquiring about the Christian faith. From this point on unbaptized persons are called Catechumens. They are now part of the household of Christ.

During this time, the Catechumens consider what God is saying to them in the Scriptures, what changes in their life they need to make to respond to God's inspiration, and what Baptism in the Catholic Church means. When a Catechumen and the priest and the parish team working with him or her believes the person is ready to make a faith commitment to Jesus in the Catholic Church, the next step is the request for baptism and the celebration of the Rite of Election.

The Rite of Election includes the enrollment of names of all the Catechumens seeking baptism at the coming Easter Vigil. Typically, on the first or second Sunday of Lent, the Catechumens, their sponsors and families gather at the cathedral church. The Catechumens publicly express their desire for baptism to the diocesan bishop. Their names are recorded in a book and they are called the Elect. On this Sunday at Mass, we offer the Rite of Sending Forth so we can acknowledge the beginning of the final period of preparation leading to initiation at the Easter Vigil.

The days of Lent are the final Period of Purification and Enlightenment leading up to the Easter Vigil. Lent is a period of preparation marked by prayer, study, and spiritual direction for the Elect, and prayers for them by the parish communities. The Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation takes place during the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday when the Elect receives the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Now the person is fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

For Catholics who have been Baptized, Confirmed and made First Communion but then drifted from the faith, the way they return is through the Sacrament of Penance. Catholics who were baptized but never received Confirmation and/or Eucharist also participate in a period of formation. This process of formation is completed with the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion throughout the year.

Tomorrow is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Many Christians are united to one another in securing justice for people of all races. Discern how this day can be remembered, celebrated, and continue the Church's mission for justice in your life.



O God, who have revealed that peacemakers are to be called your children, grant, we pray, that we may work without ceasing to establish that justice which alone ensures true and lasting peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Month: Pope Francis' prayer intention: focuses on **celebrating the diversity within the Catholic Church.**



On Friday, February 2, at the 8 a.m. Mass, we celebrate the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** (traditionally called Candlemas or Candle Mass) with the annual Blessing of Candles. Bring your candles from home for this blessing as you plan to light them for special family observances, anniversaries of weddings, baptisms, confirmations, Easter dinner.

What if...

- I was baptized in the Catholic Church but haven't received my First Communion nor received the Sacrament of Confirmation?
- I was baptized in the Catholic Church, received my First Communion but not the Sacrament of Confirmation?
- I'm not a Catholic but am married to a Catholic and raise my children in the Catholic faith?
- I was baptized in the Orthodox Church and attend Divine Mercy quite frequently, am I allowed to receive Holy Communion?

You are most welcome to contact the parish director of evangelization and lifelong formation, Patty Sanfilippo at (847) 446-0856 ext. 103 to get the answers to these questions.



Make your gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. This is a wonderful opportunity to answer the call.

We celebrate **Catholic Schools Week**
January 28—February 3.

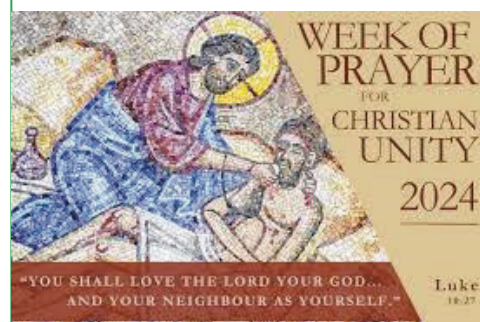


Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) is an ecumenical celebration held each year from January 18-25. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in ecumenical services and to share fellowship. This year's theme is based on Luke 10:27, *You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbor as yourself*, which invites Christians to explore how we find our common identity in the experience of God's love.

Prayer for the Unity of Christians

Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one, we pray to you for the unity of Christians, according to your will, according to your means. May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division, to see our sin, and to hope beyond all hope. Amen. *Inspired by a prayer of the Abbé Paul Couturier, Pioneer of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*



4. WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DIVINE MERCY

ALPHA BEGINS THIS WEEK! TRY IT!

WHAT IS ALPHA?

A series of gatherings where guests have the opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly and inviting atmosphere where no question is too simple or complex. It's an opportunity to explore the big questions of life: Is there more to life than this? Why is there suffering in the world?

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Each session includes a great meal, a short video followed by a chance to share thoughts on the topic in a small group setting. There's no obligation to say anything, there's nothing you can't say (seriously), and there's no such thing as a silly question.

WHY TRY IT? ... YOU'LL:

FIND A COMMUNITY

Connecting people in our area from all walks of life, Alpha is a way to meet people that you wouldn't have otherwise. Alpha has already made a huge impact in our parish.



ENERGIZE YOUR FAITH

Does your faith feel stagnant? Need a spiritual jump-start this new year? Joining Alpha is an engaging and relational way to grow in faith through powerful videos and small group discussion.

MOVE PAST SMALL TALK

With the small group format, each week is an opportunity to get to know others through the sharing of thoughts, experiences, and perspectives which in turn can help you get in touch with your own beliefs.

JUST NOT SURE? COME AND SEE

No pressure, no judgment...just food, friends, and great conversation exploring great questions. Everyone is invited, regardless of spiritual background or beliefs.

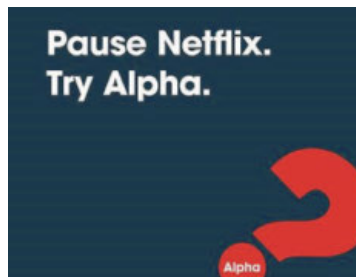


Give yourself the gift of Alpha to connect with others, experience faith, and converse on a deeper level. Join an upcoming Alpha session that fits your schedule:

Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center starting January 16th ([register here](#))

or Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Parish Center starting January 17th ([register here](#)).

Questions: contact [Patty Sanfilippo](#) or call 847-446-0856.



SUPER FUN SATURDAY

Saturday, Feb 3
11:30am-1:30pm

Enjoy an afternoon of FUN for the whole family!

1980 Old Willow Rd.

DivineMercyNorthShore.org/FunSat

Bounce Houses!

DJ Contests!

Games!

Pizza!

THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

5.

JOIN UNCLE PETE'S MINISTRY MONDAY NIGHT - JANUARY 15TH

Looking for a great family service activity? Join us on Monday, January 15 -- Martin Luther King Jr. Day -- at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center to create sack dinners for the hungry.

Our team of volunteers will prepare 300 sack dinners! All items and supplies will be provided. No experience is necessary and all ages are welcome. The meals go to A Just Harvest, our community partner serving Rogers Park.

Please [register here](#) or on our Outreach Partners page on our website, so we know how many stations to prepare. All ages are welcome!



Join us for Season 3 The Chosen Following Jesus Then & Now

Thursdays 6:30-8 pm
Beginning February 1, 2024
for 8 weeks

at Divine Mercy Parish Center at
Sacred Heart (Burr & Gage Sts.)

We Begin with Dinner!

ALL ARE WELCOME



Each episode will be
followed by a short
discussion. Join Us!

Join Fr. John Kartje's Amazing Bible Study! Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Jan 17 & 31, Feb 7 & 28
Mar 6 & 20, Apr 3 & 17
May 1, 15 & 29

Join Fr. John Kartje, Rector and
President of Mundelein
Seminary/University of St. Mary of
the Lake, as he opens the Word of
God for us during his Bible Study
sessions. You'll look at scripture in a
whole new way!



Divine Mercy
Parish Center
at Sacred Heart



A Tri-Parish Event

Monday, January 15

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Ss. Faith Hope &
Charity Parish Center**
191 Linden St. Winnetka

To register, go to
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AADAB29ABFA7-46512245-blessed>
or use the QR code
below.



Questions?
Contact Pam Coster at
pcoster@gmail.com



Blessed are the Peacemakers: The Christian Call in the Midst of Violence

Brian Schmisek, PhD

Provost, University of Saint Mary of the Lake/
Mundelein Seminary

Our world, both at home and across the globe, seems
engulfed by violence. We each have our own fears, hopes
and coping mechanisms when confronted with it.

How does our faith inform our response?

What are the teachings of Jesus and the Church?

Join popular speaker Brian Schmisek for an important
discussion about the issue of violence and our
response as Christians.

*You are invited to stay for refreshments and
conversation following the presentation.*

*The event will not be livestreamed but will be recorded.
Please register if you would like to receive the link to the
recording after the event.*

THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE LITURGICAL MINISTER ASSIGNMENTS

January 20, 2024

5:00 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

President: Fr. Steve Lanza

Sacristan: Joe Schuessler

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Julie Hartvigsen

EM: Minister Needed

January 21 2024

8:00 a.m.

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

President: Fr. John Kartje

Sacristan: Rima Abraham

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Steve Clingan

EM: Dcn. Gerry Keenan

10:00 a.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

President: Fr. John Kartje

Sacristan: Minister Needed

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Children's Ministry

EM: Dee Hanlon

4:30 p.m.

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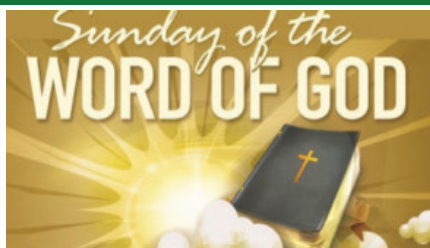
President: Fr. Steve Lanza

Sacristan: Minister Needed

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Rick Schultz

EM: Minister Needed



In 2019, Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God to be celebrated every year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. As Christians we are encouraged to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture keeping in the mind that the Bible is not a collection of history books but is aimed entirely at the integral salvation of the person. At Divine Mercy we offer Wednesday Bible Study with Fr. John Kartje throughout the year.



Next Sunday, at the 10 a.m. Mass, we welcome our Seventh Grade Children's Ministry to Mass and present to them a Bible as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

January. 22 (observed January 23):
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children.

VISITING A HOMEBOUND FRIEND OR RELATIVE?

We encourage you to take a copy of the bulletin or the most recent issue of *Connections* on your next visit with a homebound parishioner.

We know our homebound parishioners appreciate those visits, and being filled in on all that happens at the parish. Thank you!

**Ash Wednesday is observed on
February 14 this year.**

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Open Monday - Friday 9am to 4pm
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SPRING 2024 ADULT CONFIRMATION FOR VICARIATE I PARISHIONERS

Are you an adult who missed receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? Preparation for Confirmation for Vicariate I parishioners will be offered weekly on Mondays beginning Monday, April 8, 7-9pm, at St. Edna Parish, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd. in Arlington Heights. Bishop Jeffrey Grob will preside at the Confirmation Mass at St. Edna Parish on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Registration closes on March 15.

Contact Lorie Crepeau for information and registration; lcrepeau@stedna.org, 847-398-3362, ext. 325.

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, Loretto Berghoff,
Paul Berghoff, Caroline Birnbaum,
Donald Blair, Elaine Boback,
Ronald Braun, Wendy Braun,
Bob, Julie, James and Robert Conte, Jr.,
John Coyne, James Farney,
Mary Beth Fellinger, Lisa Marie Franke,
Ermin Garcia, Jr., Patricio Gilchrist,
Benjamin Grillo, Rose Anne Grimes,
Regina Harvey, Mike Hayes,
Barbara Hayward, Jack Hogan,
Jim Horrell, Sarah Hyde, Rick Kehrer,
Ryan Kelly, Andy Klatt,
Patti Kotscharjan, Diana Lambert,
Gina Quirk Lazicki, Margaret Lenhart,
Ginny Linting, Susan Lodge,
Jamey Machens, John Madden,
Sr. Peggy McDonnell, Mike McNulty,
Heather Mroz, Beth O'Brien,
Joan O'Donnell, Lynn Pattison,
Mike Pearson, Cheryl Pierson,
Brad Raguse, Judy Rasfeld, Scott Rood,
Kathy Sarch, Terry Shin,
Catherine Sullivan, Kay Thomas,
Rita VanHynning, Violet Vanselow,
Amanda Warford, Larry White,
and those written in our parish book of prayer.

If you or your loved one needs a Minister of Care, 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, especially **Anna Marie Galvin, Louis Glunz, Fr. William J. Flaherty** and **Regina Mokarry**.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacred Heart Church:

Saturdays 9 - 9:30 a.m.

St. Philip the Apostle Church:

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

with Rev. Gerald Cole.

ADORATION

Sacred Heart Church:

Wednesdays 2 - 3:00 p.m.

St. Philip the Apostle Church:

Fridays from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

ONLINE ROSARY via Zoom

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m.

Link on website homepage

PARISH CALENDAR

January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

National, Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

January 14, Sunday

*The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 a.m. Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens*

January 15, Monday

Monday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- 8 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- 7 p.m. Uncle Pete's Ministry - Parish Center

January 16, Tuesday

Tuesday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. Mass — St. Philip
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary — St. Philip
- 8:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Tutoring at Tolton Academy
- 9:00 a.m. Crafty Ladies - JPIL Room
- 6:30 p.m. ALPHA - Parish Center

January 17, Wednesday

*Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot
Persian Gulf Remembrance Day*

- 8:30a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- 9:30 a.m. ALPHA - Parish Center
- 2 - 3 p.m. Adoration — Sacred Heart
- 3 - 4:30 p.m. Confessions — St. Philip
- 6:30 p.m. Fr. Kartje Bible Study - Parish Center
- 7 p.m. Children's Ministry Board Meeting - SH Fireplace Room

January 18, Thursday

Thursday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

- 8 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- 8:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Tutoring at Tolton Academy

January 19, Friday

Friday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. Mass — St. Philip
- 8:30 - 9 a.m. Adoration & Rosary — St. Philip

January 20, Saturday

*Optional Memorial of St. Fabian
Optional Memorial of St. Sebastian*

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Inspirational Study Group - Sacred Heart Fireplace Rm
- 8:30 - 11 a.m. Children's Ministry Catechist Retreat - Parish Center
- 9 - 9:30 a.m. Confessions - Sacred Heart
- 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. A Just Harvest Food Drop Off - Parish Center Kitchen

January 21, Sunday

*The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday of the Word of God*

- 10 a.m. Mass with Children's Ministry
- 11 a.m. Youth Alpha Makeup - SH Fireplace Room
- 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. A Just Harvest Food Service in Rogers Park
- 5:15 - 7 p.m. Family Faith - Parish Center

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JAN 14

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Claire Mary Madden Petznig†
10:00 a.m. (SH) - Craig Haring †
4:30 p.m. (SH) - Stuart Levin †

MONDAY, JAN 15

8:00 a.m. (SH) - Bob Berner †

TUESDAY, JAN 16 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Marge Livingston †

WEDNESDAY, JAN 17 (SH)

8:30 a.m. - David DiPaolo †

THURSDAY, JAN 18 (SH)

8:00 a.m. — Paul Greco †

FRIDAY, JAN 19 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. — Teresa McNamara †

SATURDAY, JAN 20 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - Pat Craddock †

SUNDAY, JAN 21

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Debbie Puhala †
10:00 a.m. (SH) - Joseph Mantoan †
4:30 p.m. (SH) - Parishioners of Divine Mercy †

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