



## DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

January 17, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jesus says,*

**“Come and See”**



## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

### HOW DID THEY DO IT?

When I think back on my mom and dad and their participation in the Greatest Generation, I wonder how they managed to get through World War II and the privations it sprung upon them. Dad fought with the 83<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division in Europe. He was away from home for the duration. Most days, from the time he hit the Normandy beach (D plus 7, I think) till he found himself with frostbite in the Hurtgen Forest, were horrible days marked by combat or by the imminent threat of combat.

How did he do it? How did they do it, get through it, day after day?

Aside from those we love who are afflicted with COVID, some of whom are fighting for their lives, our own experience with this pandemic is nowhere near as frightful and difficult as what the Greatest Generation endured in those war years. And yet, these are not easy days, not by a long stretch.

I'm getting stir crazy from seeing the same four walls way too much. I don't feel like exercising (which doesn't help the situation).

And with the constant, never ending Zoom meetings, I definitely feel as if I am caught up in some demented version of the old Hollywood Squares TV game show that is much less entertaining than that old show was. Not that I'm really complaining about Zoom...

What would we do without it or without other similar programs? Thank goodness for these platforms that enable us to conduct business and meet face to face, even if that meeting is virtual and not in person.

Maybe what I'm really saying is that everything feels a bit flat and monotonous these days. It's getting to me.

### GRATEFUL

But then, in the midst of my self-pitying monotony and my staring at four walls lethargy, I remind myself that the people of this parish are amazing. Truly, you are a gift to me!

People have sent the nicest cards, notes and emails in these pandemic days. Folks certainly stepped up and continue to help with the disinfecting and other safety measures at Mass. That's a lot of people giving of themselves to enable us to be open for in-person worship. The Parish Council continues to move resolutely through the strategic planning process, step by step, meeting after meeting. The same goes for the Senior Leadership Team, Finance Council, our school board and children's ministry board.

Our Christmas collection this year was outstanding. (We'll get that report to you in a few weeks, as we are still receiving envelopes; if you need to, send yours in!). We are continuing to assist our sharing parishes and our overseas ministries.

So I suppose I am also telling myself: stop complaining!

We all have the support of each other. It's a sound, solid support



made up of an entire network of caring parishioners. For that, I am deeply grateful. And excited!

With the goodness of the people of this parish already in evidence during this pandemic, I know that our future is going to be fantastic. Once the constraints are lifted, we will continue to be the kind, good-hearted and caring people that we are now, but without the safety measures that prevent us from physically being in one another's presence to the fullest.

I can't wait. With the miracle of the vaccine, that time will come soon. Imagine how we will look back on this current time and say to ourselves, "see how the seeds of greatness were planted by God's grace among us in this new parish of Divine Mercy!"

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "F. Stas".

### INTERESTED IN HELPING US WITH TECH?

We're looking for help with our livestream Masses. If you'd like to assist us by operating the cameras and audio, we'd happily train you! Contact Michelle Wasielewski at 847-881-6664 or [mwasielewski@divinemercynorthshore.org](mailto:mwasielewski@divinemercynorthshore.org).

### LOOKING FOR FELLOWSHIP?

Bring your favorite beverage and join us online on Sunday mornings. All are welcome as we share how we are doing and some spiritual reflection on something you may have heard at Mass (or elsewhere!).

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



# Alpha Online

## Join Us and Invite a Friend!

### HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED ALPHA YET?

If not, now's your chance! Join us from the comfort of your own home and invite a friend!

**WHEN:** Monday nights, beginning February 1st from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Come to the first session and "see" what you think. No obligation!

**WHERE:** Grab your favorite beverage and snack and join us from home!

**TO REGISTER:** Ready to join us? Visit our website to register: [www.divinemer McNorthshore.org/alpha](http://www.divinemer McNorthshore.org/alpha)



### WANT TO LEARN MORE BEFORE YOU ATTEND?

To help you get a better sense of what Alpha is, we have more information below. [Visit our website for more resources and video testimonials](#). If still have questions, feel free to email [Sue Lehocky](mailto:slehocky@divinemer McNorthshore.org) at [slehocky@divinemer McNorthshore.org](mailto:slehocky@divinemer McNorthshore.org) or call 847-881-6664.

### WHAT IS ALPHA?

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the big questions of life. What is my purpose? Why is there suffering?

### WHO'S IT FOR?

Absolutely anybody! it is for anyone at any point in life – no matter what you believe or don't believe. Those who attend Alpha come from all backgrounds, religions, ages, and viewpoints. Whether you consider yourself a skeptic, curious about faith, a growing Christ-follower, or a life-long Christian, Alpha is a place to interact with others and learn from different perspectives. Alpha is where you can grow in your understanding and knowledge of who God is and what the Bible communicates about His purpose for all of us.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Each session includes a short video followed by a chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and discuss in a small group. 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. It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment. So grab your preferred refreshment and join us online via Zoom!

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



## 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](mailto:megan@divinemercynorthshore.org)

### RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

That the Christian community, made one by our common baptism, may always welcome the unborn, the stranger, and all who are vulnerable, we pray to the Lord.

And a quote to ponder:

"The real question today is not when human life begins, but what is the value of human life?"  
(Ronald Reagan)

### MASS FOR LIFE & MOVE THE MOVEMENT CAR RALLY

At 1:00 p.m. this afternoon, the pro-life movement will come to Mundelein (Seminary) with a drive-in, socially-distanced rally, which will feature inspiring speakers, including Cardinal Cupich, and an invigorating sense of community as we witness the sanctity of life. For more information and to

register, please visit the March for Life Chicago website or click [here](#).

On Friday, January 22, the Archdiocesan Mass for Life will be livestreamed on the Archdiocese of Chicago YouTube channel from Holy Name Cathedral at 12 p.m. This Mass, which will be presided over by Bishop Kevin Birmingham, will be on the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade and the eve of the final event on the March for Life Chicago tour. For more information, visit the Archdiocesan Respect Life Website or click [here](#).

### ONE STEP FURTHER...

Sign up for [9 Days for Life \(click here\)](#) to pray a novena from January 21-29 for the protection of human life.

Pray for Moms, too, as part of the U.S. Bishop's **Pray for Life**, which features a monthly prayer intention, short reflection, suggested actions, and more. It focuses on the needs of pregnant and parenting moms of young children in our parishes and our neighborhoods. Just click [here](#).

### CONFESSIONS AT ST. PHILIP RESUME FEBRUARY 10th

After recuperating from COVID, Fr. Javier will return to St. Philip the Apostle to hear confessions on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00-4:30 p.m. beginning February 10th. Please note there are 2 subsequent Wednesdays Fr. Javier will be unable to join us: March 3rd and April 14th. Thank you!

### 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.



## FINANCE

For online donations, our Parish uses



Sign up for online giving at [givecentral.org](https://givecentral.org)



Scan the Code to Donate!

### PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS DONATION

Whether you joined 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! 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](mailto: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

### FR. PAUL SRI LANKA OUTREACH MINISTRY

Fr. Paul served us while studying at Loyola University, then returned to his native Sri Lanka and has been supporting widows and orphans, victims of a decades long civil war, and a tsunami that destroyed the fishing industry along with the homes of many. (You can learn more about this ministry on our website by clicking [here](#), and scrolling down to the Fr. Paul section.)

### FR. PAUL NEEDS OUR HELP

Fr. Paul tells us that he can support each child in the orphanage for about \$1.50 /per day. He really knows how to stretch a buck. Your donation of \$500 would support a child for almost a year, \$250 for almost 6 months. You can donate to this humanitarian work through Divine Mercy Parish, indicating that the contribution is for the Father Paul Foundation, one of the outreaches our parish supports. You can also click [here](#) and make a direct donation via our Divine Mercy Give Central portal.

On behalf of the Father Paul Foundation, Fr. Paul himself, the widows, orphans and victims of their civil war and tsunami, thank you for whatever you are able to do!



## THE GREAT GIFT CARD CHALLENGE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS! THANK YOU!

In the midst of a pandemic, you responded to the needs of the parishioners of our sharing parishes and the challenges they face on a daily basis. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity.

Many thanks to all who participated in this year's Christmas Sharing Gift Card Challenge. Over 225 gift cards were contributed to our sharing parishes, St. Benedict the African and St. Columbanus, which exceeded our goal!

We also received several large donations to be shared with each parish, and we are ever so grateful to those parishioners who gave from their hearts to fulfill the Christmas dreams of so many.

The Great Gift Card Challenge is a wonderful way to see the Corporal Works of Mercy in action!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

AND...If you still need to drop off cards at the parish office, please do so right away! Thanks!

### DO YOU GET OUR DAILY (SHORT) EMAILS?

Given the current reality in which we live, the only way we can regularly communicate with our parishioners is through email, our website and social media. You won't want to miss these, as they could include important information related to our parish and the Coronavirus..

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@divinemercynorthshore.org](mailto:jpyke@divinemercynorthshore.org) or call our temporary office number: **847-881-6664**. THANK YOU!

### POPE FRANCIS ON INSTAGRAM



The coronavirus is not the only disease to be fought, but rather, the pandemic has shed light on broader social ills. One of these is a distorted view of the person, a perspective that ignores the dignity and relational character of the person.

## NEED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR MASS?

Visit our website ([click here](#))

or call our temporary office number at 847-881-6664.

## RIVER OF FIRE

On Becoming an Activist



**SISTER HELEN PREJEAN**

Author of *Dead Man Walking*



Book Discussion:  
Wednesdays 10 am  
January 6, 13, and 20

Sr. Helen's Talk:  
Sun., January 24 3 pm

By Zoom video  
conference

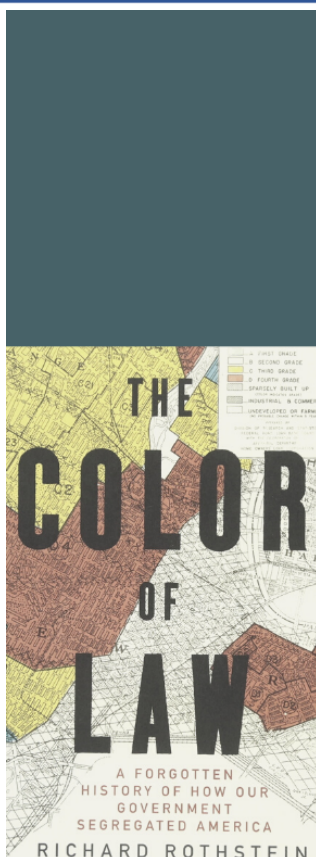
### Book Discussion and Talk

Join us in discussing Sr. Helen Prejean's Book, *River of Fire: On Becoming an Activist* on Wednesdays, January 6, 13 and 20 at 10 am. Sr. Helen will provide journaling questions for us to use during our reading. On Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, at 3 p.m., Sr. Helen will join us for an online discussion of the book.

To register,  
contact  
Pam Coster at  
pcoster@  
gmail.com

Ss. Faith Hope & Charity and Ss. Joseph and Francis Xavier Parishes are honored to once again welcome Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ. Sr. Helen is the author of several books, the first of which, *Dead Man Walking: The Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty that Sparked a National Debate*, was made into a movie, a play and an opera.

[www.faithhope.org](http://www.faithhope.org) [www.ssjfx.org](http://www.ssjfx.org)



## THE GLENCOE CLERGY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

A Community Conversation with

## RICHARD ROTHSTEIN ON THE COLOR OF LAW:

A FORGOTTEN HISTORY OF HOW OUR  
GOVERNMENT SEGREGATED AMERICA

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021 AT 7:30PM

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED IN  
ORDER TO RECEIVE THE WEBINAR LINK.

Register at [www.nsci.org/ColorofLaw](http://www.nsci.org/ColorofLaw)

First 100 people to register for the program will receive  
a free copy of *The Color of Law*.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)



### *Welcome Back Family Mass*

Father Dan Cassidy, Presider

10:00 a.m., Sunday, January 24, 2021

St. Philip the Apostle Church

Parking Lot with Livestream — bring a phone or tablet!

1962 Old Willow Road

Northfield, IL 60093

There will be sign ups for the church *and* the parking lot.

Families will pick up Unit Three Pflaum Gospel Weekly curriculum materials for all students (PK-7).

Weather permitting, treats may be served!

Don't miss this special Mass designed for our families.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

### *Children's Ministry Spring Sacramental Dates*

#### **RECONCILIATION FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

5 p.m., Sacred Heart Church

7 p.m., St. Philip the Apostle Church

#### **FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS**

Monday, March 22, 2021

4:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Church

6:30 p.m., St. Philip the Apostle Church

#### **CONFIRMATION**

Saturday, April 17, 10:30 a.m., Sacred Heart Church

Tuesday, April 20, 6:00 p.m., St. Philip the Apostle Church

#### **FIRST COMMUNION**

Friday, May 7, 6:00 p.m., St. Philip the Apostle Church

Saturday, May 8, 10:00 a.m., Sacred Heart Church

Sign up geniuses will be sent out well in advance of each sacrament. Reservations are required for those in attendance. We are limited to 80 people at Sacred Heart, and 100 people at St. Philip for each date. Families were able to bring up to a total of six people last year, which worked well. We will try to accommodate everyone's needs. In addition, First Communicants may celebrate the Sacrament at any regularly scheduled Mass; just contact our office to schedule your date. Questions? Contact Kathy Handelman at [khandelman@divinemercynorthshore.org](mailto:khandelman@divinemercynorthshore.org) or by cell: 847-204-0745.

We look forward to celebrating with you!



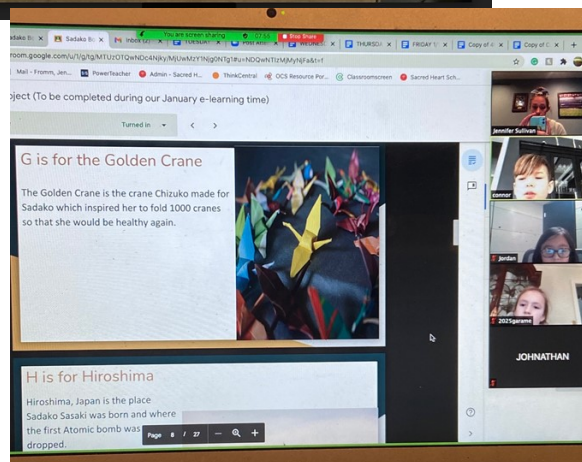
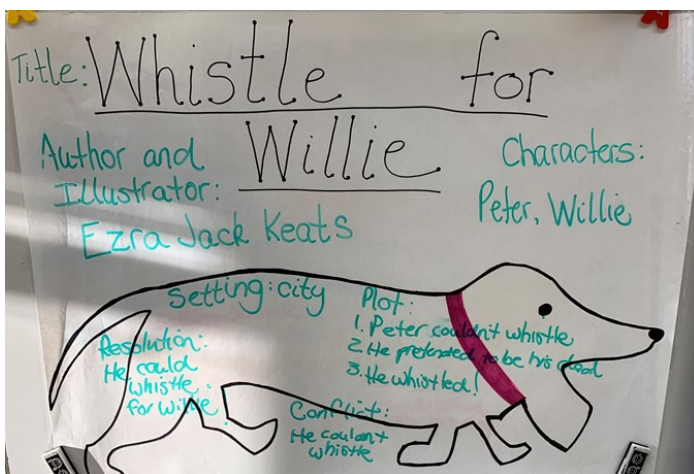


## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



We completed our first week of remote teaching and it went so well! However, we are anxious and ready to come back to in-person teaching and learning!

So until then...more of this!



During their class Morning Meeting, the 6th graders shared the accessories they chose for Funky Friday.

The 4th Graders presented their book project creations for our novel, *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*. The students had a choice of either creating a diorama or an ABC e-book. They did a wonderful job being creative and showing their understanding of the book, events, and characters.



## PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

### PRESIDER SCHEDULE

**January 23, 2021**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Dan Cassidy

**January 24, 2021**

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE  
CHURCH

8:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Dan Cassidy

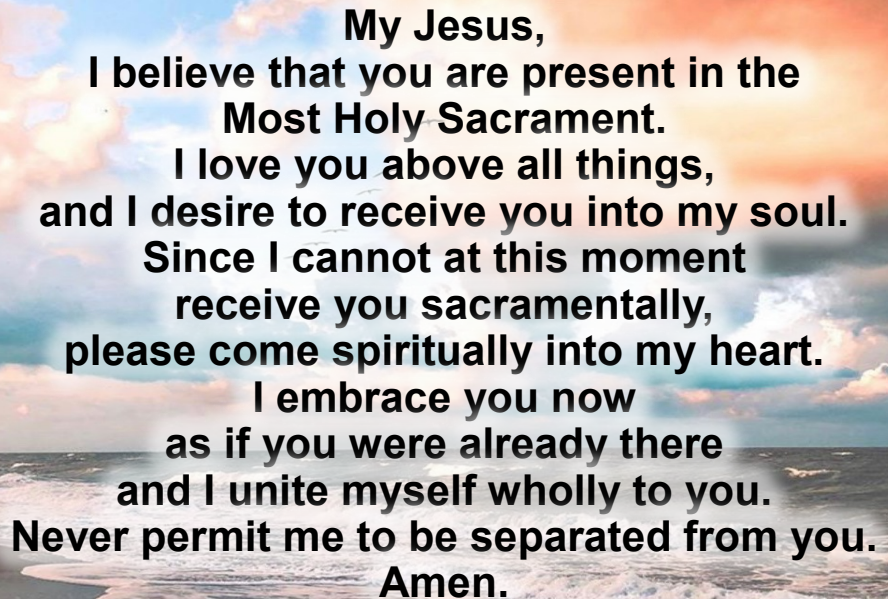
**January 24, 2021**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Dean Semmer

### 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.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### LECTOR SCHEDULE

**January 23, 2021** Sacred Heart Church 5:00 p.m.

Sam Fifer

**January 24, 2021** St. Philip the Apostle Church 8:00 a.m.

Michael Koberda

**January 24, 2021** Sacred Heart Church 10:00 a.m.

Dan Kubasiak

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](mailto:rvanasdlen@divinemercynorthshore.org)

If you are able to assist our Greeter ministry, please contact Michelle Wasielewski via email [mwasielewski@divinemercynorthshore.org](mailto: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, Michael Anderson,  
Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Dennis Braun,  
Wendy Braun, Valrie Doppke, John Dory, Lisa Franke,  
Paul Greco, Benjamin Grillo, Jack Hogan, Mario Iturino,  
Gina Quirk Lazicki, Ruth Martin, Beth O'Brien, Quinn Stepan,  
Challen Sullivan and Lisa Zitella

#### For Those Who Have Died

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

**John Erickson**

## 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, January 18 (SH)**

7:00 a.m. -

**TUESDAY, January 19 (SPA)**

8:00 a.m. - For the unborn

**WEDNESDAY, January 20**

8:30 a.m. -

**THURSDAY, January 21 (SH)**

7:00 a.m. -

**FRIDAY, January 22 (SPA)**

8:00 a.m. - Patricia Hurlbert

**SATURDAY, January 23 (SH)**

5:00 p.m. - Sam Constablo

**SUNDAY, January 24**

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Cecilia Rodriguez

10:00 a.m. (SH) - Clive Reinwald and Parishioners of Divine Mercy

## 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: 1sp

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:  
divinemercurybulletins@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**

## PARISH STAFF

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