

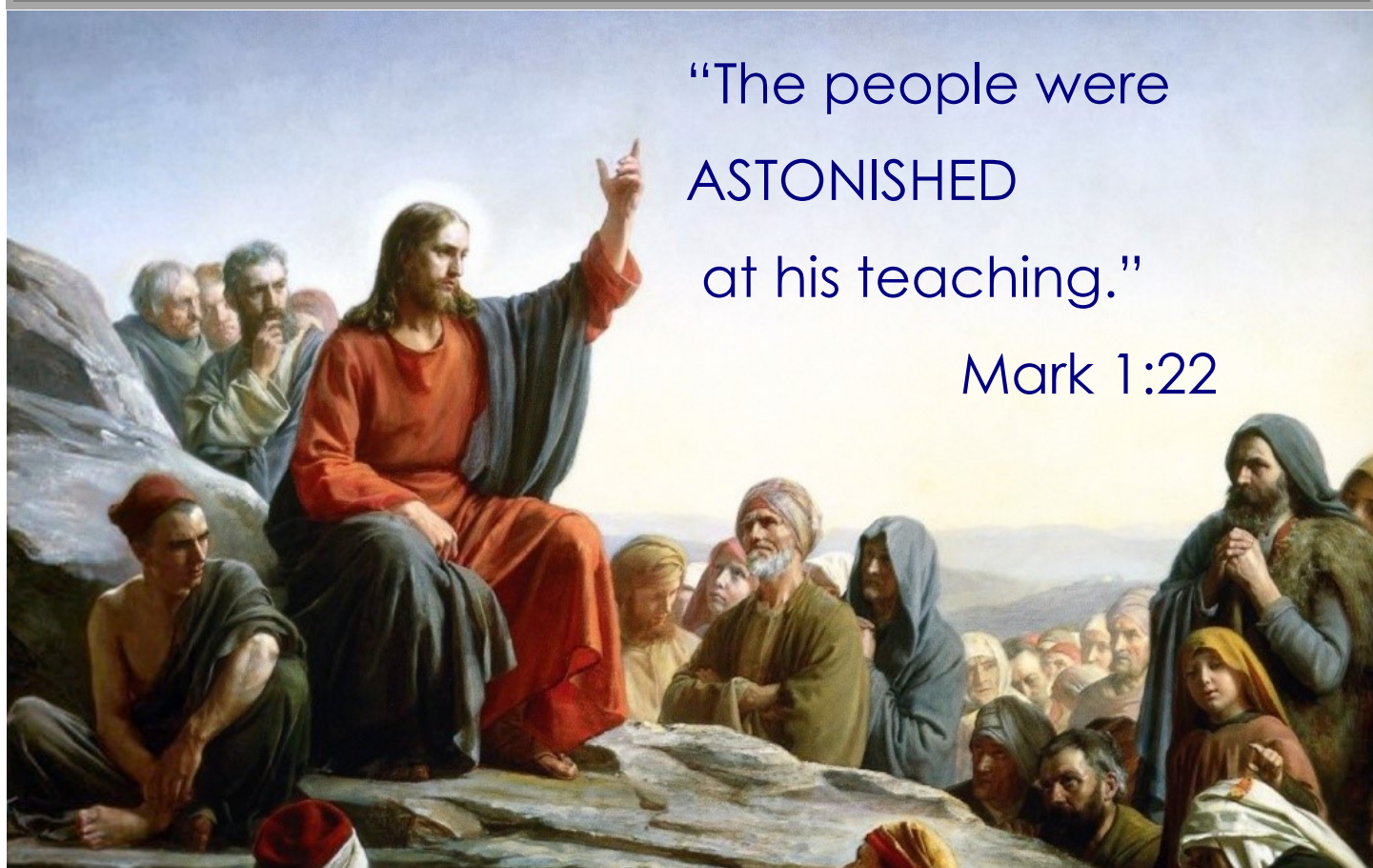


DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

January 31, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The people were
ASTONISHED
at his teaching."

Mark 1:22

EVERYONE MUST MAKE A RESERVATION FOR MASS.

IT TRULY HELPS OUR GREETERS AND OUR RECORD KEEPING TO KEEP YOU SAFE!

Visit our website ([click here](#)) or call our temporary office number at 847-881-6664.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Round about this time every year we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We do that in a variety of ways. Most of those ways of celebrating have been suspended this year in the face of this pandemic. Usually we feature our grade school kids at a weekend Mass to really highlight the great work of our parish school. Not this year.

I wish we could. Staff, teachers and students are doing a magnificent job continuing with their schooling in spite of the challenges of the pandemic.

We've always known that Sacred Heart School has a great spirit and that Jesus Christ is the center of all we do educationally. That has been more than proven in these last 10 months or so.

We have a fantastically adroit principal, Ms. Fink. She certainly gives the school every bit of her energy and enthusiasm.

The English word "enthusiasm" derives from the Greek *en theos* which means: in God. We believe the best kind of enthusiastic people are pumped up by God and filled with the Holy Spirit. The bring their "A game" to life in order to help people, lift people up and propel us forward into fruitfulness and effectiveness, in short, into the kingdom which God himself is bringing about.

Thank you, Ms. Fink and our fantastic teachers and staff, in being so enthusiastic and caring. You are doing God's work! You are ministering to the needs of students and their families and bringing them closer to Jesus Christ who is the way, the truth and our life.

KINDERGARTEN

The writer Robert Fulghum says that the credo he tries live is one that got formulated in kindergarten. He maintains that wisdom is not

necessarily taught in graduate school but it most certainly is taught in kindergarten.

I won't repeat here his entire list. You can find that for yourself in his wonderful book *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*.

Here are a few choice pieces of wisdom from his list:

- Share everything.
- Play fair.
- Don't hit people.
- Put things back where you found them.
- Clean up your own mess.
- Don't take things that aren't yours.
- Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.

There are eight more items on his list. He ends with one more:

- And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned—the biggest word of all—LOOK.

Isn't that what school is all about, especially a primary school? To begin learning important life lessons that



help form us for all that will follow. Without the life lessons the academic lessons won't do us much good.

The dynamic that drive all the learning in any school is that last item from his list: look! That's what most of us do in school, we look. We explore, discover, ruminate, percolate, we look around and take it all in.

For a Catholic school, the "looking" involves us doing so through the lens of faith, a relationship we cultivate between us and the Lord Jesus. He helps us "look." He helps us understand what is important in life, and in death, and beyond.

Let's keep looking. Happy Catholic Schools week!

PLEASE MAKE YOUR GIFT TO THE 2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: COME, FOLLOW ME ... & BRING HOPE TO THE WORLD.

Many families in our parish have already received the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to "Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world." This is especially important during these trying and challenging times. Many in our parishes are affected financially by the pandemic, and we encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative.

When we support the work of our parish, our archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other. Thank you.



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.divinemercynorthshore.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:SueLehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org) at [slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org](mailto:SueLehocky@divinemercynorthshore.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!

HEAR FROM SOMEONE WHO RECENTLY PARTICIPATED IN AN ONLINE ALPHA!

My name is Sandy Norbot, and I am here today to share my Alpha experience.

I was part of Alpha Online last Spring. Prior to that, I had declined invitations to Alpha. I thought I didn't have time, or couldn't get away from household chores, errands, the kids. How could I sacrifice an hour plus each week, just for myself?

Well, we all know what happened in the Spring of 2020. I had no more excuses!

In case you haven't heard of Alpha, it is a place to explore the Christian faith with others – and all are welcome –those who have been far away from faith, those who have questions, as well as those of us who want to deepen our faith.

You may have realized some silver linings in the past 10 months.

Alpha, was one of mine. I got to know people I wouldn't have had the opportunity to meet otherwise. Each week we shared thoughts, feelings, stories, and prayer. I learned something from each of them, and I admired something about all of them. I carry the experience with me as I continue to develop my own relationship with God.

Alpha is now running online very successfully. Over 2,000 Alphas have run online around the world. People, especially those with busy schedules or who live in other parts of the country, have enjoyed coming together from the comfort of their own homes.

And this year more than ever, people are looking for hope, peace, love and joy. Alpha is an opportunity to invite your friends, family, neighbors and coworkers to hear the gospel, share faith, ask questions, and explore a relationship with Jesus. And you're invited to join them!

Maybe you are feeling like you need some "self-care" for your spirit. Join us on Monday, February 1st to "come and see" what it's all about. You can check it out and see if it's right for you. Invite a friend and come together!

Thank you for your time this morning.



Grow in Faith This Lent

Virtual Café for Lent - Five Week Special Series

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.

Registration for small groups coming soon!

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.

Registration information coming soon.

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, sporting event tickets, 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 to date:

[Chamberlain Advisors](#),
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[Salvi Schostok & Pritchard](#),
[Ryan Building Group](#),
The Popovici Family,
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[Coinflip](#).

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@divinemicnorthshore.org and she'll put you on the Zoom call!

OUTREACH

BE A HUNGER HERO AND HELP FIGHT HUNGER LOCALLY - TODAY!



Our local food pantries need our help. Currently, both the New Trier Township and Northfield Township Food Pantries are seeing record demand. Many families are relying on the pantries to feed their families. As a result, each month we will be collecting much needed pantry items.

Beginning TODAY, Sunday, January 31, we will have collections the last Sunday of each month. St. Philip will collect for the Northfield Township Food Pantry, and Sacred Heart will collect for the New Trier Township Food Pantry.

Here's what is needed this month:
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 TODAY:
ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE:

8:00 - 10:00 am
Collection Boxes will be located in front of the St. Philip Rectory under the awning.

Needed items this month:

Canned fruit
Rice/Rice mixes
Cereal

SACRED HEART:

10:00 am - Noon
Collection Boxes will be located in front of the Parish Center under the awning
(corner of Burr and Gage Streets)

Needed Items this month:

Canned tuna
Canned soup/soup mixes
Pancake mix

MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE!
Together we can be Hunger Heroes!
Questions? Want to volunteer?
Contact Maureen Valvassori:
mvalvassori@divinemicnorthshore.org

PRAYER & WORSHIP

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: BLESSING OF CANDLES ON FEBRUARY 2

Join us Tuesday, February 2nd at the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Philip, and bring any candles from home that you would like to have blessed in honor of the feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

If you like to use blessed candles for household prayer throughout the year, here is your chance to have them blessed along with the parish's candles to be used throughout the coming year. Many families use these candles for family prayer, family dinners at Christmas, Easter, Baptisms, Confirmations and anniversaries of these sacraments, including Marriage, and even upon the death and anniversaries of the death of loved ones and friends.

On the day following the feast of the Presentation, our calendar permits the option of commemorating St. Blase, a bishop and martyr of the early church. Legend has it that he once freed a child from choking, and while imprisoned under persecution he received light from friends who visited his cell with candles. Our church still uses candles from the Presentation of the Lord in the blessing of the faithful's throats on St. Blase's Day.

Blessed candles in our churches and homes signify the living presence of Christ in our community. With Christ as our light, we warm a lost and wintry world.

Article by Ron Vanasdlen with material from Fr. Paul Turner



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 each of us may be the Lord's prophets by speaking up for vulnerable people -- both born and unborn -- who cannot speak for themselves, we pray to the Lord.



INTERESTED IN HELPING US 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.



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!

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER

@Pontifex

Let us not ignore God's word! It is a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best. In reading it, we again hear his voice, see his face and receive his Spirit. #SundayOfTheWord



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



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.

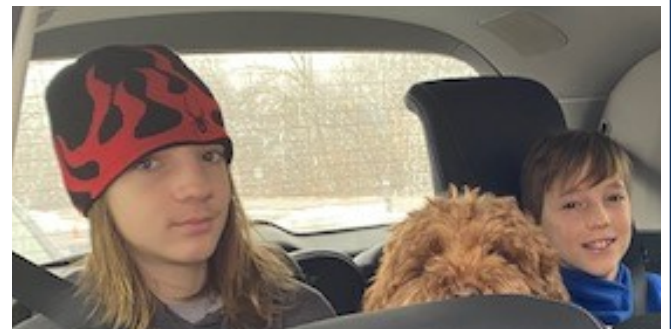
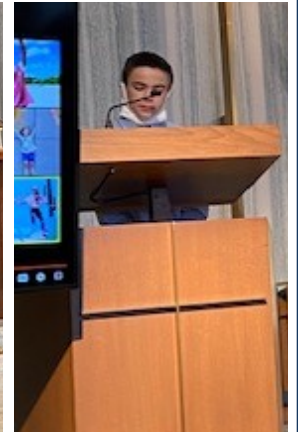
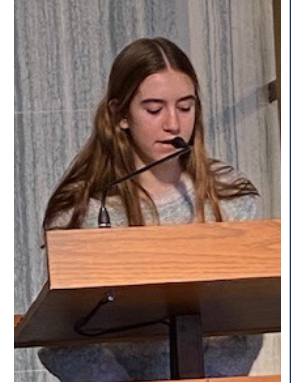
If you are not an online donor and wish to sign up, please contact Cindy Atsaves in the parish office at cindyatsaves@divinemercynorthshore.org. If you wish to make a donation via a stock transfer, please contact Cindy as well.

Thank you for your generosity to Divine Mercy Parish!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)

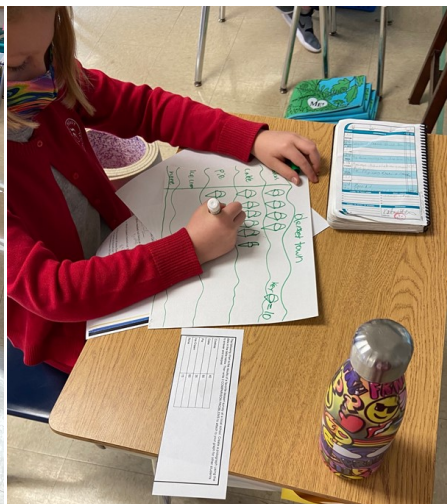
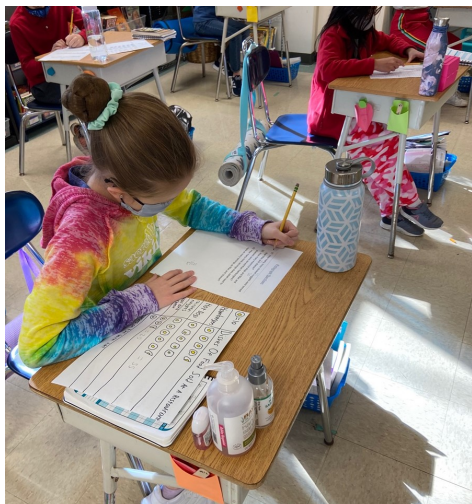


Family Mass Fun
— a big thank you to all the volunteers
who helped make it a great liturgy and
celebration of our faith!





LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



Last week in math the 4th graders practiced interpreting data. After selecting a data set, they had to create a pictograph to represent the data. They also had to create and type up three comparison questions to accompany their created graph. The following day, students digitally shared their questions and graphs with one another to view their creations and answer the comparison questions.



As part of their biology unit, 7th grade continues to explore the world of microorganisms. The current lesson is on the fascinating life of bacteria-- the good ones and the bad ones. They collected samples of bacteria around their classroom by swabbing surfaces and cultivating them on sterile agar plates. They designed experiments to test the effectiveness of hand sanitizers and mouthwash. They even tested the "five second rule" -- will food that sat on the floor for five seconds have the same amount of bacteria as the food that didn't touch the floor. We are looking forward to analyzing the data as it grows.



We are so happy to welcome our new preschool teacher, Miss K to the Sacred Heart Family!
The whole class is so excited to meet her and to play in the snow!



In STEAM Class, 2nd Grade watched "Iggy Peck Architect" and built their own architectural masterpieces from K'Nex and Legos.



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

February 6, 2021

SACRED HEART CHURCH

5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Dean Semmer

February 7, 2021

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE
CHURCH

8:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

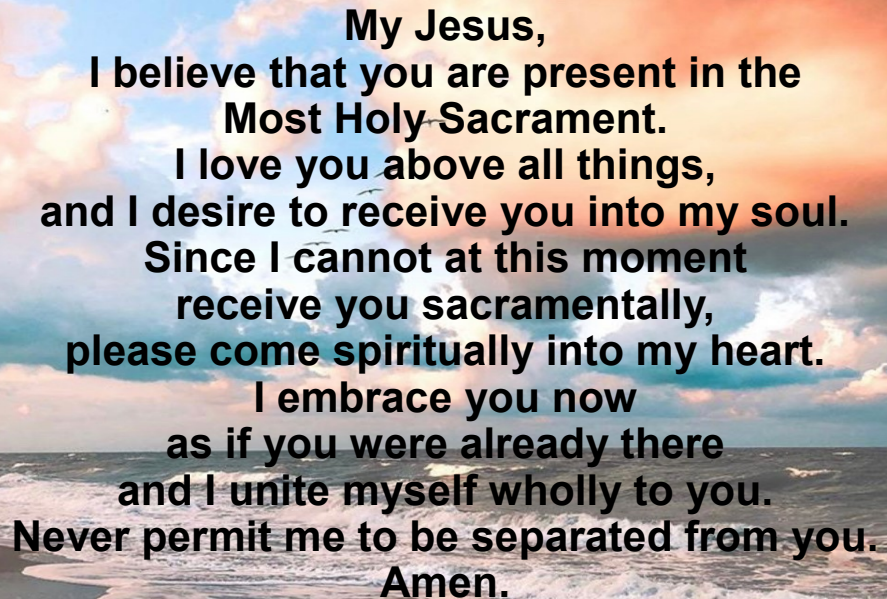
February 7, 2021

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTOR SCHEDULE

February 6, 2021 Sacred Heart Church **5:00 p.m.**

Ludy Mariano

February 7, 2021 St. Philip the Apostle Church **8:00 a.m.**

Michael Koberda

February 7, 2021 Sacred Heart Church **10:00 a.m.**

Kathy Janega

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, 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,
and Lisa Zitella

For Those Who Have Died

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

Challen Sullivan and Marian Morgan

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 1 (SH)

7:00 a.m. -

TUESDAY, February 2 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - For the unborn

WEDNESDAY, February 3

8:30 a.m. -

THURSDAY, February 4 (SH)

7:00 a.m. -

FRIDAY, February 5 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. -

SATURDAY, February 6 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - Frank and Angela
D'Astici

SUNDAY, February 7

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Guiseppe Maria
Vincenza Marini

10:00 a.m. (SH) - Denis A. Dunne
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.

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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:
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

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