



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

JULY 12, 2020 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Parable of the Sower

Streaming
Mass
online
Saturdays
at
5:00 p.m.

See our website homepage for Mass Reservations or call
the parish office at 847-881-6664.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

A BUNCH OF SACRAMENTAL EVENTS

Here we are in mid-July. We continue to socially distance and wear masks, even as we gather in church for liturgy.

We will most likely continue with the two weekend Masses (one on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church and another one on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. at St. Philip the Apostle Church) throughout this month. At the end of the month, the Senior Leadership Team and the staff will evaluate the situation to determine if we will open for additional weekend Masses.

At the same time, as this month progresses, the parish is offering to celebrate a whole bunch of Confirmation and First Communion liturgies. In talking with the staff, I understand most families have signed up online for those events.

We're doing three Confirmation liturgies in July and another toward the end of August to accommodate all the candidates, their parents and sponsors. Currently we can only seat 80 folks in Sacred Heart Church and 100 people in St. Philip the Apostle Church, hence the need for four Confirmation liturgies. We're doing four First Communion liturgies, three of them in July and one in early August.

Pastors in the Archdiocese have been delegated to preside at the Confirmation liturgies. Normally, a bishop presides at the Confirmation of someone who was baptized in infancy as a Catholic.

Many of you know that priests have been confirming for years as long as the candidate is an adult who went through the initiation process and was baptized by the priest. In those instances, the priest presides at the full initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. In addition, adults who are baptized in

another ecclesial community and who are received into the Church by a Profession of Faith are also confirmed by us priests. Canon Law gives us the ability to do so. In other words, in the examples I've given, Confirmation does not require a Bishop.

All this is to say, these upcoming Confirmations are not my first rodeo (so to speak). I look forward to these sacramental celebrations and furthering the initiation into the mystery of Jesus Christ for these young men and women, whether that's Confirmation or First Eucharist. Thanks to all of the teachers, catechists, staff, parents and other faith figures who have helped these young men and women on the path to a lively relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Strategic Planning

Even as we continue to deal with this pandemic, the parish is looking to the future. Beginning this August, via Zoom, the Parish Council will enter into a process to formulate a long range plan for the parish.

We'll be looking at our mission and ministries. We'll also be looking at



how we utilize our buildings at both campuses in pursuit of that mission and the various ministry efforts.

The Finance Council and the Evangelization Committee will feed into this discussion and we may very well determine that a few joint sessions are necessary for ease of communication. That ought to be interesting as we continue to meet via Zoom. I suspect that this strategic planning will require a number of meetings.

Whatever it is that we come up with, we will certainly share the strategic plan with you. I am personally targeting January as the month when we will have a plan in hand. However, given the current situation, that is, the pandemic and whether or not we are successful in flattening the curve and opening up fully, may impact that target of January. As is usual for these times, we all need to be patient and see how things go.



May your month of July be relaxing!

THANK YOU FROM FR. MIKE SOLAZZO

Dear Friends,
I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the many warm wishes, greetings, gifts and cards received on the occasion of my retirement from the active ministry. I am so deeply touched by your kindness and generosity.

I have decided to donate a portion of the money received to the Uncle Pete Ministries. This is a ministry administered by the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago. It involves itself with assisting families in need, particularly women and children, living in impoverished areas of the city of Chicago. It was created by Mr. Pete Zonzius, a parishioner of St. John Brebeuf Parish in Niles, my first parish, and continues now in his name. I am choosing to do this because of the extreme generosity you have shown to me.

Though retired, I will continue to pray for the mission and ministries of Divine Mercy Parish. May God continue the good work begun in you, and may God's mercy and love be with you all.

Wishing you peace and all good things,
Fr. Mike



SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA

On Tuesday, July 14, we celebrate the feast day of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. Here is her story, as shared by Franciscan Media <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-kateri-tekakwitha/>.

The blood of martyrs is the seed of saints. Nine years after the Jesuits Isaac Jogues and Jean de Lelande were tomahawked by Iroquois warriors, a baby girl was born near the place of their martyrdom, Auriesville, New York.

Her mother was a Christian Algonquin, taken captive by the Iroquois and given as wife to the chief of the Mohawk clan, the boldest and fiercest of the Five Nations. When she was four, Tekakwitha lost her parents and little brother in a smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind. She was adopted by an uncle, who succeeded her father as chief. He hated the coming of the Blackrobes—Jesuit missionaries—but could do nothing to them because a peace treaty with the French required their presence in villages with Christian captives. She was moved by the words of three Blackrobes who lodged with her uncle, but fear of him kept her from seeking instruction. Tekakwitha refused to marry a Mohawk brave, and at 19 finally got the courage to take the step of converting. She was baptized with the name Kateri—Catherine—on Easter Sunday.

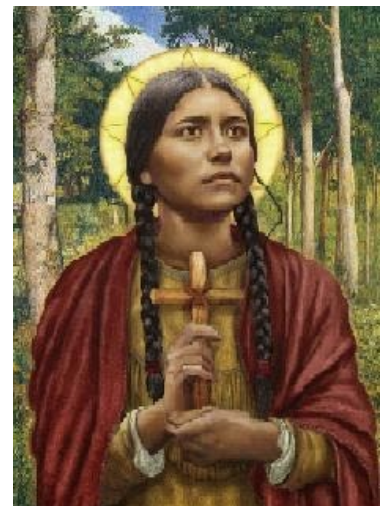
Now she would be treated as a slave. Because she would not work on Sunday, Kateri received no food that day. Her life in grace grew rapidly. She told a missionary that she often meditated on the great dignity of being baptized. She was powerfully moved by God's love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people.

She was always in danger, for her conversion and holy life created great opposition. On the advice of a priest, Kateri stole away one night and began a 200-mile walking journey to a Christian Indian village at Sault St. Louis, near Montreal.

For three years she grew in holiness under the direction of a priest and an older Iroquois woman, giving herself totally to God in long hours of prayer, in charity, and in strenuous penance. At 23, Kateri took a vow of virginity, an unprecedented act for an Indian woman whose future depended on being married. She found a place in the woods where she could pray an hour a day—and was accused of meeting a man there!

Her dedication to virginity was instinctive: Kateri did not know about religious life for women until she visited Montreal. Inspired by this, she and two friends wanted to start a community, but the local priest dissuaded her. She humbly accepted an "ordinary" life. She practiced extremely severe fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation. Kateri Tekakwitha died the afternoon before Holy Thursday. Witnesses said that her emaciated face changed color and became like that of a healthy child. The lines of suffering, even the pockmarks, disappeared and the touch of a smile came upon her lips.

She was beatified in 1980 and canonized in 2012.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MEN'S RETREAT: SAVE THE

DATE: OCT 9-11, 2020

Come Away to the Silence

Mark your calendars. Plan to spend a weekend with the Lord. If ever there was a time for this it is now. Everyone is hurting – Covid 19, the economy, job losses, a nation at war within itself. Divine Mercy Parish is offering a silent Men's Retreat.

Father Matt Linn, S.J. will lead us in finding "Healing Through the Beatitudes: Transforming Hurts Into Blessings". We will explore what Jesus meant in preaching the Beatitudes, how He lived them, and how Jesus empowers us to find happiness and blessings in our struggles.

Join us Friday, Oct. 9th, arriving between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m., and staying through Sunday, Oct. 11 at noon at Bellarmine Hall, 420 County Line Road, Barrington. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Therese Larson at 847 381-1261, or registering online at JesuitRetreat.org. Each retreatant has a private room, and the meals are wonderful. There is plenty of time for private prayer, meditation and consultation with spiritual directors, as well as multiple opportunities to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Suggested retreat contribution is \$300. A deposit of \$100 secures your spot. Be assured social distancing will be observed.

**WELCOME OUR NEW FAMILY
TO DIVINE
MERCY PARISH:
Mr. & Mrs. Simon (Agnes) Whitear**

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

That God, the great Sower of the Gift of Life, may see that gift welcomed and celebrated by all His people, and never trampled underfoot, we pray to the Lord.

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER



Faith makes us walk with Jesus on the roads of this world, in the certainty that the power of His Spirit will bend the forces of evil, subjecting them to the power of God's love.

POPE FRANCIS ON INSTAGRAM



Dear Doctors and Nurses, the world saw how much good you did in a very difficult situation. Even when you were exhausted, you continued dedicating yourselves with professionalism and self-sacrifice. This generates hope. My esteem and sincere thanks go to you!

SCHEDULE FOR MASSES

Mass is currently being offered on Saturdays at 5:00pm at Sacred Heart Church (our livestream Mass, which can be seen on our website

www.divinemercynorthshore.org)

or 8:00am at St. Philip the Apostle Church.

CHURCH & OFFICE HOURS

Our offices remained closed, and the churches are only open during designated times for Mass and Confessions. Reservations must be made for Mass, which you can make on our website. Visit www.divinemercynorthshore.org,

ONLINE GRIEF GROUPS NOW AVAILABLE

Are you someone who lost a loved-one recently, and have not been able to mourn them properly given the constraints of social distancing during this pandemic? If so, the Archdiocese has created a series of online grief support groups that may be of interest to you.

Each online grief group consists of a small group of adults (18 years of age or older) who have lost a family member or a friend. In the absence of our usual in-person parish life, these online grief groups are places to share stories and feelings with others who have also experienced loss.

The online grief group facilitators are not counselors and do not give advice, but they will be present to listen and to guide each grief group in prayer and discussion. Just as Jesus comforted Martha and Mary after Lazarus died, a grief group is a place of comfort. If you have experienced loss and are interested in joining a group, sign up [here](#), or visit this page on the Archdiocesan website at <https://www.archchicago.org/coronavirus/online-grief-groups>.

and click on *Make a Reservation for Mass*. You'll also learn all you need to know about attending Mass at this time. (Note: No reservation is required for Confessions.)

The dispensation from attending Mass is still in place per the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Have questions? You can contact all staff members via email, or call our **TEMPORARY OFFICE NUMBER: 847-881-6664**. You can find our email addresses in the back of the bulletin.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

WEEKDAY MASS BEGAN THIS PAST WEEK / MASS RESERVATIONS

You can make a reservation for one of the two weekend Masses at Divine Mercy on our website at <https://www.divinemercynorthshore.org/make-a-reservation-for-mass.html>, or if you do not have access to a computer, call our temporary office number at 847-881-6664.

Currently there is a Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church (the livestream Mass), which accommodates 80 attendees, and a Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip the Apostle Church which accommodates 100 attendees. .

Keep in mind that the dispensation from attending Mass is still in effect per the Archdiocese of Chicago.

We have begun offering weekday Masses

The schedule is as follows:

Monday - 7:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart

Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. at St. Philip

Thursday - 7:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart

Friday - 8:00 a.m. at St. Philip.

Note, there is no Mass on Wednesday or Saturday mornings.

Please note each of these Masses will be limited to 50 attendees, and you must make a reservation to attend these Masses as well. You'll find the sign up on the same website page noted above. If you do not have access to a computer, you can call our temporary office

number at 847-881-6664.

Please Note:

We have discontinued hours for private prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament since we had low attendance and now are open for Mass 6 days of the week. We want to be sure not to overburden our reopening volunteers.

In addition: You do not need to make a reservation for Confession. It is available on Saturday mornings from 9—9:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, and Fr. Javier Del Castillo, OP returns to St. Philip on Wednesday afternoons from 3-4:30 p.m. to hear confessions. Note, we extended the time frame at St. Philip to accommodate all the penitents.

THE NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Did you see the eblast and video from Fr. Steve? If not, check your email from last Monday, or visit our website homepage at:

<https://www.divinemercynorthshore.org/new-mass-schedule.html>.

When we fully return to Mass, we'll have a new schedule of Masses. Fr. Steve's video explains some of the reasons why our Mass schedule will change.

You should also have received a small brochure in your mail at home which sets forth much of the thinking behind the new Mass schedule. Our Senior Leadership Team worked on developing this new schedule for nearly a year. They prayerfully and thoughtfully considered the issue from every aspect imaginable. They even analyzed numbers with the generous help of one of our parishioners who analyzes numbers for a living!

If you did not receive this brochure in the mail, you can visit our website homepage and click on **New Mass Schedule** for all kinds of information regarding this new schedule..



Here's the new full Mass schedule (once we fully return to our full complement of Masses when we are able).

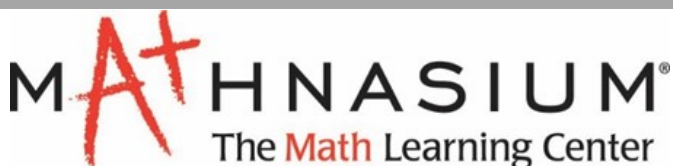
NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m. - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	8:00 a.m. - St. Philip the Apostle Church
	10:00 a.m. - Sacred Heart Church
	4:30 p.m. - Sacred Heart Church

NEW WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	7:00 a.m. - Sacred Heart Church
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. - St. Philip the Apostle Church
Wednesday	8:30 a.m. - Sacred Heart Church (School Mass)
Thursday	7:00 a.m. - Sacred Heart Church
Friday	8:00 a.m. - St. Philip the Apostle Church

COMMUNITY



Bridge to Math Success – Mathnasium@home

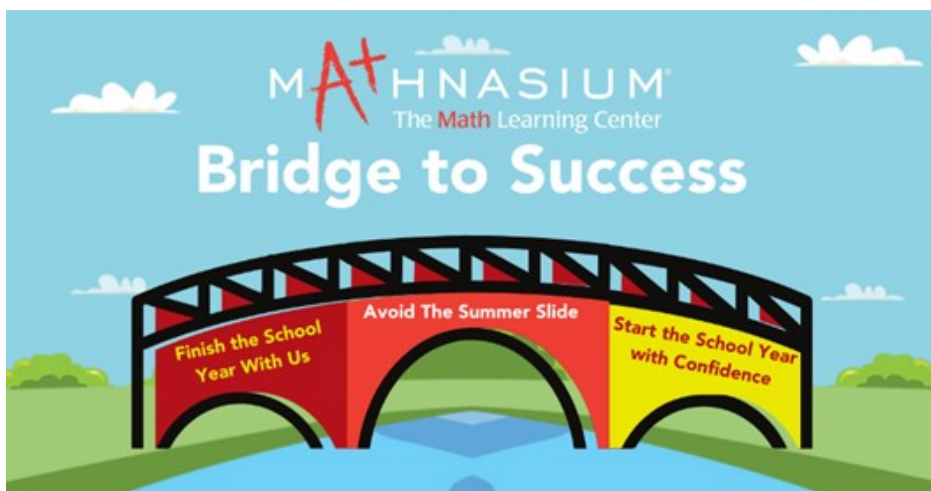
Mathnasium@home is ready to support students during this vital time with customized learning plans and individualized instruction. While

we see a slide every summer, a recent study conducted by NWEA says the impact to student learning is expected to be more devastating for kids! According to the study, if students return to school campuses in the fall without continuity of

instruction, they could retain only 70 percent of their reading progress. And Math looks worse with students projected to lose anywhere from half of their academic growth from the last year!

Let us build that bridge to success getting ready for the next school year. With Mathnasium@home, your child is sitting 'live' with our math experts using individualized instruction and our renowned customized learning plans. Our in-center success has been replicated to assure that each child advances in their math learning journey at the pace they need to maximize their growth –helping kids stay on grade level and even getting ahead through this crisis.

<https://www.mathnasium.com/at-home/winnetka>



FINANCE



COMMUNITY

If you need to reach us at the parish, we have a temporary phone number during this shut down period. **Call us at 847-881-6664.**

FINANCES AT A GLANCE AS OF JULY 5, 2020

YTD 2020-2021 Sunday Collection	\$10,388
(Online this week \$6,486)	
(Received in the mail \$3,902)	
YTD 2019-2020 Sunday Collection	\$14,841

If you are not an online donor and wish to sign up, please contact Cindy Atsaves in the parish office at cindyatsaves@divinemercynorthshore.org.

Thank you for your generosity to Divine Mercy Parish!

Climb on Board!

INTRODUCING THE COOLEST NEW ONLINE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR K-4TH

**Totally Catholic
Rocky Railway
Vacation Bible School!**

Bible stories, songs, videos,
wonderful messages,
fast-moving and fun!

**TWO LIVE SESSIONS EACH DAY:
JULY 27-31**

**FROM 9:00-9:45 A.M. AND
4:30-5:15 P.M. EACH DAY**

**\$20.00 PER FAMILY FOR SUPPLY KIT
MATERIALS**

Register on our parish website.
Register by July 17th to receive
resources for your family.



Each day has a specific theme:

Monday: Jesus' power helps us to do hard things!

Tuesday: Jesus' power gives us hope!

Wednesday: Jesus' power helps us be bold!

Thursday: Jesus' power lets us live forever!

Friday: Jesus' power helps us be good friends!

Each and every day we can trust Jesus!

Registration Link on divinemercynorthshore.org!

Presented in collaboration by the Children's Ministries of::St. Benedict's, United Catholic Youth Ministries, St. Andrew's, The Catholic Community of Northbrook, and Divine Mercy Parish.



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



We are happy to be opening our doors for the fall semester and look forward to a year full of learning and new experiences with our students. Our dedicated teachers are so happy to be coming back to see their students with the attention and focus of a bright and productive new school year.

If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about our school, please visit our website at shwschool.org and take a virtual tour with our principal, Kristen Fink.

Here is a look back to some of our most treasured moments of 2019-2020 school year...



We hope you all have a safe, healthy and wonderful summer break. We will see you in August!

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY



Lord, we lift up our prayers to you for all those suffering from the Coronavirus, their loved ones, and all those health care professionals taking care of those who are sick.

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

Our Ministers of Care currently are prohibited from visiting Nursing Homes in the State of Illinois. If the Minister would still like to serve in hospitals, they must comply with protocols established by the hospitals.

And due to the fact our Churches are closed, home visits cannot be made at this time. We encourage everyone to tune into the parish livestream Masses found on our website www.divinemercynorthshore.org.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Note: Please ignore any emails from Ministry Scheduler Pro. It has been technologically difficult to cancel the automatic emails. **Just know that ALL liturgical ministry assignments are suspended until further notice.**

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, Dorothy Banas, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Sande Bolan, Paula Brady, Dennis Braun, Wendy Braun, Luciana Butera, Milly Calabrese, Kierre Caldwell, Patt Carlson, Teresa Chapman, Kelly Bolan Chevalier, Sheila Devlin, Tim Doll, Rick Doucette, David and Mary Ann Duerwachter, Maureen Dwyer, Timothy Feeney, John Flynn, Lisa Franke, Lydia Gatton, Benjamin Grillo, Philip Hall, Laura Hendricks, John Hoerster, Nancy Holihan, Mario Iturino, The Jatis Family, Becky Jones, Philip Jones, Marge Kalsch, Edward Kennedy, Ginny Kunkel, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Anne Lesniak, John Madden, Drew Mans, Jackson Mans, Beth O'Brien, Sally O'Malley, Joe Pellegrino, Ennio Rossi, Mary Sabo, Donna Sabido, Dick Schager, Catherine Scheid, Mary Shepherd, Judy Sokal, Heather Stepan, Mary Tatro, Patty Wilson, Julie Wright, Lisa Zitella and Dr. Jerome Zwierzycki

For Those Who Have Died

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Given the temporary schedule of Masses, all Mass Intentions for Wednesdays will be shifted to Thursdays, while all other Mass Intentions will remain on the designated day.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK AT BOTH SACRED HEART AND ST. PHILIP

MONDAY, July 13 (SH)

7:00 a.m. - Jim O'Toole

TUESDAY, July 14 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Matthew Berghoff
(Birthday Blessings)

WEDNESDAY, July 15

Currently No Mass, Intentions shift to Thursdays

THURSDAY, July 16 (SH)

7:00 a.m. - John Madden III (Birthday Blessings), Jerry Kane

FRIDAY, July 17 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Russ Lehocky

SATURDAY, July 18 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - Jim O'Toole, John Conley, Carrie Ellen Young, Russ Lehocky

SUNDAY, July 19 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish

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 crisis.

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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Headlines: 12 (ALL CAPS & BOLD)

Body text: 10

LINE SPACING:

Before and After Paragraphs: opt

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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 Governor's Shelter in Place Order, 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.**

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