



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

June 13, 2021 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



*"The
kingdom
of God
is like a
mustard
seed"*

Mark 4: 30-31

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

HOPE

People's hopes are focused on many different things, but I'm thinking that there's one particular hope that we are all of us focused on these days. That would be our expectation and desire that all or almost all of the restrictions put in place due to the pandemic would be lifted soon.

As you read this, that may be the case with regard to the capacity limits and check-in procedures for Mass. Last week we were given a 'heads up' by the Archdiocese that the State of Illinois was on track to lift most restrictions by June 11.

I write this column on the Monday before you read it, so that particular 'heads up' hasn't yet been confirmed as I put pen to paper and send it off prior to the printing deadline. But I can continue, along with everyone else, to hope.

Hope is a powerful virtue.

It's one of what we call the theological virtues. It comes directly from God, along with faith and charity. Without hope we'd all probably be in a blue funk by now. Hope sustains us. Hope helps us to look forward and not be stymied by the present sometimes debilitating conditions and situations. Hope buoys us up and lifts our spirits.

Hope is a good thing.

The hope that comes from God is not "pie in the sky." It's real and it's grounded in what is imminently possible.

Whenever it is that all the restrictions are lifted, I believe that some things will go back to the way they were. However, some things won't.

The pandemic has had a deep impact on society. Lives have been changed because of it. Patterns and habits have changed.

That said, we probably won't see parish life come back immediately to the way things were. In fact, my hope centers in the expectation that parish life will come back better and stronger.

We have learned what's truly important during this pandemic. We have learned that people desire to connect with God and with each other. There are ways to do so that we didn't engage in prior to the pandemic, most notably our presence in the virtual world. That virtual world has become the new front door of our churches.

This means that we need to increase, deepen and widen the scope of our virtual presence online and in social media. We need to encourage virtual ways that people can engage us and one another in that digital world.

In person and virtually, *we need to go where people are*, versus a static model of the past where we opened our physical doors and expected people to come to us. Actually, this isn't a new concept for the Church. "The Church exists," said Saint Pope Paul VI, "in order to evangelize." Our purpose is to spread the Good News



of Jesus Christ. You can't do that by sitting still.

Our purpose is to get up and go out. As we go forth, we witness to the Good News of salvation in Christ by our personal words and deeds. This we can do in person and virtually, using the variety of tools God places in our hands: Scripture, sacraments, social contact, relationships, the internet, livestreaming, social media, print media, and so on.

May God bless all the efforts of Divine Mercy Parish to spread the good news by making disciples, building Church, and serving others!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Ste" with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Join us after 5pm Mass this weekend (June 12th)
for wine and cheese (along with something for the
kiddos, too) in the Sacred Heart Courtyard.
We'll gather to bid a fond farewell to
Sacred Heart School Principal, Kristen Fink,
and re-connect with one another!**



COMMUNITY

JOIN US WEEKDAY MORNINGS ONLINE TO SAY THE ROSARY

Join us each weekday morning at 7:30 AM to pray the Rosary as a community. We wanted to share what two parishioners have to say about this gathering, and hope you'll consider joining us.

John

About a year ago, I pledged that I would pray the Rosary every day. At first, I had a hard time keeping the commitment, sometimes realizing it was late at night and I had not fulfilled my commitment. I would rush through the Rosary to check the box. I confess a few times I missed the entire day. But over time something changed. I realized it added great value and it was something that should be a priority. That does not mean each day went perfectly. Distractions are often present, but I realized the sheer intent of praying the Rosary was important. As more time passed it became clear this was no longer something I wanted to do, but something I must do. The formulaic process became more meditative. It was a calming time, a centering time, a reflective time, and a spiritual time. And it became a priority and it was always time well spent.

All the while I was praying by myself, but one day I signed into a community online and listened to others recite the Rosary. Some were on Zoom, but with their cameras off, and others had just phoned in. It became clear that praying in a community was important. I felt compelled to help start a group within Divine Mercy Parish, and open it to others. We have been praying together each weekday morning at 7:30 and, once again, I have found it to be additive to pray the Rosary with others.

If so inclined please join our humble group at 7:30 each weekday. We would be excited to have you join us. It takes 20 minutes of your time.

Kathleen

I joined the rosary today and loved it! What a lovely community of prayer! I could feel the energy and John and his family are terrific at hosting this group.

What a win! Loved it!! I was half asleep, in my robe, who cares?!?

So come as you are! You can Zoom with or without your camera or call in. Click [HERE](#) to contact Sue Lehocky to join.

Looking for more resources on prayer and the Rosary? Visit the US Conference of Catholic Bishops Website by clicking here. There's even a link on how to say the Rosary for those unfamiliar. Another wonderful resource is Fr. James Mallon's meditations on the Rosary for Parish Renewal, which you can find [here](#).

You also may enjoy these movies: "Pray" <https://www.praythefilm.com/> and "Fatima" <https://www.fatimathemovie.com/>.



HELP RENEW OUR SACRED VESSELS THIS FATHER'S DAY

Celebrate Father's Day this year by making a donation to the parish to give all of our sacred vessels a new look. Through time, our sacred vessels need a good cleaning and refinishing, and you can dedicate your gift in honor or in memory of a father, grandfather, godfather, or even a father-like figure.



NO CONFESSIONS AT SPA ON JUNE 23

Please note that Fr. Javier will be away on Wednesday, June 23rd. Thus, the sacrament of reconciliation will not be offered that day at St. Philip the Apostle Church. Confessions will still be heard the following Saturday at Sacred Heart Church from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

HOSPITALITY AT DIVINE MERCY

The following is an excerpt from an article written by our Chicago Archdiocesan Director of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship, Beth White. It explains the value and importance of parish hospitality, something we value greatly at Divine Mercy. As you read Beth's story, consider whether you feel called to be a part of our Hospitality Ministry at Divine Mercy.

Hospitality

"The local Church seeks to create an environment in which all people, families, and individuals feel seen, heard, known, and not judged. The joy-filled community intentionally welcomes and creates a sense of belonging and an inclusiveness for parishioners, guests, and seekers.

A few years ago, I was sitting in a small Alpha group at my parish and one of the women, I will call her Lisa, told us that she had moved into the parish a few years prior, but until the invitation to Alpha, Lisa had no way to engage with the community. A life-long parishioner on the Alpha team, who I will call Mary, was shocked and asked her to clarify. Mary was convinced our parish was absolutely welcoming and was dismayed at this conversation. Lisa explained that there were no "entry points." Everyone knew each other. The moms in the school were nice, but they had been together since kindergarten. The women in the women's club were kind, but they had their own language and way of doing things. Lisa had tried to engage, but she didn't seem to be wanted anywhere. Others in the group affirmed this experience and shared their own stories of not being able to connect or "get into" the community. This is in no way unique to my parish. I have heard so many stories that sound exactly like Lisa's experience.

Hospitality is a key component of a parish with a culture of evangelization, but hospitality is so much more than greeters and coffee and donuts on Sunday morning or having parishioner on-boarding breakfasts. Hospitality is indeed welcoming guests into your house of

worship, but it is also about inclusivity. It is about seeing people, getting to know them, finding out what is of interest to them or how they can use their gifts in the community. It is about making room for someone new to your parish, so that person can belong from the outset because they belong to God always. And it is about wanting something for that person instead of something from that person.

People can easily go to Mass for years and be anonymous in many of our parishes. Most of us need an invitation to join into the life of the community. We need to see others, talk to those we do not know, find ways to engage them, and make sure our community does not feel like a "clique" or a "private club" instead of a place for all of God's people..." As we increase capacity at Mass, and reopen the parish, there will be many ways and opportunities to re-engage parishioners and welcome newcomers. Think about ways you might be able to help. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. This may be what God is calling you to do.

If you'd like to learn more about our hospitality efforts at Divine Mercy, or think you can be of help, click [here](#).



Catherine Francis Borders & Brent William Grossman-McKee
June 5, 2021

OUR WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS OPENS THIS WEEK!

Sacred Heart School has finished for the year, allowing us to reopen our Wednesday morning Mass to the public. Please note the Mass will take place at 8:00 a.m. during the summer to be consistent with our other weekday morning Mass times. Wednesday morning Mass will change back to 8:30 a.m. once school resumes in late August.

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 those who travel from one nation to another seeking a home may find guidance, encouragement, and welcome, we pray to the Lord.

WORSHIP AIDS FOR MASS

Worship aids for Mass can 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.



POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER



We cannot break bread on Sunday if our hearts are closed to our brothers and sisters. We cannot partake of that Bread if we do not give bread to the hungry. We cannot share that Bread unless we share the sufferings of our brothers and sisters in need.

Father's Day Recital

June 20, 2021

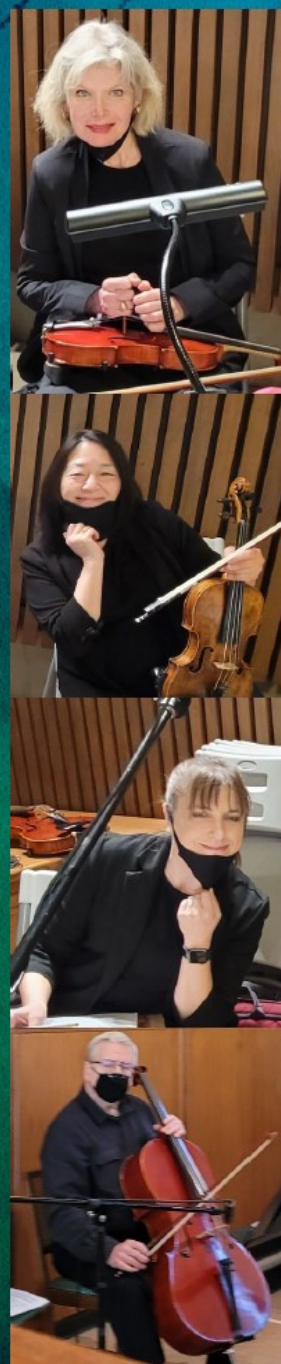
2: 00 p.m.

at Sacred Heart Church

Join us as we celebrate summer
and fathers during this
presentation of music by the
Fermi String Quartet.

Featuring the music of
French Impressionist Composers
Claude Debussy and
Maurice Ravel.

Donations fund the refurbishing
of our sacred vessels at
Divine Mercy.





Hosted by "The Magi"...
Bearing Gifts,
Following the Star

Eucharistic Adoration

& Recitation of the Rosary

**JOIN US WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16TH
FROM 2-3 PM TO HONOR
THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
@ SACRED HEART CHURCH
WE'LL GATHER ONLY ONCE A MONTH
DURING THE SUMMER.**

Come by for 5 or 50 minutes -
whatever fits your schedule! Come
and go as you wish! This is meant to
be a warm and welcoming
experience, so please do not be
intimidated.

The Blessed Sacrament of Jesus will be
exposed on the Altar for prayer so that we
are in His presence. During the first half
hour, we will say opening prayers followed
by the Rosary. The second half hour will be
quiet time spent with the Lord in our lovely
church.



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**ALL ARE WELCOME:
THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER SAID THE ROSARY,
AND THOSE WHO PRAY IT DAILY. GUIDES
WILL HELP YOU ALONG THE WAY!**

So Blessed to Have Our Catechist Aides Serving Our Ministry — Read Their Stories of Joy and Hope



Audrey Lolli

(Catechist for our PK, Kindergarteners for 4 years)

Audrey is heading to Michigan State University and will double major in elementary education and theatre. "I definitely will remember all the amazing kids and people I got to know volunteering here! I definitely will continue working with kids in the future!"



Luke vonKapff

(Aide in 1st, 3rd, 7th and IT Support)

Luke is heading to the University of Chicago to major in molecular engineering. "The parish has a great sense of community between the teachers, parents, and kids that I have come to love. I have really enjoyed being an aide for the seventh grade class this year, and I think the conversations we have had about faith and religion were really valuable and eye-opening."



Matthew Compton

(Catechist Aide 1st and 7th Grade)

Matthew served as an aide in the 7th Grade Youth Alpha this year, assisting Sam Fifer. Last year he helped out in 1st grade. Matthew has helped the parish in many ways: "Working with Children's Ministry students has been a lot of fun. I enjoy hearing what the children have to say as we go through the lessons. I look forward to lending a hand wherever they need me."



Michael Compton

(Aide in 7th Grade Youth Alpha)

"After my Confirmation, I was able to help Mrs. O'Connor run the zoom sessions for 7th grade Children's Ministry. I helped with the Drive-in Mass at St. Philip and ushering for First Communion Mass and the First Reconciliation service.

"I really liked being a part of the Alpha zoom for 7th graders this past year. The program is really interesting! My main job was to help Mrs. O'Connor if there were any technical problems. I also enjoy serving at the midnight Mass for Christmas Eve and the Easter Vigil Mass - they are both so special and fun to be a part of."



Ellie Carlson (with brother Evan)
(Aide in 5/6 Grade)

"This year I volunteered to be a Children's Ministry class aide. Taking this leadership role gave me the opportunity to reach out and take risks, participate more, embark on my own experience with my faith, and understand this pathway with God I'm on. Overall, it was great helping out and gave me this sense of leadership, it was also great getting to meet others and becoming more involved."



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT
SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



The first graders' Fun Friday pictures!



The 8th graders received blessings at the 8th Grade Farewell and at Mass from Father Dan.



Congratulations to the Sacred Heart School class of 2021!



We LOVE our Sacred Heart Field Day!



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

PRESIDER SCHEDULE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

June 19, 2021

SACRED HEART CHURCH

5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

June 20, 2021

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

8:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

June 20, 2021

SACRED HEART CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Dan Cassidy

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 restrictions of nursing homes in the State of Illinois, the constraints of 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.** One of our priests will respond to your call. Please leave a message!!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTOR ASSIGNMENTS:

June 19, 2021 Sacred Heart Church
5:00 p.m. Kathy Jenga

June 20, 2021 St. Philip the Apostle Church
8:00 a.m. Chris Kaiser

June 20, 2021 Sacred Heart Church
10:00 a.m. Ludy Mariano

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

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, Dennis Braun, Ron Braun, Wendy Braun, Ed Cassidy, Dan Dawson, Lisa Marie Franke, Peggy Gamble, Paul Greco, Benjamin Grillo, Jack Hogan, Mario Iturino, Philip Jones, Barnett Kolton, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Beth O'Brien, Joan Rohrs, Cindy Santaniello, Mary Showalter, Sister Betty Tranel

For Those Who Have Died

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

Readings for the week of June 13, 2021

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/
2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/
Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/
Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/
Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/
Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-4

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, June 14 (SH)

8:00 a.m. - Philip Mensah

TUESDAY, June 15 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Philip Mensah

WEDNESDAY, June 16 (SH)

8:30 a.m. - Gerald & Patricia Nora

THURSDAY, June 17 (SH)

8:00 a.m. - Emily Solek

FRIDAY, June 18 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Sonia Saez

SATURDAY, June 19 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - Philip Mensah

SUNDAY, June 20

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Parishioners of
Divine Mercy

10:00 a.m. (SH) - Philip Mensah

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: 15p

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 only open in the mornings from 9:00 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can reach us by calling 847-446-0856 during offices hours, evenings and weekends. You may call our temporary office number 847-881-6664 in the afternoons.

You can also reach any staff member via email. You can find that directory on the next page.

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Thank you for your understanding.

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