



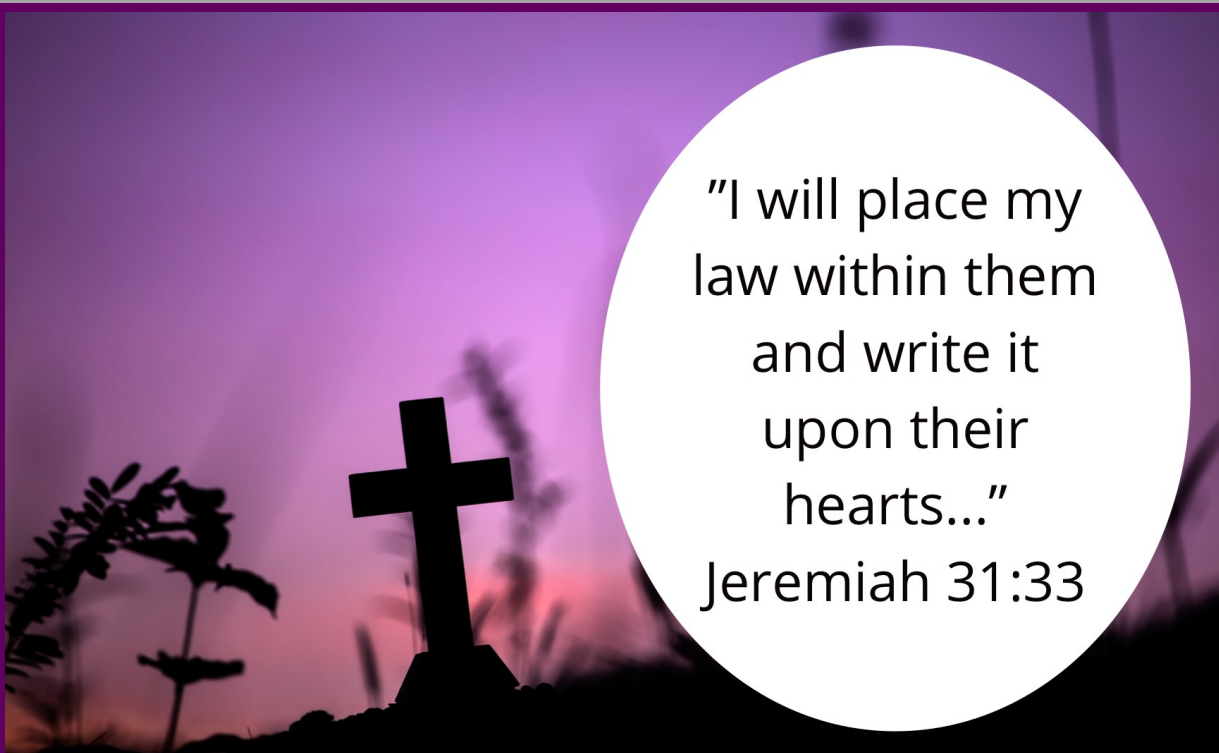
DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

March 21, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LENT
+
PRAY
+
FAST
+
GIVE



"I will place my
law within them
and write it
upon their
hearts..."

Jeremiah 31:33

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Please notify the parish if you, or anyone in your household,
have been diagnosed with COVID19, and you recently attended
Mass at Divine Mercy. Thank you!

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

THIS JOYFUL SEASON

Most people would not describe Lent as joyful. For most, the word that comes to mind immediately is "penitential."

Lent is a time to focus on doing penance, no doubt about it. At the same time, however, there is an element of joy in our Lenten practices of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

It was Saint Pope Paul VI who described the season of Lent as joyful, a little springtime. Given where Rome sits on the map, springtime does indeed come during Lent.

However, there was a deeper reason why we describe Lent as a springtime and a joy. It has to do with our relationship with the Lord Jesus and his people, the Church. As we engage in the traditional penitential disciplines of Lent, those aforementioned practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we strengthen our relationship to the Lord and to the Lord's people. In those practices we focus on what's truly important, we hone ourselves, coming closer to God's vision of our best selves.

Here's another way to look at what Paul VI was talking about. Back when I was a member of a health club, I made sure that three times a week I went and worked out. I had to put it into my calendar and stick to it. As I started my workout routine I wasn't what you'd call "happy." It was a chore. And yet, by the end of my workout, with the endorphins kicking in, I felt good. That feeling of goodness lasted throughout the day.

We may not always enjoy engaging in all of the penitential practices of Lent as we are doing them, but afterwards the graces start to flow from God and we are a bit further along in our spiritual journey. There is a type of joy in knowing we have dived into Lent in a substantive way and come out the other end better for it.

We've got a week-and-a-half before Lent ends and the Easter Triduum begins, after which the Easter season ramps up. May these final days of the Lenten season be fruitful for you! May you strive to hone yourself into the best possible version of yourself, the version God's grace creates in each of us!

EASTER TRIDUUM

The Easter Triduum is the apex of the entire liturgical year. It begins with the evening liturgy of Holy Thursday and continues until Evening Prayer of Easter Sunday. After the Triduum we are into the fifty days of the Easter season.

The special liturgies of the Triduum are lovely, solemn and celebratory: the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the commemoration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, the Easter Vigil which begins at sundown on Holy Saturday, and the Masses of Easter Sunday. I hope you are able to join us either in person or via livestream for the liturgies of each of these days.

These liturgies put us in touch with the saving actions of Jesus who suffered, died and rose for our sakes. They make present for us the Paschal (or Easter) mystery in which we are recreated as sons and daughters of God. A blessed Triduum to you all!

As we gear up for the Triduum and the Easter season, let me leave you with a wonderful insight from Alexander Schmemmann (*Great Lent*, 1969 St. Vladimir's Seminary Press) who observes that, yes, we are all baptized. But what we constantly lose sight of and betray in so many different ways is the great gift of innocence we received at Baptism. Easter is thus our return every year to our own Baptism. Lent is our preparation for that return, a



gradual and sustained effort to perform our own passage or "pascha" into the new life found in Christ. Each year Lent and Easter represent our actively pursuing the recovery by us of what we were made through our own baptismal death and resurrection.

A blessed Lent to you, as well as a blessed Easter Triduum and Easter season!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. St." followed by a stylized flourish.



FOOD COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND!

Our local food pantries are fighting hunger here at home, and we need your help. Here's what's needed. Bring your items to the Church vestibules next weekend. THANK YOU!

St. Philip: (7:45am - 9:00am)
(Northfield Township Food Pantry)

1. Pasta Skillet Dinners
2. Rice Mixes
3. Canned Beef Stew
4. Individually wrapped Easter Candy

Sacred Heart (9:45am - 11am)
(New Trier Township Food Pantry)

1. Cookies and Crackers
2. Brown and White Rice
3. Peanut Butter

Take the next step in your faith journey this Spring

Grounded in Faith

Grounded in Faith is a series of conversations based on the concepts of discipleship.

All are welcome. If you're looking for a place to start, or you've been on the Alpha journey and want to go deeper, this course is for you.



Grounded in Faith is an informative, no-pressure series where you can come as you are, meet some new friends, and get some of those burning questions answered. The most important part of **Grounded in Faith** is the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the weekly topic, and discuss it in a small group. It's an opportunity to hear from others, and contribute your own perspective in an honest and open environment.

What it is:

An 5 part series that explores the foundational elements and core concepts of discipleship. We will dive into topics like building a personal relationship with Jesus, letting Him take you from good to great, dealing with mistakes and regret, cultivating a deeper relationship with God through prayer, and more!

When:

Choose an evening or a morning session: Thursday Evenings 7-8:15 PM beginning April 22nd or Friday Mornings 9:30 – 10:45 AM beginning April 23rd. Runs for 5 weeks.

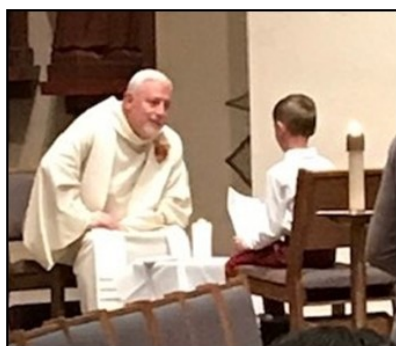
Invite a friend and attend together if you like!

Reserve your spot: <https://forms.gle/usmDCLxN1hmvYUUJA>

Contact Sue at slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org with questions or for more information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SECOND GRADERS

Our second graders in Sacred Heart School and our Children's Ministry program are in the midst of experiencing their First Reconciliation and preparing for their First Communion. Please keep them in your prayers during this time. Thank you!



**"Create
in me a
clean heart,
O God,
and put a
new and right
spirit
within me."**
Psalm 51:10

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: SAVE THE DATES!

Visit our Website to Make a Reservation for
any of these Liturgies or click [here](#).

(Palm Sunday is found on the regular reservation page.)



Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021

Regular weekend Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Via Livestream **only** at www.divinemicernorthshore.org)

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Philip the Apostle
(will be livestreamed)

Good Friday, April 2, 2021

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Via Livestream **only** at www.divinemicernorthshore.org)

3:00 p.m. The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at St. Philip the Apostle

7:30 p.m. The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at Sacred Heart (will be livestreamed)

Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Via Livestream **only** at www.divinemicernorthshore.org)

Noon - Blessing of Easter Food Baskets at St. Philip the Apostle in front of Church (inclement weather will prompt a drive-by blessing in the same location)

7:30 p.m. The Easter Vigil In the Holy Night at St. Philip the Apostle (will be livestreamed)
(Note there will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass at SH.)

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021 (8am and 10am Masses from both Churches will be Live-streamed.)

8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Sacred Heart School Gym, and
St. Philip the Apostle

10:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Sacred Heart School Gym, and
St. Philip the Apostle *with Drive-In*

Noon Mass at St. Philip the Apostle



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED FOR TRIDUUM LITURGIES

Adult servers (over 18 years of age) are needed for the Triduum. (Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday), April 1 through April 4.

Is there any way you can help? We'll train you, and have you prepared to assist in the celebrations.

If you're able to help us out this year, please contact Ron Vanasdlen at 847-630-7486 or you can email Ron at rvasadlen@divinemercynorthshore.org for your generous contribution.

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

That as Jesus laid down His life for us, so we may find strength to sacrifice ourselves for others, especially the poor, the weak, the unborn, and the unwanted, we pray to the Lord.

POPE FRANCIS ON INSTAGRAM

@Franciscus

By receiving forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, that is the heart of our process of conversion, we spread forgiveness. Having received forgiveness, we can offer it through attentive dialogue and giving comfort to those experiencing sorrow and pain.



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

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.



PRAY FOR OUR ALPHA PARTICIPANTS

Please say a special prayer for all those participating in our Alpha series, including the Alpha Team members as they continue their journey to come to know Jesus!



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!

COMMUNITY

MASQUERADE: NITE LITES 2021

Nite Lites is ON and we're selling Nite Lites Raffle Tickets before all the Masses this weekend!

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, airline miles, 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. Contact the Nite Lites Team at our new address: nitelites@shwschool.org with questions, inquiries or donations!

A very big thanks to our sponsors: [Chamberlain Advisors](#), [Merrill Lynch](#), [Salvi Schostok & Pritchard](#), [Ryan Building Group](#), The Popovici Family, [Dr. Michael J. Lee](#), [Grace Flatt Realtor](#), [Brady Orthodontics](#), [Figuerora Orthodontics](#), [Storino Ramello & Durkin](#), [City Kids Dental Northshore](#), [Perillo Auto Group](#), [B's Gourmet Nuts](#) and [Coinflip](#).

SHOP NEXT WEEKEND AND BENEFIT OUR SCHOOL!

Spring has Sprung...almost...we had a few warmer days and what better time to get you in the mood for some fresh new Spring shopping.

J. McLaughlin and Sara Campbell clothing stores in Winnetka have generously offered to donate a percentage of all purchases made on March 26th & 27th, to benefit Sacred Heart Nite Lites. **Please be sure to mention Sacred Heart when you are paying and happy shopping!**



Masquerade
NITE LITES
Raffle

SATURDAY • MAY 22, 2021

1ST PRIZE
\$5,000 CASH

2ND PRIZE
\$2,500 GIFT CARD LESTER LAMPERT JEWELERS

1 TICKET \$50 • 5 TICKETS \$200 • 10 TICKETS \$350
Winner need not be present to win

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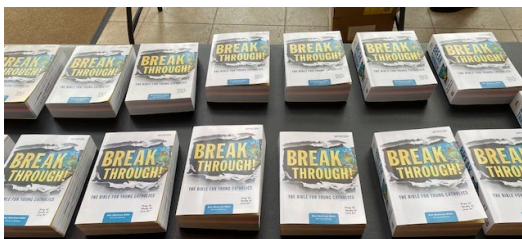
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)

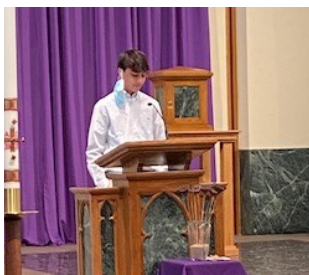
Our First Bible Blessing Prayer Service and a Special Reconciliation



Father Dan Cassidy led a first-ever Bible Blessing Prayer Service for the 7th graders and their parents. He helped us all understand the many parts of the Bible, showed the children how to find a passage and shared the *lectio divina* method of praying with the Bible, including the four steps: Read, Meditate, Pray and Contemplate. Thank you, Fr. Dan!



Reconciliation for our Confirmation Candidates

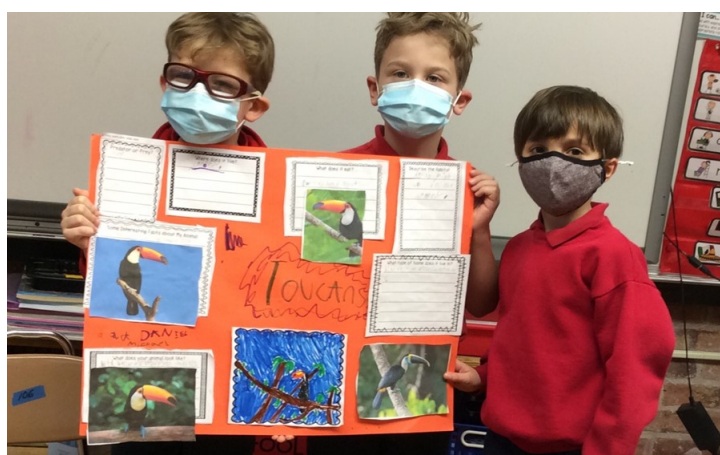
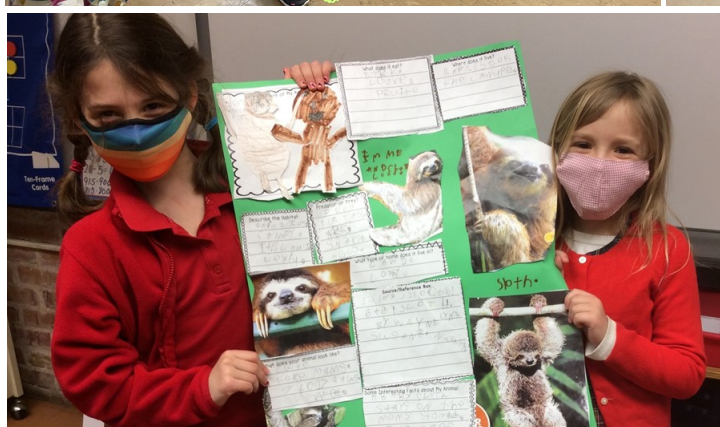


There is such joy in sharing liturgy with our young people, who are engaged and add so much! Amen!





LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT
SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



6th grade enjoyed their class reward for positive behavior in the second trimester! They got to eat lunch in the parish center as a whole class, after they enjoyed a private recess in the courtyard playing hide and go seek, tag, and just hanging out. It was such a fun lunch!

1st graders present their research projects on Rain Forest animals.



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

March 27, 2021

SACRED HEART CHURCH

5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

March 28, 2021

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE
CHURCH

8:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Dan Cassidy

March 28, 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 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 or 847-881-6664. One of our priests will respond to your call. Please leave a message!!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTOR SCHEDULE

March 20, 2021 Sacred Heart Church **5:00 p.m.**

Chris Hartman

March 21, 2021 St. Philip the Apostle Church **8:00 a.m.**

Michael Koberda

March 21, 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

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, John Dory, Lisa Franke, Paul Gerlach,
Paul Greco, Benjamin Grillo, Jack Hogan, Mario Iturino,
Christine Kengott, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Ruth Martin,
Sister Peggy McDonnell, Beth O'Brien, Pat Rupp,
and Lisa Zitella

For Those Who Have Died

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

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, March 22 (SH)
7:00 a.m. - Patricia Hurlbert

TUESDAY, March 23 (SPA)
8:00 a.m. - Patrick Doherty

WEDNESDAY, March 24
(Closed to the public)
8:30 a.m. -

THURSDAY, March 25 (SH)
7:00 a.m. - Ginna Corts

FRIDAY, March 26 (SPA)
8:00 a.m. - Greg Binnebose

SATURDAY, March 27 (SH)
5:00 p.m. - John Flynn and
Parishioners of Divine Mercy

SUNDAY, March 28
8:00 a.m. **(SPA)** - Lisa Dalton
Berghoff

10:00 a.m. **(SH)** - Robert Erzinger

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:
divinemercybulletins@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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