



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH • ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

MARCH 29, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

See inside for more information regarding Livestream Masses,
and online prayer resources.



**LAZARUS,
COME
OUT!**

JOHN 11:43

Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

CRISIS

Our English word “crisis,” derives from, as do so many of our terms, a Latin version of the ancient Greek word *krisis*, meaning a separating, that is, a power of distinguishing, of decision, choice, or judgment. In other words, it means a crucial or decisive point, a turning point.

If you’ve been perusing this column for a while, you know that I like to read. Novels are my preferred method of escape, especially works of science fiction. Biographies come in at second place for me.

I’m currently working my way through a massive science fiction series, *The Expanse* by James S.A. Corey, whom I’ve found out is not actually one person but two! The series has about a billion books in it: that’s a whole lot of collaboration between two people to produce a work that I’m finding really interesting.

I’m not writing this in order to sell the series. Far from it. Science fiction may not be your ball of wax.

I mention it simply to say that in any good novel, science fiction or otherwise, the plot sometimes pivots on a crisis. The hero or heroine must surmount some threatening situation not necessarily of their own making. The crisis is what holds our interest and makes us turn the page faster. We want to know how these characters we admire come out of it, how the situation is resolved.

There are fabricated crises in novels. Then there are real life crises, like the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

We’re in it and we can’t put down the book, can we? Or, *can* we, even if just for a moment or two?

Stressed Out

Every one of us is challenged to manage this crisis. We’re all in crisis management at this point. Because a crisis presents a heightened or more

precarious set of circumstances that we are called upon to navigate, stress is a factor.

We’re stressed because we don’t always have an answer for things. We don’t have an answer because we don’t (yet) have all the facts. We don’t have all the facts because the very nature of the current crisis prohibits us from our normal ways of getting together and gathering and sharing information. On and on.

Tips for Managing Stress

In a time of great stress, here are some tips that I’m sure you’re hearing about from other sources. For us to be at our best right now, we have to get enough sleep, eat healthy, and exercise. Let me say that again: sleep, eat, exercise!

In addition, some other pointers for managing stress in a time of crisis—

- **Hit the pause button.** As this crisis continues to unfold, we can’t always be “on.” We each have to slowdown, take a break and get away from it. I know that’s easier said than done. I myself am a huge worrier. I worry all the time. But if I don’t short circuit or undercut the worry by mentally relaxing, I’m not going to be good either for myself or for others. Whatever you need to do to take a break, do it! For myself, that means combining two things: getting outside, and then taking a walk each day—which effectively stops me from worrying. How about that? A win-win!
- **Cultivate solitude and silence.** I realize that for some of you, especially parents of young children, this may be a challenge. This is, however, really important. We are inundated by news. We are, many of us, news junkies. It’s good to be informed. It’s necessary. But it’s also healthy for us to find a quiet space for



our self, even if that’s only for ten minutes a day. I find the best time is early in the morning before I go to my office and am confronted by emails and other details of work. Once again, I personally combine two things, solitude and silence with prayer. I find that extremely nourishing.

- **Connect with a friend.** Isn’t that what friends are for? To connect, to shore up, to lean on. “Lean on” in this situation obviously means “digitally” or via phone or facetime. Your best friend may be your spouse. If you have other friends, reach out to them. We’re going to get through this current crisis together, not separately, even though we are constrained from physically meeting up. Just listening to that old friend over the phone can help buoy us up and be of support.
- **Dive into the Wealth of our Catholic Tradition.** If you have some time on your hands because you are staying at home, there are plenty of resources in the digital world that can help you mine the richness of Catholicism, and its wealth of suggestions for prayer and contemplation. If you look at our new website, we’ve posted some suggested routes for prayer. Our tradition has a lot to offer that can be of help in these tough times. The lives of the saints offer us illuminating examples of faith and courage. YouTube has a wealth of inspiring videos you can find on the saints as well. You can even find Franco Zefferelli’s *Jesus of Nazareth* on

YouTube. Notice the scenes that depict the last two Sunday's Gospels, as well as this Sunday's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. Check out all of these and other resources as well.

I hope these suggestions help. Be safe! Be well! May God bless you!

Post Script from a Saint

As you go through the week, take with you a bit of wisdom from Saint Peter Claver:

"Since gold and silver, which are only corruptible metals, are purified and tested by fire, it is but reasonable that our faith, which surpasses all riches of the world, should be tried."



ONLINE RESOURCES FOR FAMILY PRAYER

WE'VE LAUNCHED INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK! Come visit these platforms and engage with other parishioners. Visit Facebook.com/divinemergynorthshore and Instagram: @divinemergynorthshore. Spread the word and like us! We'd like to have as much parish engagement as possible!
THANKS!

There are many online resources available to Catholics today, which certainly help our prayer life as we all "shelter in place". Please visit the two noted below or others listed on our website, www.divinemergynorthshore.org. Click on Parish Life, then Catholic Resources.

STRONG CATHOLIC FAMILY FAITH (www.catholicfamilyfaith.org)

This website is chalk full of information! Lots of prayer resources for families and kids of all ages,

information on Sacraments, and even a section for grandparents! The website was created by catechetical and evangelization staff from several dioceses, including: Jefferson City, MO; San Jose, CA; St. Petersburg, FL; and Joliet, IL. The four collaborators all are members of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership.

A UNIQUE INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT:

@swissguardwife

Have you ever wanted to visit St. Peter's Basilica and Vatican City (without the crowds)? Tour along with Joanne Bergamin, the woman behind @swissguardwife. You'll see behind the scenes stories inside St. Peter's and tour through the Vatican gardens on her daily walks. Kids might be interested in the turtles that sun themselves at the Galleon Fountain, which features a baroque miniature ship of the papal fleet, complete with canons which shoot water instead of cannonballs!

LIVESTREAM MASSES

A livestream Mass from Divine Mercy at Sacred Heart Church will be available to you this week on Saturday evening, March 28th at 5:00 p.m. (**Note this new time.**) The Sacred Heart Church site was chosen as it already had the video capability available to us. You can visit the homepage on our website at www.divinemergynorthshore.org to find the link for the livestream Mass. You will be able to watch this Mass anytime this weekend after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, as it will be recorded.

WEEKDAY MASS OPTIONS

Parishioners have several options from which to choose. Here are two we recommend at this time: (Note: Hold down your control button when you click on the links below.)

1) Daily Mass at 10:00 a.m. from St.

James Chapel from the Archdiocesan offices in Chicago. VISIT: <https://radiotv.archchicago.org/television/broadcast-masses> OR <https://youtu.be/jBRl1LjXzfo>

2) Daily Mass from Loyola Academy at 8:00 a.m. VISIT: <https://www.goramblers.org/daily-mass>, and scroll down to Daily Mass.

3) Daily Mass with Bishop Barron videos are posted on the Word on Fire website each day at 8:15 a.m. EST. VISIT: <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

CHURCH AND OFFICE HOURS

Given the Shelter in Place order from the State of Illinois, our Churches and Offices are closed to the public for the time being. You can contact all staff members via email. You can find a directory in the back of the bulletin.

E-GIVING

We ask you to keep in mind that we rely on the generosity of those who contribute to our Sunday collections. Without Masses and their collections, we lose thousands of dollars a week of in-pew collections. The collections enable us to minister to our parishioners as well as those we serve in our outreach efforts. Granted, the world has changed for the time being, but the needs continue to exist, albeit in a new and changing way. Thank you so much for supporting the parish during this time.

You can help us by signing up for e-giving [here](#).

OUTREACH



SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Parishioners should know that you may contact the parish office **at any time** to request that someone be anointed. Arrangements can be made for a priest to visit someone who is seriously ill or in danger of death by calling the main parish office at 847-446-0856. You may still call after normal business hours, as a service with a live operator will answer your call, take all of your information, and immediately contact one of our priests for you. Be assured your call will not go unanswered.

#thelordismyshepherd
#thereisnothingIshallwant



JOIN OUR NEW LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

Would you like to be a part of a new ministry that coordinates outreach to seniors and other parishioners who might be alone during this crisis and need some help? We're gathering people together (virtually), who can make phone calls to check up on these beloved members of our faith community. Other tasks might include ordering or picking up groceries or prescriptions for some people. If you're interested in helping, please contact Maureen Valvassori at mvalvassori@divinemercynorthshore.org. And if you're someone who could use some help, by all means, please contact Maureen as well!

FINANCE

FINANCES AT A GLANCE AS OF March 22, 2020

(Combined St. Philip / Sacred Heart Church Sites)

YTD 2019-2020 Sunday Collection

\$745,964 (Online this week \$3,141)

YTD 2018-2019 Sunday Collection

\$809,821



CAN YOU HELP US?

Your donations and support are critical to funding our operations, including, but not limited to salaries, utilities, ministries, maintenance on our aging buildings, support for outreach efforts, IT support, etc.

Now, in the age of COVID—19, with Masses suspended indefinitely, your donations and support are especially critical. Did you know

that approximately 75% of our collection income is **not** online? Of course, some parishioners have set up automatic bank debits so that we receive checks from your banks, but we still rely heavily on the Sunday collection basket!

If you already are an online donor, we thank you!

If not, it is now easier than ever to sign up. You can either visit the givecentral.org website and follow the prompts, or NEW for Divine Mercy this week, you can **TEXT TO DONATE!** Just text this number:

847-865-9295

In the body of the message, type in the keyword: **givemercy** (all one word, no spaces). This will take you to a link to give central. You will then be prompted to input your donor info. It's safe, secure and so easy.

Alternatively, please also consider mailing your donation directly to Divine Mercy Parish, 1077 Tower Road, Winnetka, IL 60093.

Thank you! We appreciate your support as we stand together to help each other through these trying times.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

RESPECT LIFE

For those who are sick, especially in our families and our parish, that the healing power of the Lord of Life may be theirs and for all who minister to the dying, that by their words and example, they may bear witness that God has robbed death of its power, we pray to the Lord.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday (when the churches are open!). We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. It opens our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.

CENTERING PRAYER SESSIONS AT HOLY SPIRIT CONVENT

Given the directive from the Archdiocese and the Governor of Illinois, all sessions of the Centering Prayer workshop have been cancelled. Watch for new sessions later in the year.

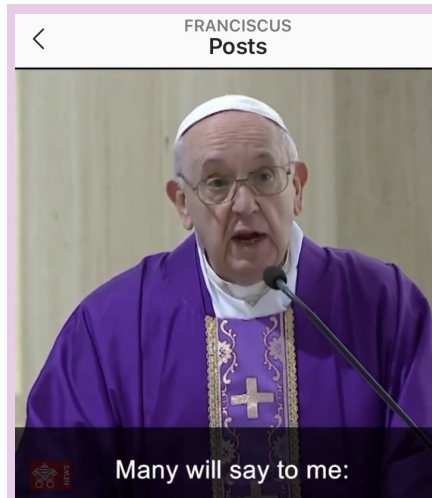
Questions? Contact Sr. Leonette Kaluzny at either 847-881-8424; 847-441-0126, or leonettekaluzny@aol.com.



Even in times when we 'Shelter at Home'...
Divine Mercy Parish
is a Welcoming Community
that Inspires Disciples of Jesus
to Share God's Love
and Transform the World.

HOW TO FAST THIS LENT: IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.



POPE FRANCIS ON CONFESSION

Last week, when people around the world were retreating into their homes in hope of staving off the Coronavirus, the Vatican posted a video on the Sacrament of Confession from Pope Francis with the following text:

"Many of you go to confession before Easter to return to the Lord. Many will say to me: 'But Father, how can I find a priest, a confessor, if I can't leave my house? I want to make my peace with the Lord. I want Him to embrace me. I want my Heavenly Daddy to embrace me. How can I do that unless I find a priest?' Do what the Catechism says. It's very clear: If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He's your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord, I did this, and this, and this. Pardon me.' Ask for forgiveness with all your heart and with an act of contrition. and promise Him, 'Afterward I will go to confession, but forgive me now.' You will return to God's grace immediately."



MEMBER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

SURVEY ENDS NEXT WEEK!

**Every voice is needed.
Please participate.**



**GROWING AN
ENGAGED CHURCH**
MEMBER ENGAGEMENT



GALLUP

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of this survey?

The Member Engagement Survey will give us a collective view of the spiritual health of our parish. The data will show us where we are doing well and help us see the areas that need our attention to make us a stronger parish.

What does the survey entail?

The survey features 25 items carefully chosen to measure engagement and spiritual commitment that are essential to spiritual health. The survey will only take approximately five minutes to complete.

Who should complete the survey?

We are asking all parish members aged 18 and older to complete the survey. In addition, any person who considers him or herself part of our parish, regardless of whether he or she is a member, is invited to respond to the survey.

Where do I complete the survey?

You can complete the survey online from March 7 through March 29 using the following link: ([Click here](https://survey.gallup.com/divinemeracywinnetka)) (<https://survey.gallup.com/divinemeracywinnetka>) beginning March 7 and ending March 29.

How will the survey results be used?

The leadership team will receive the compiled results from Gallup and use them to gain additional insight into how the members feel about our parish. We will use the results to identify specific actions we can take to further meet the spiritual needs of our members.



**A JUST
HARVEST**

BREAKING BREAD, ENDING HUNGER

CAN YOU HELP WITH THE URGENT NEEDS OF OUR FRIENDS AT A JUST HARVEST ?

Our friends at the Just Harvest Community Kitchen have served meals to 150+ Rogers Park neighbors every night for 30+ years. (See their amazing work at www.ajustharvest.org.) They have seen a steady increase in their number of clients in the last week due to the Coronavirus, and have reached out for our help. For your information, they have changed their protocol to pick-up meals. Meals will be packed and distributed. This way they avoid people congregating and will keep guests, volunteers and staff safe.

They are in urgent need of the following items, which can be **Drop-Shipped** to them.

Current Urgent Needs:

Clamshell Food containers 9x9x3 3 interior segments
Disposable Cutlery
8oz. bottled water
Juice boxes
Powdered Milk
Plastic bags (If these items are used please make sure not soiled)
Dry Goods
Can Goods
Frozen Vegetables
Donations and or Gift cards

It is our understanding that most of the items are available on Amazon and can be sent directly to AJH to the attention of the Community Kitchen Manager:

Mark L. Williams
Community Kitchen Manager
7649 N. Paulina
Chicago IL. 60626
773 262-2297 office
312 771-1314 cell

Per Mark, "Things are changing rapidly, so we truly thank you and your organization for your patience and commitment to helping AJH serve our community in this time of need."

Should you have any questions, please contact Maureen Valvassori at mvalvassori@divinemeracywinnetka.org.



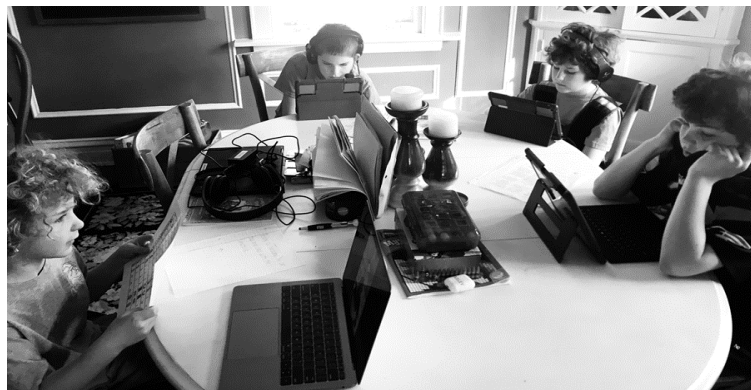
LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



Last Friday Sacred Heart students were asked to wear the OLDEST piece of spirit wear they could find in their house – check out all these great outfits!



Mrs. Sullivan's daughter and dog participating in Worship Wednesday by watching daily Mass.



As we continue to work in this new "normal" routine, students and families are finding a way to continue learning at home.



Wednesday was superhero day. Students could either dress up as "traditional superheroes," or anyone they consider a superhero.

We miss you!

While we are thinking and praying for everyone affected by this pandemic, we nonetheless wanted to stop to tell you how much we miss seeing you and your children! We are praying for you and your families. We also hope you are getting to spend some special time together despite the difficult circumstances. May God bless you all!



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.

Home visits are discouraged, but out of respect for the relationship between the Minister and the homebound parishioner, if they both feel comfortable with the situation, they may continue to meet. Keep in mind the following guidelines from the Archdiocese.

- Wash hands or use a hand sanitizer once you enter the home.
- Avoid any physical contact with the person or family during the visit.
- Use a hand sanitizer again before distributing Communion.
- If the communicant usually receives Communion on the tongue, strongly encourage him or her, for your safety as well as his / hers, to receive Communion in the hand.
- Maintain social distance (six feet) with everyone in the room, except the patient.
- Do not offer comfort with any physical contact.

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, Jim Baisley, Dorothy Banas, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Sande Bolan, Paula Brady, Dennis Braun, Wendy Braun, Luciana Butera, Milly Calabrese, Kierre Caldwell, Patt Carlson, Patricia Catarello, 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, Ennio Rossi, Mary Sabo, Donna Sabido, Dick Schager, Catherine Scheid, Mary Shepherd, Judy Sokal, Heather Stepan, Mary Tatro, Linda Walsh, 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

All Mass Intentions offered at Sacred Heart Church and St. Philip the Apostle Church for the past and coming week will be offered at the Saturday Livestream Mass at 5:00 p.m. on March 28, 2020.

SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR THIS WEEK (March 22-March 28):

Dan Kadjan, Mary Beth Reynolds, William Finn Madden (Birthday Blessings), William Goodrich, Stefan Jankowski, Dan Kadjan, Living and Deceased Members of the Henry and Irene Berning Family, Mary Kane (Birthday Blessings), Gladys Niedringhaus, Chris Thordarson, Lisa Dalton Berghoff (Birthday Blessings), John F. Flynn, Jr. and Brian John Blair.

Sacred Heart & St. Philip For Next Week (March 29-April 4):

Brian John Blair, Chris Thordarson, John T. Flynn, Jr., Blessings for all unborn children, Stefan Jankowski, Dan Kadjan, Leonard and Clare Lehman, Rae Fritz, Lourdes Mariano and Loretta Maloney.

THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

All meetings at Divine Mercy Parish are currently suspended until further notice.

The Church is now closed to the public until further notice, in order to keep people safe, per the Governor's "Shelter-at-home" order.

SACRAMENTS

Please call the Parish Office for current information during this crisis.

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday—3:00-5:00pm (SP)
Saturday—9:00-9:30am (SH)
Saturday—4:30-5:15pm (SP)
or by appointment

BAPTISM

By appointment. Please call the main parish office or visit our website for the requisite forms.

MARRIAGE

Contact the main parish office 6 months prior to the anticipated date of the marriage.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the main parish office to arrange for the sacrament for the seriously ill and homebound.

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

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Headlines: 12 (ALL CAPS & BOLD)

Body text: 10

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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

Our offices are closed until further notice. Please use this temporary number to reach us: 847-881-6664.

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