



## DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH • ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

MAY 24, 2020

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

YOU ARE WITNESSES  
*of these things*

“YOU WILL  
BE MY  
WITNESSES  
... TO THE  
ENDS OF  
THE EARTH.”

ACTS 1: 8

See inside for  
more  
information  
regarding  
Streaming  
Masses

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

### TO REOPEN OUR CHURCHES, WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Archdiocese has begun putting together a plan for the gradual reopening of Catholic churches in Lake and Cook counties. Let me underscore one word in the above sentence: gradual.

This gradual reopening consists of three phases.

- In Phase I, parishes will reopen for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, each with a limit of 10 attendees.
- In Phase IA, parishes will reopen for designated hours of private prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, also with a limit of 10 attendees.
- In Phase II, parishes will reopen for weekday and weekend Masses possibly for larger groups depending on future guidelines given to us by the state, and the capacity of our church buildings.

Above all, the plan prioritizes the safety and well-being of all, while maintaining due respect for the sacraments and the liturgical norms of our faith. The plan requires that each parish establish a Parish Reopening Leadership Committee led by the Pastor along with 2 lay Co-Chairs for each worship site, who will be responsible, with the pastor, for providing oversight on meeting Archdiocesan requirements and preparations for reopening. This Leadership Committee also includes 3 Teams of volunteers, each led by a volunteer Captain, for each of our worship sites, that will focus on set-up, greeting and cleaning/disinfecting.

This past week, I attended the one-hour online training webinar which members of our Parish Reopening volunteers will be required to attend/watch. We need these volunteers to assist with various aspects of this plan before we can reopen. Importantly, team members and volunteers must be under the age of 65, and have no

underlying medical conditions.

I ask you to consider volunteering for one of the reopening teams, each of which will be led by a volunteer Captain:

- **Set-up Team**, whose responsibilities include ensuring that all supplies needed for each sacramental celebration are ready for use, designated entrances and exits are marked and propped open prior to attendees' arrival/departure, windows are opened, ensure hand sanitizer is available, and that pews are marked off according to social distancing guidelines;
- **Greeting Team**, whose responsibilities include managing the flow of congregants as they enter the church, participate in the liturgy/sacrament, and exit the church, making sure participants use hand sanitizer, are wearing a mask, and then are directed to appropriate seating or waiting areas by another volunteer; and
- **Cleaning/Disinfecting Team**, whose responsibilities will be assumed by our Maintenance staff.

Masks and gloves will be provided, along with cleaning and disinfecting supplies for all volunteers. Again, all volunteers must attend/watch an online training session before the parish can begin with the initial phase of reopening.

If you are willing and able to volunteer, please contact Michelle Wasielewski, our Director of Operations, at [mwasielewski@divinemercynorthshore.org](mailto:mwasielewski@divinemercynorthshore.org) or at our temporary office telephone number at 847-881-6664.

The precise date for us to enter Phase I depends on when we are able to:

- assemble this Reopening Committee, including the Teams



for set-up and greeting for each worship site,

- attend webinar training,
- review and assess our readiness, and then
- receive official certification from the Archdiocese to open each of our churches.

In other words, the pace and timing of the reopening depends on our own unique situation here at Divine Mercy.

I can't overstate the need for parishioner assistance as we prepare for and engage in reopening. God bless you for your dedication to Divine Mercy Parish.

Thank you for all your wonderful efforts and support, stepping up where needed, and giving of yourselves in time, talent and treasure.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Stas'.

### POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER



If we are transparent before the Lord like a crystal, His light – the light of mercy – will shine in us and, through us, in the world.

**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.**



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### THE PATRONS OF THE ARTS IN THE VATICAN MUSEUMS VIRTUAL SERIES ON RAPHAEL

If you are a fan of the artwork of the Vatican museums, the New York Chapter of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums has created a four-part virtual lecture series entitled *Raphael and His World* by renowned art historian and popular Patrons tour guide, Professor Elizabeth Lev. The series celebrates the 500-year anniversary of the death of Raphael.

The title of each lecture is as follows:

- The Elusive Leonardo
- The Might of Michelangelo
- Clash of the Titans
- Raphael Triumphans, Raphael Moriens

Each lecture lasts one hour and can be found at on their website which you visit [here](https://nyvaticanartpatrons.org/2020/04/25/raphael-and-his-world-virtual-lecture-series/).  
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Enjoy the series!




### JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL ONLINE MASS ON MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 25th AT 10:00 A.M.

As most of you know it has been a long-standing tradition to celebrate this lovely liturgy at Sacred Heart Cemetery on Lee Road in Northbrook.

Last year we chose to have the Mass in church due to major road construction near the entrance to the cemetery.

This year we will once again offer this Mass in Church as we continue to shelter in place. Please join us online as we pray for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country; and for all of our deceased loved ones, especially those buried at our parish cemetery. Visit our website [here](#) and scroll down to *Worship With Us* and hit play!

Hopefully we will be able to resume Mass at the cemetery on Memorial Day, 2021!



— Today we —  
**REMEMBER, RESPECT,  
AND HONOR**

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS FOR ALL THOSE  
WHO HAVE SERVED AND DEFENDED OUR  
NATION ... FOR OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS,  
MOST ESPECIALLY OUR LOVED ONES AT  
SACRED HEART CEMETERY, ... AND FOR  
THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE  
CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.**

**MONDAY, MAY 25, 2020  
10 A.M. – LIVE-STREAMED**

DIVINE MERCY PARISH  
SACRED HEART AND ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCHES  
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

### SCHEDULE FOR MASSES

Tune into our website [www.divinemercynorthshore.org](http://www.divinemercynorthshore.org) to view the links for our streaming Mass on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. We hope you'll join us for our weekly liturgy. You will be able to watch the Mass *anytime after 5:00 p.m.* on Saturday, as it will be recorded.

### CHURCH & OFFICE HOURS

Our Churches and Offices are closed for the time being, but 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.

## COMMUNITY

### THE LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR PROGRAM CONTINUES TO SHARE GOOD NEWS!

Our wonderful volunteers proceed with their weekly check in calls, letter writing, emails, and delivery of groceries and supplies to those in need.

Generous food donations continue to arrive at the New Trier Township Food Pantry courtesy of Divine Mercy parishioners.

One amazing parishioner from our St. Philip worship site made 70 face masks for the clients at Connections for the Homeless.

Our Three Tarts/A Just Harvest effort has been funded by many kindhearted parishioners through September! Thank you for your generosity!

Finally, we have three "testimonials" to share with you from some of our parishioners who are making calls to other parishioners during this crazy time! We thank them for sharing their stories and giving of their time for this important ministry!

Our first caller writes:  
"Speaking to the parents of Children's Ministry was such a gift for me. I did not realize how much I missed connecting with a wide range of people on a given day. Taking the time to pray and engage with each person was very uplifting.

Everyone I spoke to seemed genuinely touched and grateful that we were reaching out to check in on their family and take prayer requests. Nearly all expressed how grateful they are for their good fortune and asked that prayers be said for those who are ill and on the front lines.

One special moment occurred when a mom told me that my call was like an angel, perfectly timed to provide a listening ear just when she needed it.

Making these calls reminded me that we all can use encouragement and what better place for that support to come than from our amazing faith community."

Our second caller shared:  
"Dear Father Steve,  
I want to say what a privilege it has been to be part of your parish outreach team! I've called over 100 parishioners so far, and while some calls go to voicemail, others are answered and people are grateful and delighted to get a call. Some have even become new friends.

One lady I spoke to told me that her mother grew up in France during WW2, so our lockdown seems insignificant compared to the challenges that she faced. We spoke of how family dinners are now directed by what needs to get eaten, and how mindful we have both become about waste. We considered if there would be any food shortages due to disruption in the supply chain, and she suggested that we catch the rabbit in her yard that is eating her Azaleas....we laughed and debated if anyone might have a good rabbit recipe?

Thank you for asking me to help you with this, it has been an absolute pleasure to reconnect with old friends and make new ones across the Parish. I'm so grateful to Divine Mercy's support through these unusual times and the challenges we all face."

And our final caller shared:  
"These past few months have been different in so many ways and I have seen how hard everyone is working to keep us all connected which is why when the opportunity was presented I felt obligated to do my part. And I do a lot of parts at Divine Mercy and know a lot of great people but this was different.

Making calls to a list of near strangers is not high on the list of things to do on

a Saturday. But since there isn't much going on most Saturdays or any days for that matter, I sat down in a sunny spot, with my list of names and started calling. I rarely make calls anymore because I usually text and then it's usually to my close contacts stored in my iPhone! So to look at this list of 50+ names of people I really didn't know was a bit scary. I was asked to reach out to our parishioners, check in on them and their families and ask if they needed anything including prayers. But once I started calling all I got were numerous voicemail messages, or a "mailbox is full" and a disconnect. A lot of the "home" numbers had been disconnected. Out of the 55 calls made I actually only spoke to 14 people. Four were people I knew personally and really enjoyed getting to catch up on how they were spending this time. It was a relief to hear that everyone was healthy and trying to keep themselves busy. But also, I realized as soon as I heard their voices, I really missed seeing them at church, sitting in their regular seats. Seeing their faces, their smiles and feeling their embraces or a hand shake. The other few people that answered were just delightful and happy to chat to a stranger just to say their fine, or they got a negative test result and that everyone is hanging in there! I even got some feedback on the audio/technical difficulties at the live-streamed mass.

Even though I was doing this as outreach to our parishioners, and left more messages than had actual conversations, I am grateful for the lucky chance to connect with a person during this most isolating uncertain time."

Thank you to each of our callers and all the good work begun by the volunteers in our Love Your Neighbor program!

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

For all who have never heard of the saving Gospel of Christ, that through the missionary efforts of the Church, they may hear and believe, we pray to the Lord.

### ONLINE ALPHA COURSE

Alpha online is perfect for skeptics, the curious, anyone with major doubts or hurts or those who just want to talk about the real issues of life with new friends.

If you want to know more we'd love to have you join us for Alpha Online - a fun evening where there is no pressure to come back each week, you can do from the comfort of your home and just see if Alpha is for you.

You're invited to #TryAlphaOnline. It's not too late to join the current group on Tuesday nights at 7:20 p.m. CST.

### Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. It runs over thirteen weeks; each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Regardless of your experience with faith or background, everyone is welcome.

You can join us online for the first week and decide if Alpha is for you after that; there is no pressure to come back.

### What happens each week on Alpha online?

Alpha Online runs for thirteen weeks with the option of a retreat day online experience. Together, we explore ideas relating to faith and spirituality over food, a short film and then discussion.

We will send you a link where you can join Alpha Online from the comfort of your own home. All you need is an internet connection, a device (PC, iPad, phone) to join on, and most importantly a comfy chair! The real value of Alpha Online is in the

discussion time where you can share your thoughts, and relationships are built over experiences and honest conversations. If nothing else, Alpha Online is a chance to be open about the big questions in life, and simply discuss your thoughts in a small group video chat online.

There's no obligation to say anything, and there's nothing you can't say. It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

Want to Register? Click [here](#).

( [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfWNP-wHxCgEcQU-BfG0IQWYbXWdrUq0pOA\\_Is0v4vWCqkdCA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfWNP-wHxCgEcQU-BfG0IQWYbXWdrUq0pOA_Is0v4vWCqkdCA/viewform) )

### MISS YOUR FAVORITE SONGS FROM MASS?

#### LISTEN ON OUR WEBSITE!

If you miss hearing the beautiful music of our liturgies, you can listen to your favorite songs/hymns on our website! Just visit the Music Ministry page on website, click on "More...", then click on "Liturgical Music" and finally, click on "Reflection and Meditation" or just click [here](#)! You can listen to various hymns including, Eye Has Not Seen, I Have Loved You, and Jesus Christ, Yesterday, Today and For Ever. Spend some time discovering our Music Ministry page. You'll find all kinds of music you'll enjoy!



### WANT TO BE IN THE KNOW? WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!

Given our new reality, the only way we can truly communicate with our parishioners is through email, our website and social media. **PLUS** Fr. Steve has begun to write a daily update on what's happening at the parish, and share a short video reflection on the daily scriptures. You won't want to miss these, or other important information from the parish or news related to the pandemic and Archdiocesan policies.

So! If you're not receiving our e-blasts, you need to get on our mailing list. They are also mobile-phone-friendly now, so please check them out! Please send Carol Brown your email address, and she'll get you connected. You can email her at [clbrown@divinemergynorthshore.org](mailto:clbrown@divinemergynorthshore.org) or call our temporary office number: **847-881-6664**. THANK YOU!



### ONLINE SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP: MONDAYS AT 9:00 A.M.

Our weekly scripture reflection group continues to meet every Monday morning from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Zoom. We read and discuss the readings for the coming Sunday. No scripture experience is necessary and all are welcome. If you're interested in participating, contact Judy Pyke at [jpyke@divinemergynorthshore.org](mailto:jpyke@divinemergynorthshore.org) or call 847-881-6664 to let her know and she'll send you the Zoom invitation link. Join Us!



## COMMUNITY

### WE MISS YOU! VIEWS OF SPRING FROM OUR WORSHIP SITES!



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## FINANCE



### FINANCES AT A GLANCE AS OF MAY 17, 2020

(Combined St. Philip the Apostle/ Sacred Heart Church Sites )

YTD 2019-2020 Sunday Collection \$883,604

(Online this week \$6,008)

(Received in the mail \$7,328)

YTD 2018-2019 Sunday Collection \$948,948

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

Thank you for your generosity to Divine Mercy Parish!





### ***Family Mass with Father Steve Next Weekend!***

We are very excited to announce that Father Steve will celebrate a special Family Mass airing at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, but you can watch it any time thereafter by logging on to our parish website — [divinemercynorthshore.org](http://divinemercynorthshore.org). Father Steve will be joined by Kristin and Audrey Lolli, who will serve as cantors, and Matthew Compton, who will be our lector. Kristin is a catechist, professional vocalist, actor, and commercial print model as well as a wife and mother of three. Her daughter, Audrey is a rising senior at New Trier; she has been a catechist for three years. She shares the same beautiful voice as her mother, and is involved with musical theatre and choirs. Matthew Compton is a rising junior at Loyola Academy, a member of the crew team, a seasoned lector, and he served as an aide in our first grade class before the shutdown.

**Gather your children and get ready for a wonderful homily from Father Steve, soaring music and an all-around wonderful celebration of Pentecost. We are blessed to be able to celebrate even though we cannot all be together!**

### ***Gratitude to our Catechists, Lisa Centner and Spirit Elephant!***

A special shout-out and note of gratitude to Spirit Elephant restaurant in Winnetka, and their pastry chef, Lisa Centner, who is a parishioner and member of our Children's Ministry Board, for providing our Catechists with boxes of delicious "thank-you cookies!" The cookies were met with rave reviews! Spirit Elephant is doing delivery and curbside pickup. [Click here to visit the website](#) and don't forget dessert! Lisa makes it with her signature smile!







## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



Kindergartener practicing reading the long o words and gluing them on the cereal bowl!



Kindergarten author study of Mo Willems, where we made paper plate pigeons!



Pre school class Zoom meeting with their teachers!



A virtual Baby Shower hosted by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade for Mrs. Potter!



And our first LIVE morning assembly! So cool!



**WE LOVE AND MISS YOU SO MUCH. PEACE BE WITH YOU ALL AND STAY SAFE.**



## 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](http://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 current curtailment of public Masses, all Mass Intentions at Sacred Heart Church and St. Philip the Apostle Church for the coming week will be offered at the Saturday Livestream Mass at 5:00 p.m.*

### SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR LAST WEEK (May 18 - May 24):

Rowland and Rosemary Hoffman, Hank Zanarini, John Henry Zanarini (Birthday Blessings), Brian John Blair, 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Dr. Edward and Mrs. Rima Abraham, The Prindiville Family and Robert Hutchings.

### SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR THIS WEEK (May 25 - May 31):

Julie-An Wright, Claire Madden-Segura (Birthday Blessings), Robert McHugh, George and Jill Ernst (Wedding Anniversary Blessings), Living and Deceased Members of the Edward and Viola Dietz Family

### SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR NEXT WEEK (June 1—June 7):

Bob Haring, Mary Catherine Hayes, Lourdes Mariano, the Coradini Family, Blessings for all unborn children, Frederic Kastner, Chris Thordarson, Marge Livingston, Terry Franke, John Conley

## 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 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:

FONT STYLE: Corbel

FONT SIZE:

Headlines: 12 (ALL CAPS & BOLD)

Body text: 10

LINE SPACING:

Before and After Paragraphs: opt

Between Lines: 1sp

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](mailto:divinemercybulletins@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.*

Even 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.



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