



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

May 2, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*I am the vine, you are
the branches.*

*Whoever remains in
me and I in him will
bear much fruit,
because without me
you can do nothing.*

JOHN 15:5

PLEASE MAKE A
RESERVATION
FOR MASS.

ATTENDANCE
HAS INCREASED
AS MORE
PEOPLE ARE
VACCINATED.

BE SURE TO
RESERVE YOUR
SPOT!

THANK YOU!

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

NICER

I am looking out from my office windows as I write this. The sky is blue. The sun is out. Plants and trees are in bloom. The season of spring seems to have sprung.

At least with regard to the weather, it appears as if winter is done and gone. Those dull, overcast cold and sometimes snowy days are in the rear view mirror. Thank Mother Nature.

As nice as it is to contemplate the turn of the season and little birds singing with glee early in the morning, I have to tell you my thoughts are also moving in a different direction.

Our wonderful principal, Kristen Fink, informed me that this would be her last year as principal of Sacred Heart School. She is accepting a position elsewhere due to personal reasons. As she mentioned to me in our meeting, she loves Sacred Heart School and she feels completely supported by me and by the parish staff.

It's just that the "season" in her own life seems so right to her for this particular departure. As she said in our meeting, she feels very much called by God to this new position.

We are a people of faith. When someone says they feel they are called to a new direction, that needs to be respected.

Nonetheless, this transition will have its challenges, as does every major transition. The good news is that Ms. Fink has put our school on a completely solid foundation which will serve us well as we move forward.

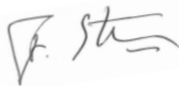
I have nothing but gratitude in my heart for Kristen's six years here. Due to her gifted leadership, we are a stronger, better school. It's nice to be able to say that. It makes the coming transition nicer.

PRINCIPAL SEARCH PROCESS

By the time you read this the search process will be well under way. An overview of the process was sent to all the school parents on Monday, April 26. You can see what was sent to them by visiting our website News and Events Page or by clicking [here](#).

Please pray for a successful search. Pray for the members of the School Board as they assist in the process. Pray for the candidates that come to us. Pray for Ms. Fink as she enters these final months of her tenure here as principal.

By the way, there will be, in addition to the school "bon voyage" events, a parish recognition for Kristen. We are still working out the details. More on that later.



SOME REMINDERS

As more and more people are vaccinated and the weather gets warmer, more parishioners are returning to Mass. It's important that all of our COVID precautions be maintained in order to keep each other safe.

Please follow the directions of ushers and remain in your pew until you are dismissed at the end of Mass. Please do not move to another pew or stand in the back of church after Holy Communion.

It's also important to make a reservation for Mass so that we can properly and accurately track our attendance at Mass. This too, reassures those who are just now returning to Mass that they will be safe. You can register for Mass [here](#). Thank You!



POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER

@Franciscus

I am extremely sad over the tragedy that has once again taken place in the Mediterranean. 130 migrants died in the sea. They are people. They are human beings. Let us pray for these brothers and sisters, and for all those who continue to die in these tragic crossings.



THANK YOU DIVINE MERCY PARISH

I would like to share a thank you to all of the people who were involved in my farewell last weekend. It is very hard for me to say goodbye. I am a person who would like to drift away into the sunset. But it is not fair to go away and without saying goodbye.

There are so many people to thank who made this event very memorable for me. I want you to know how important this was to my life. It will stay with me for the rest of my life. Thank you for the effort and care you put into my farewell.

This parish has been very important to me. I have learned many things here. I firmly believe that God has sent me to parishes throughout my priesthood for a reason. God has always blessed me.

As I transition into a new phase of my life, I will remember the people of this parish and pray for you. I pray that you will always have God as a part of your life.

Blessings to you,

Fr. Dean

OUTREACH

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION THANK YOU

The following letter is from the Bethany House of Hospitality, which was the charity to which our offertory collection was directed. Those of you who were present heard Fr. Steve's homily about Bethany House, which was full of modern day miracles. Thanks to all of you who so graciously donated over \$8,000 to this worthy cause!

Dear Fr. Steve Lanza and Members of Divine Mercy Parish,

Thank you for making Bethany House of Hospitality the center of your Holy Thursday donation.

Fr. Lanza, thank you for telling our story in a way that moved so many hearts to generosity. Members of Divine Mercy Parish, thank you for your very generous response to our need. We are profoundly moved by your magnanimity!

Since we told you our story, we have been honored to receive more young women who have recently come over the border and are awaiting asylum hearings. Your gift made it possible for us to say "yes" when the call came asking if we had the resources to take care of them. Thank you for making this possible for us. The stories of what these young people have already endured, their bravery, their humility and their passionate desire to live is a gift to all of us who are privileged to escort them.

We are extremely grateful to you!

Sr. Pat Bergen, CSJ
Bethany House of Hospitality

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

DAILY MASS CHANGES, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND THE ROSARY!

We want to share some news and exciting changes! **Beginning the week of Monday May 3, 2021**, our Monday and Thursday morning Masses at Sacred Heart Church will move to **8:00 a.m.** to be consistent with the Mass times at St. Philip and to accommodate more parishioners.

In addition, we plan to reintroduce the **Wednesday morning Mass** (to the public) during the summer, while Sacred Heart School is not in session. This Mass will also be at 8:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church **beginning June 16, 2021 and running through Wednesday, August 18th.** We will keep you apprised of COVID protocols for the school year in early August.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & THE ROSARY

Also beginning Wednesday **May 5th**, Eucharistic Adoration *and* the Rosary will be offered at **Sacred Heart Church** from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. every Wednesday, led by a wonderful group of women who want to revive this ministry for our parish. Attendees will

be required to enter via the Gathering Space and sign in per COVID guidelines.

Beginning Tuesday, **May 4th**, parishioners will *also* be able to gather after Daily Mass at **St. Philip the Apostle Church** to recite the Rosary, as was the custom *before* the Pandemic. We strongly encourage parishioners who have attended morning Mass to remain in their same seats for the Rosary in order to help our Maintenance staff in disinfecting the church after the Rosary. Any persons participating *only* in the Rosary need to sign in (in the vestibule) per COVID guidelines.

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.

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Spring, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Mothers are the great unsung heroes of the pandemic. And they need our help.

The responsibilities and stresses of motherhood have increased tenfold over this past year. Keeping family members healthy, housed, fed, on-task with schoolwork, and supported amidst fear and uncertainty is a staggering undertaking.

Add to this the hospitalizations or deaths of loved ones from COVID-19; lost jobs, wages, and child care; and the complete erasure of what little stability many families could count on, and you begin to understand the devastation the pandemic has wrought for so many mothers.

The health and economic repercussions of COVID-19 have been disproportionate for people already facing the challenges of poverty, food insecurity, mental health challenges and lack of health care. This is particularly true for women of color, who have experienced higher rates of infection, more loss of life, and greater job losses.

Your gift to the Catholic Charities Mother Day Collection means those bearing the most direct impact of this crisis don't have to struggle and lose ground they've worked so hard for. Your gift means they can access the resources—food, rental assistance, counseling—and professional help they need to ensure their families don't fall further behind.

What better way to honor our own mothers and other women we admire than by helping another mom provide for and strengthen her own family? To be part of their resilience and success? To live out the lessons our mothers—many of whom had their own struggles—worked hard to ingrain in us.

You have my sincere gratitude for your past support of the Mother's Day Collection, and my most urgent plea to give again. Contributions can be made at www.catholiccharities.net/donate, or mail your gift to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60654.

This Mother's Day, the face of need is mothers and their children; the face of hope is you. Please join Catholic Charities in bringing God's infinite mercy and profound hope to thousands of mothers who are heroically shepherding their families through this unprecedented time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Cardinal O'Malley".
Archbishop of Chicago

ADULT FORMATION



A Tri-Parish Virtual Program

Thursday, May 20
10:00 – 11:00 AM

"Do Whatever He Tells You." Mary, Mother and Disciple

Reflections on the Blessed Mother

Join speakers from Ss. Faith, Hope & Charity; Ss. Joseph and Francis Xavier and Divine Mercy parishes to explore the lessons Mary teaches us through her story in scripture. Speakers will each focus on one of nine biblical passages about Mary and there will be time for prayer and silent reflection.

Speakers will include:

Ss. Faith, Hope & Charity: Anne-Marie D'Angelo,
Gigi Enriquez

Divine Mercy: Rita Compton, Deacon Mike McNulty,
Susan Seeborg

Ss. Joseph and Francis Xavier: Mary Therese Brown,
Christine Rademacher

By Zoom Video Conference

To register contact

Pam Coster at pcoster@gmail.com

COMMUNITY

PARISH OFFICE NOW OPEN MORNINGS M-F

Our parish office will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. During these office hours, you may call our regular parish number: 847-446-0856. From 12:15 p.m., you may call our temporary parish number: 847-881-6664. **If you have an emergency outside of business hours**, and need to reach a priest, please call our regular number 847-446-0856, and leave a message with our answering service, who will contact the priest.

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.



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!



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
Winners need not be present to win

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MASQUERADE: NITE LITES 2021

Nite Lites 2021 is right around the corner, May 22nd! Raffle tickets are still on sale and can be purchased on-site at both St. Philip and Sacred Heart Churches on days/times when mass is scheduled. Additionally, you can go to nitelites.givesmart.com to pay for your tickets online and have them delivered to you!

Silent Auction items are on sale now and several items have already sold! Go to nitelites.givesmart.com to view the amazing selection of items and place a bid or "Buy it Now". You can also make a donation of any amount to support the event through this link.

We are still open for donations of in-kind items if you would like to donate a vacation home stay, gift cards, wine or whiskey. Consider purchasing a gift card from a local restaurant to support our restaurants and donate it to NiteLites! Please contact the NiteLites team at nitelites@shwschool.org to donate or if you have any questions about the event.

Our team is so grateful to all of you that have shown your support for this event and our school thus far. It has been a challenging year on many levels for all of us, and your support is more meaningful than ever.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!!

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

WATCH FOR AUCTION SNEAK PEEKS IN THE E-BLAST!

Keep an eye out for some sneak peeks of silent auction items in our daily e-blast. You'll find stays at a Lake Delavan lakefront summer home, a 5-night stay in Cabo on the Sea of Cortez this coming year, and two center court seats at Wimbledon 2022 with a three-night stay at the London Savoy Hotel!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)

Year-End Family Mass this Weekend!



This Sunday, May 2
10 a.m.

St. Philip the Apostle
1962 Old Willow Road
Northfield, IL 60093

Father Steve Lanza, Celebrant
Wonderful music
May Crowning of Mary
Catechist Appreciation
Treats for all the children
Don't Miss It!

[In-church seating and Drive in available, Sign up here!](#)

Parish Celebrates Confirmation at Sunday Mass

Divine Mercy Parish has confirmed all 67 of our candidates this spring! Last Sunday, we joyfully confirmed two candidates during 10 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church. We congratulate **Anna Kate McDowell** and **Isabela Ryerson** on their Confirmation. Well done one and all!



Children's Ministry Adds New Team Member

We are very excited to announce that **Kelly Shoup** has joined the Children's Ministry team as our part-time Administrative Assistant. Kelly is a member of the Children's Ministry Board, a catechist, and parishioner. She and her husband Jason are parents to Grace, 4th grade; Gabriel, 1st grade; and Elijah, who is in preschool.

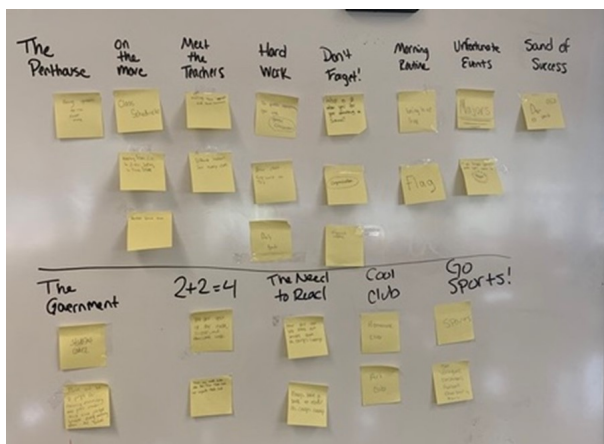
Kelly has a master's degree in Social Work and Pastoral Studies through a joint Saint Louis University/Aquinas Institute Program. She has extensive experience in outreach and serving the poor, including a two-year stay in South Africa with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

Kelly has been an active parishioner at Divine Mercy — she was an early Alpha adapter! We are delighted to welcome her to the team.

We would also like to give a BIG thank you to **Megan Nolan**, administrative assistant for the parish, and **Anthony Sarch** for all of their support to the department! It takes a village and we are blessed to have a great one!



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



6th grade has just started their next project - writing their own class book! With all of the changes this year, the students are hard at work writing a "Guide to Junior High" to pass along to the incoming 6th graders. After learning about how to write a book from Alan Gratz, a very famous author, the students started the very first step - brainstorming! Using post-it notes (similar to Alan Gratz), the 6th graders worked together to write down all of the topics that they would want to write about. They also worked hard to create clever titles for each chapter. Over the next few weeks, the 6th graders will work in class to brainstorm, write, illustrate, and edit their product until they are ready to "publish" their book. With so many aspiring authors in class, this is a great way to encourage their creativity!



Mr. Comstock took the kindergartners outside to take some time to pray in the garden. They listened to *Jesus Loves The Little Children/He's Got The Whole World*, and *You Are My Sunshine*.



The JKers learned about wind during their unit on weather! They went outside to test several different items in the wind to see if the wind would move them. The children recorded whether or not each item was moved by the wind, and we discussed why some items would move and others wouldn't. The children came to the conclusion that the heavier items could not be moved by the wind, but items that weighed less and were light, could be!



In 7th Grade STEAM the students have been learning about flight. They have been making and flying paper airplanes and are building and flying drones.



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

PRESIDER SCHEDULE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

May 8, 2021

SACRED HEART CHURCH

5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

May 9, 2021

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

8:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Dan Cassidy

May 9, 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.** One of our priests will respond to your call. Please leave a message!!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTOR ASSIGNMENTS: May 8 & 9, 2021

May 8, 2021 Sacred Heart Church 5:00 p.m.

Nicola Brown Howard

May 9, 2021 St. Philip the Apostle Church 8:00 a.m.

Bob Snediker

May 9, 2021 Sacred Heart Church 10:00 a.m.

Kathy Janega

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, Elaine Boback,
Dennis Braun, Wendy Braun, John Dory, Lisa Franke,
Paul Greco, Benjamin Grillo, Jack Hogan, Mario Iturino,
Gina Quirk Lazicki, Ruth Martin, Alice McGowan,
Teresa McNamara, Beth O'Brien, Joan Rohrs, Pat Rupp,
Mary Rycroft, Sister Betty Tranel, and Lisa Zitella

For Those Who Have Died

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

Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
[26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21
[cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/
Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/
Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/
Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
[cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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, May 3 (SH)

7:00 a.m. - John Flynn

TUESDAY, May 4 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Sharon Kennedy Gerlach

WEDNESDAY, May 5 (SH)

School Mass: Closed to the Public
8:30 a.m. -

THURSDAY, May 6 (SH)

7:00 a.m. - Robert Erzinger

FRIDAY, May 7 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Steven Schmid

SATURDAY, MAY 8 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - Roy Horn and
Parishioners of Divine Mercy

SUNDAY, MAY 9

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Grace Anderson

10:00 a.m. (SH) - Challen Sullivan

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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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 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.

Office Address:

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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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