



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

NOVEMBER 15, 2020 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Make Your Reservations for Christmas Mass Now!

Visit our Website to Make Reservations, by [CLICKING HERE](#)
or call the Parish Office at 847-881-6664.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

HOLY UNCERTAINTY

I'm practicing what I've preached. Even though we were not open for Masses this past weekend and even though we couldn't even livestream Mass out to you, I still preached. I recorded myself on Zoom and a notice was sent out on Sunday to those who subscribe to the parish e-blast where they could find it.

I borrowed a concept from Pastor John Mark Comer who writes about "holy uncertainty." What does he mean by that?

It's a pretty simple concept. There's a lot of uncertainty in life. Believers take the opportunity when things in life are uncertain to renew their trust in God. Just as Israel wandered in the desert for forty years, we need "to camp around God's presence and trust him to lead and guide us." As we wait on God, we allow his Holy Spirit to fill our souls; in other words, we do not close ourselves off from God but open ourselves deeply to his work within us. Finally, "holy uncertainty" means that we live gratefully one day at a time. We shouldn't get ahead of ourselves, or even more importantly, we shouldn't allow ourselves to get ahead of God.

That's basically what I preached on in the light of last Sunday's scriptures. When I preach I never envision myself preaching only to you. I preach to myself, meaning that whatever message I offer is offered to myself as well.

Here we are, you and me, in the midst of holy uncertainty.

I write this on Monday, November 9 in order to meet the bulletin deadline. I have no idea at this point whether or not we will be open this weekend for confessions and Masses.

We may very well still be sorting through our staff quarantine and waiting for the go ahead to reopen our two churches.

All we can do at this point is wait and see. And pray. And do the ministerial things we are able to do without opening the doors of our two churches.

I've got more Zoom meetings this week than I have had in a while. That's all I can do.



Meanwhile, I'm praying for all of you, for the parish itself, for the ministries that are continuing such as Alpha, the Virtual Café, Sacred Heart School, the Children's Ministry, and for all those outside the parish who are coaching and lending assistance in our renewal efforts. May we all continue to cultivate the holy uncertainty with which we are confronted and place our trust wholly and completely in God.

CHRISTMAS MASS RESERVATIONS!

You read that right! We need your help in determining if we have planned a sufficient number of Christmas Masses for all to attend while maintaining social distancing protocols. Visit our website (<https://www.divinemercynorthshore.org/christmas-mass-reservations.html>) and make your reservation now if possible. Here is the current schedule:

Christmas Eve, December 24

3:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Church - with a possible overflow Mass in the Sacred Heart School Gym

3:00 p.m. St. Philip Church

3:00 p.m. St. Philip Church - 25 DRIVE-IN SPOTS: FM RADIO/LIVESTREAM & HOLY COMMUNION BROUGHT TO YOUR CAR

5:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Church

5:00 p.m. St. Philip Church

9:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Church

Christmas Day, December 25

9:00 a.m. St. Philip Church

10:30 a.m. Sacred Heart Church



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

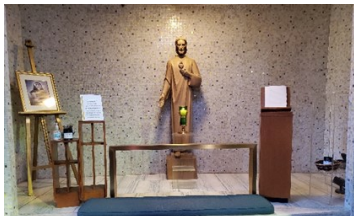
MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like a Mass said for a loved one? Just call Megan Nolan at our office at 847-881-6664 or 847-446-0856, and she'll be able to help you. You can also email Megan Nolan at megan@divinemercynorthshore.org

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

For all God's people, may they use their many talents to proclaim the sanctity of life in the arenas of business, media, the arts, and politics, we pray to the Lord.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



Dear Friends:

You are welcome to add names of family and friends into the Book of Remembrance. There is a Book at each worship site

PLEASE DO SO SAFELY WITH THESE GUIDELINES:

1. Please use hand sanitizer before writing in the book.
2. You may use a pen that you have brought with you. Please take the pen with you when you are finished.
3. You may use a pen from the "Sanitized Pens" jar.
4. When you are finished, please put your pen in the "Used Pens" jar.
5. Once again, please use hand sanitizer after writing in the book.
6. Please do not congregate around the table.



FOLLOW ALONG WITH MASS WITH OUR WORSHIP AID

Just scan this QR code with your smart phone camera to access the worship aid for Mass when you watch online. It also takes you to our parish website page featuring music at Divine Mercy, which you might like to peruse.



OFFERING ENVELOPES

Several of you have recently brought to our attention that your offering envelopes are not arriving by mail in a timely manner. We have discussed this matter both with Overt, the envelope printing and mailing service provider, and with our local mail carrier. At this point, we can only attribute the delays of inconsistency with the USPS. As an alternative to the traditional envelopes, we encourage you to sign up for on-line giving via Give Central. Please visit our website (click [here](#)) and do so today! It's easy, secure, environmentally-friendly, and reliable! Thank you for your support of our parish.
Michelle Wasielewski
Director of Operations

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER

.All of us are able to give without expecting anything in return, to do good to others without demanding that they treat us well in return. As Jesus told his disciples: "Without cost you have received, without cost you are to give" (Mt 10:8). #FratelliTutti



OUTREACH

TURKEYS, TURKEYS, TURKEYS!

Each year, the St. Columbanus Food Pantry distributes turkeys to its Pantry clients for Thanksgiving. This year is no different, except for how the turkeys are being funded.

In years past, the Children's Ministry Families have raised money for the Turkeys. Since Children's Ministry essentially is meeting virtually this year, we thought we'd better open up the Turkey fundraising to the entire parish, so these families don't go without their turkeys!

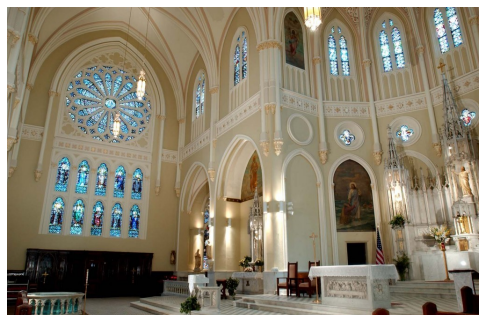
If you're able to donate towards the cost of a turkey for the St. Columbanus Food Pantry, you can click [here](#) to visit the St. Columbanus online Give Central portal, where you'll find a link for **Turkeys for Thanksgiving**. You can make a direct and safe online donation here to St. Columbanus, or you can send in a check made payable to Divine Mercy Parish noting TURKEY on the memo line.

Thank you so much for your generosity! They are truly grateful!



OUTREACH: CHRISTMAS SHARING WITH OUR SHARING PARISHES

CHRISTMAS SHARING IS BACK! NEW THIS YEAR: THE GREAT GIFT CARD CHALLENGE!



It's that time already! Christmas Sharing with St. Benedict the African and St. Columbanus returns. Given the pandemic, we know the need is greater than ever. We also know we need to do things a little differently this year, so here are the details!

You'll no longer see gift tags on the Christmas Tree at St. Philip or the bulletin board at Sacred Heart so we can comply with Archdiocesan Coronavirus guidelines. We've worked with our sharing parishes to determine what their parishioners need most, and the easiest way to make their Christmas dreams come true. As a result, we created the **Great Gift Card Challenge**!

We've created a Christmas Sharing page on our website under Outreach, where you can "sign up" for one or more gift cards that will be distributed to the parishioners of St. Benedict the African and St. Columbanus.

[JUST CLICK HERE](#). Here's what to do next:

- 1) Sign-up for a gift card on our website ([link above](#)) or call the parish office at 847-881-6664 if you don't have access to a computer.**
- 2) Purchase the gift card at your favorite store (in person or online)
- 3) Place gift card(s) in an envelope marked "Christmas Sharing (fill in the name of the Sharing Parish)" (Please include verification slips.)
- 4) Drop it at Mass, or at the parish office at Sacred Heart Church, or send them via snail mail to:
Divine Mercy Parish
1077 Tower Rd.
Winnetka, IL 60093
Attn: Christmas Sharing

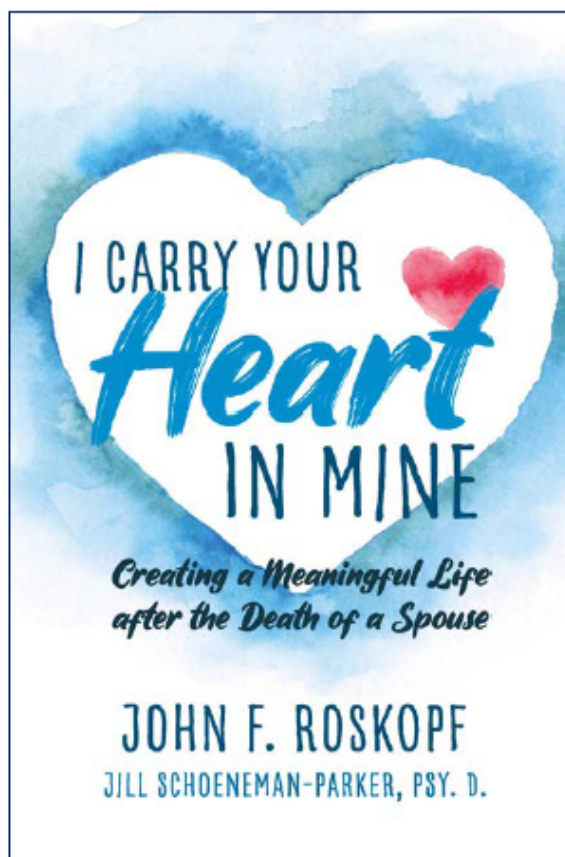
DEADLINES:

- We ask that all gift cards for **St. Columbanus** be delivered to Divine Mercy by **Tuesday, December 8th** so they can be delivered to them in time for their Christmas distribution.
- All gifts cards for **St. Benedict the African** will be accepted up until **Wednesday, January 6th**, the feast of the Epiphany. Two deliveries to St. Benedict will take place: one before Christmas, and one after. St. Benedict prefers to distribute the gift cards through out the year to parishioners in need.

**You'll notice the gifts cards are different for each Sharing Parish. The larger amounts on St. Columbanus replaces the multitude of gifts that have been purchased for each family in the past. The variety of stores and amounts for St. Benedict reflect their needs throughout the entire year (not just at Christmas).

So let's try to make life a bit easier for our friends at St. Benedict the African and St. Columbanus! We thank you for participating in the Great Gift Card Challenge! Our sharing parishes are so grateful for your generosity!!

Creating a Meaningful Life After the Death of a Spouse



Meet Wilmette's John Roskopf

John and Carol had been happily married 43 years when Carol was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and was gone just 60 days later. Hear the story of John's journey to not only survive but thrive.

Insights into Life after Loss

- Talking with your children
- Dealing with well-meaning (but unhelpful) friends
- Establishing healthy routines
- Drawing on the power of faith

Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 7 pm

via Zoom

Contact Kieran Lyons at klyons@ssjfx.org by 5 pm on Nov. 18 to get the Zoom link

Join us for a transformative view of bereavement



Saints Joseph and
Francis Xavier
Parish

Order the book on
Amazon [here!](#)

COMMUNITY

WANT TO BE IN THE KNOW? EMAIL US!

Given the current reality, the only way we can communicate with our parishioners is through email, our website and social media. You won't want to miss these, or other important information related to the gradual reopening of our churches.

So! If you're not receiving our e-blasts, get on our mailing list. They are also mobile-phone-friendly now, so please check them out! Please send Judy Pyke your email address, and she'll get you connected. You can email her at jpyke@divinemercynorthshore.org or call our temporary office number: **847-881-6664**. THANK YOU!

JOIN THE VIRTUAL CAFÉ

Join fellow parishioners online on Sunday mornings to get to know each other better and share your thoughts on the homily or readings you heard at Mass. All conversation welcome! The group meets online every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m., so if you'd like to participate, contact Sue Lehocky at 847-881-6664 or slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org and she'll put you on the Zoom call!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

In her short life, Elizabeth manifested such great love for the poor and suffering that she has become the patroness of Catholic Charities and of the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, Elizabeth chose a life of penance and asceticism when a life of leisure and luxury could easily have been hers. This choice endeared her in the hearts of the common people throughout Europe.

At the age of 14, Elizabeth was married to Louis of Thuringia, whom she deeply loved. She bore three children. Under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick. Seeking to become one with the poor, she wore simple clothing. Daily she would take bread to hundreds of the poorest in the land who came to her gate.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband's family looked upon her as squandering the royal purse, and mistreated her, finally throwing her out of the palace. The return of her husband's allies from the Crusades

resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne.

In 1228, Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order, spending the remaining few years of her life caring for the poor in a hospital which she founded in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi. Elizabeth's health declined, and she died before her 24th birthday in 1231. Her great popularity resulted in her canonization four years later.

From: FranciscanMedia.org



FINANCE

Our Parish uses



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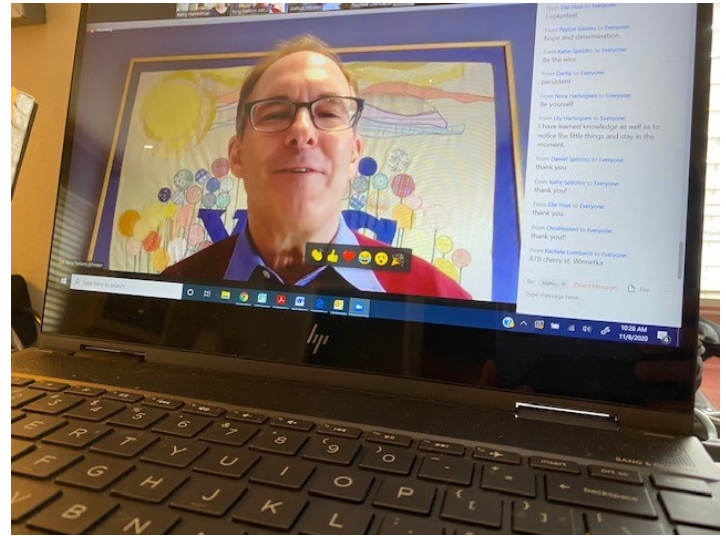
FINANCES AT A GLANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 8, 2020

Given the closing of our churches last weekend due to the Coronavirus infections, we were unable to calculate donations for the week. Financial figures will be shared with you as soon as our required quarantine has ended. Thank you.

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

Thank you for your generosity to Divine Mercy Parish!

A Great Retreat!



Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson, founder and executive director of Soul Play, met with our 7th graders this past weekend for a Zoom retreat that was full of **fun, faith and fellowship**. Holding a crisp \$50 bill, Dr. Nelson-Johnson noted that the student with the greatest participation would walk away that day with the bill. Participation was at an all-time high (see the photo with the chat column!) with Dr. Nelson-Johnson, in example after example, showing our children how they can be “mediators of grace” and, in doing so, how they can bestow special sacraments upon those around them.

As Jesus told us, “Do this in memory of me,” so too can we be mediators of grace when we pick someone up who is down or show kindness to a stranger. **And, in those moments, Dr. Nelson-Johnson explained, we share a sacrament of hope, kindness and love.** At the end, one 7th grader was awarded the \$50 for her outstanding participation, and she generously returned it to the parish as a donation. A mediation of generosity and a sacrament of giving.

The entire day was a gift.

Stay Tuned...

To help our children prepare for this beautiful time of year and the birth of our Lord Jesus, we are pleased to announce we will be holding:

Light of the World Vacation Bible School

9:00-9:45 a.m.

December 21-23

On Zoom

Registration to open next week

Spaces limited

Children will learn about Sts. Nicholas, Elizabeth, Mary and more. They will learn imaginative prayer, see beautiful Nativity scenes and come to understand that Advent is this special, beautiful time of awaiting the glorious birth of Jesus.

Gratitude...

For our catechists, who have tirelessly trained, been troubleshooting, and continue to tackle all challenges big and small to engage the hearts and minds of our children on Zoom and in person!

For our parents, whose patience and flexibility have helped us get this year off the ground.

For our children, who may have Zoom burnout but still log on and tune in enthusiastically.

For Jon Comstock, whose tech support makes a big difference each and every week!

For our team behind the scenes for all they have done to get our ministry launched during this unusual year. It takes a big village!



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!

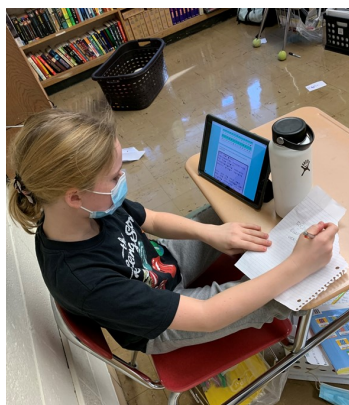
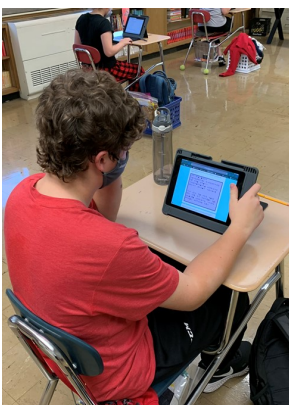


Our kindergartners were "Rockin Around The Clock" for their 50th Day of School! And what a beautiful day it was!!

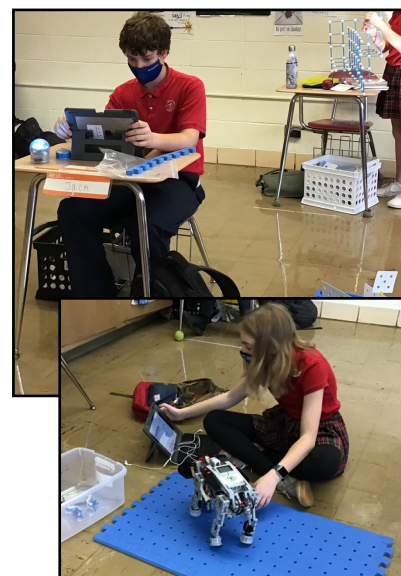


The FDKJ class had a special treat for Music class. Mr. Comstock took them outside, where they created and listened to sounds in nature, engaged in movement songs, and sang songs for Jesus. They loved being outside on such a beautiful day!

7th grade did a Bible escape room challenge! They had to decode Bible verses, put the Ten Commandments in order, and unscramble various verses and meanings!



The 7th graders working hard on their STEAM projects.



Thank you to all the families here at Sacred Heart keeping our school safe and open. Happy 50th Day!

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

November 21, 2020

SACRED HEART CHURCH

5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Dan Cassidy

November 22, 2020

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE
CHURCH

8:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Dean Semmer

November 22, 2020

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 the various restrictions of nursing homes in the State of Illinois, the constraints of established 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 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,
Irina Anikovich, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Dennis Braun,
Wendy Braun, Pat Doherty, John Dory, Lisa Franke,
Paul Greco, Benjamin Grillo, Jack Hogan, Mario Iturino,
Gina Quirk Lazicki, Beth O'Brien, and Lisa Zitella

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTOR SCHEDULE

November 21, 2020 Sacred Heart Church **5:00 p.m.**
TBD

November 22, 2020 St. Philip the Apostle Church **8:00 a.m.**
Liz Harvey

November 22, 2020 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.

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, November 16 (SH)

7:00 a.m. -

TUESDAY, November 17 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. -

WEDNESDAY, November 18 (SH)

8:30 a.m. -

THURSDAY, November 19 (SH)

7:00 a.m. - Carol Kane

FRIDAY, November 20 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - William Flaherty

SATURDAY, November 21 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - Roland & Rosemary Hoffman

SUNDAY, November 22

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Robert Hutchings

10:00 a.m. (SH) - Michael Lang

Our Churches remain closed through Thursday, November 19th. Our plan is to reopen November 20th. Mass intentions on those dates during which the churches are closed will be rescheduled.

THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

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

SACRAMENTS

Please call the Parish Office temporary number at 847-881-6664 for the most current information regarding Sacraments during this time.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is offered at both of our worship sites. Sacred Heart Church offers the Sacrament on Saturday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and at St. Philip the Apostle Church on Wednesday afternoons with Fr. Javier Del Castillo from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. And there is no need to make a reservation! We remind everyone to wear a mask, and that you'll be greeted by someone from our reopening team.

Please know that if it has been a while since your last confession, "Do not be afraid!" (Matthew 14:27). *The priest will help guide you.*

A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. (Rite of Penance, no. 45)

DO YOU HAVE A BULLETIN SUBMISSION?

Please adhere to the following specifications when submitting an item for the bulletin. The deadline is Tuesday, 9:00am for the following Sunday.

BULLETIN SPECS:

FONT STYLE: Corbel

FONT SIZE:

Headlines: 12 (ALL CAPS & BOLD)

Body text: 10

LINE SPACING:

Before and After Paragraphs: opt

Between Lines: 15p

Avoid outlining text boxes, if you can.

Continue to create ads for special events like Nite Lites. We simply ask you incorporate the Corbel font style when you are able. Please submit all items to:
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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