



## DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

NOVEMBER 22, 2020  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



**WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU!**

**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

### THE CLOSE OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR

This weekend we mark the close of the Church year with the celebration of Christ the King Sunday. As the liturgical calendar winds down, we acknowledge Jesus Christ as king of the universe.

The Easter Vigil Mass proclaims Christ as the Alpha and the Omega (the first and final letters in the Greek alphabet), the beginning and the end. The prayer at the Vigil goes on to say that he truly is the Master, the King, because "All time belongs to him and all the ages; to him be glory and power through every age and for ever, amen!"

Some may wonder how it can be that we acclaim the Lord Jesus as all-powerful, that even the unfolding of time itself belongs to him, while we are in the midst of a worldwide pandemic that gives no evidence of stopping. More are being infected and more die each day. Yet we firmly believe that Christ is Lord and God, King of the universe, Victor over death and sin.

We cannot forget that Christ became victorious and reigns for ever by dying

for us on the Cross. His triumph includes his own suffering and death.

This is the central mystery of the faith. It is a paradox.

To my mind, it gives great comfort to know that the One whom we acclaim as God and as all-powerful also has experienced suffering and death. He willingly accepted that path so that we might have hope when things look the most hopeless.

The seeds of new life are planted in the pain of this self-sacrifice.

### THE NEW YEAR OF GRACE

We have one more week of ordinary time after this Sunday. Then, next Sunday, with Advent, we begin a new liturgical year, a new Church year, the year of grace starts up anew.

Recall that we inscribe upon the Easter Candle the symbols Alpha and Omega in the night, after the sun has gone down and there are no lights in the church. In darkness, we light the new fire, prepare the Easter Candle using words and symbols of hope, and then from that brave light of Christ our own candles are lit and the Church is filled with light as the



Exultet is sung.

As we all move through these difficult and dark times, let us not forget the promise of God and the loving work of Christ. Light will shine.

It shines even now. In every heart that believes!



## 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

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](mailto:megan@divinemercynorthshore.org)

### RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

That the world's harvest will be gathered and shared among all people, especially those who are in most need, we pray to the Lord.

### POPE FRANCIS ON INSTAGRAM

Today we pray for all the #FaithfulDeparted and especially for the victims of the Coronavirus: for those who have died alone, without the caress of their loved ones; and for those who have given their lives serving the sick.



### 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

### 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.



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## 5 BEHAVIORS TO KEEP US SAFE

As a member of our community, I will ...

1. Wear a mask
2. Keep my distance
3. Wash and sanitize my hands
4. Stay home if I am sick
5. Get tested if I exhibit symptoms

... because protecting others in our community is my responsibility, too.

**And finally...if you, or anyone in your family, tests positive, please let us know—especially if you have attended one of our Masses.**

**Thank you! And God bless all our medical professionals!**

## 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! **AND YOU CAN PARTICIPATE ONLINE!** 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!!**





INSTITUTE of  
PASTORAL STUDIES

## CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

### IPS SCRIPTURE SCHOOL

Presents:

## *"When They Saw The Star"* ~ Advent Retreat Series ~ **ONLINE!**

**All participants welcomed,  
FREE of charge!**



The IPS Scripture School fosters a transformational encounter with God through online instruction and formation in Sacred Scripture within a live interactive framework. This retreat series will explore the beauty and message of Christ's birth within the context of our new 2020 reality!

**You will enjoy this series if you:**

- Want to learn more about the Infancy Narratives of Matthew and Luke's Gospel!
- Would like to engage in meaningful conversations with other people of faith!
- Wish to prayerfully reflect on the challenges of this past year and find hope for the New Year!

**We meet online (Central Time), via ZOOM**  
**2 hours/week, 3 weeks in a row:**

- **Tuesdays (12/1; 12/8; 12/15)**  
10am – 12pm OR 6:30 – 8:30pm
- **Wednesdays (12/2; 12/9; 12/16)**  
10am – 12pm OR 6:30 – 8:30pm
- **Thursdays (12/3, 12/10, 12/17), 10am – 12pm**

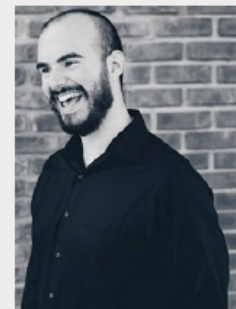
*This series is designed for the average layperson. All are welcome.*

*No prior academic experience necessary, just an open mind and heart.*

**FIVE SECTIONS AVAILABLE**  
**Morning/Evening Options**  
**DEC 1 – 17, 2020**

INSTRUCTOR

**Kevin Pease, M.T.S.**  
*Institute of Pastoral Studies*



Kevin Pease serves as Director of IPS Scripture School. A graduate of the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, CA, he remains passionate about Jesuit education and adult faith formation. He believes Scripture Studies deepen relationship with God, self, and others, and is so looking forward to sharing in this experience with you.

#### REGISTER

Please contact director,  
Kevin Pease, by e-mail  
for link to register!

#### CONTACT

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Director, IPS Scripture School  
t. 847.409.1433 | [kpease@luc.edu](mailto:kpease@luc.edu)

#### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Have access to a computer with Internet.
- Have a personal email address by which to receive and send pertinent communication.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org) and she'll put you on the Zoom call!

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### ST. COLUMBANUS!

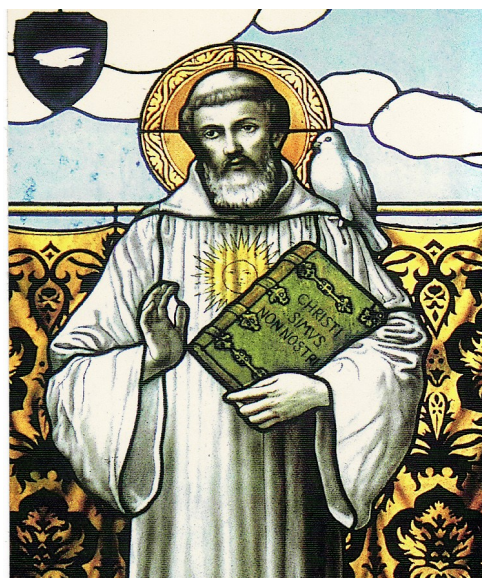
We celebrate the feast of St. Columbanus, also known as Saint Columban, on Monday, November 23rd.

Columban was the greatest of the Irish missionaries who worked on the European continent. As a young man who was greatly tormented by temptations of the flesh, he sought the advice of a religious woman who had lived a hermit's life for years. He saw in her answer a call to leave the world. He went first to a monk on an island in Lough Erne, then to the great monastic seat of learning at Bangor.

After many years of seclusion and prayer, he traveled to Gaul with 12 companion missionaries. They won wide respect for the rigor of their discipline, their preaching, and their commitment to charity and religious life in a time characterized by clerical laxity and civil strife. Columban established several monasteries in Europe which became centers of religion and culture.

Like all saints, he met opposition. Ultimately he had to appeal to the pope against complaints of Frankish bishops, for vindication of his

orthodoxy and approval of Irish customs. He reproved the king for his licentious life, insisting that he marry. Since this threatened the power of the queen mother, Columban was deported back to Ireland. His ship ran aground in a storm, and he continued his work in Europe, ultimately arriving in Italy, where he found favor with the king of the Lombards. In his last years he established the famous monastery of Bobbio, where he died. His writings include a treatise on penance and against Arianism, sermons, poetry, and his monastic rule.



## FINANCE



**Scan the Code  
to Donate!**

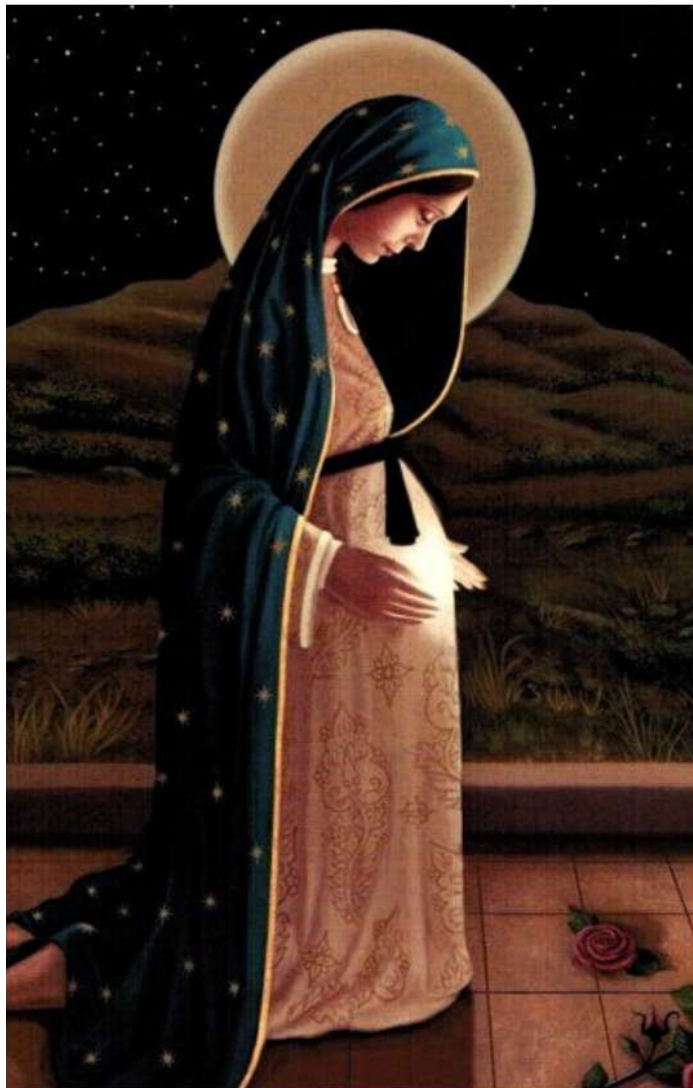
### FINANCES AT A GLANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 15, 2020

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](mailto:cindyatsaves@divinemercynorthshore.org).

Thank you for your generosity to Divine Mercy Parish!

COMING SOON -  
LIGHT OF THE WORLD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Explore Advent traditions  
with  
**LIGHT OF THE WORLD**  
Vacation Bible School



Register your children (K-4th grades) for the **Light of the World VBS this Advent**. This live, online VBS will include lessons about **Our Blessed Mother and Saints Nicholas and Elizabeth**. We'll explore the beautiful tradition of the creche, while enjoying music videos and crafts.

Divine Mercy Parish is partnering with other Chicago area parishes to host this virtual VBS the first few days of winter break: **Monday, December 21 through Wednesday, December 23 from 9 am - 9:45 am (about 45 minutes each day)**. This VBS will be live on Zoom and is free for Divine Mercy Children's Ministry and Sacred Heart School families.

**Registration coming soon!**





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



We have the CUTEST preschoolers!

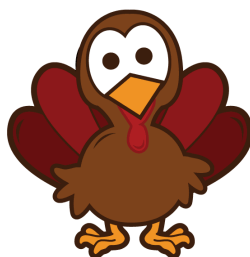
The 4th graders are learning and playing the hand bells in music and band this year. They are working together to read and play beautiful music!



Kindergarteners use their knowledge of numbers and color words to complete the turkey. They are very excited to be getting ready for Turkey Day!



3<sup>rd</sup> graders learning their "6" multiplication tables and outside at recess!



Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!



## PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

### PRESIDER SCHEDULE

**November 28, 2020**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

**5:00 p.m.**

Presider: Fr. Dean Semmer

**November 29, 2020**

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE  
CHURCH

**8:00 a.m.**

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

**November 29, 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, 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 28, 2020** Sacred Heart Church **5:00 p.m.**

Chris Hartman

**November 29, 2020** St. Philip the Apostle Church **8:00 a.m.**

Steve Thordarson

**November 29, 2020** 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](mailto:rvanasdlen@divinemercynorthshore.org)

If you are able to assist our Greeter ministry, please contact Michelle Wasielewski via email [mwasielewski@divinemercynorthshore.org](mailto: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.

**Patrick Doherty**

## 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 23 (SH)**

7:00 a.m. - Jim O'Toole

**TUESDAY, November 24 (SPA)**

8:00 a.m. - Christine Mueller

**WEDNESDAY, November 25 (SH)**

8:30 a.m. - NO SCHOOL/NO MASS

**THURSDAY, November 26 (SH)**

7:00 a.m. - NO MASS TODAY

**FRIDAY, November 27 (SPA)**

8:00 a.m. - Edward Binker

**SATURDAY, November 28 (SH)**

5:00 p.m. - Parishioners of Divine Mercy

**SUNDAY, November 29**

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Hedy Freiman

10:00 a.m. (SH) - William Ryan

## 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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