

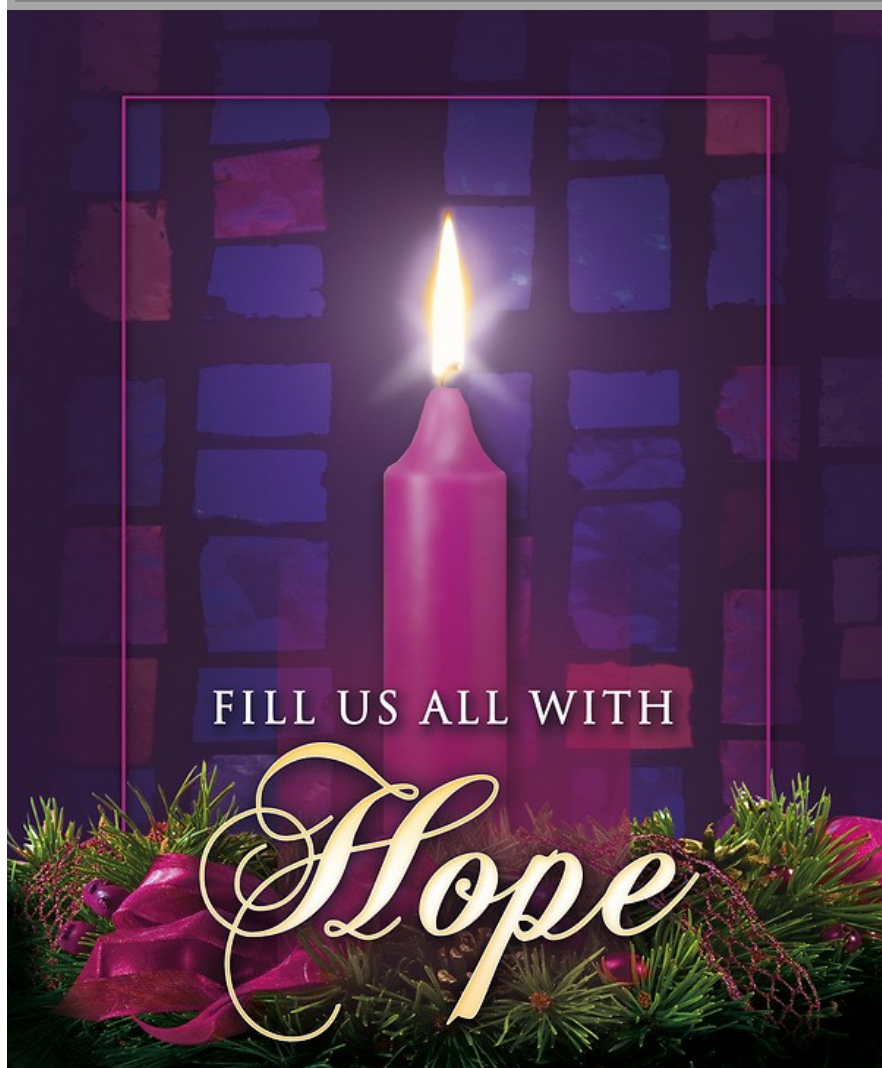


## DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Make Your  
Reservations for  
Christmas Mass**

See Page 2 for our  
Mass Schedule.

Visit our Website to  
Make Reservations by  
**CLICKING HERE**

or call the Parish Office  
at 847-881-6664.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

### COME WHAT MAY

Due to a very early bulletin deadline forced upon us by Thanksgiving, I am writing this on November 15. Writing that far in advance means that what you read here is not exactly timely.

Thank goodness we have the daily e-blast and can also post up-to-date parish information on our website. The plan, such as it is as I write from the vantage point of mid-November, is for us to be open for Masses and confessions as the new Church year gets underway and as you read this column for the First Sunday of Advent, November 29.

It could be that as Advent rolls around our churches will be shuttered by the coronavirus and state advisories. Who knows? There is no one I know who can read the tea leaves effectively.

What I can tell you is that, come what may, Divine Mercy Parish will continue to minister to people, as best we can and in compliance with whatever state or local restrictions may be enacted.

In the past, our doors have been shut due to circumstances. That didn't mean we stopped ministering. So, for example—

*We livestreamed Mass when we could.*

We've gotten better at that task with the new technology we've installed. As long as we have priest presiders and technicians to run the equipment, we will continue to livestream.

*Sacred Heart School is educating students.* As I write this, the school doors are open. Hopefully, this will continue as we vigorously work to keep kids safe with tons of disinfecting throughout the day, social distancing, the establishment of cohorts, mask-wearing, and ventilated classrooms.

*Children's Ministry continues.*

Currently we are engaged in a

hybrid of a few in-person gatherings for our public school kids and a whole lot of in-home formation. This is a amazing effort of collaboration between staff, catechists, students and parents.

*Ingenious Pastoral Outreach and Heartfelt Personal Prayer.* While we are constrained from visiting in person at most hospitals depending on the current threat level of the coronavirus, we pray with those who are afflicted by various illnesses. Creative efforts are underway to feed the hungry. Coming soon, this spring, we hope to put into place a partnership that will enable us to feed and house families who are temporarily homeless.

*Virtual Ministry takes off.* We've got Alpha online on Monday evenings as well as the Virtual Café on Sunday mornings. All of our appointments, whether they are focused on an individual who needs guidance or help, or on couples, for example, for marriage preparation, we do so utilizing Zoom.



### AS ADVENT BEGINS: GRATITUDE!

Thank you so much for sticking with us through thick and thin. Thanks for your understanding and patience.

We're in this together, we who make up Divine Mercy Parish!

Thank you so much for supporting these efforts to continue the mission of Christ in the world. We can't do any of this without your help, your prayers, your financial gifts. That's why I say that come what may, Divine Mercy Parish will not only endure, we will be fruitful: making disciples, building Church, serving others!

### CHRISTMAS MASS RESERVATIONS!

We need your help in planning for our Christmas Masses so that as many people as possible may attend, while maintaining social distancing protocols.

Visit our website

(<https://www.divinemercynorthshore.org/christmas-mass-reservations.html>)

to make your reservation as soon as possible. Masses are filling up.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

##### Christmas Eve, December 24

**3:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Church** - This Mass is already full. BUT, Sign up for the **WAITING LIST** for the overflow Mass in Sacred Heart School Gym, where this Mass will be livestreamed for all..

**3:00 p.m. St. Philip Church**

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

**5:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Church** - This Mass is already full.

**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 Christians may follow the Gospel mandate to "Be on guard" against all forms of disrespect for the sanctity of human life, we pray to the Lord.

### POPE FRANCIS ON INSTAGRAM

Having faith means keeping your heart turned to God, to His love, to His Fatherly tenderness, amid the storm. Jesus wanted to teach this to Peter and the disciples, and also to us today. (Mt 14:22-33)



### 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

### WORSHIP AIDS FOR MASS

In an effort to reduce costs at the parish during the pandemic, worship aids will no longer be printed. They will 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.



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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.

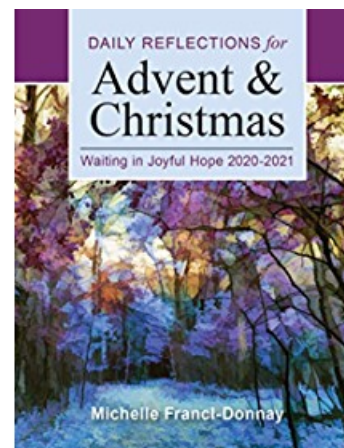
**And finally...if you, or anyone in your family, tests positive, please let us know—especially if you have attended one of our Masses.**

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

### NEED A REFRESHER COURSE ON ADVENT?

Franciscan Media, a sponsored ministry of the Franciscan Friars of St. John the Baptist Province, offers wonderful resources to renew spirits and share God's love in the spirit of St. Francis. They have created a wonderful resource on Advent: how it began; the origins of the Advent wreath and the Jesse Tree; why the candle for the third week of Advent is pink; and whether St. Nicholas is/was real. You can visit their website [here](https://www.franciscanmedia.org/franciscan-spirit-blog/frequently-asked-questions-about-advent) or go to:

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/franciscan-spirit-blog/frequently-asked-questions-about-advent>



### ADVENT BOOKLETS

Our traditional Advent booklets will be available in a hard copy for those who attend Mass. An e-book version will also be available online for those who worship with us from afar. Watch the e-blast for more information on how to obtain your copy!



## 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).

**HELP US REACH OUR GOAL! TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**



## 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

Kevin Pease  
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

### SAINT ANDREW

We celebrate this feast day on Monday, November 30th. Andrew was Saint Peter's brother, and was called with him. "As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:18-20).

John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day" (John 1:38-39a).

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke

up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes. When the Gentiles went to see Jesus, they came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse to Andrew.

Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross.

*Source: Franciscan Media*



## FINANCE



**Scan the Code  
to Donate!**

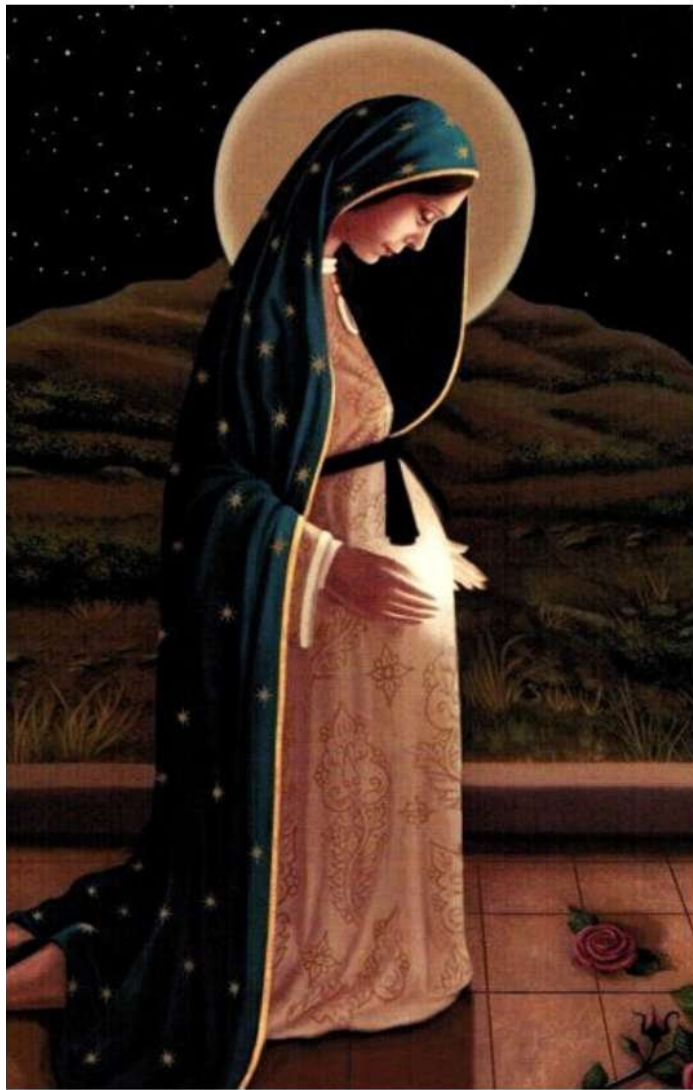
### FINANCES AT A GLANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Given the early publication date for this bulletin due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we were unable to calculate donations for the week. Financial figures will be shared with you as soon as possible. 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!

***Register Today***  
***for our First-Ever Advent 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 Vacation Bible School (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. Built on the success of this summer's first online VBS, this brand new three-day program has been created to help your children experience the beauty of Advent and to more fully prepare for the joy of Our Savior's birth.

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**

**9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. (about 45 minutes each day)**

**Live on Zoom**

**Free** for the children of Divine Mercy Parish Children's Ministry and Sacred Heart School  
Donations are welcome to underwrite the cost of the program. See bottom of registration form for details.

Register your family [here](#) by Sunday, December 6th.

[Email Kathy Handelman](#) with any questions.



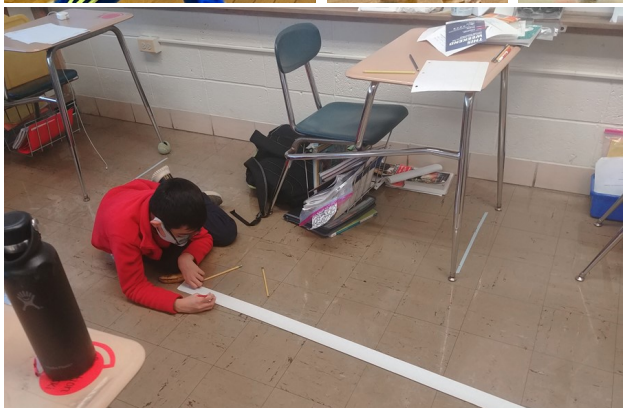


## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



### DANCE PARTY!

CONGRATULATIONS Sacred Heart for making our Boosterthon goal!!!  
WE ARE AWESOME!!



Sixth grade continues looking toward the stars. We are studying the solar system now, and what better way to understand such celestial concepts than to make a model. The students were challenged with drawing a scale model of the planets of our solar system on a strip of paper. Then we placed the planets at their actual locations on our model. The students were really surprised to see how close (or far off) they were.



The 8th grade students love out of uniform days, as much as they like the privilege of sitting on top of their desks.



## PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

### PRESIDER SCHEDULE

**December 5, 2020**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

**5:00 p.m.**

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

**December 6, 2020**

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE  
CHURCH

**8:00 a.m.**

Presider: Fr. Dan Cassidy

**December 6, 2020**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

**10:00 a.m.**

Presider: Fr. Dean Semmer

### 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

**December 5, 2020** Sacred Heart Church **5:00 p.m.**

Bill Hague

**December 6, 2020** St. Philip the Apostle Church **8:00 a.m.**

Jim Dietz

**December 6, 2020** Sacred Heart Church **10:00 a.m.**

Cathy Lehman

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.

**Pat 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 30 (SH)

7:00 a.m. - Michael Kane  
(Birthday Blessings)

#### TUESDAY, December 1 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Jim Prindiville

#### WEDNESDAY, December 2 (SH)

8:30 a.m. - Jim O'Toole

#### THURSDAY, December 3 (SH)

7:00 a.m. -

#### FRIDAY, December 4 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Lourdes Mariano

#### SATURDAY, December 5 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - Patricia Cleveland

#### SUNDAY, December 6

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Jim Smith

10:00 a.m. (SH) - Frank & Teresa  
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## 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:

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Avoid outlining text boxes, if you can.

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

## DIVINE MERCY OFFICES

*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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