



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

OCTOBER 25, 2020 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart, with all your soul,
and with all your mind.
This is the greatest and the first commandment.
The second is like it:
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
The whole law and the prophets depend on
these two commandments."
Matthew 22:35-40

Visit our Website to Make Mass Reservations for all Masses,
or call the Parish Office at 847-881-6664.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

THE SEASON TURNS

I have always loved the fall. I don't know if it has to do with my dislike of humidity whose end is signaled by the season's turn and as leaves begin to drop.

Maybe it's the crisp, cool weather. It makes me feel more energized. Or maybe it's the simple fact of change. Change is in the air in the fall. We can see it, that is, change itself, as the leaves turn and drop, as the temperatures go a bit lower.

I think for the most part that change is good. Living beings have to engage in change, in no small part because they are, in fact, living, ongoing. Any living organism must change from time to time. Adaptation is required simply because, for example, circumstances change.

The entire *Renew My Church* process hinges on the need for change. The world around us has changed greatly. We believers find ourselves in a post-Christian world, a very secular world that in many cases denies God, denies the need for belief, or church, or organized religion. We've all heard the refrain, "I can be spiritual without being a part of the Church" many times.

No one can be spiritual all on their own any more than an individual can get through life well all on their own. Does someone who is "spiritual" invent spirituality all on their own? How did they come up with that concept or the idea that life is more than meets the eye?

We are spiritual beings not just because we are self-aware but because we are aware of the Other, an awareness that has been revealed to us from beyond ourselves. This, in turn, suggests that like any sort of expanded awareness and understanding we need help cultivating that expanded sense. For me, that's reason for the Church.

We are better together than we are

alone. It's in the nature of who we are, made by God for community and, ultimately, Communion. For we are made in the image and likeness of God, a Trinity of divine persons, which is another way of saying "community."

The local Church is experienced in the parishes of the Archdiocese. The way in which parishes have gone about ministry worked in previous eras because those ministerial practices fit with the believing society in which the Church functioned. In our secular times with millions of distractions that keep pulling us away from real community, enticing our heads away from each other and inside our smart phones and tablets, we need to reinvent how parish is done in order to reach people and in order to spread the Good News of Christ.

Change is in the air. At Divine Mercy parish we will continue to pursue evangelization, a welcoming atmosphere, vibrant liturgies, Alpha and



everything and anything else that helps us serve the needs of folks in this modern world of ours. We'll keep the focus on healthy change, one step at a time.

Why?

So that we might be effective in making disciples, building Church, and serving others!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Ste..."

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Dear Divine Mercy Parishioners,

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 to 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



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

OUR LIST OF THE SICK

Every few years, we like to thoroughly update our list of the sick, so that our files are completely up to date.

Please review the list of the sick on page 9 of this bulletin. If you or a loved one would like to be on our list of the sick, please contact Maureen Valvassori to provide her with the necessary information. These names will be listed in our bulletin, and prayed for at Mass. You can reach Maureen at 847-881-6664 or mvalvassori@divinmercynorthshore.org.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to privacy laws, we need to hear directly from individuals or their family members to be put on our list of the sick, given the public nature of our bulletin and electronic media.

You might be wondering what qualifies someone to be on the list of the sick. Certainly, those suffering from serious and/or chronic illnesses, those undergoing surgery, and those people near death.

Thank you so much for your help. This helps all of us direct our prayers where they are so needed.

God bless you, and let us pray for all those who are sick!

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

That God, who hears the cry of all who are injured and vulnerable, may open our ears to that same cry and enable us to build a Culture of Life, we pray to the Lord.

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER

The mission, the 'Church on the move', is not a program to be carried out by sheer force of will. It is Christ who makes the Church go out of herself. In the mission of evangelization, you move because the Holy Spirit pushes you, and carries you.



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP

A scripture reflection group meets every Monday morning on ZOOM at 9:00 a.m. for one hour to read and reflect on the coming Sunday readings. We share what is in our hearts and on our minds. The Holy Spirit is always at work! No experience in scripture necessary, and everyone walks away learning something new!

All are welcome—it will make your Sunday experience even more worthwhile!

SCHEDULE FOR MASSES

Our Weekend Mass schedule:

Saturday - 5:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart (Livestream Mass)

Sunday - 8:00 a.m. at St. Philip

Sunday - 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart.

Our Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday - 7:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart

Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. at St. Philip

Thursday - 7:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart

Friday - 8:00 a.m. at St. Philip.

Note, the Wednesday morning Mass at 8:30am currently is for school students only, but is livestreamed on our website. There is no Mass on Saturday mornings.

The dispensation from attending Mass remains in place until the end of the year.

You must make a reservation to attend Mass. Visit the Mass Reservation page on our website: www.divinmercynorthshore.org.

PLEASE ARRIVE AT MASS EARLY TO CHECK-IN, which allows for our volunteers to attend Mass as well.

CHURCH & OFFICE HOURS

Our office remains closed, and the churches are only open for Mass and Confessions.

CONFESSIONS: Available on Saturday mornings from 9 - 9:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart, and Fr. Javier Del Castillo offers confessions at St. Philip on Wednesday from 3-4:30 p.m.

Have questions? You can contact all staff members via email, or call our **TEMPORARY OFFICE NUMBER: 847-881-6664**. You can find our email addresses in the back of the bulletin.

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 at menolan@divinmercynorthshore.org

• Christ has no body but yours,
• No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
• Yours are the eyes with which he looks
• Compassion on this world,
• Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
• Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
• Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
• Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
• Christ has no body now but yours,
• No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
• Yours are the eyes with which he looks
• compassion on this world.
• Christ has no body now on earth but yours.
• — St. Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

ALPHA

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ALPHA GUESTS

We ask that you pray for all the guests who are participating in our fall session of Alpha. We also ask for your prayers for the Alpha Team who are hosting the this group of pilgrims on the Alpha journey. Thank you!

WHAT IS ALPHA?

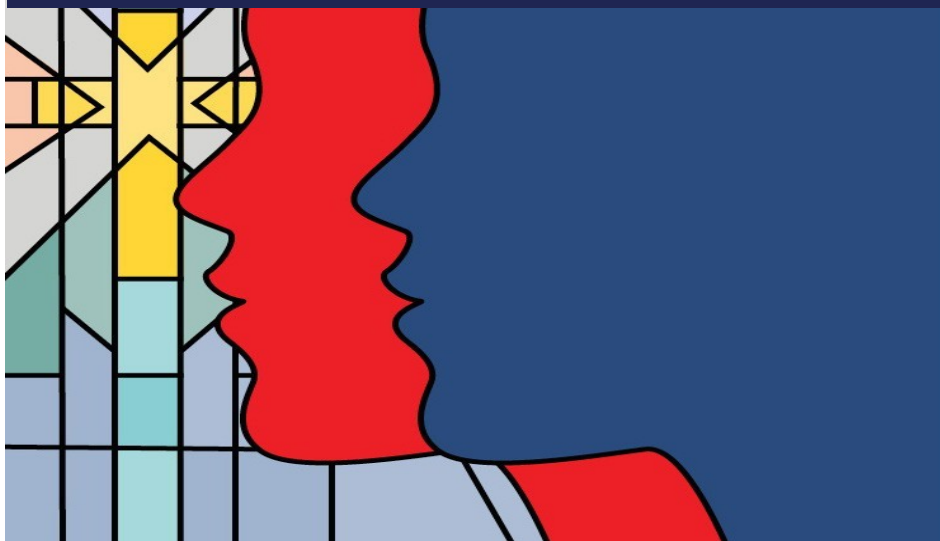
Alpha is a series of interactive gatherings where guests have the opportunity to explore life and the Christian Faith in a friendly and inviting atmosphere where no question is seen as too simple or too complex. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome to participate.

LEARN MORE ABOUT ALPHA

Check out our website. Watch the *Try Alpha* video; read through our Alpha FAQ and see what other parish members are saying about Alpha. Visit <https://www.divinemercynorthshore.org/alpha.html> or click [here](#).

COMMUNITY

How Do I Find God In Politics?



CATHOLIC CIVIC ENGAGEMENT DISCUSSION GROUPS

Join us to discuss "*Contemplation and Political Action: A Jesuit Guide to Civic Engagement*". This guide invites us to reflect on our relationship with politics in general in the context of our faith. It is not a voter guide and does not focus on specific parties or candidates. Rather, in a spirit of prayer, it invites us to reflect on the tradition of Ignatian spirituality in the context of our shared political life.

- Come with an open mind and heart
- People of all political backgrounds welcomed
- The three week sessions start the first week of November
- Eight different time slots available

This is a joint initiative among several parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Questions? Contact Mark Neuhenzen, Director of Evangelization and Parish Mission at St. Teresa of Avila Parish at mneuhenzen@teresa.church

Registration deadline is October 30th.

To register [click here](#) or visit teresa.church/civic-engagement-groups

LITURGY

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.

Come early to the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays at Sacred Heart Church and enjoy listening to the new praise and worship music. **The prelude begins at 4:45 p.m. with the livestream. Join us!**

OUTREACH

SERVING OTHERS

Divine Mercy Parish has a reputation for its generosity and service to others. **Thank you for sticking with it through this pandemic!** We continue to hear thanks from our many outreach partners, including the **New Trier Township Food Pantry, A Just Harvest Community Kitchen, Connections for the Homeless, St. Benedict the African and St. Columbanus, as well as their school Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy.** They are so grateful for your help!

We also want to share news from **The Women's Center**, particularly during this month of October, known as Respect Life Month. The Women's Center has inaugurated *The Virtual Baby Bottle Project* to raise essential funds for the Women's Center. The Women's Center is dedicated to saving the lives of unborn children threatened by abortion through the most effective, morally acceptable means of reaching, informing and helping their mothers and families with appropriate loving alternatives. You can visit www.gotwc.org to make a donation.

The Women's Center also seeks donations to their "Family Room." They are in need of 20 to 40 lb car seats, infant car seat/carriers (by law all car seats must be less than 7 years old), high chairs, strollers, baby carriers, pack n plays, toddler beds, cribs (no drop down sides), exersaucers and baby swings. There is a great need for baby food and all brands of baby formula (especially Enfamil Formula in the yellow box). Also needed are diapers in sizes 4, 5 and 6 only; diaper bags, receiving blankets, new pacifiers, baby wipes, baby shampoo, lotion, and breast pumps. These items cannot be picked up unless accompanied by baby furniture. For more information, please call 773-794-1313.

THANKSGIVING AT ST. COLUMBANUS

Things may be different this year, but the need is still the same, if not greater. Divine Mercy parishioners have a tradition of helping out at the St. Columbanus Food Pantry the day before Thanksgiving. Volunteers are still needed and welcome, but we are limited to 25 people this year, and there is a new way to sign-up. You must if you intend to go and help out. This will enable the staff of the Food Pantry to track all the volunteers that day, and to ensure that everyone can properly social distance from one another. St. Columbanus expects help from another parish that day as well, so it will help them to know who is coming from Divine Mercy.

Here is the SignUp Genius Link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548a9aa22a3fa7-stcolumbanusdivi>

THANK YOU!!



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!



COMMUNITY

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

Given the current reality, the only way we can communicate with our parishioners is through email, our website and social media. **PLUS**, Fr. Steve writes a daily update on what's happening at the parish, and shares a short video reflection on a daily scripture. 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!**

THANK YOU FROM THE CRAFTY LADIES!

The Divine Mercy Crafty Ladies of St. Philip would like to thank everyone who came to their craft sale and supported their efforts to clean their cabinets last Saturday! Just as they hoped, they made a nice profit that they are sharing with the two food pantries in the community: New Trier Township and Northfield. They'll also share their proceeds with the volunteer fire and rescue department in Northfield, since they will not be able to have their annual Fall Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. Thank you again to all!



PUMPKINS & PORTRAITS THANKS!

Thanks to the many parishioners who came out to support the fundraiser for Sacred Heart School by participating in Pumpkins and Portraits last weekend! The weather didn't exactly cooperate on Sunday, so many families shifted to Tuesday. Thanks for your flexibility! And many thanks to Grace Flatt @Properties for sponsoring this important fundraiser for the school, as well as the school moms who helped put this event together!



FINANCE

Our Parish uses



for online donations

Sign up for online giving at
www.givecentral.org



Scan the Code
to Donate!

FINANCES AT A GLANCE AS OF OCTOBER 18, 2020

	Current Year		Last Year	Over (Under) Last Year
	Week	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	Year-to Date
Mail/Mass Collection	\$ 3,105	\$ 99,233	\$ 174,861	\$ (75,628)
Online Giving	\$ 5,378	\$ 84,549	\$ 67,293	\$ 17,256
Total Collection	\$ 8,483	\$ 183,782	\$ 242,154	\$ (58,372)
Budget for Sunday Collection	\$ 18,163	\$ 241,810		
Difference	\$ (9,680)	\$ (58,028)		

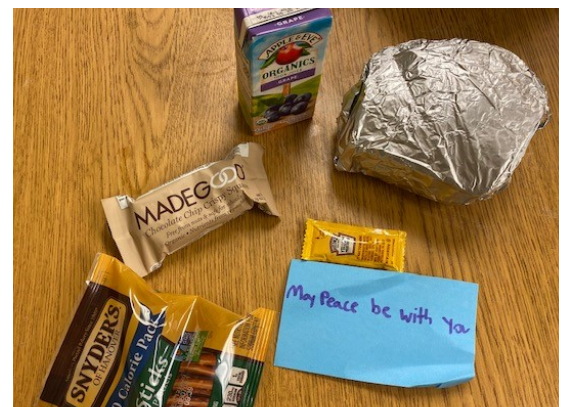
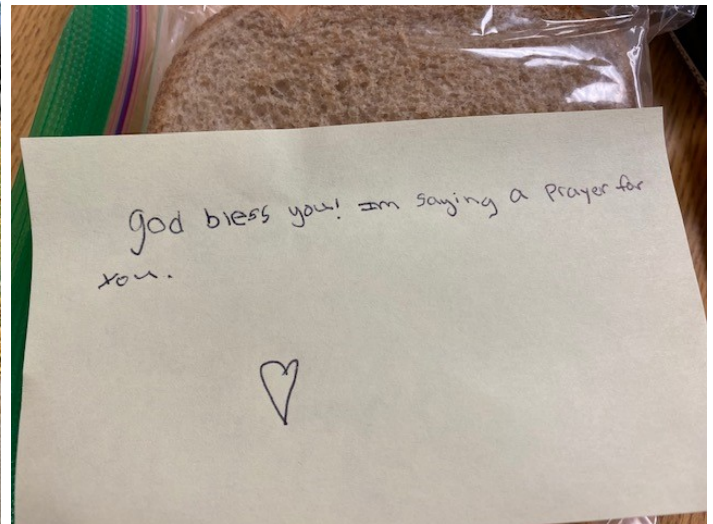
If you are not an online donor and wish to sign up, please contact Cindy Atsaves in the parish office at cindyatsaves@divinemercynorthshore.org.

Thank you for your generosity to Divine Mercy Parish!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)

Our Confirmation Candidates Are Feeding the Homeless

Service may look a bit different in the time of COVID-19, but that has not stopped our Confirmation candidates from reaching out "to be the hands and feet of Christ." Last Sunday, the 8th graders came together in person for a session — and each brought five hearty sack lunches, which were delivered to Connections for the Homeless in Evanston the next day. Included with their lunches were messages of hope to brighten the day of those in need. Since the pandemic began, Connections for the Homeless has served more than 103,000 meals. Our Confirmation candidates have committed to bringing 150 sack lunches for five months as part of their preparation. We are proud of them.



Lettuce and tomato wrapped separately to stay fresh!



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



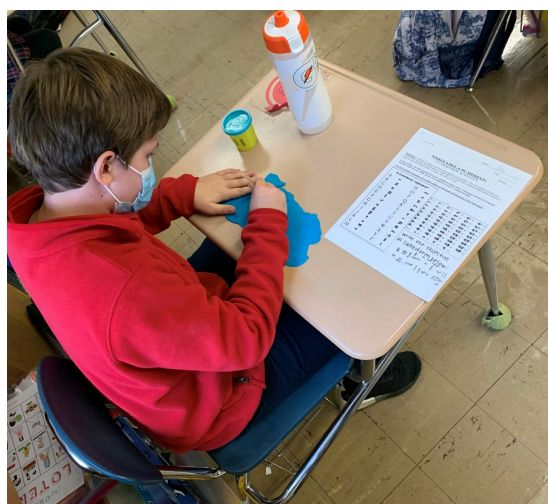
The Junior Kindergarteners made salt dough this week! In small groups, the children measured, poured, mixed, and kneaded to make the yellow dough, which they will mold into goldfinches. They learned the importance of following the instructions on a recipe with exact precision - otherwise it won't turn out right! They really enjoyed this activity and their teacher could tell this wasn't the first time many of them have "cooked!"

2nd grade finished their 3D city project...very impressive!



6th grade met with their 1st grade buddies Friday morning! They interviewed and drew each other, and read books! Such a great start to the day!

6th grade social studies practiced writing in cuneiform, an ancient system of writing used in Mesopotamia, on their clay tablets!



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

October 31, 2020

SACRED HEART CHURCH

5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Dean Semmer

November 1, 2020

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE
CHURCH

8:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Dan Cassidy

November 1, 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, Mario Iturino, Michael Lang,
Gina Quirk Lazicki, Beth O'Brien, and Lisa Zitella

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTOR SCHEDULE

October 31, 2020 Sacred Heart Church **5:00 p.m.**

Chris Hartman

November 1, 2020 St. Philip the Apostle Church **8:00 a.m.**

Robert Snedeker

November 1, 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

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.

Dan Erickson, Father of Sue Kelly

Barbara Sweeney

Joe Migley

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, October 26 (SH)

7:00 a.m. - Theresa Schmid

TUESDAY, October 27 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Edward Dietz

WEDNESDAY, October 28 (SH)

8:30 a.m. - Daniel Kerrane, Sr.

THURSDAY, October 29 (SH)

7:00 a.m. -

FRIDAY, October 30 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. -

SATURDAY, October 31 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - William T. Carey

SUNDAY, November 1

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Marjorie Clingan

10:00 a.m. (SH) - Brian Kelly,

Parishioners of Divine Mercy

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

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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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