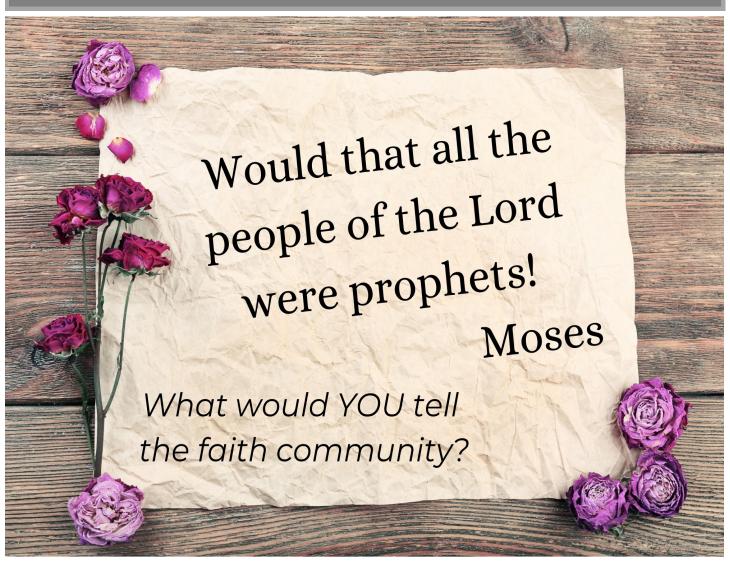




DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

SIGNS OF LIFE

Good things are happening at Divine Mercy parish, things that are harbingers of renewal and vibrancy. So, for example, as I write this column I can see a family gathering in the parking lot outside the Sacred Heart Church offices. They're getting out of multiple cars and heading into the church for the Baptism of an infant.

We've had a whole bunch of Baptisms of babies recently, at both church sites. This bodes well for us.

The sacrament, of course, is a sign of literal life, a brand new life brought into the world, when the subject is an infant (versus adults who have been around for a while who are baptized later in life). The sacrament is also a sign of the new life in Christ as one is incorporated into the Paschal mystery and the floodgates of God's grace showers the infant or the adult with many blessings and the prospect of the gates of heaven opening to us.

Another sign of budding new life and vibrancy can be seen in the on-going strategic planning process that at the moment is in the hands of the Parish Council. This past weekend was a critical moment in that process.

The Council met on Friday night for dinner and prayer. The evening was beautiful, so we were outside for the meal, in the backyard of the rectory at the Sacred Heart campus. Afterwards, we gathered in the church to pray. We invoked the Holy Spirit, asking God to send us wisdom, courage and insight as we took the next step in the strategic planning process.

The process itself, as facilitated by Missy Grant (from an experienced Divine Renovation parish), is key in developing a five-year plan for the parish. A major component of the process, however, is found in prayer. We're not going to improve or grow without us praying a whole lot and asking God for his help as we figure out our way forward.

We are not a business, and our people are not consumers. We are the household of God, a parish community. The foundation of who we are and who we will become as a parish rests in the hand of God, which, in turn, means that we must petition heaven and pray, pray often and deeply, if we expect to be vibrant and renewed in the years ahead.

After Friday night's dinner and prayer session, the Council met all day on Saturday. I couldn't be happier, in that the members of the Council worked hard and we achieved what we set out to do in this day-long set of discussions and discernment.

We now have a set of objectives for each of the five "systems" of the parish, those systems being: evangelization, discipleship, community, ministry and worship. The objectives were the result of a lot of previous discussions that worked through a SWOT analysis of each system, SWOT standing for: strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats.

In other words, on Saturday we put together all the past months of analysis and discussion in order to determine the broad objectives for each of the parish systems. In the months ahead, the Council will drill down into those objectives and identify concrete measures to achieve them and also the specific measures by which we will know whether or not we



are successful in getting to those objectives. Some of the groundwork for the months ahead was laid on Saturday.

I want to, once again, thank the Council members who participated on Friday and Saturday. It's not an easy thing to step aside and immerse oneself all day in church stuff, but it was absolutely necessary to produce the momentum as we discussed and hashed out things system by system.

There are other fantastic signs of life in Divine Mercy Parish, such as our energetic grammar school filled with a whole lot of young folks who are happy to come to school each day, our children's ministry which is kicking off shortly, and our newest Alpha course (a virtual session and an in-person session) which starts up again this week.

Good things are happening here.

KEEP PRAYING

Let's all join in and invoke the Holy Spirit, asking God for continuing guidance and energy as we forge ahead!

Come, Holy Spirit, and kindle in our hearts and minds an everlasting love, a transforming love of Jesus so strong that we cannot but share it with all those we meet.

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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

FAITH FORMATION



Click the QR Code to Register



FR. JOHN KARTJE

Rector of Mundelein Seminary & President of University of St. Mary of the Lake

"LIVING WITH HOPE AND JOY,
SETTLING FOR NOTHING LESS:
A GUIDE FOR MAKING FAITH RELEVANT"

To register for this event, visit:

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THIS EVENT WILL BE LIVESTREAMED
ON OUR WEBSITE HOMEPAGE

HTTPS://WWW.DIVINEMERCYNORTHSHORE.ORG/

ATRI-PARISH EVENT

THURSDAY SEPT 30TH

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Followed by Q&A

6:30 p.m.
LITE SNACKS &
BEVERAGES
IN THE CHURCH
GATHERING SPACE

DIVINE MERCY
PARISH AT
SACRED HEART CHURCH
(Masks Required Indoors)



Join us for Divine Mercy's Fall Celebration!



It's time to celebrate our parish community! We've endured challenging times...yet we continued to Make Disciples, Build Church and Serve Others during the past 15 months.

Now we need to celebrate YOU, our parishioners, who made all this possible!



Join us Sunday 9/26 at 5:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Courtyard.

Want to help with this community event? Contact the parish office at 847-446-0856.

New Date! Let's try this again!

Bring your lawn chairs and Ravinia tables to picnic with us! **NEW**: **We'll have hamburgers, hot dogs, snacks, dessert and beverages, including beer and wine, available - all for a free will offering!** We will have some tables and chairs set up for our seniors, so they don't have to carry anything along! So join us for dinner, enjoy a little jazz music in the courtyard, and catch up with your fellow parishioners!

In case of rain, we WILL move to the Parish Center! See you there!

COMMUNITY

WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN ALPHA THIS WEEK!

What is it? Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in an open and informal environment. Alpha runs in churches, bars and coffee shops all over the world. Alpha sessions consist of sharing a meal with other members of the group, enjoying a short video and a discussion where you can share your thoughts in a small group. Alpha is for anybody and everybody who wants to know more about the Christian faith or simply grow in their faith.

There's no judgement, no pressure, no charge and it's FUN! Alpha in the Catholic Context is run around the world, and all have three things in common: good food (if you're in-person), a video and good conversation.

We believe Alpha is a key component of what the future holds for us as Divine Mercy parish. It's a wonderful opportunity to get to know people in our faith community, whether they are from St. Philip or Sacred Heart. Come and check it out! No matter who you are or what you believe, everyone is welcome...Catholic or not...practicing or not...or simply curious...Join us! You'll love the food (if you join us in-person), the videos and the conversation.

Everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

COME AND SEE WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!

ONLINE - Monday, September 20 @ 7pm or IN-PERSON - Wednesday, September 22, 9:30am at the Sacred Heart Parish Center, Corner of Burr & Gage in Winnetka.

You can register <u>HERE</u> to save your spot or use the QR code below.

Have questions? Contact Sue Lehocky: slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org or call 847-446-0856. We'll be glad to answer any questions!



WHY SOME FELLOW PARISHIONERS THINK YOU SHOULD ATTEND ALPHA:

If you yearn for greater purpose and meaning in your every day, consider trying Alpha. After the first gathering, you will sense the potential impact on your life. For me, it was an unexpected and profound gift! Aimee G.

I so enjoyed our small group sessions. It was a place to share, support, and strengthen the bonds of our Catholic Community. Dona C.

I had no idea what to expect but was pleasantly surprised. It helped me review my faith on another level and talk with others about it. I also was very surprised about the number of fellow Parishioners that attended. George K.

Alpha was the first experience that helped me to find a path to forgiveness in my heart. It would not have happened without the inspiring people I shared the Alpha journey with or the amazing overnight retreat. It was truly a life-changing experience.

Kirsten L.

When I signed up for ALPHA, I did not appreciate what I would experience. The program was a great way to get to know other parishioners. We became a closer group as the weeks went by. The videos were very powerful means to remind us of how wonderful it is to be a Catholic.

Joe M.





PRAYER AND WORSHIP









Fr. John Kartje Bible Study! Wednesday evenings

Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:00 p.m. Sept 8 & 22 / Oct 6 & 20 / Nov 3 & 17 / Dec 1 & 15 Divine Mercy Parish Center at Sacred Heart



JOIN US!

WE MUST

invite

Have you already experienced Alpha?
If so, keep reading...

TO HAVE A CHURCH

Jesus' final command before ascending to heaven, is to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19). It's known as the Great Commission, not "the really good suggestion". Why? Because Jesus entrusted his disciples with a partnership in the salvation of the world. The transmission of the Gospel message depends on **US**. Jesus is counting on us to reach a particular person or persons with the message of His love and redemption. But how do we go about this?

Just invite someone.

Inviting someone to come to Mass might be a little too intimidating for someone who is unfamiliar with liturgy. But inviting them to dinner? That's easy. Non-threatening. At Alpha you can bring your friend, co-worker, colleague, hairstylist, daughter's boyfriend, or the UPS driver for a meal! You'll be greeted by really friendly people and, if you're in person, have a great (free) meal! You'll watch a video on the very basics of the Christian faith, then have a chance to discuss it with your tablemates. And any and all questions and comments are allowed! Seriously. At Alpha, everyone gets a chance to voice their thoughts and be heard, without judgement. Alpha is a place to have a meaningful conversation, and to explore the biggest questions of faith. It's a welcoming place to begin a journey that will change a life forever.

WHO WILL YOU INVITE?



Register here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

ADORATION AT BOTH CHURCHES DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Join us on Wednesday afternoons at Sacred Heart Church from 2-3:00 p.m. for Adoration and recitation of the Rosary. We'll also gather at St. Philip the Apostle Church on Friday mornings after the 8:00 a.m. Mass (typically 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.) for Adoration and recitation of the Rosary as well.

Our faith community also gathers on Tuesday mornings at St. Philip the Apostle after the 8:00 a.m. Mass for recitation of the Rosary. We hope you'll consider joining us!

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

That national and local leaders may seek the counsel of the Holy Spirit as they make their decisions for the common good, we pray to the Lord.

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER

Organized and efficient structures will not suffice to improve our life as a human community. We need the flavour of solidarity: society rediscovers its flavor through the gratuitous generosity of those who spend their lives for others. #ApostolicJourney

OUTREACH



Divine Mercy Parish



Food Donations

PRAYER OF ST. TERESA OF AVILA

"Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes with which Christ looks out his compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now."

All we can do is be the hands and feet of Christ in this moment.

HUNGER HERO THIS WEEKEND!

Our food donations this month benefit our local food pantries in Winnetka and Northfield. The Winnetka Township Food Pantry is back up and running after their fire earlier this year. Thus our collections will go to both Northfield and Winnetka. *Items they need this month:*

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY:

- Boxed Cereal
- Juice and Juice boxes
- Canned Soup (chicken noodle, beef vegetable, & vegetable soup

NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY:

- Cereal and Oatmeal
- Brown and white rice
- Canned Fruit

DROP-OFF TIMES:

Sacred Heart Church:
Saturday, Sept 18th 4:30 - 6pm
Sunday, Sept 19th 7:45 - 11:00am & 4:15 - 5:30pm
St. Philip Church
Sunday, September 19th 7:45 - 10:30am
(Children's Ministry Family Mass is at 9:30am at St. Philip.)

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COULD USE YOUR HELP: HURRICANE IDA

You've all seen the news and read the reports. Hurricane Ida wreaked havoc when she reached the state of Louisiana and moved onward, bringing torrential rains and flooding to several states. Hundreds of thousands of people were impacted by this storm. At





least 68 people lost their lives as of this writing. Others lost their homes or experienced catastrophic damage. Catholic dioceses and organizations said they were mobilizing to help as soon as conditions allowed. Catholic Charities USA is accepting donations to help the hurricane relief efforts at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!





This week JK students are learning about feelings and friendship! The students listened to a read aloud and then made their own emoji faces! Mr. Comstock came to our class and filled it with music!







Kindergarteners are learning about the Farm. Along with that they are using their knowledge of letters and sounds to read a book about farm animals.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)

Ready to Launch Children's Ministry 2021-2022!

We are so excited to welcome more than 225 children to our ministry this year - and more than 22 new families! Plus, we are blessed to have more than 34 catechists serving our children. Be sure to attend one of these special kickoff Masses below. They are designed with your children and family in mind. Sessions begin on Sunday, September 26 from 8:50-9:50 a.m. on the Sacred Heart campus. Also mark your calendars to attend the rescheduled Parish Party at 5:30 p.m. on September 26 at Sacred Heart.

Divine Mercy Children's Ministry Kickoff Family Mass

9:30 a.m.
Sunday, September 19, 2021
St. Philip the Apostle Church
Celebrated by Rev. Daniel J. Cassidy

This Mass will be in-person and livestreamed; come to our Drive In lot if it is better for your family!

Tell grandparents and other family they may watch from home. They will find the Mass on the home page at www.divinemercynorthshore.org. Holy Communion will be served to each car. You may watch the Mass on your tablet or iphone on the Divine Mercy Parish home webpage.

This is a special Mass for Children's Ministry

families. All are welcome. Food, fun and fellowship to follow.

Come meet your catechist before the first session on Sunday, September 26!



Family Faith Connections Kickoff Mass

4:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 19, 2021
Sacred Heart Church
Celebrated by Rev. Steven M. Lanza

While this Mass is the parish's regularly scheduled 4:30 p.m. Family Mass, we will have special blessings for our Family Faith families and catechists.

We will meet at the Sacred Heart Parish Center right after Mass for our first session of Family Faith Connections!



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

September 25, 2021 SACRED HEART CHURCH 5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

September 26, 2021 ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH 8:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

September 26, 2021 SACRED HEART CHURCH 10:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. John Kartje

September 26, 2021 SACRED HEART CHURCH

4:30 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Dan Cassidy

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the **Most Holy Sacrament.** I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment

receive you sacramentally, please come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you now as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you

Amen.

MINISTERS OF CARE

Given restrictions of nursing homes in the State of Illinois, the constraints of safety protocols of the Archdiocese, and the fact that the majority of our volunteers fall into the vulnerable category, home visits by Ministers of Care cannot be made at this time. If your loved one is seriously ill or near death, and in need of the Sacrament of the Sick / Last Rites, please contact the parish office at 847-446-**0856.** One of our priests will respond to your call. Please leave a message!!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTOR ASSIGNMENTS:

September 25, 2021 Sacred Heart Church 5:00 p.m. Barb Anderson

September 26, 2021 St. Philip the Apostle Church 8:00 a.m. Chris Kaiser

September 26, 2021 Sacred Heart Church 10:00 a.m. Dan Kubasiak

September 26, 2021 Sacred Heart Church 4:30 p.m. Susan Seeberg

As we increase the use of ministers in our liturgies please let Ron Vanasdlen know of your interest in the ministry of Lector, Sacristan, and/or Altar Servers for either daily or weekend Masses. Those in grades 9-12 are welcome to minister at the 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass. Please contact him via email rvanasdlen@divinemercynorthshore.org

PLEASE PRAY

For Those Who Are Sick

The following people suffer from illness or chronic conditions. They have asked for the prayers of our parish family. Please remember them to the Lord.

Mark Agnew, Jeannie Ambrose, Michael Anderson, Donald Blair, Dennis Braun, Ronald Braun, Wendy Braun, Patt Carlson, John Coyne, Lisa Marie Franke, Paul Greco, Benjamin Grillo, Jack Hogan, Sarah Hyde, Mario Iturino, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Beth O'Brien

For Those Who Have Died

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

Ennio Rossi

Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/

Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/ Monday:

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/

Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/

Lk 9:1-6

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Thursday:

[cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22 Saturday:

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13

[cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/ Next Sunday:

Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

MASS INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK AT BOTH SACRED HEART AND ST. PHILIP

MONDAY, September 20 (SH)

8:00 a.m. - Holly Madigan

TUESDAY, September 21 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - John Flynn

WEDNESDAY, September 22 (SH)

8:30 a.m. - Jack & Josie Maitzen

THURSDAY, September 23 (SH)

8:00 a.m. - Frank Weiss

FRIDAY, September 24 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Betty Fitzgibbons

SATURDAY, September 25 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - Joe Kelly

SUNDAY, September 26

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Brian Patrick

Doherty

10:00 a.m. **(SH)** - Elizabeth "Betty" O'Sullivan

4:30 p.m. **(SH)** - The Vygantas Family and Parishioners of Divine Mercy

PRAYER & WORSHIP

WORSHIP AIDS FOR MASS

Worship aids for Mass can be found on our website, which you can download before you come to Mass or scan this QR code with your smart phone camera to access it at church or at home so that you can follow along. **NOTE**: all three

Masses will appear, so you'll need to scroll to the Mass you are attending.



MASS INTENTIONS

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

THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

Meetings at Divine Mercy are gradually returning. Check with the parish office for the most up to date information.

SACRAMENTS

Please call the Parish Office at 847-446-0856 for information regarding Sacraments, or visit our website at <u>www.divinemercynorthshore.org</u>.

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!

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

A suggested Act of Contrition is:

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

DO YOU HAVE A BULLETIN SUBMISSION?

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

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

divinemercybulletins@gmail.com

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Our offices currently are only open in the mornings from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can reach us by calling 847-446-0856.

You can also reach any staff member via email. You can find that directory on the next page.

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Thank you for your understanding.

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