



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"The last will be first,
and the first will be last."**

Matthew 20:16

**In God's Kingdom,
ALL will enjoy the
love of the Lord equally,
the last and the first!**

**Visit our website
for
Mass Reservations
or call
the parish office at
847-881-6664.**

**We've Added
a Mass to
Our Schedule!
Sundays at
10:00a.m. at
Sacred Heart Church**

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

WORKING ON IT

If you tried to tune in to Mass this past weekend by going to the parish website you'll already know what I'm about to tell you: it wasn't possible. I apologize for the technical difficulties that plagued our streaming equipment and made it a "no go" situation this weekend.

All I can say is, we're working on it.

To be precise, it wasn't actually the equipment, that is, the cameras, cabling and the new control panel. That stuff is all brand new. Yep, the permanent solution to enable us to livestream has been installed. All last week workers ran new cables and installed cameras which meant we no longer had the temporary tripod, camera and exposed cabling piled up in front of the altar. All gone.

The new cameras along with the system to control them worked perfectly. The problem was that the laptop that sends what the cameras see and hear to Vimeo wasn't interacting properly with the camera control panel. All I can say at this point is that we're working on it and hope that by the time you read this the interface has been properly completed so that we are able to livestream.

We've got a whole bunch of good people working on this challenge, so I have no doubt it will be "fixed." The only question is how long it takes to do so. Please be patient with us and

keep returning to the website to check on the results.

You know, they didn't teach us this stuff in seminary.

OH, THE IRONY

Immediately after Saturday's Mass when I found out that the livestream wasn't there, I called a few staff members to vent. My venting, however, consisted of laughing.

You read that correctly, laughing. That's the only response I could make to the situation, given the homily I had just preached.

Following the scriptures for this weekend, I talked about the uselessness of anger. Since I always preach not only to you but to myself (if I believe in what I'm saying it holds true for me, too), I had to follow my own advice.

As much as I wanted to let loose with my Sicilian, I couldn't. So I had to laugh.

God works in wondrous and strange ways, sometimes.

I was so thrilled last week as the workers finished up installing the new system, happy to have a clear view into the sanctuary without the tripod-camera-cables-monitor stuck at the end of the main aisle smack dab in front of the altar. The new control panel for the equipment looked like it could drive a jet plane, but as I watched the demonstration, it looked pretty easy to work it. It is!

Needless to say, however, we've got a few kinks we have to work out, namely how the product produced by the cameras and their control panel actually gets sent out via the internet to then connect with you who are watching/participating at home.

We'll get there. But like most



everything else these days, we're learning new ways to pursue the same old mission, which is to proclaim Jesus Christ and his Good News to the world around us.

We will continue to do that, using every bit of technology, inventiveness, and creativity that we can muster and manage. But we'll do that with as little anger as possible, in spite of the temporary setbacks and inevitable frustrations that will continue to crop up in our endeavors that are truly new and different.

I leave you with a quote I used in the homily this past weekend, a nugget of wisdom from Saint John Chrysostom on the uselessness of anger:

Imagine your anger to be a kind of wild beast, because it too has ferocious teeth and claws, and if you don't tame it, it will devastate all things. It not only hurts the body. It even corrupts the health of the soul, devouring, rending, tearing to pieces all its strength, and making [the soul] useless for everything!

Useful is definitely where we want to be in parish ministry. Which means, in turn, that we minimize the anger and allow God's delight and laughter to bubble up from within.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

That we may look upon the poor, the vulnerable, the stranger, and the unborn with the unconditional love and welcome portrayed by the Gospel, we pray to the Lord.

MEN'S RETREAT: OCT 9-11th

The Beatitudes: Turning Challenges Into Blessings

Father Matt Linn, S.J. will lead a group of men in finding "The Beatitudes: Turning Challenges Into Blessings". The group will explore what Jesus meant in preaching the Beatitudes, how He lived them, and how Jesus empowers us to find happiness and blessings in our struggles.

If you're interested in attending this Men's Retreat, scheduled for October 9th - 11th, it's imperative you make reservations as soon as possible. Why? Under normal circumstances there would be 70-80 retreatants on a weekend at Bellarmine Hall. They now limit it to 37 retreatants in order to maintain social distancing. Thus, we encourage anyone who might be interested to go online to www.JesuitRetreat.org and make a reservation as soon as possible. You may also call Therese Larsen at 847-381-1261. A \$100 deposit will secure your place on the retreat.

For your information, masks are required, but may be removed when in your own private room or while alone outdoors. Cleaning by their staff takes place not just at the end of each retreat, but also in the middle of the weekend to minimize risk. Meals are served in place by staff rather than the usual self-serve procedure.

Each retreatant has a private room, and the meals are wonderful. There is plenty of time for private prayer, meditation and consultation with spiritual directors, as well as multiple opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Reservations are required!

Details:

Arrive Friday, Oct. 9th between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Departure is Sunday, Oct. 11th at Noon.

Location:

Bellarmino Hall
420 County Line Road
Barrington, IL.

Suggested retreat contribution is \$300 per person. A deposit of \$100 secures your place on the retreat.

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER



The common good requires everyone's participation. If everyone contributes his or her part, and if no one is left out, we can regenerate good relationships on the communitarian, national and international level and even in harmony with the environment. #LaudatoSi

SCHEDULE FOR MASSES

Mass is currently being offered on Saturdays at 5:00pm at Sacred Heart Church (our livestream Mass, which can be seen on our website www.divinemergynorthshore.org) or 8:00am on Sundays at St. Philip the Apostle Church, and 10:00 am on Sundays at Sacred Heart Church..

Our Daily Mass Schedule is as follows:
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.

You must make a reservation to attend any Mass. Visit our Mass Reservation page on our website: www.divinemergynorthshore.org. And remember, **PLEASE ARRIVE AT MASS EARLY TO CHECK-IN**, which allows for our volunteers to attend Mass as well.

HERE'S THE WORSHIP AID FOR OUR WEEKEND MASS SO YOU CAN FOLLOW ALONG

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!**

CHURCH & OFFICE HOURS

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

The dispensation from attending Mass is in place until the end of the year per the Archdiocese of Chicago.

CONFESSIONS: You do **not** need to make a reservation for Confession. It is available on Saturday mornings from 9 - 9:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, and Fr. Javier Del Castillo offers confessions at St. Philip the Apostle Church on Wednesday afternoons 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.

ALPHA IS BACK!

The world around us is filled with uncertainty and anxiety. Do you have questions about faith and meaning during these times? Are you looking for a place to gather and share what is going on in your life with others? If so, join us for Alpha. Online.

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.

Where
questions
create
community.

#TryAlphaOnline

WHEN: Our next Alpha begins Monday, September 28th at 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: In the comfort of your own home via Zoom technology

TO REGISTER: Click [here](#) or go to our website www.divinmercynorthshore.org/alpha

QUESTIONS? Contact Sue Lehocky by email at slehocky@divinmercynorthshore.org or at 847-881-6664.

WANT TO LEARN MORE BEFORE YOU ATTEND?

To help you get a better sense of what Alpha is, we've included a number of helpful resources on our website. Watch the *Try Alpha* video; learn about former Alpha guest Bear Gryllis' "Greatest Adventure"; read through our Alpha FAQ and see what other parish members are saying about Alpha.

Visit <https://www.divinmercynorthshore.org/alpha.html> or click [here](#).

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Catholic or not...

Practicing or not...

Or simply curious.

TRY ALPHA!



Just some of our previous Alpha attendees.

ALPHA

PARISHIONERS SHARE ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH 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.

ALL OF US MUST

invite

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.

Inviting someone to come to Mass might be a little too intimidating for someone who is unfamiliar with liturgy. But inviting them to a Zoom gathering? That's easy. Non-threatening. They'll be greeted by really friendly people who are glad they came. They'll watch a video on the very basics of the Christian faith, then have a chance to discuss it with a small group. And any and all questions and comments are welcome! 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?

FINANCE



Scan the Code to Donate!

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!

FINANCES AT A GLANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

YTD 2020-2021 Sunday Collection \$124,924

(Online this week \$4,096)

(Received by mail / Mass collection \$3,115)

YTD 2019-2020 Sunday Collection \$174,508

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!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: VIDEO CONFERENCE TODAY! LAST CHANCE!

Please consider joining the other parishes in our grouping for this wonderful adult formation opportunity. You can register for the video conference here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aadab29abfa7-srhelen>



SISTER HELEN PREJEAN, CSJ

Ss. Faith Hope & Charity and Ss. Joseph and Francis Xavier parishes are honored to host a talk by Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ entitled

FAITH ALIVE FOR JUSTICE: **The Church as Field Hospital for the Wounded of Society**

Sister Helen is known around the world for her tireless work against the death penalty. She has been instrumental in sparking national dialogue on capital punishment and in shaping the Catholic Church's vigorous opposition to all executions. Sister Helen's first book, *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States*, ignited a national debate on capital punishment and inspired an Academy Award winning movie, a play and an opera.

Sister Helen continues her work, dividing her time between educating the public, campaigning against the death penalty, counseling individual death row prisoners, and working with murder victims' family members.

www.faithhope.org www.ssjfx.org

Sunday,

September 20

3:00 p.m.

**By
videoconference**

***"People are more
than the worst
thing they have
ever done in their
lives."***

Sr. Helen Prejean

To register, go to
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aadab29abfa7-srhelen>

You will be sent the
conference link.
Questions? Marilyn Valko
at mjvalko@yahoo.com

Yep! It's Time for our Kickoff Drive In Family Mass!
Mark Your Calendars!

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Date: Sunday, October 4, 2020

Place: St. Philip the Apostle Parking Lot
1962 Old Willow Rd, Northfield, IL 60093

This Mass will be special for several reasons:

- **It's our first –ever drive in Mass;**
- **Bring all the children to hear great music and a homily written specifically for the whole family**
- **You will be able to “tune in” via the radio and Father Steve will celebrate from under a tent right in the middle of the lot**
- **You will receive the Eucharist right in your car**
- **Following Mass, you will drive over and pick up your children's materials in a red Divine Mercy bag — and a treat is included!**
- **Bring all your pets for a special blessing! It's St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day!**

Questions? Email Kathy Handelman @ khandelman@divinermernorthshore.org

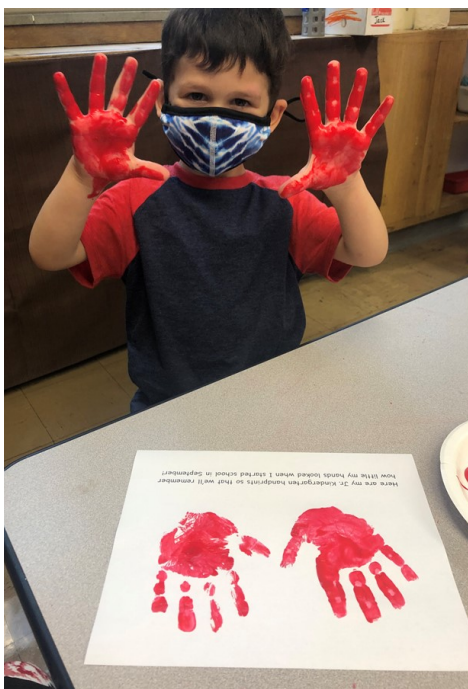




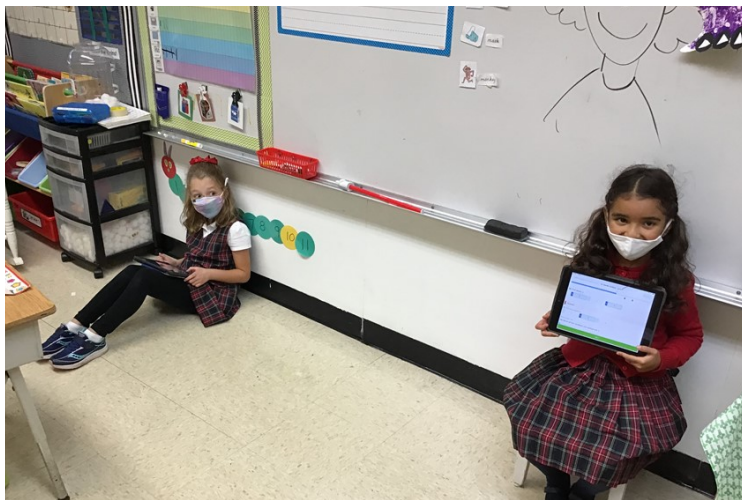
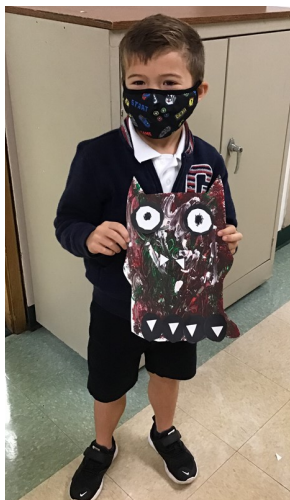
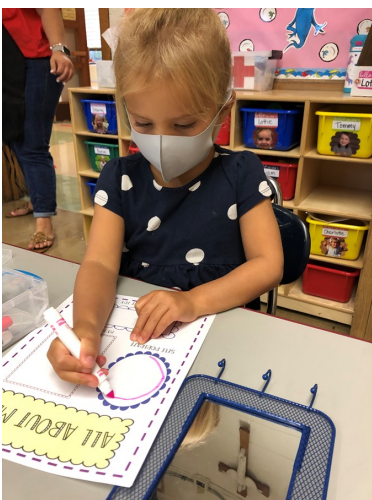
LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



OUR STUDENTS CELEBRATE MASS



Mr. Comstock taught the students
the proper way to raise, lower and
fold the American flag.



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

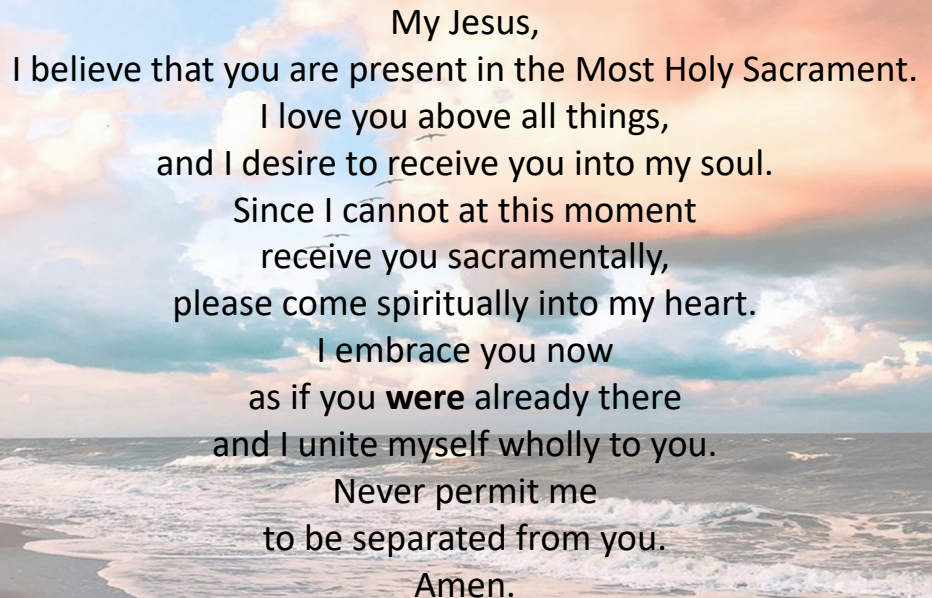
PRESIDER SCHEDULE

September 26, 2020
SACRED HEART CHURCH
5:00 p.m.
Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

September 27, 2020
ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE
CHURCH
8:00 a.m.
Presider: Fr. Dean Semmer

September 27, 2020
SACRED HEART CHURCH
10:00 a.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 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. We strongly encourage our homebound parishioners to participate in our livestream Mass at 5:00 p.m., which can be found on the homepage of our website at www.divinemercynorthshore.org.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTOR SCHEDULE

September 26, 2020 Sacred Heart Church 5:00 p.m.
Chris Hartman

September 27, 2020 St. Philip the Apostle Church 8:00 a.m.
Dan Seeberg

September 27, 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 Vanasdlén, via email rvasadlen@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.

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,
Dorothy Banas, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Paula Brady,
Dennis Braun, Wendy Braun, Luciana Butera, Milly Calabrese,
Kierre Caldwell, Patt Carlson, Teresa Chapman,
Kelly Bolan Chevalier, Sheila Devlin, Tim Doll, Rick Doucette,
David and Mary Ann Duerwachter, Maureen Dwyer,
Timothy Feeney, John Flynn, Lisa Franke, Paul Greco,
Benjamin Grillo, Philip Hall, Laura Hendricks, John Hoerster,
Nancy Holihan, Mario Iturino, The Jatis Family, Becky Jones,
Philip Jones, Edward Kennedy, Ginny Kunkel,
Gina Quirk Lazicki, Drew Mans, Jackson Mans, Beth O'Brien,
Sally O'Malley, Joe Pellegrino, Ennio Rossi, Mary Sabo, Donna
Sabido, Dick Schager, Mary Shepherd, Judy Sokal,
Heather Stepan, Mary Tatro, Patty Wilson, Julie Wright,
Lisa Zitella and Dr. Jerome Zwierzycki

For Those Who Have Died

May the souls of the faithfully departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Note that the Wednesday Mass is closed to the public. Only the Sacred Heart School students are allowed to attend. This week's intention will be moved to Thursday since there is no school.

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

MONDAY, September 21 (SH)

7:00 a.m. - Rowland and Rosemary Hoffman, Liza Madden (Birthday Blessings)

TUESDAY, September 22 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Robert Hutchings

WEDNESDAY, September 23 (SH)

8:30 a.m. - (School Students ONLY) Lewis Acott

THURSDAY, September 24 (SH)

7:00 a.m. - Rowland Hoffman

FRIDAY, September 25 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Daniel Kerrane, Jr.

SATURDAY, September 26 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - Genevieve Conway

SUNDAY, September 27

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Parishioners of Divine Mercy
10:00 a.m. (SH) - Mario Iturino

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: 1sp

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.

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