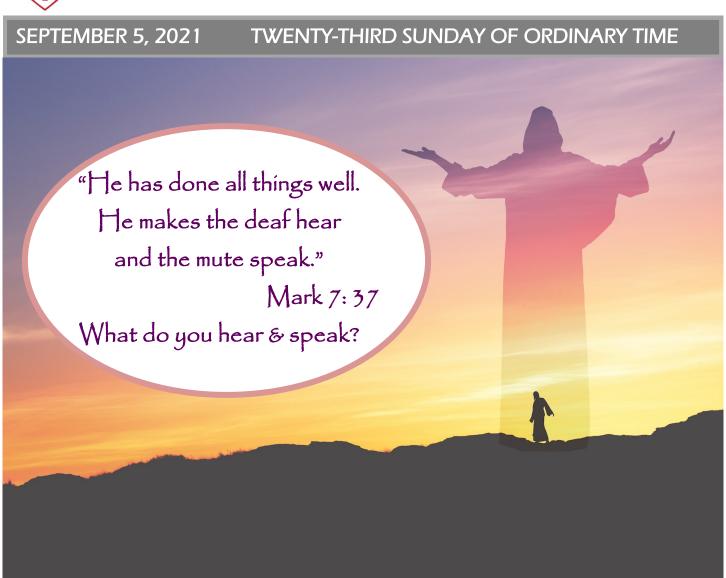




DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH



FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

STEP FORWARD

On Monday, August 23rd the Parish Council met. It was a great meeting and, I think, a turning point in the life of the parish.

I say that because of the quality of the meeting itself. Members of the Council truly seemed to listen to each other and arrive at a consensus, a consensus which is critical to the success of our strategic planning process.

The Council has been involved in this planning process since the fall. It's been almost a year since we embarked on this process. It's not been without its fits and starts, it's two steps forward and one step back.

Any sort of communal discernment like the one in which the Council is engaged, will have its ups and downs, especially these days in the world and in the Church where the answers are not readily apparent. Secularism and the general decline in religious practice in North America and Europe confront us with a situation the Church has not experienced since the early days of Christianity.

So the way forward to parish revitalization and renewal is not readily apparent and cannot rely on the traditional parish practices that enabled the Church and parishes to flourish in the last century. It's simply a different sort of world in which we find ourselves, and therefore we are on new ground, charting a course in uncharted territory.

WHAT HAPPENED THAT MONDAY NIGHT?

Well, aside from what I said earlier about the members of the Council truly listening to each other and coming to consensus, what happened is that they set the groundwork for a day-long meeting that will take place on Saturday, September 11th. In that day-long meeting the Council will articulate steps that lead us to parish objectives we want to accomplish over the next five years.

The Council prioritized the five parish systems, that is, which system we will focus on in the first year, the second, third, fourth and fifth year of the plan. Those systems are what make us a parish, much like the body's nervous, endocrine, vascular, and other systems, make it what it is.

The systems that make us who we are as a parish are: community, ministry, worship, evangelization and discipleship. In delineating these five systems, I have not put them in order of priority as given by the last Council meeting.

I don't mean to be a tease, but I want to wait until the plan is fleshed out a bit more before I share with you the results of Monday's discernment. That way, I can also include "the meat on the bones," so to speak, giving you a bit more detail.

My point here is to simply say that last Monday's meeting was very fruitful and will lead into the final parts of the



process for articulating a strategic plan. Kudos to all the members of the Council! Great work!

Finally, please pray for the Parish Council as we gather together on September 11th to chart the course for our future. Pray that the Holy Spirit inspire and guide us as we continue God's work to renew our parish and our church.



RESPECT LIFE PRAYER:

That in our lives and in our laws, we may never discriminate against the poor, the immigrant, or the unborn, we pray to the Lord.

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER

What is the secret of a blessed life, a happy life? Recognizing Jesus as the living God. For it is not important to know that



Jesus was great in history. What matters is the place I give him in my life.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

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



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: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F49A8AD28ABFB6-living



A TRI-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 ALPHA!

We invite you to join us for Alpha. What is Alpha? It's an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Each session includes a short video and discussion where you can share your thoughts in a small group. The in-person sessions even include a wonderful meal! There's no pressure, no follow up and no charge! Alpha is run around the world. No two Alphas look the same, but generally have three key things in common: good food, a video and good conversation. Come & See! No obligation!

We believe that Alpha is a key component of what the future holds for us as we build our new reality as Divine Mercy Parish. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know others in our faith community. ALL ARE WELCOME! Catholic or not...

Practicing or not...
Or simply curious...



- Mondays @ 7 p.m. Online
- Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m.
 in person at the Parish Center

(Corner of Burr & Gage in Winnetka)

Beginning September 20 and 22.

Register using the QR code: or contact Sue Lehocky at slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org 847-446-0856





COMMUNITY

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Fr. John Kartje Bible Study!

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!

Rector and President of Mundelein Seminary/University of St. Mary of the Lake, Fr. Kartje was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago in 2002.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics, a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics in 1987, and a Ph.D. in Astronomy and Astrophysics in 1995 from the University of Chicago. In addition, he earned a Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Catholic University of America in 2010.

Register here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8o5of49a8ad28abfb6-bible1

OUTREACH



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

We are so grateful to all of you who donated towards the Just Harvest pantry restock! Your generosity continues to astound us! Thank you so much!!





ONE MORE TIME!



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!

LAST CHANCE REGISTRATION!

We need 10 more foursomes to make this charitable event a go! Organize a group of parishioners & friends and Come Join Us!

FORE!

DIVINE MERCY PARISH GOLF OUTING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 WILMETTE GOLF CLUB

Open to all Divine Mercy parishioners and their guests. \$150 per person * includes golf, cart, dinner and prizes \$50 per person for dinner only

SPONSORSHIPS

- Master's Sponsorship \$1,000 includes Hole Sponsor sign, foursome, Divine Mercy logo wear & special recognition at dinner.
- Hole Sponsor \$295includes name/logo on sign at one hole on the course.
- "Holy Roller" -Sponsor a member of the clergy to the day's event! \$150

RESERVATIONS: DUE SEPTEMBER 1ST

Sign-up and pay online: https://www.givecentral.org/DivineMercyGolf Or return this form with payment to the Parish Office.

WILMETTE GOLF CLUB	
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Schedule of Activities

Check in from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Lunch available in the clubhouse.

SHOT GUN START 1:30 P.M.

Cocktails 5:30 p.m. Dinner and Awards 6:30 - 7:30p.m.

Questions?

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Your Name 1	Player 2:
Player 3:	Player 4:
Dinner Only:	
Make Checks payable to Divine Mercy This event Benefits our parish school, sharing parishes and other area charities.	Golfers @ Sponsorship @ Total Enclosed: \$



Faith, Rock and Roll

October 7, 14, 21, 28 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Ss. Faith, Hope & Charity Parish Center

Can there be a message in the music? Let's talk about it.

Dinner, drinks, and discussion of rock lyrics in the light of our faith.

Leader: Paul Agase

Registration limited to 20. To register go to:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aadab29abfa7-faith

FAITH, ROCK AND ROLL

Join Paul Agase on the four Thursdays in October for reflection on rock songs that have spiritual meaning, intended or not. Paul has been a catechist at Faith Hope for over twenty years and has spent his entire career in radio. Explore the lyrics of Pearl Jam, U2, ZZ Top, Kanye West, Carrie Underwood, the Doobie Brothers, the Beatles and many more. Learn the background to the songs and reflect on their effect on faith and society. Food and drinks will be provided. Limited to the first 20 registrants. This will go fast! All others will be put on a waiting list.

OUTREACH

SO MANY NEED OUR HELP

We realize that so many of our outreach partners need help as of late: St. Moses the Black and Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy; A Just Harvest; New Trier and Northfield Township Food Pantries; the Fr. Paul Foundation, St. Benedict the African, St. Jean Baptiste in Haiti and Connections for the Homeless. And there are so many more entities that need our help: refugees from Afghanistan; victims of Hurricane Ida; the Women's Center; Misericordia; Bethany House of Hospitality; Big Shoulders and Catholic Relief Services.

The "asks" seem constant, and we don't always know who to help first. But God can help. Prayer helps us discern how God is calling us to act. Many of us have our "favorites"; those charities that garner our attention and our hearts. Every act of kindness and generosity makes a difference.

St. Teresa of Avila once said: "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.

Finally, please know that we are grateful for whatever you can do to help our brothers and sisters in need, where ever they might be. We are amazed at your generosity. Divine Mercy always rises to the occasion, and we cannot thank you enough!

The Women's Center - 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. https://gotwc.org/about-us/

St Jean Baptiste Parish in Sassier, Haiti has been the twin parish of Sacred Heart since 1998. A 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti on Saturday, August 14th, damaging the church and many homes of parishioners.

A generous donor established the "SassierStrong" Challenge Grant to \$20,000, so any donation to this cause is automatically doubled. How can you give? Visit: https://www.givecentral.org/location/205/event/3319 or Click https://www.givecentral.org/location/205/event/3



Rev Paul Satkunanayagam, SJ. lived in the Sacred Heart Rectory for 4 years several years ago, while taking graduate level courses at Loyola University and helping out at the Church. **The Father Paul Foundation** supports efforts to make peace in his native Sri Lanka, a country torn apart by civil war and still dealing with the impact of the 2004 Tsunami. He established the world acclaimed Butterfly Peace Garden to restore normalcy in the lives of



child soldiers. He built facilities to house orphans and created programs to help widows become self sufficient. And, as a pastoral counselor and psychologist, he founded a professional counseling center to counsel the displaced victims of war. Currently people are starving in Sri Lanka as they deal with the aftermath of COVID19. To make a donation to the Fr. Paul Foundation, visit: https://www.givecentral.org/location/205/event/9840 or click https://www.givecentral.org/

Last month we held a school supply drive for Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy (ATCA), the school of St. Moses the Black (formerly St. Columbanus). Thank you for your donations! They were received with open arms! ATCA informed us later that they were short about 60 backpacks for their school supply distribution event. As a result, Divine Mercy sent them a check for \$1500 to cover the cost of purchasing backpacks

for the students. Thus, **if you'd like to make a donation** towards this effort to cover the shortfall, we and the students of ATCA would be most grateful! If you can help, make a donation via our safe GiveCentral portal (or by clicking here), or by sending a check to the parish with ATCA in the memo line. **Thank you for your generosity!!**





Each month, Divine Mercy conducts a collection for one of the pantries we serve: A Just Harvest Community Kitchen in Rogers Park, Northfield Township Food Pantry, St. Moses the Black (formerly St. Columbanus) Food Pantry or the New Trier Township Food Pantry. Our Children's Ministry program has also supported Connections for the Homeless in Evanston. Watch for signs and communications each month outlining specific needs. We are ever so grateful for all your donations!

Bethany House of Hospitality - Offers housing and support services to young immigrant women as they journey to independence. http://bethanyhouseofhospitality.com/

Catholic Relief Services -Reaching the people of Afghanistan, Haiti, Ethiopia... https://www.crs.org/

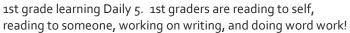
SACRED HEART SCHOOL



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!

















8th grade after leading their first all school mass of the school year!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)

Archdiocese of Chicago Names a New Youth Leader from Divine Mercy Children's Ministry

Each year the Archdiocese of Chicago presents Youth Leadership Awards recognizing the outstanding ministry and service performed by youth in Vicariate II. **Matthew Compton** was nominated by Divine Mercy Parish to receive the award in the area of Catechesis for his service as a catechist aide.

Our Vicar, Bishop Bartosic, is enthusiastically behind this important acknowledgement of our youth. These are youth who shine brightly in our parish, school, and local communities. Matthew has served as a catechist aide, lector, altar server, office helper, usher and more. He even assisted Father Dan behind the scenes with the Christmas Eve Mass setup and learned how to burn incense, which he called a very special experience! We are inspired by the many contributions Matthew has made to the parish and look forward to his continued involvement. Here are photos of the Mass where Father Steve bestowed the award.







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 is a special Mass for Children's Ministry families. Food, fun and fellowship to follow.

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

All are welcome!



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. Mass, we will have special intentions for our Family Faith families. 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 11, 2021
SACRED HEART CHURCH
5:00 p.m.

Presider: **Fr. Steve Lanza**

September 12, 2021 ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH 8:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. John Kartje

September 12, 2021 SACRED HEART CHURCH 10:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. John Kartje

September 12, 2021 SACRED HEART CHURCH

4:30 p.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 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 11, 2021 Sacred Heart Church 5:00 p.m. Sam Fifer

September 12, 2021 St. Philip the Apostle Church **8:00 a.m. Steve Clingan**

September 12, 2021 Sacred Heart Church 10:00 a.m. Kathy Janega

September 12, 2021 Sacred Heart Church **4:30 p.m. Julie (Lily) Hartvigsen**

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,

For Those Who Have Died

Gina Quirk Lazicki, Beth O'Brien

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

Readings for the week of September 5, 2021

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/

Mk 7:31-37

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/

Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c

[ls 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/

Lk 6:27-38

Thursday:

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11

[cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/

Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas

2:14-18/Mk 8:27-3

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, September 6 (SH) 8:00 a.m. - The Mother of Soula Jennings

TUESDAY, September 7 (SPA) 8:00 a.m. - Roberta Olshansky

WEDNESDAY, September 8 (SH) 8:30 a.m. - Phil Alexander

THURSDAY, September 9 (SH) 8:00 a.m. - Steven Schmid

FRIDAY, September 10 (SPA) 8:00 a.m. - Viola Dietz - 100th Birthday

SATURDAY, September 11 (SH) 5:00 p.m. - Mary Triggs

SUNDAY, September 12 8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Pat Doherty 10:00 a.m. (SH) - Suzanne Howell and Parishioners of Divine Mercy 4:30 p.m. (SH) - Rosemary Casey Brundage

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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

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.

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.

BULLETIN SPECS:

FONT STYLE: Corbel

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Headlines: 12 (ALL CAPS & BOLD)

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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 OFFICE

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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