Life is about relationship, not acquisition.
FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN

I wrote the following column for a monthly newsletter that goes out to all the priests of the Archdiocese. I thought you might be interested in what it is that I wrote for them.

ONE YEAR LATER
Divine Mercy parish is now one year old. It is the result of combining the former Sacred Heart and St. Philip the Apostle parishes. That combining, in turn, is the result of the discernment process of Renew My Church.

I’ve been asked, “Is it all you expected?” The short answer is, “Yes, it’s about what I expected. And also, no, there are things in this process of combining and merging that I did not expect.”

Here are the main surprises or unexpected stuff. Spoiler alert, it’s almost all good.

Lots of help. I truly did not expect the amount of assistance we have received from the Archdiocese. This came, first and foremost, in the form of the two project managers, one for phase four and another for phase five. They both were on-site at least once a week, if not more. They acted as indispensable liaisons to the various departments of the Archdiocese so that our questions and needs were handled very quickly and efficiently. And we had tons of questions and needs in both phases.

Forgetful. I didn’t anticipate how often I would need to refresh my memory on key insights and ways of proceeding that we pastors learned at the start of Renew My Church through the Priest Leadership Program. Some of those key insights and ways of proceeding entailed information on leading change in an organization and communication for change. I’ve gone back to those notes again and again to refresh my memory. I realize that these are important for an organization as it addresses where it’s at and where it needs to go.

Abundance of Outside Resources. There are all sorts of resources available to us outside of the Archdiocese that have helped us move through phase five, the revitalization phase of RMC. Membership in the Divine Renovation Network has been a huge help. The Archdiocese has paid for us to be members and this has been invaluable. The DR Network provides personal coaching for myself and coaching for the Senior Leadership Team. I’m also a part of a pastor cohort that meets monthly through videoconferencing with Fr. James Mallon for further support and encouragement as we move from maintenance to mission. The DR Network also provides a ton of podcasts for the Senior Leadership Team, myself, and the parish staff to watch, consider and talk about. Finally, the Alpha organization in the USA has also been a source of support as we seek to promote and run Alpha. I’m also liking everything that Carey Nieuwhof writes, especially his newest book, Lasting Impact: Seven Powerful Conversations that Will Help Your Church Grow. This particular book is a good complement to James Mallon’s Divine Renovation.

Gobs of Time. I did not expect the sheer amount of time needed to effect the transition to a combined parish operation. Taking two places, two parishes and merging them into one parish with two campuses has taken an enormous amount of time and effort among staff. Maybe that’s because I like things to be organized and fairly efficient. Perhaps other pastoral leaders in other situations would be more comfortable with less consistency regarding procedures, but that’s not me. And this, of course, will not apply to every RMC situation, since not all places will be the result of a combining.

Nonetheless, we’ve been at it for a year and we are still not precisely where we need to be in terms of office procedures, ministry efforts and staff reorganization due to the combining.

Excitement of Re-Envisioning. I’d have to say the biggest, most pleasant surprise has been the excitement and energy created around our focus on evangelization and revitalization. Lay leaders are genuinely excited about new possibilities: entertaining ideas, talking about who we want to be as a parish, exploring new avenues and ways of doing things as a faith community. We recently had a Parish Council meeting that I wasn’t sure would be a positive, upbeat event. And yet it was. Folks from both campuses want this combining to work. They truly want us to move forward as a parish, not backwards. And they are willing to try new things to achieve that newness and vitality.

God bless the wonderfully committed people of our parishes! God bless initiative! God bless God for planting gospel seeds of change and growth in our hearts!
COMING SOON!

- The parish will schedule two “Town Hall Meetings” this fall to give parishioners an update on our Renew My Church efforts. This same presentation was given to Bishop Mark Bartosic this summer. Watch for those dates to be announced.
- A dedicated group of parishioners and staff are working on a radical approach to Hospitality and Welcoming, which will come to Divine Mercy this fall. Stay tuned!
- Season One of Alpha, which will be open to all parishioners – practicing and non-practicing alike! We’ll offer sessions on Monday evenings, beginning September 23rd and Wednesday mornings, beginning September 25th. Come and see!
- A new Divine Mercy Website is coming your way!

MASS IN THE MEADOW & FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Coming to you in September!
Stay tuned for a new date!

This fall, Divine Mercy will offer a new special event which combines traditional events from both St. Philip and Sacred Heart. Coming in September, we will hold Mass in the Meadow followed by Family Movie Night. This event will take place on the beautiful grounds of St. Philip. Mass will be held outdoors beginning at 5:30 pm. Following Mass, food and drink will be available for purchase. Grill Chasers Food Truck will be on hand as well as Graeter’s Ice Cream. We’ll also be selling movie candy, popcorn and beverages (adult beverages too, of course!). A family friendly movie will begin at sunset (approximately 7:15 pm). For additional fun, we’ll provide a do-it-yourself photo booth!

Families are encouraged to bring their outdoor folding chairs and blankets. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held in the gym at St. Philip.

We hope you’ll join us for this fun event. We hope lots of parishioners from both Church sites gather together for this celebration!

Save the Date!

Fr. Pat McGrath, SJ

WHY BOTHER?
LIVING OUR FAITH IN CHALLENGING TIMES

Tuesday, October 1st at 7:00pm
Pizza and wine/beer at 6:30pm
Divine Mercy Parish Center, Winnetka

Brought to you by Divine Mercy, Sts. Faith Hope & Charity and Sts. Joseph & Francis Xavier
RESPECT LIFE
That professionals in every walk of life may “grow rich in the sight of God” by dedicating their skills to building a Culture of Life that protects every human being from conception to natural death, we pray to the Lord.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP
A scripture reflection group meets every Monday morning. We’ll meet at the Sacred Heart offices after the 8:30am Mass.

We gather 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!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
A LOOK AT THE SCRIPTURES
“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” Luke 12:15

The Gospel message today is contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle and become more “other-centered” and less “self-centered.”

MASS SPECIAL INTENTIONS
Weekday and weekend Mass intentions are available for parishioners who would like their intentions to be remembered at Mass. Call the parish office to obtain a date and time. Mass intentions are read at Mass.

MINISTRY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND
Please inform us about parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home and would like a visit from a Minister of Care to receive the Eucharist. Contact the parish office at 847-446-0856.

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER
This week “we give glory to God for the work of Saint Dominic in the service of the Gospel which he preached with his words and his life.”

COMING SOON...

What is Alpha?
Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Alpha runs in churches, bars and coffee shops all over the world. Typically, Alpha has around ten sessions and includes food, a short video, and time at the end where you can share your thoughts. It is for anybody and everybody who wants to know more about the Christian faith, or simply grow in their faith.

#TryAlpha
MEET ST. DOMINIC

We celebrate the Feast day of St. Dominic this week on August 8th. St. Dominic has an interesting background. “If he hadn’t taken a trip with his bishop, Dominic would probably have remained within the structure of contemplative life; after the trip, he spent the rest of his life being a contemplative in active apostolic work.

Born in old Castile, Spain, Dominic was trained for the priesthood by a priest-uncle, studied the arts and theology, and became a canon of the cathedral at Osma, where there was an attempt to revive the apostolic common life described in Acts of the Apostles.

On a journey through France with his bishop, Dominic came face to face with the then virulent Albigensian heresy at Languedoc. The Albigensians—or Cathari, “the pure ones”—held to two principles—one good, one evil—in the world. All matter is evil—hence they denied the Incarnation and the sacraments. On the same principle, they abstained from procreation and took a minimum of food and drink. The inner circle led what some people regarded as a heroic life of purity and asceticism not shared by ordinary followers.

Dominic sensed the need for the Church to combat this heresy, and was commissioned to be part of the preaching crusade against it. He saw immediately why the preaching crusade was not succeeding: the ordinary people admired and followed the ascetical heroes of the Albigensians. Understandably, they were not impressed by the Catholic preachers who traveled with horse and retinues, stayed at the best inns and had servants. Dominic therefore, with three Cistercians, began itinerant preaching according to the gospel ideal. He continued this work for 10 years, being successful with the ordinary people but not with the leaders.

His fellow preachers gradually became a community, and in 1215 Dominic founded a religious house at Toulouse, the beginning of the Order of Preachers or Dominicans. Dominic’s ideal, and that of his Order, was to organically link a life with God, study, and prayer in all forms, with a ministry of salvation to people by the word of God. His ideal: contemplata tradere: ‘to pass on the fruits of contemplation” or “to speak only of God or with God.”

From Franciscan Media: https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-dominic/

THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR, AUGUST 5th

Why does the Church recognize the dedication of this Basilica?

Following the declaration of Mary as “God-bearer” by the Council of Ephesus in the year 431, Pope Sixtus III rebuilt this church in Rome, now considered to be the oldest Basilica in the West dedicated to the Mother of God.

“St. Mary Major is one of the four Roman basilicas known as patriarchal cathedrals in memory of the first centers of the Church. St.
COMMUNITY

NORTH SIDE KAIROS
North Side Kairos is a 4-day retreat for North Side Chicago teens who have just completed their Sophomore, Junior, or Senior years of high school. This year’s retreat will take place at the Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House on August 9-12, 2019.

Kairos Retreats are well known throughout the Chicagoland area. Many Catholic high schools have Kairos retreats on a regular basis. This particular Kairos is unique because of its diversity. The youth who participate in and lead this particular Kairos come from both public and Catholic high schools. They come from many different parishes in the city and the suburbs, and this Kairos is co-educational, which many are not. This retreat is also led by trained peer leaders. With appropriate adult leadership from priests and male and female lay ministers, we feel this Kairos is the best possible environment for a Catholic retreat. And even though a participant need not be Catholic to be on the retreat, this diversity creates a safe environment to understand the richness of our Catholic community.

The cost of the retreat is $225, which covers the four day, three night stay at Bellarmine, as well as transportation, food and supplies. You can register at www.standrew.org/kairos2019. Scholarships are available for those in need. For more information regarding, contact Sue Lehocky at the parish office.

DO YOU RECEIVE THE E-BLAST?
The E-Blast is Divine Mercy’s weekly electronic newsletter delivered each week or for special announcements. To register, please call the parish office and provide us with your email address. Thank you!

REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER
If you regularly worship at St. Philip the Apostle Church or Sacred Heart Church, we ask that you please register with Divine Mercy Parish. You may complete the registration online at our website or at the parish office. We want to make sure you are informed of what is happening in and around the parish. Thank you!

ANOTHER KAIROS OPPORTUNITY FROM YOUTH MINISTRIES OF EVANSTON & SKOKIE
Visit the website noted for more information.

Kairos: Genesis
Friday, August 16 – Monday, August 19
Loyola University Retreat & Ecology Campus
www.ucym.org/kairos

Open to teens going into Junior and Senior year of high school and college freshman age.
Welcome to Children’s Ministry

We focus on growing faith and engaging hearts of our children and families. Our approach features Gospel based lessons, increased parental involvement and a focus on service and prayer. Our Sunday Morning Children’s Ministry is offered at both the Sacred Heart and St. Philip the Apostle campuses.

Have you Registered Yet?

For more information or to register online go to www.divinemercynorthshore.org. Have questions? Call us at 847-466-0856 or email slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org.

Is God calling you to serve as a Catechist?

In our new program, Catechists facilitate 11 sessions for the year. Share in Jesus’ ministry with your own talents and gifts. Grow in your own faith while helping our children to open their eyes and hearts to God’s love for them. Challenge yourself, have fun and make friends! Don’t think you have what it takes? If you have an open heart and are willing to say yes, you already do!

Current Openings

**St. Philip Campus**
- 4th Grade Catechist
- 7th Grade Catechist
- Classroom Aides

**Sacred Heart Campus**
- 1st Grade Co Catechist
- 3rd Grade Co Catechist
- 4th Grade Co Catechist
- 7th Grade Catechist
- Classroom Aides

If not you, who?
If not now, when?

St. Philip the Apostle Campus

We have a leadership opportunity for one or two adults to act as Site Coordinators at the St. Philip site during Sunday morning Children’s Ministry which will take place 11 Sundays throughout the year. Contact Sue Lehocky for more information.

Questions?
Contact Sue Lehocky 847-446-0856 or slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org
Are you or someone you know considering Sacred Heart School for the 2019-2020 school year? Some of the classes are close to capacity so if you are interested, contact our principal Ms. Fink to set up a tour. Here are our current program offerings:

Preschool (8:15-11:30)
Junior Kindergarten (8:15-1:30)
Full Day Junior Kindergarten (8:15-3:15) Kindergarten (8:15-3:15)
1st through 8th grades (8:15-3:15)

In preparation for next year - all incoming PS, JK, K and 6th graders, as well as any students participating in sports through SHAC, will need a current Illinois state medical form by the first day of school. All Kindergartners, 2nd graders and 6th graders need a new dental form as well. Also, all new students to Sacred Heart as well as the kindergartners need a vision form by October 15th. If you need any of these forms, please let us know. Most dentists and pediatricians have these forms available and they are on our website as well. We can accept them anytime, so please don’t delay and get them to us as soon as you have them.
MINISTERS OF CARE

**Lake Cook:** Marijo Erzinger

**Glen Oaks:** Frieda Baker, Mike Pearson

**Maryhaven / Lutheran General:**
Mary Breen, Mary Claps, Maureen Claps, Marilyn Hielscher, Marty Kearney, Anna Koberda, Michael Koberda, Diana Scheeler, Tom Carroll

**ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH**

**5:30 p.m.**
Presider: Fr. Solazzo
Servers: Shane Kropp
Lector: Michael Koberda
EMs: Anna Koberda, Susan Corley Turk, Rob Hilliard
Ushers: Tom Stegich, Rick Turk, Charlie Orth

**7:30 a.m.**
Presider: Fr. Lanza (Deacon Keenan preaching)
Servers: Volunteer needed
Lector: Bill Doll
EMs: Jane Clark, Rima Abraham, Stephen Cross
Ushers: Joe Pacini

**9:30 a.m.**
Presider: Fr. Solazzo
Servers: Kaya Cravens, Ryan Cravens
Lector: Pat Doherty
EMs: Jeanne Doherty, Gerry Schroeder, Susan Seeberg
Ushers: Dan Murphy, Stan & Jody Smith, Jason Cravens

**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, Jim Baisley, Dorothy Banas, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Sande Bolan, Paula Brady, Dennis Braun, Wendy Braun, Luciana Butera, Milly Calabrese, Kierre Caldwell, Patt Carlson, Patricia Catarrello, Teresa Chapman, Kelly Bolan Chevalier, Tim Doll, Rick Doucette, Maureen Dwyer, Timothy Feeney, Reese Felderman, John Flynn, Lisa Franke, Lydia Gatton, Benjamin Grillo, Philip Hall, Laura Hendricks, John Hoerster, Nancy Holihan, Mario Iturino, Cindy Jatis, Emily Jatis, Sean Jatis, Tom Jatis, Becky Jones, Philip Jones, Marge Kalsch, Edward Kennedy, Ginny Kunkel, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Anne Lesniak, John Madden, Drew Mans, Jackson Mans, Matthew Morgan, Beth O'Brien, Sally O'Malley, Shirley Rood, Ennio Rossi, Mary Sabo, Donna Sabido, Dick Schager, Catherine Scheid, Mary Shepherd, Judy Sokal, Bob Southwell, Mary Tatro, Eleanor Valvassori, Linda Walsh, 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**

**SACRED HEART**
- **Monday, August 5**
  - 7:00 am -
  - 8:30 am
- **Tuesday, August 6**
  - 7:00 am -
  - 8:30 am - Mary Vygantas

**Wednesday, August 7**
- 7:00 am –
- 8:30 am

**Thursday, August 8**
- 7:00 am –
- 8:30 am –

**Friday, August 9**
- 7:00 am -
- 8:30 am –

**Saturday, August 10**
- 8:30 am -
- 5:00 pm – Thomas Hare

**Sunday, August 11**
- 7:30 am -
- 9:00 am – Parishioners of Divine Mercy
  - 10:30 am - Gene Gil
- 4:30 pm – Judith Hershenhorn

**ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE**
- **Monday, August 5**
  - 8:00 am – Kurt Jorgensen
- **Tuesday, August 6**
  - 8:00 am – Holy Souls in Purgatory
- **Wednesday, August 7**
  - 8:00 am –
- **Thursday, August 8**
  - 8:00 am –
- **Friday, August 9**
  - 8:00 am -
- **Saturday, August 10**
  - 8:00 am -
  - 5:30 pm – John F. Flynn Jr.
- **Sunday, August 11**
  - 7:30 am - Parishioners of Divine Mercy
  - 9:30 am - Paul Berghoff Sr. (Birthday Blessings)

**THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY**

**Monday, August 5**
- Scripture Reflection Group 9:00am / SH Fireplace Room

**Tuesday, August 6**
- Crafty Ladies 9:00am / Convent Prayer Group 9:00am / SH Fireplace Room

**Wednesday, August 7**
- New Family Playdate in the Park 9:00am / HW Park
- Respect Life 4:00pm / SPA Convent

**Thursday, August 8**
- Holy Hour 3:00pm / SPA

**Saturday, August 10**
- Sunday, August 11

**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 A Moveable Feast, Oktoberfest or NiteLites. 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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Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

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1095 Gage Street
Winnetka, IL 60093
(847) 446-0005
www.shwschool.org

www.divinemercynorthshore.org

**SACRAMENTS**

*Sacraments can be scheduled at either church. Arrangements should be made through the main office at Sacred Heart.*

**RECONCILIATION**
- Wednesday—3:00-5:00pm (SP)
- Saturday—9:00-9:30am (SH)
- Saturday—5:00-5:15pm (SP)
  - or by appointment

**BAPTISM**
By appointment. Please call the main parish office or visit our website for the requisite forms.

**MARRIAGE**
Contact the main parish office 6 months prior to the anticipated date of the marriage.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
Contact the main parish office to arrange for the sacrament for the seriously ill and homebound.
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