



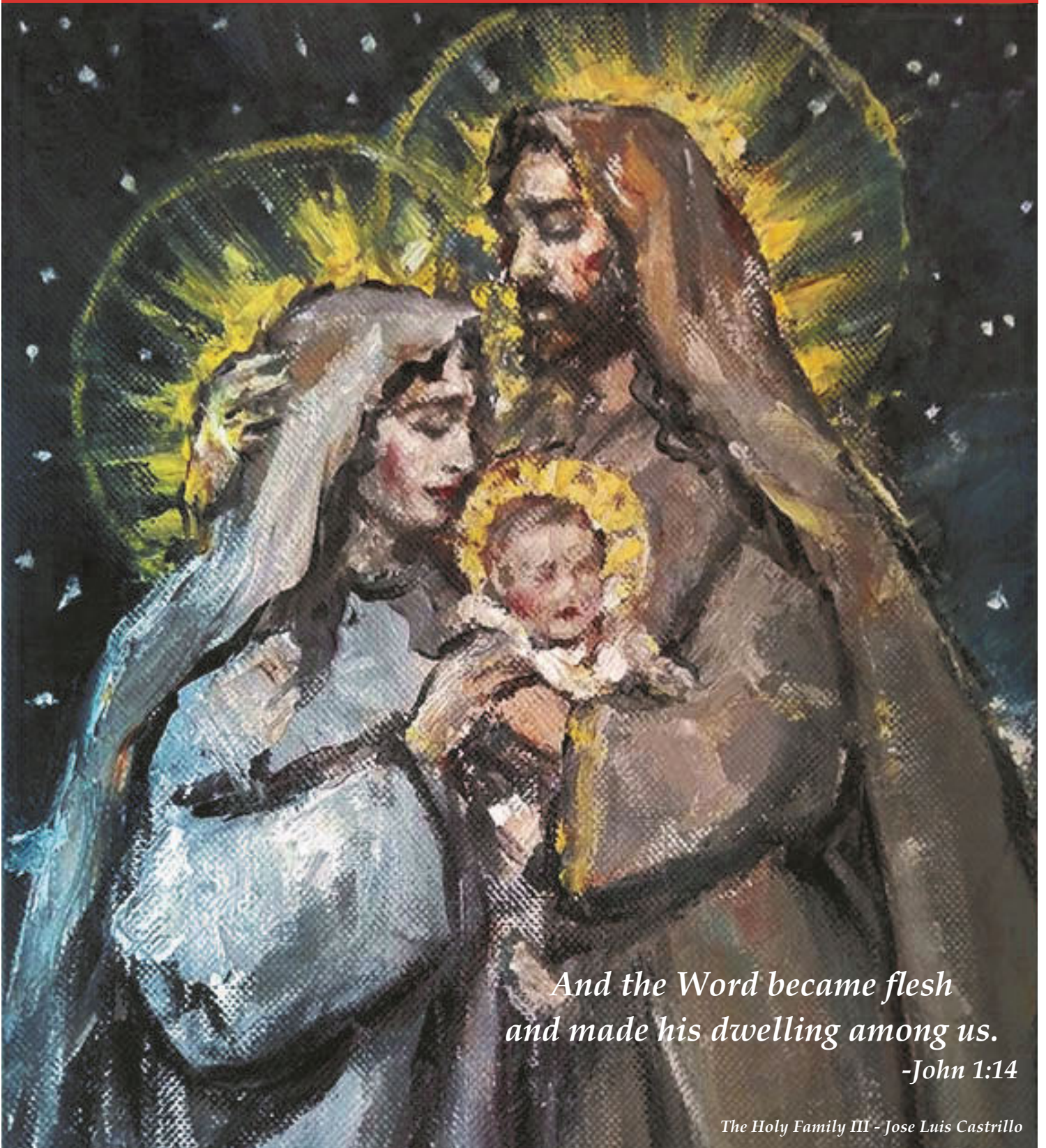
Welcome to

Divine Mercy
Catholic Community
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin

*Seeking to Encounter, be Formed in,
and Proclaim Christ*

December 25 & 26, 2021

*The Nativity of the Lord &
The Feast of the Holy Family*



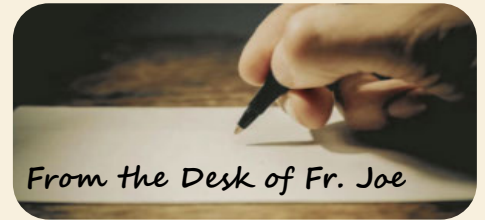
*And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us.*

-John 1:14

The Holy Family III - Jose Luis Castrillo

***And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth.***

- John 1:18



Dear Parishioners,

Merry and Blessed Christmas to you! This weekend we celebrate both the birth of our Lord and Savior, and the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – both great occasions of joy and blessings. The Nativity of our Lord celebrates, as John says, the Word made flesh in glory, full of grace and truth. God loved humanity so much that He sent forth His only Son to fulfill the promise of salvation through Jesus' birth and eventual death on a cross. There is no greater gift, no greater love than that. And through Jesus' Holy Family, He grows in true relation to humanity, the duality of being both God and man, in the context of a family, sets the prime example of how families and the church are to be.

We often marvel at the thought of God becoming one of us mortals, with the same struggles and joys. His birth in the lowliest of locations, being born in a stable amongst animals; it is a struggle from the beginning. We marvel at how his earthly father, Joseph, accepted, loved, and raised him as his own. We stand in awe of Mary, who took on the role of motherhood as a young virgin, perhaps not fully comprehending that the child she would carry and give birth to would give His life to save all of humanity; who, as she cradled Him lovingly as an infant with joy, would also cradle his body come down from the cross in anguish. Christ's birth is a wonder, indeed.

As we celebrate His birth, we celebrate his family, a model for all families and the church. Each member has responsibility, respect for one another, and obedience to the will of God. The feast of the Holy Family reminds us that, as the basic unit of the universal Church, each family is called to holiness. Despite our struggles and challenges, each family had been sanctified and is part of the larger family of God. Families attain holiness when they discharge their duties faithfully, trusting in God and drawing on the power of the Holy Spirit through personal and family prayer, meditative reading of the Bible, and devout participation in Holy Mass. Families become holy when Jesus Christ is present in them. The church also becomes holy when its members strive to put the will of God first through frequent prayer and receiving the sacraments.

Many more of our parish family has been coming back to Mass. The challenge of the ongoing pandemic is still present, but in cautious care for each member of our parish family, we have been able to remain open for the spiritual care and feeding of our family and neighbors (praise God!). Our outreach to our neighbors, both near and far, through community prayer and various collections for those in need draws us closer to God and each other. For those just coming back to church – we welcome you and rejoice that you are here with us! Likewise to our visitors – we are delighted to have you with us, hope you feel God's love through us, and pray that, if not at our parish, you find a parish family to grow and foster your faith in. Divine Mercy is always here for you. Please continue to pray for the needs of our parish and for Christ to remain in your families this Christmas and beyond. As the prayers go up, blessings come down. *May the joy and peace of this Christmas season be with you always! God bless you!*

In the Eucharistic Lord,

Fr. Joe, MCBS

Thank you to all who have sent cards and gifts to the Staff and me this holiday season. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is so appreciated and we are grateful! This year, I am finally able to return home to visit with my own family after over three years apart. I thank Fr. Rob, Fr. Vien, Fr. Jerry Herda, the Xaverians, Fr. Bob Kohler and Fr. Bob Betz, who will be celebrating Mass during my time away. Our Trustees and the Parish Staff will continue to work steadfastly to serve your needs. Please call on them as needed and pray for all of us and our ministries as we serve you in the name of our Lord. Know that I am praying for you, as well.



CHRISTMAS 2021

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Imagine being a lowly shepherd, watching over your sheep on a typical night, and then suddenly, your life changes forever. A bright light and a multitude of angels appear, proclaiming that "great joy" is to be had. While the message was one of celebration and awe, I can't help but think that if it were me, I too would be a little more frightened than overjoyed in the moment.

How many times have we been struck with fear in our lives? During the past year, many of us faced the fear of a worldwide pandemic, a serious health diagnosis and possibly a job loss. During difficult times, it can be hard to "fear not," as the angels assured the shepherds.

No matter where you find yourself this Christmas – perhaps back to Mass for the first time in a long time, or in the same pew you've been sitting in for years – please know that Jesus loves you and wants to be in a relationship with you.

This coming year, I encourage you to reconnect, rediscover, and renew your relationship with Jesus and his Church. Here in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, you'll discover a multitude of opportunities to encounter the love of Jesus and deepen your spiritual life.

Together, let us not fear but rejoice in the "good news of great joy!"

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Jerome E. Listecki

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki
Archbishop of Milwaukee

December - Month of The Immaculate Conception



Sunday, December 26, 2021 *The Holy Family*

7:30 a.m. † Andrew Schoenung & Jean Stone
 9:30 a.m. † Keith & Pat Livens
 † Nino Griger
 11:00 a.m. † Ray & Judith Kurkowski

Weekday Masses are held 695 College Avenue

Monday, December 27, 2021 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:30 a.m. † Jonathan Parato
 6:00 p.m. Rosary and Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion in the Chapel 695 College Ave

Tuesday, December 28, 2021 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:15 a.m. Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion
 8:30 a.m. † Michael & Sophia Helminak

Wednesday, December 29, 2021 St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

8:30 a.m. † Angeline Thill - Wedding Anniversary

Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
in the Chapel at 695 College Avenue

Thursday, December 30, 2021

8:30 a.m. † Fr. Herbert Schubert

Friday, December 31, 2021 St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

8:30 a.m. † Poor Souls
 5:00 p.m. **Mass of Anticipation for The Solemnity of Mary at 800 Marquette Avenue**
 † Keith & Pat Livens

Weekend Masses are held at 800 Marquette Avenue

Saturday, January 1, 2022 *Mary, The Holy Mother of God;* New Year's Day; World Day of Peace

8:30 a.m. - Divine Mercy Parishioners

Reconciliation 3:00 p.m.
prior to Mass in the Confessional at the back of church

4:00 p.m. **Mass of Anticipation for The Epiphany of the Lord**
 † Tommy Griffith
 † Poor Souls

Sunday, January 2, 2022 *The Epiphany of the Lord;* Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

7:30 a.m. † Andrew Schoenung & Jean Stone
 9:30 a.m. † Keith & Pat Livens
 † Nino Griger
 11:00 a.m. † Ray & Judith Kurkowski



The Sanctuary Lamp at Divine Mercy Marquette Avenue Church is burning in memory of **Gerald Kardach**

The Sanctuary Lamp at Divine Mercy College Avenue Chapel is burning in memory of **Lydia Zimmerman**

The Mother of Perpetual Help Lamp at Divine Mercy College Avenue Chapel is burning in memory of **James & Evelyn Helminak**

Readings for the Week of December 26, 2021



Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
 Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-

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Parish Giving for the Weekend of December 12

Amount Given:	December 12th	\$ 15,471.85
	Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 430,325.02
	Amount Budgeted to Date	\$ 428,599.76
	Difference	\$ 1,725.26

The financial giving figures for the weekend of December 19th will be available in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your continued generosity to Divine Mercy Parish!



DIVINE MERCY PARISH OFFICE

695 College Ave. • South Milwaukee, WI 53172

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695 College Ave. • South Milwaukee, WI 53172

*Serving ages 3 - 8th Grade
with before & after school care and quality, Catholic education*

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekend Schedule 800 Marquette Ave.

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses: 7:30 a.m. (also live streamed),
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**Weekday Schedule 695 College Ave.
in the Four Saints Chapel**

Monday - Friday at 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Masses are held in the Parish Social Center

Holy Days Please see the Bulletin for the schedule

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION OPPORTUNITIES

Every Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - College Ave.
in the Chapel

Monthly Committee Night Adoration - Marquette Ave.
First Thursday of the month from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
September - June

ABIDE monthly Adoration & Prayer - Marquette Ave.
First Friday of the month from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Occasionally, Mass and Adoration times may change.
Please consult the Mass schedule in the bulletin or check
the calendar on the website for the most up-to-date information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 p.m. at Marquette Avenue
Anytime by appointment.

REGISTERING AS A PARISH MEMBER

Contact the Parish Office to receive a registration packet
and more information, pick up a packet at our Information
Desk at Church, or visit our website for printable forms.
We welcome new members to our Parish Family! Children
of registered parents should register on their own as
adults after their 20th birthday.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents must be registered parishioners. After attending
a preparation class and completing paperwork, they may
schedule their child's baptism. Baptisms take place at the
4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass or the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.
Adults seeking baptism and/or entry into the Catholic
Church are invited to participate in the parish's RCIA program.
Call Jerry Krajewski at the Parish Office for more
information on both Baptism and RCIA.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Either the Bride or Groom must be a registered parishioner.
Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment to
meet with one of the priests at least 6 months prior to
your desired wedding date and to begin wedding preparation.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING AND VISITING THE SICK

Please contact the parish office if you are hospitalized or
homebound and are in need of anointing or would like a
visit from a priest or lay parishioner.



Year End Reminders...

2021 Contributions Due December 31st

As we approach the end of 2021, many of us are thinking about taxes and deductions. The good news is, your financial contribution to the parish is tax deductible (see your accountant for more information) and it's not too late to make a donation to Divine Mercy Parish. In doing so, you are sharing your Stewardship of Treasure, and you are helping your faith community by providing formation and outreach programs for so many.

A friendly reminder: Any contribution received or postmarked on or before Dec. 31, 2021 is a 2021 donation. Any contribution received or postmarked after January 1, 2022 is a 2022 donation. There is no donor "election" as to which calendar year the donation applies.

All parishioners will receive a tax statement letter by January 31st reflecting the amount they so generously shared in the 2021 year. *Thank you for your Stewardship and many blessings to you in the coming year!*

Parish Office Holiday Hours through January 2

- Monday, Dec. 27: Closed
- Tuesday, Dec. 28: Regular office hours resume 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (closed Noon - 1 p.m. for lunch)
- Friday, Dec. 31: Closed
- Monday, Jan. 3: Regular office hours resume 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (closed Noon - 1 p.m. for lunch)

Please Return Your Commitment Card

If you haven't already done so, please return your Parish Commitment Card by mail, via the collection basket at church, or by dropping it off at the Parish Office. Please fill out a pledge even if you are an electronic giver or plan to continue your same contribution amount. Your Pledge helps us to plan responsibly for the upcoming year and budget. *We appreciate your support!*

Please fill out the Parish Census

Mary and Joseph were taking part in a census back in the day. They had to travel, *but you do not!* If you haven't completed our parish census, please do so, either on our parish website or by paper copy (available at the information desk at church, in the parish office, or in the recent parish stewardship mailing). Your participation is vital for us to have accurate parish records, a clear picture of our parish family, and to plan effectively for the future. Please take part today!



Please remember in your prayers the souls of all the recently departed of our Parish Family, especially **Marilyn Killian**.

May she enjoy the fullness of life in the company of the risen Christ, and may those who mourn receive the gift of God's peace in their time of grief.

All are welcome to join us for Masses and more at Divine Mercy Parish! Let's bring the Lord into our hearts and homes this holiday season.

Please continue to take the necessary precautions to maintain wellness for yourself and for others. We encourage maintaining a healthy social distance and have no mask requirements at this time. Please wear one if you feel inclined to do so for your health and safety. Hand sanitizer is available on your way into church. Be assured we are still cleaning and disinfecting to ensure a sanitary environment for all.

The following Masses will take place at 800 Marquette Avenue.



Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Friday, December 31 at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 1 at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 2, Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday, January 1
Reconciliation at 3:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. Mass of Anticipation

Sunday, January 2 at
7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.



*Thank you for worshipping with us!
We wish you and your family a
Blessed Christmas and a
Happy, Healthy New Year!*

Need Prayers? Divine Mercy's Prayer Network is here for you!

Call Dolores 414-762-0194 or Audrey 414-762-4638, so we can pray for your intentions.

Or e-mail your prayer requests to:

Memorare72@gmail.com.

We hope to help many through our prayers!





Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is offered every week at our Four Saints Chapel at 695 College Avenue. The Christmas season and New Year is the perfect time to be with the Lord in Adoration! Come, spend some time with the Eucharistic Lord and know that God is always waiting for you with His abundant love and mercy.

Here are the upcoming opportunities for Adoration...

Wednesday Adoration (every Wednesday)
9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

- 8:30 a.m. - Mass in the Social Center
- 9:00 a.m. - Exposition in the Chapel
- 3:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 4:00 p.m. - Benediction

**Reconciliation is available by appointment. Please call the parish office ahead of time so a priest can be available for you.

Thursday, January 6th, 2022

1st Thursday Adoration

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in church at 800 Marquette Ave.

Join our prayer warriors for Adoration during All Committee Meeting Night in church at Marquette Avenue, September - June. All Divine Mercy Parish committees begin their meetings in prayer with the exposition of the Eucharist. Everyone is invited to come and pray during this time. You do not have to be on a committee. Even if you can only stop in for a few minutes, take advantage of this precious prayer time with God. Use the QR code to sign up, if you are so inclined!



You're also invited to join us on

Friday, January 7th, 2022

ABIDE Adoration & Prayer

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in church at 800 Marquette Ave.

Consider making a New Year's resolution to ABIDE with the Lord through Eucharistic Adoration. This once a month, one hour adoration and prayer time held on the first Friday of each month is perfect for those looking to incorporate more prayer and devotion to God in their lives. There's no better way to spend your time than in prayer in the presence of our Lord.

***We look forward to praying with you!
 Thank you for your continued support of our
 Adoration ministry.***



This Christmas,
 RECONNECT, REDISCOVER, AND RENEW
YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

As we come together at Mass to celebrate the birth of Christ, we invite you to reconnect, rediscover, and renew your relationship with God and the Church. Connect with our parish often to learn about upcoming events and wonderful prayer resources that will help you cultivate your relationship with Christ.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Living with Loss

Many things stopped or stalled during COVID, but grief and loss have not. Divine Mercy will resume

***Grief Support on the
 last Monday of every month,
 beginning Monday, January 31st
 from 10-11:30 a.m. at 800 Marquette Avenue.***



The meetings are open to adults who have suffered the loss of a loved one recently, or some time ago. This group will have a Christian focus and will be open to the public. Resources will be available. Feel free to join the group anytime.

Facilitators Patty Robinson and Sue Repa (former employees, now volunteers) have received a *Certificate of Completion* from the University of Wisconsin Parkside in the Bereavement Companion Program.

For questions, or to sign up, contact the Parish Office at 414-762-6810 or email Patty Robinson at: patty.robinson@live.com or Sue Repa at: susanjrepa@gmail.com

*"Blessed are those who mourn,
 for they shall be comforted." - Matthew 5:4*



Dear Parishioners,
Divine Mercy Christian Women thanks you for your continued support of our group's mission. Your ongoing prayers for all women, generosity to our rummage sales, community works, and bake sale is a blessing for which we are grateful!

Our latest sock/underwear collection was a huge success. To quote the Women's Care Center after our baby item collection in May, "Divine Mercy is a blessing."

Upcoming events on our calendar include:

- 1/1/22 - 1/31/22** - Towel Drive for Human Concerns and Hope House. Look for the collection baskets in the gathering space.
- 1/16/22** - Christian Women meeting in upstairs gathering space outside kitchen
- 3/20/22** - Christian Women meeting in upstairs gathering space outside kitchen
- 3/26/22 & 3/27/22** - Christian Women Bake Sale in gathering space
- 4/23/22** - Spring Rummage sale at College Ave.
- 5/1/22 - 5/31/22** - Baby/children's clothes and Diaper Collection for the Women's Care Center and Human Concerns in the gathering space

I am always available regarding upcoming Christian Women events, ideas, special prayer requests from our group or new membership.

Have a blessed and joyous Christmas!

- JoEllen Zaczek

joellen.zaczek5@gmail.com or 414-617-2397

Pastoral Council Update:

It's been a busy year for the Pastoral Council. Our members are very active with the committees they serve. Members are leading our Divine Men's Group, organizing ABIDE and attending parish activities. We are asked to help promote and attend all of our Parish events and invite fellow parishioners, as well. We are currently working on revitalizing outreach visits to area Nursing Homes and distributing the Blessed Sacrament, and helping with our weekly Eucharistic Adoration.

If you are interested in joining the Pastoral Council or participate in any of the activities listed, feel free to contact Cindy Semski, Pastoral Council Chair at pcsemski@netzero.com, or any of our members.

We thank you for your support and look forward to serving you in 2022.



It is with great joy that we announce the winner of the 2021 Divine Mercy Award - Tom Wisniewski!

Tom is an active and integral member of Divine Mercy Parish, serving as a daily Mass sacristan, funeral Mass sacristan, current Parish Trustee-Secretary, and always ready volunteer. We are blessed to have him in our parish community and it is an honor to name him as this year's winner.

The parish will present Tom his award in the near future.

Congratulations, Tom!

Thank you for your dedication and service to Divine Mercy Parish!

Get trapped in the Word of God!

Join our new Bible Study Monday mornings following Mass 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. at the Parish Office Conference Center room beginning January 3rd!

All are welcome to explore God's Word with us!



Youth News...

Youth Group is taking a two week break over the holidays. We'll start back up Monday, January 10th with a NEW TIME from 6:00—8:00 p.m.



High Schoolers - looking for something to do this summer? Join us on our Love Begins Here Mission Trip! We'll do various service projects during the day, and in the evening, we'll have community time and prayer opportunities. This will be an experience like no other! July 10-15 - St. Katharine Drexel - Beaver Dam - \$175 Only five spots remain. Our middle school trip is full! To reserve your place, have your parent contact Miss Jessica **ASAP** at jessicalemoine@divinemergycsm.org.

We will be fundraising to cover costs of the trip. More details will be provided at a later date. For answers to frequently asked questions, visit www.archmil.org/LBH/FAQ.



All 6th-12th Graders (and their families) can join us for Mass and Breakfast on days off! See the website under *youth ministry events* for all the details on this and more!



DMBGC News

Updates from Divine Mercy Buildings & Grounds, November & December 2021

Completed Project: College Avenue Parking Lot Asphalt Replacement



This past July, the DMBGC and parish administration announced that the parish was moving forward with replacing the parking lot asphalt at the College Avenue campus (reminder, the existing asphalt was original to the facility—dating back to the 1960's!!). The main project was completed at the start of the school year (late August) and a few loose ends were tied up in September. Overall, the project went very well. One hiccup that slowed things down a bit and added some extra cost involved some clean-up work and shoring up of the gravel base that is underneath the asphalt. When the original asphalt was removed, it was found that some of the gravel base was unstable. The DMBGC project lead and school/parish administration worked with the contractor to adjust the project so that this issue could be addressed before any new asphalt was put down.

This was critical, as it will help ensure that the new asphalt will have a long lifespan. A special thank you is extended to everyone that was involved in

the project and to Suburban Asphalt, the primary contractor involved—GREAT WORK EVERYONE! If you haven't been by the College Avenue campus lately, please take a peek at the new parking lot and remember that you enter the lot from the south—off of Badger Avenue. The roadway to College Avenue is a one-way exit only onto College. THANK YOU for respecting the traffic pattern, which allows for safe and efficient entry and exit of vehicular traffic from the campus!



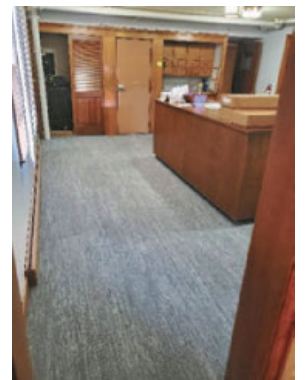
Project In-Progress: Marquette Campus Sacristy Refresh

Over the past four months, DMBGC volunteers have been working on giving a little TLC and making a number of cosmetic updates to the two sacristy areas in the church at the Marquette Campus. For those of you that are not familiar with the



'sacristy' rooms, these are non-public rooms that are located to the left and right of the altar at the front of the church. They are used by the priests, servers, and other volunteers before and after Mass. Items such as robes, books, and various religious artifacts are stored in them when not in use. Believe it or not, these spaces are mostly original to the building from the 1960's when it was known as St. John's! Although in good structural condition, they were in desperate need of a fresh coat of paint and new carpeting. Additionally, some of the closets and cabinets needed minor repairs (such as fixing hinges, drawer slides, replacement handles, etc...). DMBGC committee members and volunteers have taken care of these issues and were able to work with some area business to get materials for the work either donated for free or purchased at a significant discount.

In the near future, a contractor will be brought in to install a suspended ceiling and the light fixtures (which also are original to the building) will be swapped out for more modern ones. A special *thank you* is extended to everyone that has helped with the project—GREAT WORK SO FAR!



REMINDER 1: If you have an interest in making a donation (either anonymous or acknowledged) to the parish towards a Buildings & Grounds project, please contact the parish office at 414-762-6810 or send an email to dmparish@divinemergysm.org to start a conversation. No amount is too big or too small to help! B&G projects benefit the entire parish for many years--be a part of keeping up our parish facilities!

REMINDER 2: The DMBGC continues its search to add a few members to the committee. Open opportunities are available for an electrician and plumber. Contact the parish office at 414-762-6810 or send an email to dmparish@divinemergysm.org to learn more!

Thank you and may God bless everyone!

Chris Mancheski, Committee Chair, & the Members of the DMBGC

Kids Corner

READ THE GOSPEL & COLOR



The shepherds in the hills around Bethlehem were the first to find out about the birth of Jesus. They were the first to visit the new baby and his family in the stable. The shepherds of the Lord in your life are people who love God and you very much. They praise God and say wonderful things about God. They tell you how good you are. They protect you from evil and harm.

PRAYER

Father, thank you for the shepherds you sent to love and care for me.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will be a good shepherd and protect my brother and sister from harm.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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What can I do to witness to the Word made flesh whom I receive today in the Eucharist?

How is my family like the Holy Family?

The Pope's Prayer Intention for December

Intention for evangelization - Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



2021 Calendar Raffle Winners

12/13	Jeff Trudell	\$10
12/14	Kathleen Schuster	\$10
12/15	Kristine Brzezinski	\$10
12/16	Sarabjit Diwan	\$10
12/17	Kris Tuma	\$10



Congratulations and Thank you!

**Please Note: Publication dates affect the announcement of our winners. Names appear up to the date of publication.



Join us for Catholic Schools Week, January 30th - February 5th

Please mark your calendars and celebrate Catholic education and Divine Mercy School! Our recent Accreditation report set us as one of the best schools in the Archdiocese. Come see all we have to offer!

- Providing a positive and Catholic faith, to allow each child to learn and grow spiritually, morally, emotionally, and academically.
- Serving 200+ students in grades K3 thru 8th.
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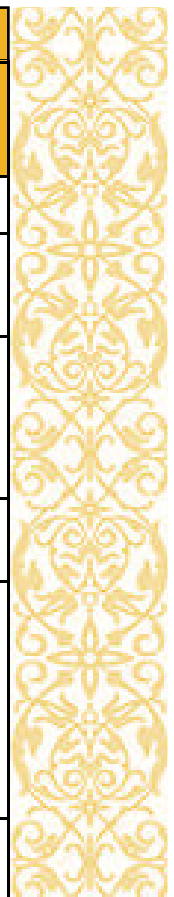
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If you haven't given to the Appeal it is not too late. As we near the end of the year, it is a time to reflect on how we can help people in need. The Catholic Stewardship Appeal helps us put our faith into action, helping thousands in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Please consider making a year-end gift to the Appeal via cash, stock, or an IRA rollover. Please contact Jenny Mendenhall, CSA Director at 414-769-3320 or mendenhallj@archmil.org with any questions. You may also donate with a check payable to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal (in the memo write "for Divine Mercy Parish") to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, 3501 South Lake Drive, P.O. Box 70912, Milwaukee, WI 53207.

Thank you for your continued support,
Bev and Dave Reszel
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Ministry Schedules for January 1 st & 2 nd - The Epiphany of the Lord				
	Saturday January 1 4:00 p.m. Mass	Sunday January 2 7:30 a.m. Mass	Sunday January 2 9:30 a.m. Mass	Sunday January 2 11:00 a.m. Mass
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