

Seeking to Encounter, be Formed in, and Proclaim Christ

January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord



MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

In-person Sunday Masses (at 800 Marquette Ave.) Saturday Anticipated: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Join us for live-streamed Mass Sundays at 7:30 a.m. on Facebook or our YouTube Channel; accessible anytime.

Reconciliation
(at 800 Marquette Ave.)
Saturday 3:00 p.m.
or anytime by appointment;
contact the Parish Office

<u>Daily Masses</u> (at 695 College Ave.) **Monday - Friday** at 8:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration (in the Chapel at 695 College Ave.) Every Wednesday 9:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ABIDE Adoration & Prayer
Every 1st Friday
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
at 800 Marquette Avenue

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Effective Labor Day - Memorial Day



FIRST READING

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

(Is 60:1)



PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)



SECOND READING

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)



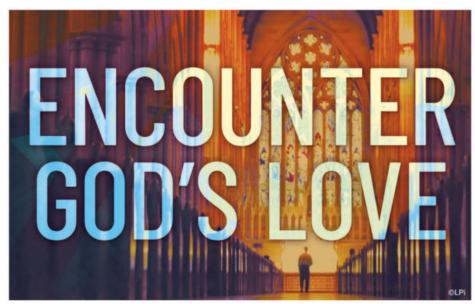
GOSPEL

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage."
(Mt 2:2)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

January - Month of The Most Holy Name of Jesus



Weekday Masses are held 695 College Avenue

Monday, January 3, 2022 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:30 a.m. † Mark Thill

6:00 p.m. Rosary and Mother of Perpetual Help

Devotion in the Chapel 695 College Ave

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion 8:15 a.m.

8:30 a.m. † Mary Hack

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:30 a.m. † Transferida Siroy

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

Thursday, January 6, 2022 St. André Bessette, Religious

8:30 a.m. † Alvin Berezinski - Anniversary of Death

Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Church at 800 Marquette Avenue

Friday, January 7, 2022 St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

8:30 a.m. † Special Intentions

ABIDE Adoration & Prayer 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

in Church at 800 Marquette Avenue

Weekend Masses are held at 800 Marquette Avenue

Saturday, January 8, 2022

Reconciliation 3:00 p.m.

Prior to Mass in the Confessional at the back of Church

4:00 p.m. † Eleutorio Torres

4:00 p.m. † Poor Souls

Sunday, January 9, 2022 The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 a.m. † The Living and Deceased Members of

the Holy Name Society

9:30 a.m. - Lorelie, Jean & Ray Groh (health)

† Marilyn Grassel

11:00 a.m. † Al DeRidder





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 **Poor Souls**

The Mother of Perpetual Help Lamp at Divine Mercy College Avenue Chapel is burning for

The Vavra Family

Readings for the Week of January 2, 2021



Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Sunday:

[cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/ Monday:

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 In 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/

Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/

Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc,

17/Lk 4:14-22a

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Friday:

/Lk 5:12-16

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a Saturday:

and 9b/In 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

[11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4

-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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May we see the star of Jesus along the way so that we may always seek the Lord, encounter Him, and offer Him the treasure of our lives. -Fr. Mauricio T. Ulep, CMF

Parish Giving for the Weekend of December 19, 2021

Amount Given: **December 19**th \$ 15.734.00

Fiscal Year to Date \$ 446.059.02

Amount Budgeted to Date \$ 448,751.50

Difference \$ -2,692.48

The financial giving for Christmas and December 26th will be available in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your continued generosity to Divine Mercy Parish!

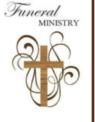


Please remember in your prayers the souls of all the recently departed of our Parish Family, especially **Francis Mahsem** and **Dolores Tolkacz.**

May they 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.

Funeral Sacristans Needed!

This is a wonderful ministry, in that you are preparing the Mass for those who have died. Typically, this is about a two hour commitment, and we need people who can be available with just a few days notice. Usually, this would



require you to serve 2-3 times a month, but depending on the numbers of deaths, it may be more. This is the perfect ministry for recently retired people, or those who may work second shift jobs.

Training is required before you begin, and you must have a basic understanding of the Mass. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at 414-762-6810. *Thank you!*

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.

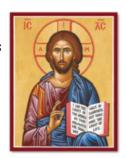
Facilitators Patty Robinson and Sue Repa (former employees, now volunteers) have received a *Certificate of Completion* from the University of Wisconsin Parkside in the Bereavement Companion Program.

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

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!



How about starting a prayerful New Year's Resolution this year with Eucharistic Adoration?

Divine Mercy offers weekly Adoration every Wednesday in our Four Saints Chapel at 695 College Avenue following morning Mass from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.. Additionally, we invite you to join us this week for two more opportunities to "be" in the presence of our Lord:

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 commit-

tee. 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.

Fr. Rob Kroll will be giving a talk on *Right to Life* this month. 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.





Giving Tree Update & Thank You

Divine Mercy's Human Concerns Committee would like to extend a heartfelt *Thank You* to all who helped support our Giving Tree efforts this

year! Together, you gave \$5,315.00 in gift cards and monetary donations on top of additional toys, household items, robes and blankets for those in need in our community. These donations were distributed to *South Milwaukee Human Concerns*, those served by our *St. Vincent De Paul Society*, and *Eras* senior network.

Your outpouring of generosity is amazing and inspiring! *South Milwaukee Human Concerns* distributes assistance to over 100 families in our city. Your donations also made it possible for seniors served through *Eras* to receive gift cards, a bag of food, and 6 books of "Forever" stamps. Your kindness made Christmas much more merry and bright this year for all those served.

Thank you for sharing in the spirit of giving this holiday season.
It was an inspiration and blessing to many!



The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. This feast is also celebrated on January 3rd. Since the 16th century Catholic piety has associated entire months to special devotions. The devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus has been traditionally associated with the month of January, due to its celebration on January 3rd. The name Jesus was given to the Holy Child at God's command (Luke 1:31). The Holy Name is all-powerful because of the Person who bears it; we honor it because of the command of Christ, that we should pray in His Name and because it reminds us of all the blessings we receive through our Holy Redeemer. Hence St. Paul was able to write to the Philippians: "... at the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth" (Phil. 2:10). By means of this devotion we also make amends for improper use of the Holy Name.

Prayer Source: Prayer Book, The by Reverend John P. O'Connell, M.A., S.T.D. and Jex Martin, M.A., The Catholic Press, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, 1954. Taken from www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/

Do you want to share the gift of God's Word and leave a legacy that will help generations of Divine Mercy students grow in their faith?



With Catholic Schools Week approaching, parishioners can support

our Divine Mercy teachers and students and further inspire them to be disciples of Christ. For a donation of \$15, parishioners can sponsor the purchase of a Bible that will be part of a classroom set for years to come.

To participate, place a check in that amount payable to "Divine Mercy" in the collection basket with the memo "Classroom Bible" or deliver the check to the parish office by February 1, 2022. Please attach a note to the check stating how you would like your name or family name listed on the inside cover of the Bible so that students can pray for you when using the Bible and know that you are praying for them, too!

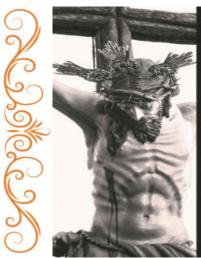
Mark your calendars and get ready to raise a glass in support of Divine Mercy School!

Our 2nd Annual Sipply Divine is set to take place on February 19th from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. in our Parish Social Center at 695 College Avenue.

Tickets are \$30 per person or 4 for \$100.



Taste, sip & support with a variety of beer, wine and food. Participants must be 21 or older. Contact the School Office at 414-764-4360 for more information and for tickets.



THE GOLDEN ARROW PRAYER

"May the most Holy, most Sacred, most Adorable, most Mysterious and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in heaven on earth and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar."

Kids Corner

READ THE GOSPEL & COLOR



The Three Wise Men told Herod about a King being born. Herod was jealous. He did not want another king to be more powerful than he. Herod told them to come back and tell him where the baby was. They thought Herod was truly interested in Jesus. After they gave him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, an angel warned them, "Go back a different way. Herod wants to kill the baby Jesus."

PRAYER

Lord, give me the power to help others, not harm them.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will do three favors to help someone in my family today.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

CLP



Question: What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

Answer: This a very practical question because, as we all know, acci-

dents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the minsters respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).

QUESTION ?

How do I use both reason and faith to find my way to Jesus?

The Pope's Prayer Intention for January

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



2021 Calendar Raffle Winners

12/18	A.J. Wirhanowicz	\$10
12/19	Terry Zabkowski	\$25
12/20	Jackie Maslowski	\$10
12/21	Madelyn Boisvert	\$10
12/22	Maria Azarian	\$10
12/23	Kay Lussier	\$10
12/24	Teresa Mrnik	\$50
12/25	Lauren Kuettel	\$100
12/26	Amy Gigl	\$25



Congratulations and Thank you!

Thanks to all who purchased Calendar Raffles for 2022. We wish you the best of luck and thank you for your support of Divine Mercy Parish and School!

Please see the *Weekly Update* **on our website, divinemercysm.org**, under the "About Us" tab, for more news and information that we are unable to fit in our bulletins. There is *a lot* going on in our parish, Archdiocese, and surrounding community that we don't always have space to accommodate here.

Let's share ALL the good news!



Do you enjoy playing Sheepshead? Divine Mercy's *Card Club* is looking to get back to it! Players are needed and all are welcome to join us. We can even teach you how to play!

In the past, we've played on the $1^{\rm st}$ and $3^{\rm rd}$ Mondays at the Parish Office conference room beginning at 1:00pm. Interested parties can contact Marlene Ostrowski at (414) 764-1925. Watch the Bulletin and *Weekly Update* for when we will resume playing, once we have enough interested participants.



A warm welcome to newly registered parishioners,

John Rennpferd & children Estella, Gunther and Henrie Nicholas Jaecks & children Owen & Amelia

Gerald & Margaret Pityer

We are happy to have you worshipping with us and as part of our Divine Mercy Parish Family! 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!

Ministry Schedules for January 8 th & 9 th - The Baptism of the Lord				
	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
	January 8	January 9	January 9	January 9
	4:00 p.m. Mass	7:30 a.m. Mass	9:30 a.m. Mass	11:00 a.m. Mass
Sacristan	Jo Ellen Zaczek	James Remus	Cheryl Heiser	Angela Paniagua
Lector	Connie Roybal (1)	Chris Lubinski (1)	Samantha Gates (1)	Tina McNamara (1)
	Tom Zongolowicz (2)	NOT FILLED	Cindy Semski (2)	Barb Kaprelian (2)
Eucharistic Minister	Mitchel Michalski Caroline Bzdawka Nancy Wucherer Sue Wucherer	James Remus Francesca Archambeau David Alvarez Maria Alvarez	Jim Ciesielczyk Renee Ciesielczyk Gary Hamilton MJ Kais	Joyce Plewa-Richards Angela Paniagua Genevieve Szeklinski NOT FILLED
Server	Nathan Martin	Nicholas Mancheski	Andy Brown	Kate Szeklinski
	Michael Brown	NOT FILLED	Addy Schmidt	NOT FILLED
Ushers	Bridget Walsh	Steve Barney	Eddie McGuinnis	Vince Thalman
	Maureen Walsh	Robert Baumann	Thomas Dee	Belinda Copus
	Bill Fenger	Dennis Sokolowski	Harry Glinecki	Robert Gerber
	Gregory Meka	Michael Kaplanek	Lawrence Zimmerman	John Possing
	Vicki Bartoshevich	James Marsh	Elizabeth Sazdanoff	Gary Krahn
	NOT FILLED	Dan Mumm	Chuck Kendall	Jim Klinkowitz
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