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January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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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

Daily Masses

(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

Pastor: Fr. Joseph Sebastian, MCBS

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www.divinemercysm.org

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9:00AM - Noon; 1:00PM - 4:00PM

Friday: 9:00AM - Noon; PM CLOSED

*closed each day 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. for Staff to
attend morning Mass

Effective Labor Day - Memorial Day

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.
(40:5)



PSALM

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)



SECOND READING

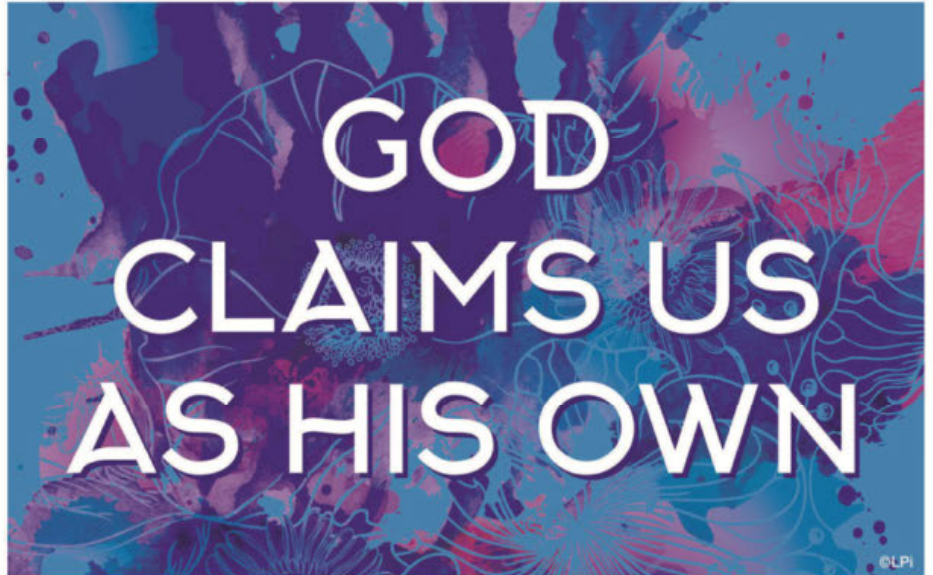
He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)



GOSPEL

After all the people had been baptized
and Jesus also had been baptized and
was praying,
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit
descended upon him
in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

*"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."
— Pope Francis*

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

January - Month of The Most Holy Name of Jesus



Weekday Masses are held 695 College Avenue



Monday, January 10, 2022

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

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

8:15 a.m. Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion
 8:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Lisowski & Wnuk Families

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

8:30 a.m. - Virgin of the Rule

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

Thursday, January 13, 2022 St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. † Carmen & Jose Colon

Friday, January 14, 2022

8:30 a.m. † Roland Elenich

Weekend Masses are held at 800 Marquette Avenue



Saturday, January 15, 2022

Reconciliation 3:00 p.m.

Prior to Mass in the Confessional at the back of Church

4:00 p.m. † Jean Stone
 4:00 p.m. † Francis Mahsem

Sunday, January 16, 2022 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † John William Kujawa
 9:30 a.m. † The Living and Deceased Members of the Christian Women
 † Paul Quicker
 † Allyn Sweet
 11:00 a.m. † Alvin & Irma Ballinger



The Sanctuary Lamp at Divine Mercy Marquette Avenue Church is burning for **The McKean Family**

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 in memory of **Poor Souls**

Readings for the Week of January 9, 2021



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
 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 /Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd /Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 /Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 /Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/ 1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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Please remember in your prayers all those in our parish family who are ill and dying during this time. May they receive the gift of God's peace, comfort and healing in their time of need, and be assured of the prayers and spiritual support of their parish family.

Parish Giving for the Weekend of December 26, 2021

Amount Given:	December 26th	\$ 38,276.77
	Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 503,348.83
	Amount Budgeted to Date	\$ 479,003.69
	Difference	\$ 24,345.14

Thank you for your continued generosity to Divine Mercy Parish!



**January Share Sunday
takes place next weekend,
January 15th & 16th
to benefit Divine Mercy's chapter
of St. Vincent De Paul.**

The Society gives tangible assistance (food, clothing and furniture at SVDP stores on Lincoln Avenue and Hwy. 100) to those in need on a person to person basis with assistance for rent and utilities to allow those in need to remain in their homes. The Conference is also the recipient of gift cards and cash donations through our *Divine Mercy Giving Tree*. Please be generous so our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers can continue this outreach in our community. *Thank you!*

Did you know we have Prayer Shawls and Rosaries available for those in need?

Just stop by the Parish Office and ask! Shawls are available to everyone - not just parishioners. Many go to those in hospitals and nursing/care facilities. Each has been made with love and many prayers; all have been blessed. We also have a healthy supply of hand-made rosaries available. Both are a beautiful way to let others know they are cared about and in our prayers.



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

Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord!

The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters. "He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake . . . to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water" (St. Gregory Nazianzen, *Liturgy of the Hours*, I, 634). Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will. Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin—Original and actual—and begin to live a new life with God.



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Calling all Youth of the Parish!

Divine Mercy's Youth Group starts back Monday, January 10th

with a NEW TIME from 6:00—8:00 p.m.

in the Parish Social Center at 695 College Ave

Come join us and bring a friend!

Find all the details and register through the Parish Website under the Formation tab and *DMYM Events*. Contact Jessica Lemoine with questions at 414-762-6810 or jessicalemoine@divinemicysm.org.



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**

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

**The next Christian
Women meeting is
Sunday, January 16th.**



Pews will be reserved in the front of church for us to attend 9:30 a.m. Mass together. The meeting will follow in the Gathering Space outside the kitchen. If you are unable to attend Mass, all are welcome to the meeting! Our "Welcome a Stranger" speaker is Pam Pfeifer, owner of SM business *Hollyville*, (retro clothing boutique and custom apparel). Our featured speaker is Pastor Karen from Tippecanoe Presbyterian church, who will speak about their *Larry Under the Bridge* ministry.

There is a change in our calendar - our January towel drive has been rescheduled for February.

Please contact JoEllen Zaczek, (414) 617-2397 with any questions.

All ladies are welcome to join us!

**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!

**PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!
JANUARY 19-27, 2022**



9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Sign up to receive email or texts.

Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!



Men - join the *Divine Mercy Men's Group* this spring as we explore "Into the Breach," created by The Knights of Columbus for their members, who were looking for something to add value to their lives and help them become stronger men, more loving husbands, and better fathers. The *Into the Breach* video series is a powerful tool to help meet these needs and answer what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world.

Watch the trailer at <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>

This spring there will be two convenient options to attend:

**Tuesday Evenings from 6:30PM - 7:30PM
or Wednesday Mornings 6:30AM - 7:30AM
beginning Tuesday/Wednesday January 18th and 19th.**

Be inspired and/or help inspire other men to live the life Christ desires for us. Whether you can make it every week or only a few, all men are invited to attend this spring's program.

Message Gary Branger at garybranger@divinemicysm.org, or 414-530-6964 to let us know when you will be there or if you have any questions.



Kids Corner

READ THE GOSPEL & COLOR



When you were baptized, a priest sprinkled holy water over your head. He said, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." God said, "This is my child in whom I am well pleased." Tell God you are glad you are his child. Tell him you will obey his laws. Tell him that you love him with your whole heart, soul, body, and mind.

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, I want to be a good child of God.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will talk to God when I first wake up each morning.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



How has the Holy Spirit, whom I received in baptism, influenced my outlook and my actions?

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

- 12/27 Matt Christman \$10
- 12/28 Ruth Lorenzi \$10
- 12/29 Mandi & Brandon Staynor \$10
- 12/30 MJ Kais \$10
- 12/31 Jade Komorowski \$10



2022 Calendar Raffle Winners

- 1/1 Mark Nitka \$100
- 1/2 Jim Klinkowitz \$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!



Who's ready to play cards with us?

Divine Mercy's Card Club invites all to join them on **Monday, January 17th at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room.**

Sheepshead is our usual game - we can even teach you how to play! We meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at the Parish Office conference room beginning at 1:00pm. Questions? Contact Marlene Ostrowski at (414) 764-1925 for more details. *Let's deal you a hand!*

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 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, food, raffles and more! Participants must be 21 or older. Contact the School Office at 414-764-4360 for more information and for tickets.



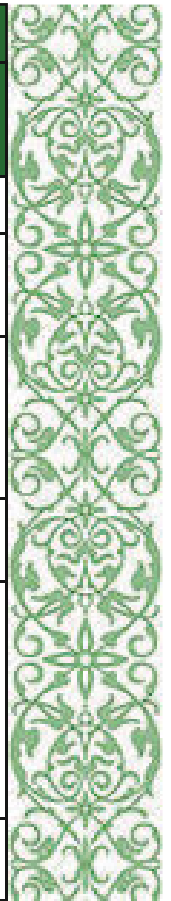
Need Prayers? Divine Mercy's Prayer Network is here for you! Please contact one of the individuals listed below to have yourself or someone else placed on our prayer network so we can pray for your intentions.



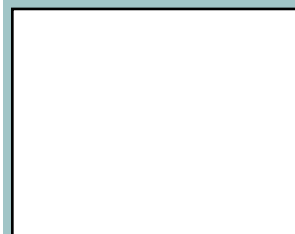
Call Dolores 414-762-0194 or Audrey 414-762-4638, or e-mail your prayer requests to: Memorare72@gmail.com.

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you, and uphold you with my right hand of justice." - Isaiah 41:10

Ministry Schedules for January 15 th & 16 th - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time				
	Saturday January 15 4:00 p.m. Mass	Sunday January 16 7:30 a.m. Mass	Sunday January 16 9:30 a.m. Mass	Sunday January 16 11:00 a.m. Mass
Sacristan	Jeanne Grady	James Remus	Cheryl Heiser	Jeanne Grady
Lector	Connie Roybal (1) NOT FILLED (2)	Chris Lubinski (1) NOT FILLED (2)	Mark Hoffman (1) James Gates (2)	John Jaeger III (1) Kenneth Anyanwu (2)
Eucharistic Minister	Bridget Walsh Maureen Walsh Cindy Gryczkowski Jill Meyer	James Remus Francesca Archambeau David Alvarez Maria Alvarez	Adam Menzia Diane Hoffman Jon Jossart Joanie Olson	Morry Decker Tina McNamara Carol Dufek Joyce Plewa-Richards
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