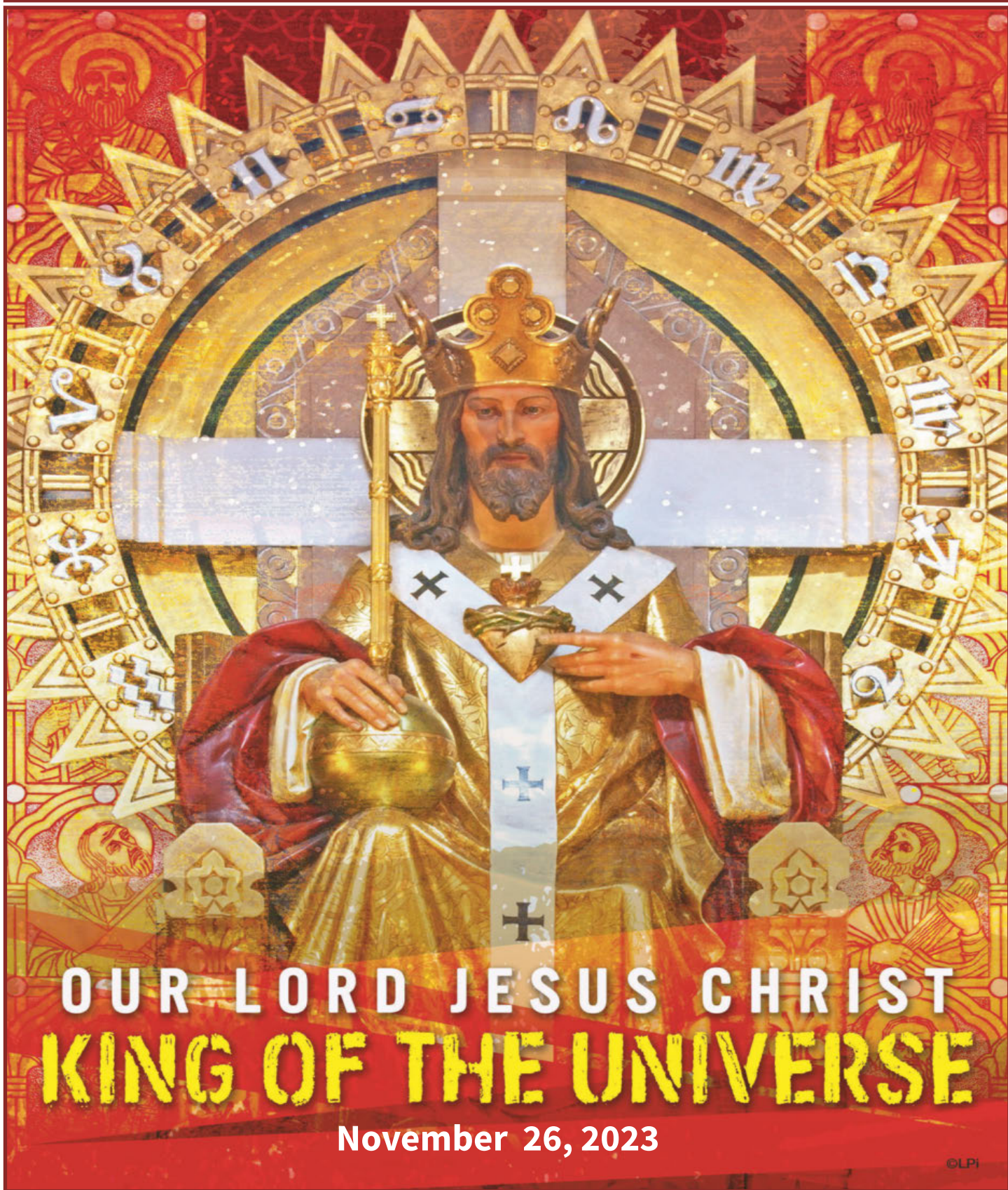




**MARY, MOTHER OF
DIVINE GRACE PARISH**

The Catholic Community of Divine Infant Jesus
Church and Divine Providence Church & School
Westchester, IL



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

November 26, 2023

Welcome to

Mary, Mother of Divine Grace Parish



The Catholic Community of Divine Infant Jesus Church and Divine Providence Church and School

PARISH CHURCH LOCATIONS

DIVINE INFANT JESUS

Church: Newcastle & Canterbury Avenues
Rectory Office: 1601 Newcastle Ave.
Westchester, IL 60154

Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 8:30AM
Confession: Saturday following 8:30AM Mass
Anticipated Mass Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 10:00AM

DIVINE PROVIDENCE

Church: 2600 Mayfair Ave.
Business Office: 2550 Mayfair Ave.
Westchester, IL 60154
(708) 562-3364
Hours: 8:00AM-4:00PM

Mass Schedule:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:30AM
Anticipated Mass Saturday: 4:00PM
Sunday: 8:30AM

Holy Days of Obligation: As announced in bulletin.

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OUR MISSION and OUR VISION

MISSION STATEMENT - Who We Are

The mission of the faith community of **Mary, Mother of Divine Grace** is to inspire spiritual growth by worshiping, teaching and living by example our love of Jesus, His Church and our neighbors.

VISION STATEMENT - Who We Strive to Be

The parish of **Mary, Mother of Divine Grace** will continually serve all people by being good stewards for future generations. We make Christ known by living and teaching our faith.

For additional information regarding our parish, please see **page 11** or visit our website: marymotherofdivinegrace.org

Today's celebration of the **Solemnity of Christ the King** marks the end of the Church's liturgical year. Our scriptures tell us about the Second Coming, when Christ returns in glory. This celebration announces the end of time. When Christ returns, the world will end. The reflection on last things gives us a horizon or background against which to evaluate our lives. Whether God calls us home in death or Christ comes back first, we will all have to make an accounting to God. How have we lived, what have we done with the time we had on this earth, how have we treated one another? How do we measure up to the values we profess? My scripture commentary is on **page six**.

Updates: I don't have current updates since due to the early bulletin deadlines, this issue went to the printer eleven days ago. Repairs to the sidewalks and garage roof at the DI Annex were completed a couple weeks ago. Repairs on the DP church roof were scheduled to begin the week of November 13.

Our nation celebrated **Thanksgiving Day** this past Thursday. In spite of all the tragedies and hardships in our world, we do have many reasons to be thankful. Thanksgiving is a time for remembering that the people we love are the most important gifts in our lives. I hope it was a time of celebration for all of you with your families and friends. As we celebrate, let us also remember those who are grieving, the lonely and those who are in need. Thank you for all your prayers and support throughout the year.

Throughout the scriptures, Jesus continually calls the people back to the Covenant to take care of the poor, the afflicted, the outcast and the stranger. He chastises the leaders of the Temple for paying more attention to the laws of religious observance than to attending to the needs of the people. We are called to do the same. Giving from our substance to help those in need is what the Church means by the "preferential option for the poor". There are many needs in our world today, especially for those suffering medical, physical and financial hardship as well as the plight of the homeless and the refugees. Beyond our borders there are many suffering the ravages of war, violence, poverty, and famine. The human needs are still very real. We cannot solve all of the problems of the needy, but Christ asks us to do our best to reach out in compassion to those who are less fortunate.

Advent begins next Sunday. It is a time of transition from expecting Christ's coming back at the end of time to awaiting his coming at Christmas. Christ becomes a member of our human family so that we may become members of his divine family. As we prepare for the holidays, don't rush into Christmas. I invite all of you to take time to participate in the season of Advent. It is a time of joyful expectation that has great spiritual rewards and consolations. Please see **page five** for the schedule of our Advent services that will help us to slow down to be with the Lord in the midst of the hectic pace that the holidays often bring.

Have a great week.

Sincerely,
Fr. Neil

But first *pray*

Please remember to pray for all those who have gone home to heaven and their families including:

Patrick M. Casey
 Husband of RONALDA "Ronny"
 Father of Kevin (Courtney) & Colleen
 Grandfather of Liam Patrick & Caroline Anne
 Son of the late William Sr. & Patricia
 Brother of William Jr. (Stephanie), Colleen,
 Tim (Linda), Steven (the late Megan) & Elizabeth

PLEASE REMEMBER

in your prayers...

Names will be listed for **(1) month**. If the sick person gets better or passes away, please notify the parish office.

Mike Alexander	Janet Mazur
Donald Armstrong	Gabriel Meier
Stephanie & Renz Babas	Ed Miranda & Family
Diane Bozek	Jesus, Linda & Cathy Miranda
Addison Brandenburg	Marcella Mize
George Brent	Richard Mulfinger
Tracy Brewer	Diana Nawrocki
Betty Carrie	Cozeake & Yuki Nelson
Bernadette Colletti	Daniel O'Brien
Sandra Kay Collie	Donna J. Parker
Giovanni Corrigan	Barbara Perniconi
Anthony Di Vito	Rosanna Reyes
Rachel Dula	Joanna Reyes
Beverly Fotiadis	Cindy Shahboz
Joan Gebhardt	Annamae Shaughnessy
MaryAnn Giannelli	Jade Solis
Wendell Gibson	Steve Spomer
Eileen Gorski	Diane Stachiw
Arthur Hetiz	Cristina Toharia
Christopher Heitz	Vasecka Family
Shown Johnson	Giovanni Vivas
Mary Kmet	Florence & Kathryn Voves
Linda Kotowski	Hank & Ellen Walsh
Jason Kuntz	Nancy Wesclitz
Christina Coglianesee Lee	Tanya Winegard
Ashley Luecken	Danute Zailskas

Divine Providence Mass Intentions

Monday, 11/27 8:30am People of the Parish
 †All the Souls

Wed., 11/29 8:30am †Anthony & Maria Huynh

Friday, 12/01 8:30am †Anthony & Maria Huynh

Weekend Masses

Sat., 12/02 4:00pm †Catherine, James
 and Robert Creighton
 †Charles Letizia
 †Josephine Wyskup

Sun., 12/03 8:30am †All the Souls in Purgatory
 †Maria & Peter Nguyen

Divine Infant Jesus Mass Intentions

Tuesday, 11/28 8:30am †Harvey Campbell

Thurs., 11/30 8:30am †Mary Sciacca
 †Frank & Octavia Prosek
 †Andres Molina

Sat., 12/02 8:30am †Eleanor Alf

Weekend Masses

Sat., 12/02 5:00pm †Holy Souls in Purgatory
 †Marie McHugh
 †James P. Gratz
 †Carol Ann Lebensorger

Sun., 12/03 10:00am †Helen & William Juvancic
 †Donald & Elizabeth Devine
 †Trinidad Murillo
 †Ricardo Contreras

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS ACTIVELY SERVING IN THE MILITARY AROUND THE WORLD.

Lance Corporal	Nathaniel J. McDougall	Marines
Sergeant	Michael Nieves	Marines
Sergeant	Daniel S. Mahony	Marines
PFC	Ed Lacombe	Army
Lt. Col.	Michael J. Milas	Army
Lt. Col.	Paul Milas	Army
Captain	Larry Lentino	Army
Major	Matthew Kubik	US Air Force
Staff Sgt.	Jeffrey Niemiec	US Air Force

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Mary, Mother of Divine Grace Parish
Divine Infant Jesus & Divine Providence

*Due to early bulletin deadlines,
weekly collections for 11/12, 11/19 & 11/26
will be published in December.*

Please consider giving online at: **WeShare**
<https://marymotherofdivinegrace.churchgiving.com/>



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
9:00am Divine Infant Jesus Church

Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 3
9:00am-12:00pm DP School Gym

Women's Guild Christmas Social

Tuesday, December 12 - 7:00pm DI Langan Hall
*All women of the parish are invited to this
Christmas social gathering!*

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8
8:30am Mass DP
1:30pm Mass w/School Community DP
7:00pm Mass DI

Giving Tree Gift Drop-off

Saturday & Sunday, December 9 & 10
*Select an ornament off the decorated trees
in either church Narthex, buy a present for that
person, wrap it, label it, and drop it off on this
weekend at the church garage!*
Gifts needed for all ages.

Evening of Reflection-Adoration & Benediction

December 6 Divine Infant Jesus Church
December 13 Divine Providence Church

Holiday Music Concert

Sunday, December 17

SCHOOL Holiday Music Concert

Wednesday, December 20
6:00pm Divine Providence Church

More details to come!

Parish Calendar of Events

DP = DIVINE PROVIDENCE / DI = DIVINE INFANT JESUS

(Presider Schedule subject to change without notice)

Monday, November 27- Fr. Winikates

8:30a Mass - **Divine Providence Church**
6:15p-7:30p RE Classes-Divine Infant Jesus School

Tuesday, November 28- Fr. McFarlane

8:30a Mass - **Divine Infant Jesus Church**
7:00p RCIA - Holy Guardian Angels Parish

Wednesday, November 29- Fr. Fackler

8:30a Mass - **Divine Providence Church**

Thursday, November 30- Fr. Fackler

8:30a Mass - **Divine Infant Jesus Church**

Friday, December 1- Fr. Winikates

8:30a Mass - **Divine Providence Church**
9:00a Holy Hour/Adoration - **Divine Providence Church**
DP School Raffle Proceeds Due

Saturday, December 2

8:30a Mass - **Divine Infant Jesus Church- Fr. McFarlane**
9:00a Confessions - **Divine Infant Jesus Church**
4:00p Mass - **Divine Providence Church- Fr. Fackler**
5:00p Mass - **Divine Infant Jesus Church- Fr. McFarlane**

Sunday, December 3 - 1st Sunday of Advent

8:30a Mass - **Divine Providence Church - Fr. Fackler**
10:00a Mass - **Divine Infant Jesus Church - Fr. Winikates**
9:00a-12:00p Breakfast with Santa DP Sch. Gym



HOLY HOUR

Friday, December 1, 2023

9:00am-10:00am

Divine Providence Church

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 2, 2023

9:00a-9:30a Divine Infant Jesus Church



Wedding Banns

II Tyler Swenson & Leah Banda

OPLATKI ~ A timeless tradition...

Oplatki will be available for a **FREE WILL** donation
beginning **December 2nd & 3rd** after Masses at
Divine Infant Jesus & Divine Providence while supplies last.

*If you are unable to attend Mass, please call the
DP Rectory 708-562-3364 to arrange pick up.*

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD, CHRIST THE KING ~ SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

The celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King marks the end of the Church's liturgical year. Our scriptures tell us about the Second Coming, when Christ returns in glory. This celebration announces the end of time. When Christ returns, the world will end. The reflection on "last things" gives us a horizon or background against which to evaluate our lives. Whether God calls us home in death or Christ comes back first, we will all have to make an accounting to God. How have we lived, what have we done with the time we had on this earth, how have we treated one another? How do we measure up to the values we profess?

Ezekiel tells us that the Lord God will rescue his people from every scattered place and give them rest. The lost will be sought out, and those who have strayed will be brought back. The injured and sick will be healed. St. Paul writes to a divided Corinthian community, which seems to have strayed from the faith. He tells them that Christ, risen from the dead, will come back to reign in glory and will subject everything to himself. He will destroy death, and those who belong to him will be brought to eternal life. In the gospel reading, Jesus says that when he comes back in glory all the nations will be assembled before him and they will be separated, the good from the bad. Those who have taken care of the hungry and the suffering will inherit the kingdom. Those who denied help to the needy will be cursed and cast into the fire of eternal punishment.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us that those who will inherit the kingdom of God are those who have recognized him in the least of our brothers and sisters. Jesus speaks directly about helping the poor, the sick and the stranger. Last week we were told that we are to be good stewards of the talents that we have been given. Today Christ reminds us that the gifts we have been given are to be used to help one another. This is how God will measure us when he calls us home.

One of the biggest gifts we can give back to God is to treat the least among us with the dignity we would give to Christ himself, to recognize in them the divine image in which they, too, were created. It is often very hard to see Christ in the faces of those we dislike or those who are different. I sometimes have difficulty seeing Christ in many people, not only in the violent, the criminal, and the panhandlers; but also the unkind, the selfish, the rude and those people who have treated me unjustly. But the gospel helps me to shift my vision and pray for the courage to try to be the compassion of Christ for them, even when I don't feel like it and even though I don't always succeed.

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Matthew 25: 31-46

Mary, Mother of Divine Grace Parish

celebrated the *Baptism* of...

Owen James Perez

Son of

James & Dana (Lewandowski) Perez

November 12, 2023

Divine Infant Jesus Church

*"Go therefore and make disciples of
all nations, baptizing them in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit."*



Please join us for the
Divine Providence Family School Association's



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SUNDAY **3** AT 9:00 AM
UNTIL NOON
DECEMBER

Divine Providence School Gym
2500 Mayfair Avenue, Westchester

**Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs,
Breakfast Sausage & More!**

\$10 per Adult \$5 per Child

**INCLUDES PRINTED PICTURE
WITH SANTA & FUN CRAFTS
FOR THE KIDS!**

Don't miss our
Secret Santa Shop
& Bake Sale!

Mary, Mother of Divine Grace

**GIVING
TREE**

DONATION DRIVE

Help make this Christmas merry and
bright for the boys and girls - young and old
at St Martin de Porres.

We will be collecting wrapped gifts at:

**DP RECTORY GARAGE
SATURDAY, DEC. 9 • 3-5PM**

**DI HULL AVE GARAGE
SUNDAY, DEC. 10 • 9-11AM**

For more information
please contact the rectory
708.562.3364

GIFTS FOR ALL AGES -
boys & girls would be
appreciated! Tags will be
available at both locations or
you can make your own.

Toy Drive

Please support the Annual
Ricchio Family Toy Drive benefiting
LURIE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

We are accepting only **NEW** unwrapped toys
and gift cards for children of all ages through
the second week of December.

**DROP OFF BOXES WILL BE AVAILABLE
AT BOTH CHURCHES.**

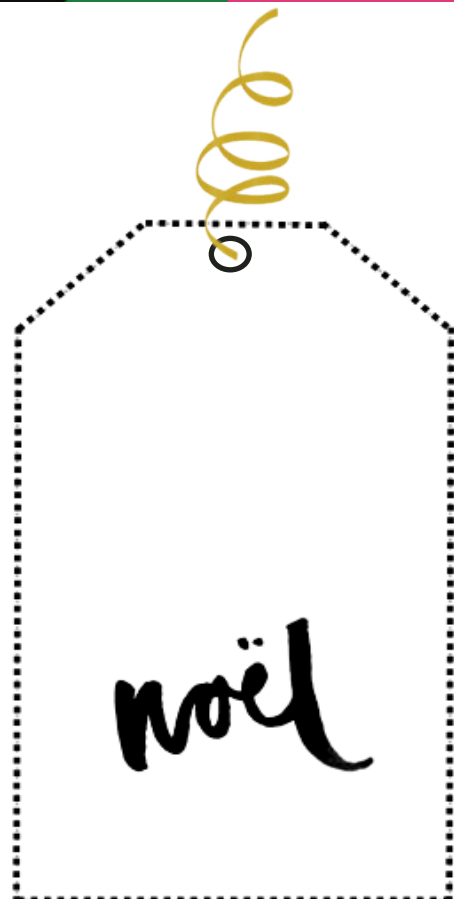
Thank YOU and GOD Bless YOU!

Mary, Mother of Divine Grace Women's Guild

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

12 DEC 2023

Christmas Social & Bingo





Quilt Raffle

THANK YOU!



Our Mary Mother of Divine Grace Quilt Ministry expresses sincere thanks for a most successful raffle and sale.

We truly appreciate your enormous support which allows us to continue making quilts for our homebound parishioners and the Treasure Chest for children suffering from cancer.

Congratulations to the winners of our raffle: Rod Collins, Patryk Baran, Jackie Wasielak, Carolyn Armstrong, Kathy Schmitz, Joe Koron, Tess Racines, Kathleen Baer, Mary Bezouska, and Kathleen Kotula.



NEWS from Divine Providence St. Vincent de Paul Society

THANK YOU!

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Thank you for all your donations of coats, jackets, blankets, gloves, hats, socks, sweatshirts, and other warm clothing for the Polar Express Clothing, Shoe, and Sock Drive.

WE FILLED THE TRAILER TO THE TOP!!!



We continue to serve lunches at the American Inn Motel. We prepared 40 sandwiches along with fruit and a drink, bag of chips, and a sweet treat. In addition, we distributed hats, gloves, and socks to the homeless clients. We also continue to distribute meals at the Interim Housing Center, which is an emergency shelter for those facing homelessness. Recently, we distributed 158 meals, 68 salads that we prepared, 170 snack cakes, 189 bags of chips, and 8 lbs. of chocolate candy. We also bought and distributed pens, playing cards, word search books, calendars, hats, gloves, and socks to the families and individuals housed at the center.

Thank you for your generosity and your continuous support throughout the year. Because of your donations we will always be able to help those who are in need. A quote by St. Vincent de Paul: *"If you love the poor and serve them with humility and joy, you will be repaid a hundredfold in this life and eternal life in the next."*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

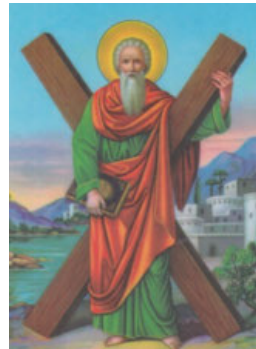
Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
 Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
 Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37



*And the King will reply,
 "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for
 one of the least of these brothers of
 Mine, you did for Me."
 Matthew 25:40*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 Thursday: St. Andrew, Apostle
 Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent



Feast Day of St. Andrew November 30

St. Andrew demonstrated his love for his brother as well as his apostolic zeal when, convinced that Jesus was the Messiah, he sought out St. Peter. "Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus.

He first found his own brother Simon and told him, 'we have found the Messiah.' Then he brought him to Jesus." (Jn. 1:40-42) Andrew and his brother Simon Peter were the first of Jesus' 12 disciples.

St. Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen and singers. He is also the patron saint to several countries and cities including: Scotland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine and Patras.

Trustee Gia Marie Benline Presents
HOLIDAY
SMALL BUSINESS
SIP & SHOP

FREE ADMISSION
 CRAFTS, FOOD, JEWELRY, HOME DECOR, RAFFLE AND SO MUCH MORE!

November 30, 2023
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Banquets by Chickies
 4152 W Roosevelt Rd.
 Hillside, IL 60162

Cash Bar
 Call Gia Marie Benline with questions 312-646-8887

QUEEN OF ALL NATIONS PARISH

Advent Mission

Tuesday, December 5, 2023
2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

"Magnificent Moments with Mary"

Queen of All Nations Parish
at St. Domitilla Church
4940 Washington St., Hillside

Facilitator:
Mary Elyn Schneider

Sunday, Nov 26, 2023

Save the best for last

The film industry has always had a love affair with the afterlife. From *It's a Wonderful Life* to *Heaven Can Wait* to *Ghost* to *Flatliners*, stories remind us that our choices in this world have ramifications in the next. More recent shows—*Dead Like Me*, *The Good Life*, *After Life*, and *Hotel del Luna* among many others—are less traditionally religious but no less curious about what comes next. Every culture and generation seems to sense the need for spirit guides and guardians, as well as justice and an hour of reckoning. As the church year closes, contemplate the ledger of your years. Does it add up to a heavenly ending?

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46 (160). *"He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'"*

Monday, Nov 27, 2023

Conversion can be revolutionary

British poet Alice Meynell, who died on this day in 1922, converted to Catholicism while recovering from chronic illness, and her writing thereafter turned to religious subjects. She married a Catholic newspaper publisher and founded a Catholic suffragist organization. When a British priest preached against giving women the right to vote because it would risk "bringing a revolution of the first magnitude," Meynell replied, "...the vaster the magnitude of the revolution, the better." One hundred years after her death, the struggle for equality continues. How do the teachings of Jesus inform your work for justice?

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4 (503). *"She, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood."*

Tuesday, Nov 28, 2023

Little lamb, who made thee?

Happy birthday to the English poet William Blake, born this day in 1757. Though not Catholic, he's inspired great Catholic poets and many of his poems—like "Jerusalem"—became hymns. Trappist monk Thomas Merton wrote his master's thesis on Blake, emphasizing his spiritual significance in *Seven Storey Mountain*: "His rebellion ... was fundamentally the rebellion of the saints. It was the rebellion of the lover of the living God, the rebellion of the one whose desire of God was so intense and irresistible that it condemned, with all its might, all the hypocrisy and petty sensuality and skepticism and materialism" of organized religion. Pray for all who search for God but find obstacles in religious institutions—and enjoy Blake's "The Lamb."

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11 (504). *"Jesus said, 'All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.'"*

Wednesday, Nov 29, 2023

Gracious encounters of the digital kind

Did you buy anything on Cyber Monday? Did you make a charitable donation yesterday, on Giving Tuesday? Whether you did or not, this week's digital focus continues today, which is recognized as Electronic Greetings Day. Pope Francis' 2020

encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* considers how the internet is a powerful tool and how it's our job to use it in a way that makes the world better.

"We need constantly to ensure that present-day forms of communication are in fact guiding us to generous encounter with others," he writes. Make time today to send an encouraging email or ecard to someone who needs to hear from you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19 (505). *"The writing I will read for you, O king, and tell you what it means."*

Thursday, Nov 30, 2023

Be a first responder

Is there an Andy, Andre, or Andrea in your life? Whether they know it or not, they bear the name of the Apostle Andrew, one of the fishermen Jesus famously called to be "fishers of men." The Eastern church recognizes Andrew as the first to be called by Jesus. Tradition has it that Andrew was crucified on an X-shaped cross because he felt unworthy to die on a cross identical to Christ's. Andrew led the way in accepting Jesus' invitation to follow him. How will your life today respond to that invitation?

FEAST OF ANDREW, APOSTLE

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22 (684). *"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

Friday, Dec 01, 2023

Compassionate in the face of controversy

St. Vincent Medical Center in Manhattan, now closed, was in the eye of the AIDS epidemic storm of the 1980s and 1990s. A Catholic hospital run by the Sisters of Charity, St. Vincent opened its doors to care for those who were sick and dying from AIDS. Some staff disagreed with this stance and left. But not the sisters. They stayed true to Jesus' command to care for the suffering, especially those cast aside by society. They entered into dialogue with the gay community, activists, and hospital administrators to better understand their patients and how best to serve them. May we remember their unwavering commitment and compassion—and do likewise.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33 (507). *"Know that the Kingdom of God is near."*

Saturday, Dec 02, 2023

Be a freedom fighter

The term *modern slavery* covers practices such as forced labor, debt bondage, forced marriage, and human trafficking ... situations of exploitation enforced by violence, coercion, or deception. Here's the shocking news: Modern slavery has increased significantly in the past five years. Ten million more people, largely women and children, were trapped in modern slavery in 2021 compared to 2016, bringing the total estimate to 50 million worldwide. Our God is a God of freedom, who releases us from bondage of all kinds. On this U.N. International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, raise your voice in a phone call, email, or letter to elected officials. Let's put an end to this!

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36 (508). *"Be vigilant at all times."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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PARISH and SCHOOL INFORMATION

Mary, Mother of Divine Grace Parish Website: marymotherofdivinegrace.org

PARISH REGISTRATION

New to our community?
Need to update your information?
Registration forms are available on our parish website
or call the Business Office at 708-562-3364.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Preparation is required for the first child.
Registration is necessary to schedule the baptism.
Please call the Business Office at 708-562-3364.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING/Minister of Care

If you would like to receive Holy Communion from a
Minister of Care or wish to receive the Sacrament of
the Anointing of the Sick, please call 708-562-3364.

ADORATION

Please see the bulletin for dates of Adoration.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Please call 708-562-3364 if you or someone you
know is in need of food or other assistance.
All information is strictly confidential.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Divine Infant Jesus Church: Saturdays 9:00a-9:30a
Or call the rectory to set up an appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Parish Office at the time of your
engagement to schedule your wedding.
Pre-Canva is required.

DIVINE PROVIDENCE SCHOOL

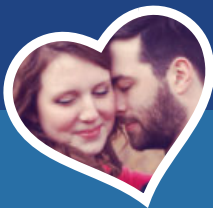
Divine Providence School is a Christ-Centered
community fostering the gospel message through
education and service. Together with parents,
we guide our students toward a life of Christian
leadership. Providing a challenging curriculum, we
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