



MARY, MOTHER OF  
DIVINE GRACE PARISH

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2024

# THE LORD HEALS THE *brokenhearted.*

PSALM 147



# 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](http://marymotherofdivinegrace.org)

**T**oday we celebrate the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's scriptures tell us of a compassionate God who comes to us in times of trouble. In the first reading, Job is beset by great tragedies. St. Paul tells the Corinthians of the great hardships he endures for the sake of the gospel. And in the gospel reading, Jesus heals the sick, drives out demons and proclaims the reign of God through Galilee. Our faith tells us that when we trust in God, he will come to us to heal us, to give us strength to endure the trials of this world and deliver us from evil. St. Paul reminds us that living in faith will not always be easy; but if we sacrifice ourselves for the good of others, we too, will receive our heavenly inheritance.

We experienced a loss of heat in the **Divine Infant Church** recently due to problems with the boiler. Fortunately, that has been fixed and the church is warm again. Thankfully, only minor repairs were needed.

The **Annual Catholic Appeal** begins next weekend, February 10-11. Our theme this year is *"Together at the table"*, reminding us that in the Eucharist all are welcome at the table of the Lord, and calling us to unity in the Body of Christ. The pledging process will take place during all the Masses when we hear the Cardinal's homily. The in-pew pledging process will be completed the following weekend, February 17-18. Those people who have donated in the past should have received this year's information in the mail directly from the Archbishop's office. Materials on the Appeal are available in both churches and at the rectory. Most of these funds support Catholic education, capital needs for poor parishes, aid to the poor and archdiocesan support ministries.

Thank you to all who worked hard to make our **Family Mass, School Open House and Book Fair** successful. Nearly 300 people joined us at the family Mass, with beautiful music led by the Children's Choir and Hand Chimes, student lectors, greeters, ushers and servers. The Open House and Book Fair were well attended, including several prospective families who came to tour the school. It was a great opportunity to see the great work our students are doing.

The Finance Committee has reviewed the **Semi-Annual Report** for the first six months of the year through December. Results will be published in the bulletin next week.

The **First Reconciliation** practice was held yesterday. We will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Reconciliation with thirty-six students this Saturday, February 10th at the Divine Providence Church. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

The **Confirmation Retreat** will be held on February 24th for the twenty-nine students preparing to receive the sacrament in March. Please keep these young people, their sponsors and families in your prayers.

Have a great week.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Neil

# But first *pray*

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

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

## 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	Mary Kmet
Patricia Alexander	Linda Kotowski
Donald Armstrong	Jason Kuntz
Stephanie & Renz Babas	Christina Coglianese Lee
Diane Bozek	Ashley Luecken
Addison Brandenburg	Janet Mazur
George Brent	Gabriel Meier
Tracy Brewer	Miguel Merida
Larry Brown	Ed Miranda & Family
Betty Carrie	Richard Mulfinger
Bernadette Colletti	Cozeake & Yuki Nelson
Sandra Kay Collie	Daniel O'Brien
Giovanni Corrigan	Donna J. Parker
Anthony Di Vito	Barbara Perniconi
Rachel Dula	Cindy Shahboz
Beverly Fotiadis	Annamae Shaughnessy
Gary Frezek	Carole Sheehan
Joan Gebhardt	Jade Solis
Vince Gerace	Steve Spomer
MaryAnn Giannelli	Diane Stachiw
Eileen Gorski	Giovanni Vivas
Geri Guidi	Florence & Kathryn Voves
Deborah Harris	Hank & Ellen Walsh
Arthur Hetiz	Nancy Wesclitz
Christopher Heitz	Tanya Winegard
Shown Johnson	Danute Zailskas
Dan Kaiser	

## Mass Intentions

### Divine Providence Church

Monday, 2/5 8:30a People of the Parish  
†Marcella & Bill Mize  
†Tony Orlando

Wed., 2/7 8:30a People of the Parish

Friday, 2/9 8:30a †Barb Marek

### Weekend Masses

Saturday, 2/10 4:00p †Nick & Dorothy Burkhard

Sunday, 2/11 8:30a †All the Souls in Purgatory

### Divine Infant Jesus Church

Tuesday, 2/6 8:30a †Andrea Giannelli

Thursday, 2/8 8:30a †Rita Salerno

Saturday, 2/10 8:30a People of the Parish

### Weekend Masses

Saturday, 2/10 5:00p †Frank Ignatius  
†Jim Cibulka  
†Tom Mulvihill

Sunday, 2/11 10:00a †Francesco Aiello  
†Rosellina Aiello

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

### Kathy O'Sullivan

Wife of John (Late)  
Mother of Tracy (Robert) Fleischer  
Rebecca O'Sullivan (Brandon Madrid)  
Grandmother of Shawn, Ryan & Samantha

### Karen Munoz

Wife of Frank Munoz (Late)  
Mother of James (Brigitte), Denise (Tee) Giacalone  
and Linda (late Brian) Nagl  
Grandmother of Breanne (Danny), Brittany, Franki,  
Amber (Curt) & Brett (Marianne)  
Great Grandmother of Emery, Cece, Rhys, Nathan,  
Jackson, Ava, Oliver & Owen

### Mary Kathryn "Mary Kay" Benson

Wife of Michael R. (Late)  
Mother of Michael (Jill O'Brien), Kathleen (Scott) Schram,  
John, Matthew (Amy) and William (Erin)  
Grandmother of Joseph, Kevin (Kelly), Grace, Kimberley,  
Ashleigh, Vivienne & Emaline

### Thomas J. Murphy

Husband of Margaret (Late)  
Father of Mary Carmel Filip, Dawn (Jeff) Pliml & the late Patrick  
Grandfather of Ashley, Kevin, Brendan, Sinead  
Thomas, Sarah & Alana



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

January 28, 2024	\$ 6,726.00
WeShare	<u>\$ 2,643.08</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,369.08</b>



ASH  
WEDNESDAY

Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.

Ecclesiastes 3:20

8:30a Mass Divine Providence Church  
1:30p Mass Divine Providence Church  
w/DP School Community  
4:00p Service Divine Infant Jesus Church  
7:00p Mass Divine Infant Jesus Church

*Baskets are in both churches  
for depositing old palms.*



**DP = DIVINE PROVIDENCE / DI = DIVINE INFANT JESUS**  
(Presider Schedule subject to change without notice)

8:30a Mass - **Divine Providence** Church - Fr. Winikates  
6:15-7:30p RE Classes - DI School

8:30a Mass - **Divine Infant Jesus Church**  
1:00-3:00p Grief Support Group - DPMC  
7:00p PPC Meeting - DPMC  
7:00p RCIA - Holy Guardian Angels Parish

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

8:30a Mass - **Divine Infant Jesus** Church  
9:30a Quilters - DPMC

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

8:30a Mass - **Divine Infant Jesus Church- Fr. Winikates**  
 9:00a Confessions - **Divine Infant Jesus Church**  
**11:30a First Reconciliation - Divine Providence Church**  
 4:00p DP School Father/Daughter Dance - DP SCH Gym  
 4:00p Mass - **Divine Providence Church- Fr. McFarlane**  
 5:00p Mass - **Divine Infant Jesus Church- Fr. Fackler**  
 7:00p DP Middle School Dance - DP SCH Gym

8:30a Mass - **Divine Providence** Church - **Fr. Fackler**  
10:00a Mass - **Divine Infant Jesus** Church- **Fr. Winikates**

**Saturday, February 10, 2024**

**9:00a – 9:30a at Divine Infant Jesus Church**

The first reading from the book of Job today sounds very depressing. “Is not man’s life on earth a drudgery?” asks Job. He ends with the words, “I shall not see happiness again.” What is significant in the story is that Job openly and honestly addresses God, revealing his strong faith. St. Paul tells the Corinthians his obligation. He has been given the task to preach the gospel, even at great personal hardship, and pronounces, “woe to me if I do not preach it!” Paul preaches so that he, too, may have a share in the promise of the gospel. The gospel of Mark matter-of-factly portrays the happenings of Jesus. He goes to Peter’s house and cures his mother-in-law who then waited on them. After sunset Jesus cured many who were sick and, rising early, went off to pray. His disciples found him and together they went out to preach and heal in the whole of Galilee. Woven throughout the scriptures today are people, not asleep, but intimately involved in life.

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

Today's scriptures tell us of a compassionate God who comes to us in times of trouble. In the first reading, Job is beset by great tragedies. St. Paul tells the Corinthians of the great hardships he endures for the sake of the gospel. And in the gospel reading, Jesus heals the sick, drives out demons and proclaims the reign of God through Galilee.

In our current climate of violence in our cities, the influx of a large number of immigrants and refugees, the increasingly hostile polarization of society and politics, particularly in an election year, and the continued economic uncertainty, we can all feel like Job when he proclaims that he has been assigned months of misery, that his days come to an end without hope that he shall ever see happiness again. He is crying out to God in his anguish. The story of Job confronts us with the question of why God permits suffering. Although we will never know the direct answer, Job can help us to shift our focus. In the midst of suffering, we can continue to trust in God. The deeper meaning has to do with our understanding of God. If God is only a provider of worldly benefits, then suffering makes no sense. But if he is our Redeemer who has a salvific plan for us for all eternity, then we *can* persevere in faith in spite of suffering.

In this short passage from Job, we don't hear God's response or get the rest of the story. However, the Book of Job offers us several important lessons. First, Job has a good relationship with God that allows him to talk to God openly, honestly and even to question God's will when he doesn't understand it. He doesn't understand why evil has befallen him because he is a righteous man. Second, Job never wavers in his trust in God, even though God not only doesn't answer him directly, but also tells him that why he suffers is *none of his business*. Third, the tragedies that befall Job are worse than most of us will ever experience: great physical illness, the loss of all his wealth, the ridicule of the community, the abduction of his daughters, and the *death of all his children*. While not making light of our own difficulties, this can help us gain perspective. Many people suffer greatly in this world. The final lesson in the Book of Job is that God does deliver him from evil because he has persevered in faith.

In the gospel Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law and all who come to him, the sick and the possessed (the spiritually troubled). He tells the apostles that there are other villages and places that are in need of him. Our faith tells us that when we trust in God, he will come to us to heal us, to give us strength to endure the trials of this world and deliver us from evil. St. Paul reminds us that living in faith will not always be easy; but if we sacrifice ourselves for the good of others, we too, will receive our heavenly inheritance.

The ultimate goal of our faith is to deepen our relationship with the Lord and to have the trust of Job, so that one day we might experience the intimate union of love that Jesus has with his Father. The gospel says that Jesus went to a deserted place to pray. It is only by taking time from our busy lives and making room for God in our hearts that we can attain that peace that only Christ can give.

Fr. Neil

Trust God.

# NEWS

## DIVINE PROVIDENCE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY DECEMBER 2023



With your support, we are able to continue serving those in need in our surrounding communities. Together we are impacting the lives of others by providing basic food, clothing, and toiletries they need for everyday living.

### Westchester Food Pantry:

In December, we had the opportunity to participate at the Westchester Food Pantry by distributing toiletry items and cleaning products to their clients. We assembled in green, red, and gold metallic bags with 50 toiletry items of liquid Tide, Fabuloso multi-surface cleaner, dish soap, a kitchen scrubber, and a handi-wipe. 50 cleaning products of body wash, soap bar, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste tubes, liquid hand soap, deodorant, a wash cloth, and a shower mesh pouf.



**American Inn Motel:** BEDS Plus provides temporary shelter in motels for individuals that are experiencing food insecurities. One location is the American Inn Motel located in La Grange Highlands, providing 450 individual meals a week to at-risk clients/families. We prepared and distributed 40 lunch bags. Each lunch bag included a sandwich, bag of chips, drink, banana, and a sweet treat. We also distributed to the clients 12 metallic fabric bags, one per family or one per single person. The bags were filled with a pen, pad of paper, two pairs of socks, one full size body wash and shampoo, mouthwash, deodorant, two toothbrushes, toothpaste, plus a quart size Hefty bag filled with two or three Rice Krispies treats, three candy canes, 6 pkg. cookies or 6 pkg. cheese and crackers, pkg. of Teddy Grahams, and Ding Dongs.

Thank you for your generous donations.  
Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another...  
St. Vincent de Paul

### ***"You're Going to Make It" GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP***

Mary, Mother of Divine Grace Parish is offering a six week grief support group.

***\*\*NEW DAY and TIME\*\****

**Tuesdays, February 6 through February 27, 2024**

**1:00pm - 3:00pm in the Divine Providence Ministry Center**

Grieving the loss of a family member or friend can be one of life's most difficult journeys. Grief is a very personal experience. No two people experience grief in the same way. Complicated emotions and experiences are a part of the grief journey. Sometimes we need a little help in finding a way through this fog of emotions.

If you are interested in coming together during this time of re-building your life, please contact:

**Sr. Susan Majcen, OP at 708-212-8558.**







### 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Together at the Table

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich.

On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call "Together at the Table".

We encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative. In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Annual Catholic Appeal funds services in our own parish. When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.


**COMMITMENT WEEKEND**  
**February 10/11**

## Westchester Friends of the Library

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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Village of Westchester Trustees  
Gina Marie Bentline, 312-646-8887

## WINTERFEST FUNDRAISER

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## Respect Life Brief

Abortion touches many lives. Possibly the question has been presented to you by someone considering it as a way out of a difficulty. *Condemning the person does not help.* Remember *God loves her. We need to listen* and help her sort through the difficulties. Help her see the possibilities in a healthy way for her and her baby. Help is available; ultrasounds are available. Turn to the *Women's Care Center*. If the abortion has already happened, *listen to her*. Tell her about Project Rachel to help her heal. Let her know that God loves her and wants her to confess her sin and learn to forgive herself. *Mary, Mother of Divine Grace, we give thanks to Almighty God for giving us the breath of life, forming us in the womb. Help us to remain faithful to safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Amen.*



Saint Josephine Bakhita who was born in Sudan and sold into slavery has become known as the patron of human trafficking victims.



## The Gospel of Life

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.

Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born,

of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, Creator and lover of Life.

*St. Pope John Paul II*

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Tuesday:	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Saturday:	St. Scholastica, Virgin
Sunday:	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

## ST. SCHOLASTICA - A WOMAN OF GREAT LOVE

Memorial February 10

"From the little known of Scholastica, it is clear that she was a strong woman who was deeply devoted to her religious life. She is celebrated by Benedictine women's religious communities around the world as a woman who could "do more because she loved more" (Gregory the Great). She was a witness to the truth that love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails (1 Cor. 13:7-8)."

-Benedictine Sisters of Erie



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

LOVE  
more



Invest time each week to  
expand your vocabulary and  
deepen your faith.

04 February 2024

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Evangelization *\i-van-jə-lə-'zā-shən\*

The act of preaching or proclaiming the gospel; how the Good News of Christ's coming is delivered to the ends of the earth.

**Evangelizing** begins with the witness of an authentic Christian life. This witness involves humility, detachment from wealth, faith, hope, and charity. In this way one becomes a credible proclaimer of the joy found in Jesus.

Pronunciation: <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-evangelization>

### CONTEXT

An **evangelizer** must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral!

—Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium*

The person who has been **evangelized** goes on to **evangelize** others. Here lies the test of truth, the touchstone of **evangelization**: it is unthinkable that a person should accept the Word and give himself to the kingdom without becoming a person who bears witness to it and proclaims it in his turn.

—Pope Paul VI, *Evangelii nuntiandi*

To teach in order to lead others to faith is the task of every preacher and of each believer.

—Saint Thomas Aquinas

### WHY IT MATTERS

Jesus is the first **evangelizer** when he proclaims the coming of God's reign. Delivering the Good News of what God has done for us is, in fact, the entire mission of the church.

All people have a right to receive the gospel, and all Christians have a duty to proclaim it. This is not an obligation, says Pope Francis in *Evangelii gaudium*, but a joy as we "point to a horizon of beauty" for all.

### RELATED WORDS

Gospel | *Evangelii gaudium* | Preaching

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### What's the difference between catechesis and evangelization?

Catechesis is basically religious education. Rooted in the Greek word for "echo," its intent is to nurture the Christian life through imitation in word and deed. **Evangelization** also has Greek origins and means "proclaiming good news." That good news of God's reign is contained in the gospel. Just as catechesis doesn't mean memorizing rote facts about faith, **evangelization** isn't the same as shouting scripture verses to passersby. We can think of **evangelization** as creating the spark that ignites the fire, and catechesis as the work of tending the flame once it's established. . . . When the two work hand in hand, **evangelization** and catechesis can make us saints by bringing us to faith and then to holiness, inch by inch.

—Alice Camille, from *Questions Catholics Ask* <http://tinyurl.com/QCA-evangelization>

## REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (FEBRUARY 4)

### Our everything

The Second Vatican Council said the church is "missionary by its very nature"—in other words, mission, these days also called "**evangelization**," is more than just another thing the church does: It is part of everything the church does. What is mission? It's not only the sending of missionaries to foreign countries. Most simply, **evangelization** is bringing to others the Good News to which Jesus witnessed. It means seeing the face of Christ in everyone, especially the poor and outcast.

READINGS: Job 7:1-4; 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39 (74 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/020424.cfm>). "Let us go to preach . . . For this purpose have I come."

### FAITH IN ACTION

We can all be missionaries and **evangelizers** by showing compassion, spreading goodness, transforming, forgiving, loving, serving, preaching, teaching, and healing.

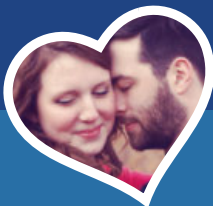






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