



# The Parish of Divine Mercy

## The Mission of Saint Bernadette



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2023

DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> &  
DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Sacraments

Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick.  
Contact the parish office for more information.

### Parish Clergy & Staff

**Reverend Christopher Seibt**  
*Pastor*

**Reverend Monsignor Timothy Elmer**  
*Parochial Vicar*

**Deacon Mark Berube**  
*Parish Deacon*

**Kathy Yahner**  
*Parish Administrator*

**Amy Pavlides**  
*Receptionist*

**Jennifer Brown**  
*Youth Minister*

**Bonnie Merkel**  
*GROW Coordinator*

**Nicholas Cantello**  
*Divine Mercy Music Director*

**Jim McCarthy**  
*Divine Mercy Music Minister*

**Rebecca Waterman**  
*Facilities Manager*  
*Communications Coordinator*

### Trustees

Colette O'Mara, Tom Schulz,  
Ellen Holst & John Metzger

### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - Noon

### Pope Saint John Paul II Chapel

Open 24/7 for prayer, 1225# door code

### The Scotty Thrift Shop & Food Pantry

Open Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 AM - Noon



2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Mk 1:3

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Weekend Mass times at		Weekday Mass at DM		Weekend Mass times at		Weekday Mass at SH	
Divine Mercy in Central Square		Tuesday	8:00 AM	Sacred Heart in Cicero		Monday	8:00 AM
Saturday	4:00 PM	Thursday	8:00 AM	Saturday	5:15 PM	Wednesday	8:00 AM
Sunday	8:30 AM	<b>Adoration/Confession at DM</b>		Sunday	7:00 AM	Friday	8:00 AM
Sunday	11:30 AM	Thursday	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Sunday	10:00 AM	<b>Confession at SH</b>	
						Tuesday	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM



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### FROM FATHER SEIBT

#### Greetings in the Lord!

A special **welcome** to those who may be visiting us today.

**Preparation** for an event that is to take place at an unknown time is difficult! Procrastinators that we are... And yet, Saint Paul exhorts us to always be ready for when the day of the Lord comes (2 Pt 3:8-14). That is, for when Christ returns in glory. How can we be prepared for something about which we know very little? John the Baptist tells us in today's Gospel: "*make straight*" the paths of the Lord (Mk 1:1-8). In other words, keep the way to God in your life clear and direct. How? Through prayer, study, sacraments, right living, etc. Only then can we begin to embrace the "*comfort*" God gives us that comes from his love and salvation (IS 40:1-5, 9-11).

As we adjust to our new **Sunday Mass schedule**, many and deep thanks for your patience and understanding. We are in this together, striving to "keep our eyes fixed on the Lord" (Heb 12:2).

Please take advantage of the many opportunities our parishes are providing to help us invite the Lord to come more deeply

into our lives during **Advent**.

Tonight (Sunday) is our **Advent Evening of Reflection** with renown speaker and author, Father Anthony Federico. Come and hear his amazing story – From ESPN to the Priesthood: Keeping our Eyes Fixed on the Lord.

Special congratulations to parishioners Nick Caputo (SH) and Clark and Debbie Graves on receiving the **2023 Immaculata Award** for service from Bishop Lucia at the Cathedral this Sunday. Many thanks to them for their presence at our parishes and for all they do!

Next Sunday is the **Blessing of the Bambinelli**. Bring the figurines of the infant Jesus from your nativity scenes to Mass for a special blessing.

Our parishes are currently engaged in three **Christmas gift programs** for those in need: North Shore, Caring and Sharing, Giving Tree. Thank you for your generosity! Let us continue to keep all those in need in our prayers and assist them through works of mercy.

The **2023 annual Hope Appeal** is still underway! It is not too late to give a gift. Thank you for your support and generosity.

**Prayers** for a blessed and grace-filled Advent! **God loves you** and so do I.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Divine Mercy

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> & December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Offertory \$6,892.27 Online \$2,357.83

Building Fund \$651.50

Christmas Flowers \$755.00

Food Pantry \$286.50

Second Collection for Human Development  
\$55.00

**Giving Tuesday**  
**\$1,176.40**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

*Please make checks out to "Divine Mercy"*

It is wonderful that people are attending Masses at both parish churches of our One Family. Please use the envelope of the church at which you are registered to make a contribution. Contributions will be forwarded to the parish indicated on the envelope that is used.

**Online giving is easy!**

Scan the code, or visit our website  
[www.divinemercycny.org](http://www.divinemercycny.org)  
to learn more.



## Pray For...

**Matthew Ahlstrand**

**Marilyn Alt**

**Janet Baird**

**Jane Berical**

**Arnold Berube**

**Rachel Berube**

**Diana Blount**

**Nicholas Callahan**

**Dennis D. Capria**

**Luella Castonguay**

**Henry Cavalier**

**The Clarkson Family**

**Dianne Cone**

**Jim Cone**

**Michael Cottrell**

**Kevin Courbat**

**Maureen Davison**

**Connie Doback**

**Andrew Doolittle**

**Dean Drake**

**Shannon Enders**

**Jim Fitzgerald**

**Greg Foster**

**Ronald Graves**

**Laurel Haller**

**Elizabeth Harrington**

**Richard Hart**

**Paul Heins**

**Debbie Herholtz**

**Hunter Herrington**

**John Holst**

**Donald Johnson**

**Alicia Kohlway**

**Jim Koshar**

**Weston Kurzban**

**Josh LaCelle**

**Brittany Larrea**

**Michael Leduc**

**Johnny Mason**

**Mike McElwain**

**Shannon McMullen**

**John Mearon**

**Clark Mosher**

**Bill Munroe**

**AnnMarie Murphy**

**Robert Nesbitt**

**Bette O'Hern**

**Jay O'Hern**

**Paul Menjik**

**Deacon Don Mula**

**TJ Parks, Jr.**

**Marilyn Penoyer**

**Denise Phelps**

**Donna Proulx**

**Dorey Roland-Savio**

**Christine Rossi**

**Cindy Rosa**

**Barbara Ross**

**Eileen Schulz**

**Jane Sheeden**

**Jeffrey Slater**

**Mark Smitt**

**Brittany Snyder**

**Joseph Snyder**

**Bradford Surlock**

**Francis Szkotak**

**Cheryl Turo**

**Peter Vanderveen**

**Dr. Dan Walsh**

**Rick Warner**



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# December

10<sup>th</sup>

**Caring and Sharing Program**  
9:30 AM Coffee Hour  
10:30 - 11:15 AM Confirmation  
10:50 AM - 12:30 PM GROW  
Mass & Family Catechesis  
**7:00 - 8:00 PM Advent Evening of Reflection**  
at SH

11<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM R.C.I.A. Adult Catechesis

12<sup>th</sup>

**5:30 - 6:30 PM Confessions & Adoration at SH**  
7:00 - 8:30 PM EDGE Youth Ministry at SH

14<sup>th</sup>

**12:00 PM Senior Luncheon**  
**5:30 - 6:30 PM Confessions & Adoration at DM**  
7:00 - 8:30 PM LifeTeen Youth Ministry at DM

16<sup>th</sup>

**Blessing of the Bambinelli**

17<sup>th</sup>

**Blessing of the Bambinelli**  
**3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Caring & Sharing**  
**Gift & Food Distribution**  
10:30 - 11:15 AM Confirmation  
10:50 AM - 12:30 PM GROW  
Mass & Family Catechesis

### Confession Schedule

Monday, December 18th:

4:00 - 7:00 PM at Divine Mercy and Sacred Heart

Tuesday, December 19th: 5:30 - 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart

Thursday, December 21st: 5:30 - 6:30 PM at Divine Mercy

### We need volunteers

who are willing to assist as altar servers for funerals. Please contact the office if you are able to help. 315-676-2898

**Remember to bring your wrapped gifts for the Caring and Sharing Program this week!**



## Two Parishes, One Family

### Advent Evening of Reflection

Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 - 8:00 PM at Sacred Heart

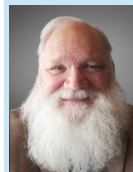
From ESPN to the Priesthood

Keeping our Eyes fixed on the Lord  
with Father Anthony Federico

### The 2023 Immaculata Award Recipients

Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception



#### Nick Caputo

Of Sacred Heart, Nick is a lifelong Catholic who has been involved in many different organizations and ministries. Nick served on the Pastoral Council for many years. He is a Reader, adult Altar Server, Usher, and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. In addition, he has been a member of the local Knights, serving in many capacities at the Council and State levels, including the promotion of vocations to all states of life. Nick was commissioned a lay minister for Sacred Heart. One of Nick's passions in life for almost forty years is being Santa Claus for businesses, parties, and organizations, bringing the love of the Holy Spirit to families in our community and church.



#### Debbie & Clark Graves

Parishioners for over 30 years at Saint Michaels and Divine Mercy, Clark & Debbie Graves are an integral part of this parish community. Both volunteer with the fish fry, Caring & Sharing, the parish picnic, and hot meals for those in need. Clark helps deliver kitchen supplies, assists with maintenance and repairs, and is very good at cooking on the grill. Debbie helps with organizing events and cooking for countless luncheons and events at our parish. She has also worked hard to clean, organize and decorate the building. Debbie taught 2nd grade religious education for 5 years. She is a member of the rosary bands. Both have a strong prayer life and deep devotion to the Lord.

### Blessing of the Bambinelli

Bring the figure of the Christ child from your nativity for this special blessing after each Mass.

December 16th & 17th



### Confirmation Schedule

**Sacred Heart**

Sunday: 8:00am - 8:45am, 9:00am - 9:45am

Tuesday: 6:00pm - 6:45pm

**Divine Mercy**

Sunday: 10:30am - 11:15am

**Upcoming Classes**

December 10<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>

December 17<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



### December 24th

4:00 PM Vigil at Sacred Heart

4:00 PM Vigil at Divine Mercy

6:00 PM Vigil at Sacred Heart

10:00 PM Mass at Night at Divine Mercy

### December 25th

7:00 AM Mass at Dawn at Sacred Heart

8:30 AM Mass During the Day at Divine Mercy

10:00 AM Mass During the Day at Sacred Heart

### Confessions Schedule

Monday, December 18th:

4:00 - 7:00 PM at Divine Mercy and Sacred Heart

Tuesdays 5:30 - 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart

Thursdays 5:30 - 6:30 PM at Divine Mercy

## MASS INTENTIONS

1. Mass offerings/intentions may now be scheduled for this year.  
The offering/donation is: \$15.00
2. There is no limitation to the number of masses a person can have offered.
3. Those who would like to have more than three masses offered during a given calendar year may only choose three particular days on which to have them offered.
4. Additional mass intentions will be scheduled by the parish office based on availability.
5. The parish office will process mass offerings and distribute mass cards.
6. Multiple Mass intentions are offered on Tuesdays at the 8:00 AM Mass and Saturdays at the 4:00 PM Mass.

## LITURGY SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sat</b> 12/09	3:30 PM	Rosary	
	4:00 PM	Mass	The People of Divine Mercy & The Mission of St. Bernadette Benjamin Swistak by by The Demma & Wainman Families
<b>Sun</b> 12/10	8:00 AM	Rosary	
	8:30 AM	Mass	Elizabeth Cosimano by husband, Joe
	11:00 AM	Rosary	
	11:30 AM	Mass	Peter Hafner Love, Heidi & Family
<b>Mon</b> 12/11	8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, Cicero	
<b>Tue</b> 12/12	8:00 AM	Mass	Nancy DeGilormo by Barb and Dick Murphy
	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Adoration & Confessions at Sacred Heart	
<b>Wed</b> 12/13	8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, Cicero	
<b>Thu</b> 12/14	8:00 AM	Mass	Eugenie L Postell by Paul and Jean Postell
	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Adoration & Confessions at Divine Mercy	
<b>Fri</b> 12/15	8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, Cicero	
<b>Sat</b> 12/16	3:30 PM	Rosary	
	4:00 PM	Mass	The People of Divine Mercy & The Mission of St. Bernadette David Bertrand by Yolanda and family
<b>Sun</b> 12/17	8:00 AM	Rosary	
	8:30 AM	Mass	Richard Gardner by JoAnn and Mike Shusda
	11:00 AM	Rosary	
	11:30 AM	Mass	Alice Rinefierd, 3 yr anniversary by Tom and Mary

### December Memorial Candles

#### Divine Mercy Candle #1

Charles Lohm by Wife, Theresa

#### Divine Mercy Candle #2

Dick Murphy by Ellen Holst

#### John Paul II Chapel

Peter M. Hafner Love, Your Sister, Heidi

**ETERNAL REST  
GRANT UNTO  
THEM, O LORD.**

Susan Dashnaw

