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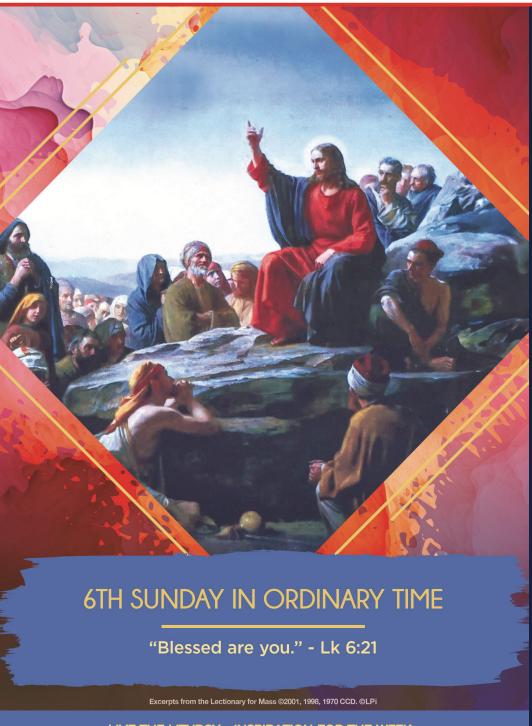
Divine Mercy Catholic Community

South Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Seeking to Encounter, be Formed in, and Proclaim Christ

February 16, 2025

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Too many of us make the mistake of expecting prosperity here on Earth as a reward for following Christ. But Jesus is very clear: sorrow and hardship are a part of life. But when we offer these sufferings to Christ, they become transformed. They become blessed. And so do we.

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 on our DM YouTube Channel; www.youtube.com/dmyoutube

Reconciliation

(at 800 Marquette Ave.)

Saturday 2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. or anytime by appointment; contact the Parish Office

Daily Masses

(at 800 Marquette Ave.)

Monday - Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Wed. at 8:30 a.m. - 695 College Ave.

Eucharistic Adoration

(in the Chapel at 695 College Ave.) Every Wednesday

8:00 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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Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9:00 a.m. - Noon; 1:00- 4:00 p.m. Friday

9:00 a.m. - Noon; P.M. CLOSED

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Exciting Updates to Our Gathering Space!

By now, you've probably noticed some changes taking place in our Gathering Space! You may be wondering—what's it all about?

The furniture in this well-loved space was in need of a refresh. Many months ago, we shared our plans to replace the worn and torn pieces, and thanks to generous donations from Christian Women and other anonymous donors, we were able to move forward. These contributions have allowed us to furnish the Fireside Room and the larger Gathering Space with new, comfortable seating. Additional pieces—including an area rug, an end table, and a central coffee table—are still on the way! In the near future, we will also be touching up the walls, which have seen their fair

share of wear from furniture placement and decorations.

In addition to updating the furnishings, we have also reconsidered how our Gathering Space is used, particularly given the number of funerals we host each year. The Fireside Room, while cozy, is not ideal for larger funerals and limits the space available for families to receive visitors. Going forward, this room will serve as a quiet, comfortable area for small groups, Bible studies, and prayer gatherings. It will also offer a much-needed respite for grieving families—a place to sit, reflect, and take a break during difficult times. On weekends, we've already seen it being used by parishioners visiting before and after Mass, which is wonderful!

To better accommodate funeral visitations, the larger Gathering Space has been opened up by removing excess tables. This allows for a more welcoming visitation area, with ample room for picture and memory boards. The wall-mounted monitor can now be used for memorial slideshows and videos. We have kept two settees for those who may need to sit during visitations. Meanwhile, the area off the kitchen still has tables and chairs for small receptions and hospitality. Additional tables and chairs are stored nearby and can be set up for larger gatherings such as hospitality weekends, parish breakfasts, dinners, or meetings. This new arrangement has been in place since early January and has proven to be a practical and welcoming solution.

With these updates in mind, we kindly ask everyone to help maintain the beauty and functionality of our space. Please:

- Keep the current furniture arrangement in place and avoid moving or pushing it against the walls.
- Treat the furniture with care—no jumping, bouncing, or walking on it. Please also refrain from placing feet or shoes on the seating. (Unfortunately, this was a common cause of wear and tear on our previous furniture.)
- If you are hosting a larger gathering and need additional tables and chairs, please contact the parish office so maintenance can assist with the setup.
- For funeral visitations, if additional tables and chairs are needed or a small luncheon is planned, please inform the funeral home when making arrangements, and they will coordinate with us.

Additionally, you may have noticed that the welcome desk and bookcase areas have been tidied up. We have displayed pictures of our Bishops, new Archbishop, and Pope, and there is now a designated space at the entrance for prayer cards and books that you are welcome to take as needed. We kindly ask that you do not leave personal religious items (such as prayer cards, rosaries, medals, or greeting cards) for others. Instead, we encourage you to personally share them as an act of evangelization. Items that are not blessed can be discarded, or if you prefer, respectfully burned or buried.

We are thrilled to see our Gathering Space evolving to better serve our parish community, and we hope you enjoy it as much as we do! A heartfelt thank you to Christian Women and our other generous donors for making this transformation possible. May this space continue to welcome and bring comfort to all who walk through our doors at Divine Mercy Parish for years to come!



The Jubilee Year of Hope ◆ February - Month dedicated to the Holy Family

All Masses take place at 800 Marquette Avenue unless otherwise specified.

Sunday, February 16, 2025 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rosary at 7:05 a.m.

7:30 a.m. † Robert Burgoon

9:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the

Christian Women

11:00 a.m. † Thomas Becher

Monday, February 17, 2025 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Presidents' Day

8:00 a.m. Adoration before morning Mass

8:30 a.m. †

Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass

6:00 p.m. Rosary & Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

in the Chapel at 695 College Ave.

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

8:00 a.m. Adoration before morning Mass

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

Divine Mercy Chaplet

8:30 a.m.

Rosary following 8:30 a.m. Mass.

St. Anthony Devotion 6:00 p.m.

in the Chapel at 695 College Ave.

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Mass with the School Children in the 695 College Ave. gym

8:00 a.m. Adoration before morning Mass

8:30 a.m. †

Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass

Eucharistic Adoration 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel at 695 College Avenue

Thursday, February 20, 2025

8:00 a.m. Adoration before morning Mass

8:30 a.m. †

Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass

Friday, February 21, 2025 St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Adoration before morning Mass

8:30 a.m. †

Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass

Saturday, February 22, 2025 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:00 a.m. Adoration before morning Mass

8:30 a.m. †

Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass



Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m.

Reconciliation 2:30 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

4:00 p.m. † Emma Rose Huntley



The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Sanctuary Lamp at Divine Mercy's Marquette Avenue Church is burning in memory of

Ed & Bess Wahl

The Sanctuary Lamp at Divine Mercy's College Avenue Chapel is burning in memory of James & Evelyn Helminak

The Mother of Perpetual Help Lamp at Divine Mercy's College Avenue Chapel is burning in memory of **Allie & Eveline Pfeffer**

Readings for the Week of February 16, 2025



Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor Sunday:

15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-Monday:

21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4,

3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18

-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and

22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/

Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-

49/Lk 6:27-38

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Please remember in your prayers the souls of all the recently departed of our Parish Family, especially Eloise Ireland and Kathleen Pratt Graczyk.

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.

Sunday, February 23, 2025 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rosary at 7:05 a.m.

7:30 a.m. † Allie & Eveline Pfeffer

9:30 a.m. † Roger Krystowiak

11:00 a.m. † Living and deceased members of the Rosso-Marti Family





The next *Share Sunday* collection takes place February 15th & 16th, and benefits *Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity*.

Divine Mercy Parish is helping sponsor a home this year as part of the "Building on Faith Program." Next week's Share Sunday collection will benefit the building of a new home. We are also participating in the annual **2x4 Stud Decorating project** the same weekend, February 15 and 16. We are continuing to collect items for the **Welcome Home Gift Baskets** (see below) and Kristi Sebald, the Volunteer Coordinator from Milwaukee Habitat, will speak before the Masses on Sunday, February 16, sharing insights into their mission to provide safe, affordable housing so people have decent place to live. Please keep Milwaukee Habitat and their mission in your prayers.

Thank you in advance for your generosity to those in need!

Any questions, call and leave a message or email Holly Haskin at 414-762-7627 or hollyhaskin@gmail.com.



Habitat for Humanity Welcome Home Gift Basket

Divine Mercy's Human Concerns Committee has decided to provide a *Welcome Home* basket to a new Habitat homeowner when they close on their new home. This achievement is celebrated with a brief dedication service and house blessing, in addition to presenting them a gift basket. Please see the following checklists for ideas. We respectfully request all items be new and unused. The items can be dropped off in the Gathering Space before or after Mass through February 23.

Thank you in advance for your generous donations and your continued prayers for the new homeowners and their families!

Indoors Welcome Home Gift Basket - Checklist

Commonly included items:

<u>Bathroom</u>	<u>Kitchen</u>	Home Décor
Hand Soap	Trash Bags	Candle
Toilet Paper	Ziploc Bags	Small Plant
Tissues	Plastic Wrap	Welcome Mat
All Purpose Cleaner	Aluminum Foil	Hanging Kit
Wash Rags	Paper Towels	Screwdriver
Disinfecting Wipes	Hand Towels	Hammer
Toilet Cleaner	Oven Mitts	
Landry Basket	Dish Soap	
Laundry Detergent	Cleaning Sponges	
Dryer Sheets		
Air Freshener		

Outdoors Welcome Home Gift Basket - Checklist

Commonly included items are, but not limited to, the following:

Leaf rake Box of heavy duty garbage bags

Snow shovel Bag of ice melt Garden hand tools
Broom 25-foot hose Spray nozzle

Sidewalk chalk Bubbles

An empty 5-gallon bucket (like the orange Home Depot ones) \$25 Gift cards for Home Depot (or other places to buy plants and other supplies)

Last Chance to return your old palms!

Old palms can be dropped off at church through next weekend, February 23.

Please DO NOT bring palms after this date. We do not have a place to store old palms at the parish. If you forget to bring them, you can save them for the following year, bury, or burn them.

They should not be thrown

They should *not* be thrown away, as they are considered a sacramental.

DIVINE MERCY PARISH YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY THEOLOGY ON TAP SERIES

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THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION AND OUR CALL TO HOLINESS

Tuesday, February 18th 6:00 pm Water Street Brewery 140 W. Town Square Oak Creek, WI

Ever wonder what goes into becoming a Catholic?

Join us as we discuss how the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist make us part of one the greatest family- the family of God!

Come talk about how each and every one of us have a place in this great family, and how we answer the call to holiness through this belonging.

All young adults (20's and 30's) are welcomed to attend. Spread the word, bring a friend, and join us for a great evening!

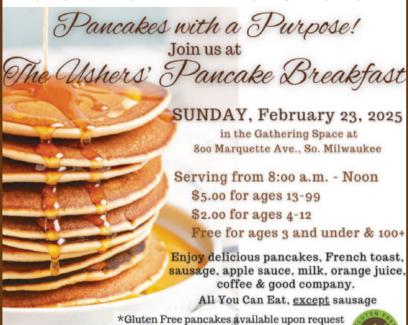
For more information, check out our website: www.divinemercysm.org/.../young-adult-ministry.cfm or scan the QR code →

Open to all young people curious about their faith, parishioner or not, Catholic or not!

NEXT SUNDAY! You won't want to miss the best breakfast in town (not to mention the best deal around)!

The Divine Mercy Usher Society is serving up all you can eat (except sausage) deliciousness. We hope you'll join us! There is also a raffle (need not be present to win).

Come for Mass and feed your soul - stay for breakfast, feed your tummy, and socialize with your parish family!

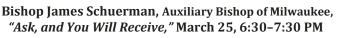


All are invited to:

our parish offices at College Ave.

Insights and Advice - Three Spiritual Directors Speak
Tuesdays, March 25, April 1, April 8
from 6:30-7:30 PM
St. Joseph Church, 12130 W. Center St., Wauwatosa

Proceeds to help purchase new office chairs for our very fine staff at



·What Is Prayer and Why Do We Pray? ·The Wellsprings of Prayer ·The Way of Prayer – Christian Prayer Is Trinitarian ·Petition and Intercession ·Prayer and Conversion ·Prayer and Spiritual Growth ·Challenges with Prayer – Spiritual Battle and

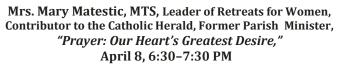
the Dark Night of the Soul · A Close Look at the Lord's Prayer

Fr. Robert Kroll, S. J., Director of Spiritual Formation at St. Francis Seminary, "Haven't Got a Prayer? Four Reasons and

Two Ways to Pray," April 1, 6:30-7:30 PM

 $\cdot \text{Four Essential Principles of Prayer along with Two Specific Prayer Practices} \cdot \text{Lectio with Scripture} \cdot \text{The Ignatian Examen}$





I will look at different types of prayer as manifested in the Gospels. \cdot To See the Face of God \cdot To Hear the Voice of God \cdot To Touch the Divine \cdot To Taste the Goodness of God \cdot To Be the Fragrance of God



FINAL WEEKEND!! Pastoral Council Nominations are due February 16th.

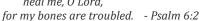
Don't miss out on your chance to nominate yourself or someone else to further the mission and vision of Divine Mercy Parish! Forms are available at the Information Desk or at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

Thanks to all who are working on Gospel reflections for Divine Mercy's Lenten Reflection Booklet. A reminder that all reflections are due to Chris Mancheski, Director of Faith Formation by Wednesday, February 19th.

If there are any questions, please contact him at 414-762-6810 ext. 3212 or email chrismancheski@divinemercvsm.org

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; heal me, O Lord,



Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be offered following the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 22^{nd}

Anointing will take place on the last Saturday of each month, and we invite anyone who is suffering from a chronic or serious illness, preparing for an upcoming surgery or medical procedure, or in need of healing. We hope you'll join us and if you know of someone in need of this sacrament, please invite them to Mass.

Divine Mercy's

Grief Support Group

Meets next on

Monday, February 24th

from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
at 800 Marquette Avenue



This is an opportunity for any adult to meet with others who are grieving/mourning a loss, whether recent or not so recent. Parish membership is not required. There is no charge. Grief Support includes prayer, sharing, resources and support. All are welcome. For further information or questions please call the parish office at 414-762-6810.

Did you notice all those open intentions on the Mass schedule? It's NOT a mistake—those are open intentions. While it's not the case every week, we do have openings in our Mass intention book. If you'd like to have a Mass said for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office. The Mass stipend is \$20, and is set by the Chancery Office, not the parish.



You are cordially invited to a reception to introduce the Saint Francis de Sales Seminary's



Hosted by Rev. Joseph Sebastian, Pastor and Divine Mercy Catholic Community

We are delighted to welcome leadership of the Seminary to share their inspiring story of growth and success!

Please join us on

Monday, February 24th, 2025

800 Marquette Avenue South Milwaukee, WI

5:30 pm - Evening Vespers 6:00 pm - Reception and Presentation

Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 19 to Zeal@sfs.edu or 414-747-6423

Divine Mercy Parish is honored to be a host site for the St. Francis de Sales Seminary's Inaugural Capital Campaign fundraiser, *Zeal for the Lord's House!*

All are invited to join in supporting this initiative to ensure the upkeep and continued growth of the Seminary. Attendees should RSVP by Wednesday, February 19th to Zeal@sfs.edu or 414-747-6423.

While we hope you will attend and pledge your support for the Seminary, volunteers are also needed to help with this formal reception event. We are in need of assistance in the following ways: Food donations, Set up, Food Prep, Serving, and Clean Up.

Slots for all of the above tasks are available on our signup page

at https://signup.com/go/FjsMArN, using the QR Code, by contacting Kathy Mattke at Kmatt53@wi.rr.com, or by calling the Parish Office at 414-762-6810. If you can donate items, and/or volunteer your time, we would greatly appreciate it!



Please sign up by WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th

so we have an accurate idea of what is needed before the event.

If you would like to give a monetary donation to help offset some additional costs, you can do so by dropping off your donation at the parish office. Please make sure to notate it is for the *Zeal for His House* reception. *Thank you!*



What about my life is Jesus calling me to change so that I may be blessed? If I have plenty of money, food, and

happiness, what can I do to be blessed?

The Pope's Prayer Intention for February

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

2025 Calendar Raffle Winners

2/3	Ronan McKean	\$10
2/4	Kathleen Schuster	\$10
2/5	Kurt & Joanie Olson	\$10
2/6	Mystique Burke	\$10
2/7	Andrea Anderson	\$10
2/8	Jenni McLaughlin	\$10
2/9	Marie Preussler	\$25



Thank you for your support and good luck to you!





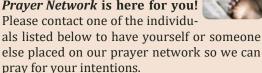
CATHOLIC TRIVIA -**IUST FOR FUN**

Question: What year marked the first time that Catholics in the United States were allowed to receive the Eucharist in their hands?

Answer: 1977. The practice of solely receiving on the tongue was only changed with a special permission from the Vatican, known as an "indult," which allowed certain regions to administer Communion in the hand, with the United States receiving this permission in 1977.

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Need Prayers? Divine Mercy's Prayer Network is here for you!



Dolores 414-762-0194 or Audrey 414-762-4638

or e-mail your prayer requests to: Memorare72@gmail.com.

We are praying with and for you!

If you'd like to join us in praying for others, please reach out to any of the above contacts to become part of our prayer chain today and make a difference in the lives of others.

Ministry Schedules for February 22 & 23 - The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time						
	Saturday February 22 4:00 p.m. Mass	Sunday February 23 7:30 a.m. Mass	Sunday February 23 9:30 a.m. Mass	Sunday February 23 11:00 a.m. Mass		
Sacristan	Jill Meyer	Josh & Mary Lequia	Lori Ashbaugh	Jerome Hogan		
Lectors	John Jaeger, III (1) Cindy Semski (2)	Chana Bannister (1) Susan Mrnik (2)	Mark Hoffman (1) Thomas Dee (2)	Tina McNamara (1) Patty Robinson (2)		
Eucharistic Ministers	CM 1 -Dave Bartoshevich CM 2 - MJ Kais PM 1 - Jeanine Kuettel PM 2 - Maureen Walsh PM 3 - Bridget Walsh PM 4 - Janet Nelson	CM 1 - James Remus CM 2 - Laurie Bania PM 1 - Kim Anderson PM 2 - Joanie Olson PM 3 - Beth Maniero PM 4 - Kathleen Mattke	CM 1 - Betsy Trahan CM 2 - Sandra Karvonen PM 1 - Cheryl Heiser PM 2 - Geri Gerschke PM 3 - Diane Hoffman PM 4 - Donna DePetrillo	CM 1 - Suzy Lemcke CM 2 - Morry Decker PM 1 - Carol Dufek PM 2 - Jackie Felden PM 3 - Joyce Plewa-Richards PM 4 - Angela Paniagua		
Altar Servers	Kim Nitka (1) NOT FILLED (2)	Jackson Lequia (1) Melanie Siejkowski (2)	Dominic Lasky (1) Michael Westog (2) Genevieve Gates (3)	Kairos Sunpongco (1) NOT FILLED (2)		
Ushers	Vicki Bartoshevich Rachel Haynes Tony Maletta Greg Meka Bill Fenger Richard Gritton	Marvin Paluszynski Steve Barney Robert Baumann Mark Anhalt John Stepanovich Dan Mumm	Glenn Gerschke Tim Kwasny James Sokolowski Alan Reimer Marty Kwasny Chuck Kendall	John Possing Michael Meszaros Robert Felden Belinda Copus NOT FILLED NOT FILLED		
Screens	Maya Torgerson	Adalyn Bannister	Alix Bock	Dan Selan		



Church and Chapel Funeral Homes

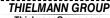


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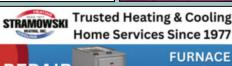


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