

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR JAN 19th THRU DEC 22nd**

Thurs – 8:00 am – Special Intentions  
 Fri – 8:00 am – People of the Parish  
 Sat – 4:30 pm – Bill Leeker

Sun – 8:00 am – Louis & Edith Soetaert  
 Sun – 10:30 am – Jerome Seck  
 Sun – 5:00 pm – Bill Harralson  
 Sun – 7:00 pm – People of the Parish

**Collection for 1/15/2017**

Regular \$9,966.02      Towards Christ Building Campaign \$1,070.00  
 ACH \$2,535.28



**Divine Mercy Parish**  
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 Deacon Daniel Peterson  
 Deacon Art O'Connor  
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**DIVINE MERCY PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Church Location:** 555 West Main, Gardner, Kansas 66030, 913-856-7781  
**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 267, Gardner, Kansas 66030  
**Web Site:** [www.divinemercuryks.org](http://www.divinemercuryks.org)  
**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday thru Thursday 8:30 am to 2:30 pm – Go to the West door to ring bell  
**OFFICE email address:** [secretary@divinemercuryks.org](mailto:secretary@divinemercuryks.org)  
**FR. JOE'S email address:** [frjoec@divinemercuryks.org](mailto:frjoec@divinemercuryks.org)  
**DEACON DAN'S email address:** [danielpeterson913@comcast.net](mailto:danielpeterson913@comcast.net)  
 Walk in office hours-Thursdays 8:30-11:30am. Appointments available upon request. Call 913-938-8025  
**DEACON ART'S email address:** [aoc1937@gmail.com](mailto:aoc1937@gmail.com)

**DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ITEMS: TUESDAY by 9:00am**

**BOY SCOUTS:** Contact Kenny Spiller 913-706-2271 or Christine O'Connor 913-269-4042  
**CEMETERY: Edgerton – St. Columbine:** Mike Norris 913-579-1166 or Dan McCarthy 913-244-1264  
**Gardner – St. Columbia:** Keith Tinsley 913-515-1874  
**CHURCH HALL USE:** Gardner or Edgerton: Contact Roger at the office 913-856-7781  
**CONFESSION:** Thirty Minutes Before Each Weekend Mass or as requested  
**DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA:** Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6:45pm – Rosary, 7:00 pm Meeting at CFC  
 Contact Deacon Dan Peterson 913-938-8025 or Mary Ellen Ridgley 913-221-6755  
**GIFT SHOP:** Contact Cathy Johnson 913-856-4527  
**HELPING HANDS:** Contact Shirley Spiller 913-856-6081 or email: [luckybuttercup@yahoo.com](mailto:luckybuttercup@yahoo.com)  
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**HOME BLESSINGS:** Contact Ray Hess 913-856-5043 or email: [kocrhess71@aol.com](mailto:kocrhess71@aol.com)  
**HOME SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP:** Contact Celeste Edwards 913-592-3214  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6:45pm-Rosary-7:00pm Meeting at CFC  
 Contact Dave Warthen 913-638-2899 or email: [dwarthen@centurylink.net](mailto:dwarthen@centurylink.net)  
**LEGION OF MARY:** Contact Kathy Henahan 913-856-8334 or Larry Demaree 913-206-1352  
**MASS INTENTIONS:** Contact the Office 913-856-7781  
**MILITARY CARE PACKAGES:** Contact Tammy Finlen 913-485-4004 or email: [tjfinlen@yahoo.com](mailto:tjfinlen@yahoo.com)  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Contact Donna Goss 913-884-2171  
**PRAYER CHAIN:** Contact Anna Welch 913-856-7459  
**RCIA DIRECTOR:** Contact Laura Warthen 913-634-2899 or email: [laura@divinemercuryks.org](mailto:laura@divinemercuryks.org)  
**RELIGIOUS ED/DIRECTOR:** Contact Maria Lopeman 913-219-4833 or [maria@divinemercuryks.org](mailto:maria@divinemercuryks.org)  
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** 1st and 2nd Sunday of the Month. Please see the website for information or contact the office at 913-856-7781  
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE – ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE 6 MONTHS IN ADVANCE WITH THE PASTOR. No date may be set before meeting with Father. Reception hall CANNOT be reserved until meeting with Father.**  
**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** PLEASE CALL FR. JOE ANYTIME, DAY OR NIGHT at 913-856-7780  
**ST. ANNE'S SEWING CIRCLE:** For information contact Shirley Kissell 913-856-7483

**YOUTH MINISTER:** Contact Emma Jehanno 617-980-1981 or email: [youthminister@divinemercuryks.org](mailto:youthminister@divinemercuryks.org)

Sunday 1/22	Monday 1/23	Tuesday 1/24	Wednesday 1/25
<p><b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary time</b></p> <p>8:00 am Mass                      9:15 am Rel Ed (K-6) and RCIA                      10:30 am Mass                      5:00 pm Mass – Edg                      5:00-6:45 pm Youth Group (9-12 gr)                      5:30-6:45 pm Rel Ed (7-8 gr)                      7:00 pm Mass</p>	<p><b>St. Vincent St. Marianne Cope</b></p> <p><b>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</b></p> <p><b>Father Joe's Day Off</b></p>	<p><b>St. Francis de Sales</b></p> <p>7:30 am Morning Prayer                      5:00 pm - Communion Service - MC                      5:30 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions -MC                      6:00 pm Legion of Mary -CFC</p> <p><b>Father Joe's Day Off</b></p>	<p><b>The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle</b></p> <p>7:30 am Morning Prayer                      9:00 am-2:00 pm – Quilting Group – CFC                      5:30-6:30 pm – Youth Choir Practice – MC                      6:30to7:30pm RCIA                      7:00 pm - Music Practice - MC</p>
Thursday 1/26	Friday 1/27	Saturday 1/28	Sunday 1/29
<p><b>SS. Timothy and Titus</b></p> <p>7:30 am Morning Prayer                      8:00 am Mass</p>	<p><b>St. Angela Merici</b></p> <p>7:30 am Morning Prayer                      8:00 am Mass</p> <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>St. Thomas Aquinas</b></p> <p>4:30 pm Mass</p>	<p><b>4th Sunday in Ordinary time</b></p> <p>8:00 am Mass                      9:15 am Rel Ed (K-6) and RCIA                      10:30 am Mass                      5:00 pm Mass – Edg                      5:00-6:45 pm Youth Group (9-12 gr)                      5:30-6:45 pm Rel Ed (7-8 gr)                      7:00 pm Mass</p>

## CATHOLIC FAITH TRIVIA

### BIRTHDAYS

**Jan 22** – Robert Beabout, Kaden Applegate, Jase Vandewynkle, Steve Kohn, Mary Mulich, Ashton Vega, Nenita Gainer, Tamara Page, Aiden Sanford, Dina Graas, Lukas Robinson, Brett Limer

**Jan 23** – Scott Brant, Carter Keehn, Elden Lyon, Anna Buntmeyer, Larry Melcher, Beverly Farrow, Amy Swanson, George Rhoades, Haylee Burk, Dana LaFalce

**Jan 24** – William Sutton, Eliana Schilmoeller, Ezra Doherty, Anna Kilgore, Brian Clough, Halston Prestia, Michael Peterson, Logan Fahy, Kathy Henehan, Julie Wilson

**Jan 25** – Evans Dunlap, Lily Giacchi, Mark Strausbaugh, Judy Peterson

**Jan 26** – Alfonso Sanchez, Alexander Rippel, Judy Hadle, Charles Barrett, Ron O'Neill, Frank Mermis, Hudson Engle, Russell Holthaus, Haley Brooks, Vern Pickert, Jordan Barton, Ashley Stanley, Angela Hines, Benjamin Oprisu, Evelyn Christensen, Mason Schmidt, Lincoln Driver, Laura McCarthy, Scott Snavelly, Emily Sanderson

**Jan 27** – Kara Carr, JoeAnn Oswald, Kari Shafer, Jaclyn Cheever, Jolana Simpson, Kevin Joles, John Parks, Jack Bailey, Taskin Kindel

**Jan 28** – Patricia Chubb, Dana Heinrich, Lanney Lambert, Athena Martinez, Connor Redding, Amy Avant, Rachel Dressman, Addison Oehm, Robert Garcia, David Biddulph, Jennifer Moore

### 50/50 CLUB

There was not a winner in the 50/50 drawing for the week of Jan. 15th. Number #785 was drawn. The balance in the account was \$8,517.00. Registered parishioners may enter the weekly drawing by putting \$5.00 in the 50/50 envelope from your packet.

**Please note:** if you are including payments towards future 50/50 envelopes or regular envelopes, be sure to put regular collection and 50/50 collections their separate envelopes to insure proper credit is given to the appropriate dates being used for.

### New this Week

1. In the Old Testament, who were the special people through whom the Holy Spirit spoke? (a) the Canaanites (b) the shepherds (c) the prophets
2. The Holy Spirit was present and active at the creation of the universe? True or False?
3. A priest or bishop must preside in order for a community to celebrate Mass? True or False
4. Where is the Eucharist reserved for adoration and distribution to the sick? (a) the ambo (b) the tabernacle (c) the altar
5. What day of the week did Christians meet to “break bread” and commemorate the death and resurrection of their Lord?

### Last Week's Answers

1. What was Mary's final response to the angel's announcement that she would give birth to a son? ***“Let it be done according to your word”***
2. Grave sin not only ruptures our relationship with God, but also harms our communion with the church. True or false? ***True***
3. Reconciliation includes the desire to change one's life. True or false? ***True***
4. Marriage is a sacrament because?  
(a) It is a sign of the covenant (b) it is difficult (c) it is wonderful  
***(a) it is a sign of the covenant***
5. The place where God's law is written in our very self is called the what?  
(a) imagination (b) conscience (c) the will ***(b) conscience***

## **HELP NEEDED**

### **2016 CONTRIBUTION LETTERS**

The 2016 Contributions Tax Letter has been mailed out this week. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sarah at the parish office, at 913-856-7781 or email at [sarah@divinemerckyks.org](mailto:sarah@divinemerckyks.org).

### **VALENTINE DINNER/DANCE**

The Knights of Columbus and Daughters of Isabella will be sponsoring a Divine Mercy Parish Valentine Dinner & Dance on February 4th, at 6:00 pm in the Christian Formation Center. Tickets will be available before and after mass this weekend until January 29th. The tickets will be \$20.00 per person.

### **JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus are looking for men to join us. All men 18 and older that are practicing Catholics are eligible to join the Knights of Columbus. We are hosting a first degree ceremony, Monday, January 23rd, in the Christian Formation Center at 7:00 pm. What do the Knights do? We help the Special Olympics, sponsor scholarships for kids in college and catholic school, support religious education, pro-life, and seminarians. We sponsor our community garden, collect and distribute food and necessary items to Catholic Charities, support our parish, and much more, and we have fun doing it. Come join us if you are interested in contributing to our parish community. If you have any further questions, please call Chris Youngers 913-378-3247.

Each year there are thousands of teens leaving the Catholic Church. Statistically, 85% no longer attend mass after they leave high school. This is a crisis that only we can solve together. At Divine Mercy we are working on building our High School Youth Ministry program so that when kids leave confirmation, they enter into a program that continues to challenge them to be Disciples of Christ through charity, prayer, community, and leadership. One of the ways we help to form their community is that we serve the teens a meal before Life Teen every Sunday night. Although this is not a huge expense, these costs still add up. It costs approximately \$40 to feed our teens each week. This is where we need your help! Please consider donating the cost of a meal. Any size donation is greatly appreciated. To donate place a check in the collection basket and in the memo line write youth group food. Thank you!

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES FINANCIAL MENTORING**

Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers interested in our Financial Mentoring Program. This program matches volunteers one-on-one with participants who attend financial budgeting classes. Please join us for an open house to learn about mentor program and visit with current and past volunteer mentors.

We are hosting two Open Houses for Potential Volunteer Financial Mentors:

When: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 5:30pm or Friday, January 27, at 9:30am

Where: Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas

9808 West 87th Street

Overland Park, KS. 66212

For more information on how you can get involved, please contact Michelle Carlstedt at 913-433-2080 or [mcarlstedt@catholiccharitiesks.org](mailto:mcarlstedt@catholiccharitiesks.org).

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

**January**

**8** - 9:15a K-6 Class

3:00p Year 1 Confirmation Retreat

5:00p YG Life Night and Mass

5:30p Year 2 Confirmation

**15** - 9:15a K-6 Class

5:00p YG Life Night and Mass

5:30p Confirmation

**21** - 7/8 grade JANUARY SOCIAL

6th grade Mass retreat beginning at 4:15pm

**22** - 9:15a K-6 Class

2nd grade tour of church

5:00p YG Life Night and Mass

NO CONFIRMATION CLASS

**29** - 9:15a K-6 Class

5:00p YG Life Night and Mass

5:30p Confirmation

**INFORMATION ON FATIMA TRIP**

After much prayer and discussion, I have decided to cancel the Trip to Fatima due to the unrest in the region. My top priority is the safety of our parish families and I feel that at this time their safety cannot be guaranteed. We look forward to offering other exciting trips in the future such as NCYC in November and Steubenville in the summer 2018.

Father Joe

**RECYCLE YOUR Wii GAMING SYSTEMS**

Religious Education would be happy to repurpose your Wii gaming system. We are looking for used Wii gaming systems and remotes that you would like to donate. Please leave your donation on the cart in the ushers room. Thank you for all your help.

**SUPER BOWL NIGHT**

Divine Mercy Life Teen will be having a Super Bowl party on February 5th. We will eat at 5:00 pm and then we will watch the Super Bowl all together. Hope to see you all there.

**February**

**3** - **Spaghetti Dinner for Basketball Game**

**5** - 9:15a K-6 Class

5:00p **YG** Life Night Superbowl Get Together

5:30p No Confirmation - Superbowl

**12** - 9:15a K-6 Class

1:00 p2nd Grade First Communion Retreat

5:00p YG Life Night and Mass

5:30p Confirmation

**18** - 7/8 Grade February Social Movie Night

**19** - 9:15a K-6 Class

5:00p YG Life Night and Mass

5:30p Confirmation

**24** - 5/6th grade Winter Social

**26**- 8a-5p Year 1 conf MS Retreat at Prairie Stat Ranch

9:15a K-6 Class

5:00p YG Life Night and Mass

5:30p Confirmation