

Servants of Divine

Clinic Grand Opening, A Success!

On December 4th, we celebrated all the Lord has done with a grand opening of Divine Mercy Community Clinic. We welcomed students from nearby Blue Cliff College, many friends, and neighbors to tour the Clinic, enjoy refreshments and a free chair massage. Quite a few folks received a spinal examination and chiropractic care, as well.

We are very grateful to all those who made our grand opening so enjoyable. As we concluded the day, it was dark and we noticed that the beautiful, life-sized Image of Divine Mercy (which was recently donated) hanging in the Clinic's window glowed from the Clinic's interior lights. What a greeting to the thousands who drive by each day! May Jesus, especially present in this holy Image, bless all who see Him as they go on their way! May He lead many souls to salvation

as they gaze on His Merciful face and trust in His endless Mercy!

A homeless man came in as the grand opening was concluding. His visit made it all worthwhile as we provided him with a chair massage and a chiropractic adjustment. He was so appreciative for the food we gave him and just to be in a warm place, out of the cold rain. What a blessing it is to serve God's poor! Thank you for your assistance as we daily reach out to our sisters and brothers in need. It is in them especially that we see the Face of Jesus!

Yes, I will help support Divine Mercy Community Clinic! Please apply my donation to the

___ General operating fund

___ Signage

___ However it is needed

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A Bit of St. Faustina's Diary

"Two days before Christmas, these words were read in the refectory: "Tomorrow is the Birth of Jesus Christ according to the flesh." At these words, my soul was pierced by the light and love of God, and I gained deeper knowledge of the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God. How great is the mercy of God contained in the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God!"

Divine Mercy in My Soul, Vol V

Jesus, I Trust In You!

Updated Clinic Wish List

- +6-7 “Companion Chairs” with arms—These are at Sam’s Club for around \$50.00 each.
- +3-4 Pole Lamps
- +20-30 Folding Chairs
- +White Adhesive Lettering for Sign in Clinic Window—\$150.00
- +Lighted Exterior Clinic Sign
- +Non-perishable Snacks for Patients like Granola Bars, Potato Chips, Cookies, etc...
- +Paper Products: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Plates, Napkins, Trash Bags
- +Cleaning Supplies
- +Monthly Bottled Water Service for our Water Cooler—\$15.00/month
- +Volunteers to welcome patients, nurses especially, are always welcome!

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THANK YOU! We pray everyday for our generous benefactors.**

A Christmas Reflection

As the world’s loud, greedy clamor threatens to drown out the whispering Voice of Our Savior, we must even more attentively focus on the Word made flesh. Jesus Christ, our Newborn King, truly both Divine and Human— Almighty God was born in a poor, dirty stable. Hearlding the news, angels were filled with awe as they beheld the greatest condescension in history, the Creator of all things becoming a mere creature, out of infinite, inscrutable love for us. Glory to God in the Highest and peace to His people on earth! Angels, shepherds, and kings worshipped Him, a tiny, vulnerable baby on the straw. During Christmas, we linger over, contemplate, and ponder this great mystery, the Solemnity of the Incarnation, when Heaven reached down to touch the Blessed Virgin Mary. With her assent to Angel Gabriel’s announcement that she would become the Mother of God and our Mother, “the long reign of sin and death was finally ended.” The Messiah has come!

Meanwhile, the world barely noticed the birth of Our Lord. Today, it is the same. Advertisements as early as October assault shoppers with gaudy, plastic Santas and candy canes. No wonder people are so weary of “Christmas” and toss out their trees to the curb the day after. Here are some questions to consider: Have we bought into the big lie that Christmas is all about getting gifts? How do we keep Advent and Christmas? Do we fill every spare moment of Advent with “Christmas” parties and a plethora of other activities that rush the Season instead of celebrate it?(Sadly our own churches are often the culprit here.) Do we exhaust ourselves with baking, shopping, Christmas cards, and wrapping gifts? **Why?** Can’t we be counter-cultural enough to tune out the noise and discover the longing in our hearts for a Savior? Have we ever thought to schedule get-togethers **during the Christmas season**, beginning with the Octave of Christmas, the eight days following?

Let’s try it this year—just stop the “Christmas” merry-go-round. Let go of empty materialism. Listen how the frenzy of the world will fade away... See the pain in another human being’s eyes and bring His mercy and compassion. Discover the face of Jesus in every single person. The Word was made flesh...

As Advent unfolds, we are bluntly confronted with our need for a Savior. We have to admit that we are blind, tired, sinful, and poor. On our own, we are lost. Humbly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let Jesus come to set you free! Welcome the King of Kings and Lord of Lords into your open heart. Pause to feel how the darkness of the world would seek to overwhelm us, mirrored by December days growing shorter and shorter. Let us rejoice in the bright dawn of the Daystar, who comes to be born again for us, to save us from our sins, to bathe us in His glory! Brothers and sisters, Advent chants songs of hope! The Desire of Nations, Our King Jesus, is coming come with healing in His wings. Alleluia! Let **every** heart prepare Him room!