



## BECOMING DIVINE MERCY PARISH One Parish | Three Churches | Two Schools

### OUR FINANCES, HELD IN TRUST

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

One thing came through clearly in your survey responses: you care deeply about our parishes and about how the gifts you so generously provide are used to support their mission. That concern was shared across all three of our communities, and we are grateful for the thought and care reflected in your responses. As we prepare to become Divine Mercy Parish, we are committed to continuing to be responsible stewards of all that has been entrusted to us and to communicate clearly with you along the way.

What does unification mean for our finances? Because Divine Mercy Parish will become a new canonical and civil entity, the financial assets, obligations, and property of our three parishes will be part of the new parish, while separate accounting will continue for each school. A detailed financial transition plan is being developed with the involvement of our finance councils and in accordance with Archdiocesan policies and Church law.

As this work progresses, we will keep you informed about the financial transition and the overall financial health of the parishes in our family. We will approach this process carefully and thoughtfully, always mindful of the long-term vitality of our three churches, our schools, our ministries, and the many ways we serve our community.

Many also expressed a desire for clear and accessible financial information and confidence that parish finances are being carefully and responsibly reviewed. We share that desire. We believe parishioners should have a meaningful understanding of our financial picture and how the resources entrusted to us support the mission of the Church. Our financial records are reviewed through established Archdiocesan processes, and our finance councils meet regularly to review parish finances and assist in their responsible stewardship. This will continue after unification.

Good stewardship also means communicating openly and responsibly. We will continue to share financial information so that you can understand the financial life of our parishes and how the resources entrusted to us are being used to support our mission, while honoring the responsibilities that come with sound parish governance.

But stewardship is about much more than finances. It is about recognizing that everything we have, our churches and schools, our ministries and resources, and especially the generosity, faith, and dedication of our people, is a gift from God entrusted to our care. We want to use these gifts wisely and faithfully so that our Divine Mercy Parish can bring Christ to our communities for generations to come.

In the coming year, we also plan to establish a stewardship committee to help parishioners discover and share the many ways we can participate in the life and mission of Divine Mercy Parish through our time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship belongs to all of us, and each person has something valuable to offer.

Thank you for all you have given to St. Joseph, St. Jude, and Our Lady of the Visitation over the years. These communities are strong because generations of parishioners have prayed, served, sacrificed, and generously supported their mission. As we begin this new chapter together as Divine Mercy Parish, we will carry that rich heritage with us and look forward with hope to all that God will accomplish through us.

In Christ,

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