



# Divine Mercy Parish

## Mass Schedule for the Week of August 4, 2024

### *Monday, August 5, 2024*

7:30 AM DM **Joseph, Mary, Bernard, John & Alvera Zelonis** by Granddaughter/Niece, Marie & Husband

6 – 6:30 PM DM **Confessions**

### *Tuesday, August 6, 2024*

7:30 AM DM **Mary “Cookie” Meier** by Dan, Bob & Joan

### *Wednesday, August 7, 2024*

7:30 AM DM **Stanley Kaleda** by Wife, Lorraine

1-4:00 PM **Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

### *Thursday, August 8, 2024*

7:30 AM DM **Bernard & Carole Savakinas** by Sister

### *Friday, August 9, 2024*

7:30 AM DM **Georgette Moyer** by Family

### *Saturday, August 10, 2024*

7:30 AM DM **Nellie Clark** by Gino & Justine Monahan

3:40PM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

4:00 PM DM **Dorothy Pronio** by Tom & Pam Twardzik & Sons

### *Sunday, August 11, 2024*

7:30 AM SC **George Kosar** by Frank & Gail McCole & Sons

9:40 AM SC **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

10:00 AM SC **Theodore, Catherine & Catherine Mary Guzinski** by Barbara Guzinski

12:30 PM DM **Living & Deceased Priests – Diocese of Allentown**

*En Espanol*

3:00 PM DM **In Thanksgiving for Sister Marietta’s Many Years of Faithful Service to Shenandoah & Our Surrounding Communities**

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### **Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

**Prayer to Your Guardian Angel** Angel of God, my guardian dear, To whom God’s love Commits me here, Ever this day, be at my side, To light and guard, Rule and guide. Amen.



### **Prayer for Our Country**

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of America, please help our country. Help us to return to what is decent, right and proper. Help us to return to respect for ourselves and others, into truth in dealing with ourselves and others, to self-control and self-discipline and, especially, to a deep love for your Son and his teachings. Protect us from those who would destroy us from within. Our Lady, we place ourselves and our country under your mantel. Pray for us and help us. Amen.

### **Important Phone Numbers**

Divine Mercy Pre K

Sister Patricia Maureen Mount, IHM  
570-462-3927

Divine Mercy PREP

Sister Mary Glackin, IHM  
1-484-888-1358

### **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

When: Every 1st Sunday of the month

Time: 3:00 PM

Where: St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Mahanoy City

### **Divine Mercy Collections**

July 28th- \$ 3,715.00

### **New Chapel Hours**

Due to the lack of attendance in our Chapel on a Monday and Friday, we are setting a new time for adoration.

Every Wednesday Only from  
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.



A second collection will be taken up on the weekend of August 17th and 18th to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First Mass offered at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. This collection will be used to pay for the Shrine Infrastructure renewal that will begin in 2024. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Divine Mercy Memorial Fund**  
**Loving memory of Diane M. Kalyan**  
 \$10 Ron Kalyan & family  
**Happy “Wedding Anniversary” in heaven, John & Eleanor Stanczyk, love & miss you**  
 \$10 Daughter, Lisa, Frank & families  
**Dominic Cartella**  
 \$10 Georgine Sinkus  
 \$10 Madeline (Mirocke) Buchinsky  
 \$5 Stephanie Oshman  
**Boris Poppoff**  
 \$10 Peter Ulicny  
**Special intentions**  
 \$5 Anonymous

**Marian Catholic High School**  
 Please join us for one of our information sessions. Tour the school and learn how to make a Marian education possible.  
 August 5th, 11:30 AM -1:00 PM or  
 August 7th from 2:30 PM -4:00 PM.  
 Please contact Mary Milosh to RSVP.  
 467-3335 ext 117 or  
[mmilosh@mariancatholics.org](mailto:mmilosh@mariancatholics.org)



On Thursday, August 15th for the holyday, Assumption of Mary. The office will reopen on Monday, August 19th at 9:30 AM.



**Welcome to Knox Halbert Klinger** who was baptized on Saturday, July 27th. Knox is the son of Jake & Janette Klinger. May God bless him and keep Him in his care.

*“If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions” .*

**Devotional Candles**

**Divine Mercy**

Sanctuary	In memory of my beloved Parents & Sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano
St. Ann	Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
St. Joseph	In honor, praise & thanksgiving
OLMC	Special intention for John Kelly family
OLMC	Special intention for Theresa by Ann
OLMC	Special intention for Dorti by Ann
Sacred Heart	Special intentions by P & L
Sacred Heart	Special intentions by Mary Kufro

**St. Casimir**

Sanctuary	In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria
Czestochowa	In memory of John F. & Kitty Baginski – miss you by Baginski family
Divine Mercy	Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
Divine Mercy	Prayers & good health for J.M., S.M., M.S., A.M., Z. S., T.S., R.G., G.M., L.B. & J. B.
Divine Mercy	God’s blessings & Good health for Dorothy, Elaine, June & B
Divine Mercy	Good health & God’s blessings for Anne Grochowski by Maria & Jo Marie Rittle
Divine Mercy	Good health & God’s blessings for Jennifer Grochowski by Maria & Jo Marie Rittle
Divine Mercy	Special intentions, in thanksgiving & good health for Msgr. Bocian, Stephen Bocian, George Huss, Estelle McLaren, Joann Pribish, Mrs. Buchinsky, Scarlet Henry, Frankie Pettinato & Donna’s uncle
Divine Mercy	In loving memory of John McGuire by Wife, Peg
Blessed Mother	In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by Wife/Mother
Blessed Mother	Good health & God’s blessings for Dorothy Goetz by Dan & Diane Monlish
Blessed Mother	Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Aubree, Benjamin, Morgan, Eleanor, Marc & Donna Owen & Oliver & Reni
Sacred Heart	In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children
Sacred Heart	Special intentions by Pat
Sacred Heart	Special intentions for Christopher, Marc & Christa
St. Anthony	In loving memory of Rose & William Norris by Daughter, Cathy & family
St. Anthony	Special intentions for Christopher, Marc & Christa

**Chapel**

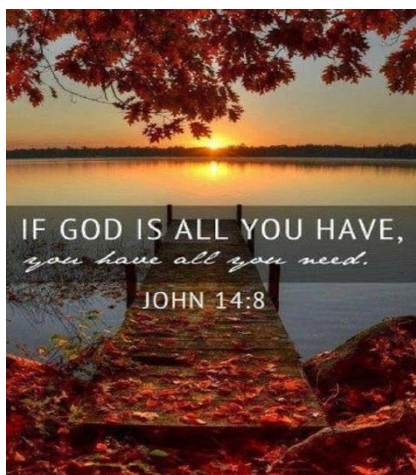
Sanctuary	Special intentions by Msgr. B
Blessed Mother	Prayers & good health for Emily Seigel by Uncle Ed & Aunt Kerri
St. Joseph	Special intentions by Msgr. B

**Look With Love**

God looks at us with a father’s love. He sees us as he created us to be - his beloved children who deserve another chance. When you’re tempted to focus on another’s faults, ask God to help you see everyone as he does - with love.

**Be Meek, Not Weak**

Meekness is often mistaken for weakness, but in fact, nothing could be further from the truth. Being “meek of heart” means being in control of your emotions rather than letting them control you. Today, pray for the courage to be meek of heart.



**Why do Catholics Pray to Saints?**

Prayer is raising our hearts and minds to God, so we actually don't pray to saints. However, we know that saints are people who lived lives of extraordinary virtue on Earth and are rewarded by being in Heaven with God. So we ask for their intercession when we need it or for their help to get to Heaven, too. Recently, Timothy Cardinal Dolan put it this way, "In prayer, we always go to Jesus. Sometimes we bring friends with us."

**Bautismos** Todos están invitados a bautizar a sus hijos. Aún si usted no está casado en la Iglesia se puede bautizar a su bebé. Sin embargo, le pedimos que seleccione una pareja que se casó en la Iglesia Católica para ser sus padrinos. Si un padrino / madrina es una persona soltera, él / ella puede convertirse en una condición de que, esa persona ha recibido el bautismo. Por favor, tenga en cuenta que una pareja, civilmente casada o una persona que vive junto a otra persona como una pareja no está calificada para ser un padrino/madrina. Si son de fuera de nuestra parroquia, por favor, díles de obtener un certificado de elegibilidad de su pastor al menos dos semanas de anticipación. Padre llevará a cabo clases de bautismo, tanto para los padres y padrinos y administrar el rito del bautismo. Por favor, visite la oficina parroquia (108 W. Cherry St., Shenandoah. Teléfono 570 (462)1968) para reservar fechas y rellenar formularios. El proceso es muy fácil.



**Rosary -- Our Lady of Fatima** will be held on Tuesday, August 13th at 7:00 PM in Our Lady of Fatima Cemetery at the Grotto. Fatima Rosary will be said on the 13th of every month until October.

**Mass Schedule for the Holyday - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Wednesday	August 14th	5:30 PM	Divine Mercy
Thursday	August 15th	7:30 AM	Divine Mercy
Thursday	August 15th	7:00 PM	Divine Mercy

**Food Truck Again at Divine Mercy Parish.....**

Catholic Charities' Community Café Food Truck will be on site at the Divine Mercy Church Parish parking lot on Thursday, August 22nd from Noon to 1:30 PM. All are welcome to join us for a complimentary hot lunch! Meet Catholic Charities' staff and volunteers and enjoy a delicious meal! The food truck will be visiting Divine Mercy each month, so keep an eye out for further dates. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the food truck ministry, please contact Pam Russo at [prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org) or 610-871-5200, ext. 2204. Anyone is welcome to come and receive a free meal .... No questions asked or no payment or donation is requested.



**2025 Mass Book for Divine Mercy Parish will open on Tuesday, October 22nd.**

The **Diocesan Mass Stipend is set at \$ 10.00.** When requesting a Mass for 2025, the stipend must be paid before it can be written in the Mass Book. Each parishioner will be allowed **one weekday Mass and one weekend Mass.** **Please note: For every Mass for 2025 we will be asking for a contact name, address and phone number. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter! Remember, the Mass Book fills up quickly!** Candles will also be taken for 2025 at this time. If you would like to have a candle lit on a special day in any of the parishes, it is important that you notify us as soon as possible. The dates fill quickly.



**Follow the Rosary to Treasure**

The Rosary is like an ancient treasure map. It has led countless faithful to the treasures of peace, joy, clarity, and contentment. If you follow where it leads, you'll find that a devotion to praying the Rosary can transform your life.

**Shelter in a chaotic world.** Leading hectic lives can fog the mind, unsettle the soul, and turn us away from God. Yet, our souls are made for peace. Praying the Rosary settles our thoughts. It puts us at ease, creating a peace that is otherworldly.

**Perspective.** Humans are constantly changing, thus our relationship with God changes. The Rosary provides the context, the format, and the process for God to speak to us about all these things.

**Mary's blessing.** Nobody sees the life of a child the way that child's mother does. Our Lady has a mother's perspective of Jesus' life. Learning and sharing that perspective helps us ponder the life of Jesus through the eyes of his Mother. This is a powerful experience if we enter into it fully.



**Diocesan Information**

**If a Prenatal Diagnosis is Poor... You are not alone. There is help.** The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. For support, contact: Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, . Johnson@allentowndiocese.org or 610-289-8900 x 245.  
**Victim Assistance Coordinator** The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. Victim Assistance Coordinator—**Direct Telephone Number:** 1-800-791-9209. To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown’s Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on “Youth Protection ” in the upper right hand- corner of the page.

**Attention all Safe Environment Coordinators!**

Mandated reporter trainings and Protecting God’s Children Workshops will now be available virtually. If you are interested, please contact Pam Russo Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services  
 P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538  
 610-871-5200 ext. 2204  
[prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)

**Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service**

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562

**Servicio de Denuncia de Abusos de Obispos Católicos**

Si tiene una denuncia de abuso contra un Obispo, comuníquese con el Servicio de Denuncias de Abuso de Obispos Católicos en [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) o llamando al 800-276-1562

**WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 10TH & 11TH**

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM @ DM	Maskornick, Sherri	Straka, Paul	Hernandez, Omar & Arias, Paco Jesus
7:30 AM @ SC	Daynorowicz, Nolan	Grochowski, Jennifer	Daynorowicz, Nolan
10:00 AM @ SC	Twardzik, Joann	Engle, Lillian	Donovan, Joseph

**Payments for Parish Funerals**

Funeral fees must be paid 24 hours prior to the burial. We ask that the family of the deceased come to the parish office and pay directly to the church. Please make no payment to the funeral directors. If payment is not received within 24 hours of burial, there cannot be any burial in the parish cemetery. Also, all Lot Care (Perpetual Care/Cemetery Care) must be current including current burial.

**Information for PREP Registration**

**Registration for Divine Mercy Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) 2024-2025**

**Divine Mercy Parish Religious Education Program**

Registration for Divine Mercy Parish Religious Education Program was held during the week of July 22 – 28, 2024.

If you have not registered and want your child to receive religious instruction this year, please call Sister Mary at 1-484-888-1358 to set up an appointment.

Classes begin in September. You need to be registered **before September 1, 2024.**

Thank you,  
 Sr. Mary

**Classes** will take place on the following evenings from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM  
**Grades 1 to 6** – Thursdays beginning on **September 12th**  
**Grade 7** – Sundays beginning on **September 8th**  
**Grade 8** - Confirmation Class – Tuesdays from September 10th to October 8th

**What is the Difference Between Feast Days and Solemnities?**

Feasts and solemnities differ in terms of their importance. Solemnities are the highest rank of celebration in the Church. Christmas, Easter, All Saints Day, the Ascension, Corpus Christi, and other celebrations of events in the life of Jesus are solemnities. There are fewer solemnities than feast days. These days are like Sundays but they aren’t always Holy Days of Obligation. We say both the Gloria and the Creed on such days. “Thus recalling the mysteries of the redemption, (the Church) opens up to the faithful the riches of her Lord’s powers and merits, so that these are in some way made present in every age” (CCC, #1163). Far from being “solemn,” solemnities are joyful occasions to celebrate. Feast days honor important saints or events from the lives of Jesus and Mary. The Catholic Church celebrates these feasts because they are snapshots in the history of the Church and of God’s saving love for us. They call to mind sacred mysteries or events recorded in the history of our redemption.

**Redner’s “Save – A- Tape” Receipts**

**Divine Mercy Parish** is still collecting the “Save-A-Tape” from Redner’s Markets. Please drop off your receipts in the collection or mail box or bring them to the parish office during regular office hours. The parish will receive a check for 1% of what is collected. Please support your parish and collect the receipts. Thank you for all of your support throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated. **Please do not cut any of the receipt away.**

**A Little Reminder For Cemetery Lot Owners** in order to keep bringing all our Parish Cemeteries in line with the guidelines and regulations of the Diocese the following will still be enforced: all bricks, fine & crushed stone, plants, fresh & plastic flowers not in containers, fences, borders of all types will be removed & discarded immediately due to the fact that they cause a problem for maintenance of your lot. Again, anything that interferes with the mowing & trimming of grass will be removed at the family’s expense. Containers should not interfere with the care of the cemetery grounds. If they do, the containers will be removed immediately. No planting of flowers, trees, or shrubs allowed. Plastic flowers must be in containers also.



**True Charity**

True charity is challenging because it’s combined with patience. As St. Therese put it, “True charity consists in putting up with all one’s neighbor’s faults, never being surprised by his weakness, and being inspired by the least of his virtues.” If someone irritates you, instead of complaining about it, say something positive instead.

*“True charity consists in doing good to those who do us evil, and in thus winning them over.” St. Alphonsus Ligouri*

**Financial Report --June**

Net June Income	\$ 21,362.26	Expenses	\$ 28,145.98
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$ 21,362.26	Total Expenses	\$ 39,590.98
		<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>\$ 18,228.72</b>



**Our parish is in need of Lectors, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in any of these ministries, we ask that you please call the parish office at 462-1968..**

**Works of Mercy**

The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are actions we can perform that extend God’s compassion and mercy to those in need.

**The Corporal Works of Mercy** are these kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs.

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| Feed the hungry           | Visit the sick       |
| Give drink to the thirsty | Visit the imprisoned |
| Clothe the naked          | Bury the dead        |
| Shelter the homeless      |                      |

**The Spiritual Works of Mercy** are acts of compassion, as listed below by which we help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs.

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| Counsel the doubtful  | Forgive offenses                 |
| Instruct the ignorant | Bear wrongs patiently            |
| Admonish sinners      | Pray for the living and the dead |



**Did You Change Your Address Lately?** The parish office would like to ask our parishioners, if they have a change in their address, to please notify the parish office as soon as possible. Every time we send mail out and the address is incorrect, the parish must pay for this piece of mail. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



**The Tree of Life has been placed in the vestibule of Divine Mercy Parish in the corridor leading to the former crying room. Take a moment and stop by to look at it. If anyone is still interested in making a donation to the new chapel in memory of someone or a special intention that you may have, please contact the parish office at 570-462-1968 as soon as possible. Your choices are: Leaf \$ 300.00, Acorn \$ 500.00, Foundation Stone \$ 1,000.00 and Mini-Tree \$ 1,500.00. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the chapel.**



### Our Daily Lives Prove Our Love For Jesus

Negative behaviors often rob us of the peace God intends for us to have. Some can even lead us to sin. A good way to overcome bad habits is to replace them with good ones. Try these ideas: **Worry.** Worry can be a sign that we don't trust God. When things don't go your way, ask for God's help to bear his will patiently. True peace only comes to those who don't waste time or effort on what they can't change. **Finding fault.** The only acceptable reason to point out another's faults is to help the guilty party grow in holiness. Don't encourage back-biting by joining in or listening to it. Instead, excuse yourself or change the subject as tactfully as possible. **Knowing-it-all.** Some people have such a desire to impress others that they try to look like they have all the answers. It's more important to impress God. Know and do what is necessary to live a more useful and holier life. **Neediness.** Depending too much on other people will lead to disappointment. Only God can answer all your needs. Make God your first stop when you need help, instead of your last resort. Our daily lives are witnesses of just how much we love Jesus. A constant, genuine effort toward holiness can prove our love for him.

### Let Go of the Dream

Who wouldn't want to live the "good life?" Imagine having all the money you need, going on exotic vacations, and owning your dream home? Yet, people who have all the world can offer still say they don't have all they want. That's because the good life isn't here on Earth.

### Why do Catholics Need Faith?

*"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen"* (Hebrews 11:1). Christians know that Jesus is our Savior and our lives are in his hands. We also know that by virtue of his suffering, death, and Resurrection, we have hope of sharing in his glory in Heaven. He said so.

It is through faith that all the other virtues flow. Through faith we believe, *"For with God, nothing will be impossible"* (Luke 1:37).

### Take the Eucharist With You

During the Mass, Jesus comes to us in the Sacrament of the Eucharist to nourish us, heal us, and draw us closer to him. The graces we receive from the Eucharist help us follow Christ more perfectly if we are open to them. The good news is these "sacramental graces" remain even after Mass. They help us become Christ to the world. **Cultivate grace.** Grace is a share in God's divine life. Being open to Eucharistic grace involves spending time with God in the Eucharist. Is there a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel nearby? Does your parish offer First Friday Benediction? Practicing a Eucharistic devotion will make the Mass less like a duty and more like a visit with a Friend.

**Take the Eucharist on the road.** We take Christ with us when we communicate his love through our actions and words. Grace from the Sacrament inspires us and strengthens us to show Christ-like love to the world, *"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another"* (John 13:34).

### Choose to Live a Free Life

God gave us free will so we can make our own choices and be free. Popular culture tells us freedom means doing whatever we choose even if that includes sin. Yet, true freedom is being open to God's love and closed to sin. *"Live as free men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil"* (1 Peter 2:16). We are at our freest when we choose for good.

**Don't give away your freedom.** Sin can overtake us without our noticing. For example, sharing one juicy secret may make us feel popular but over time, gossip can become a habit we can't control. A nightly examination of the day can help identify sinful actions before they become habits. Monthly visits to the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also sharpen that sense of sin.

**Freely choose love.** God won't force us to love him; he hopes we will choose it. Often, we don't approach him because we feel unworthy, guilty, or distant. Instead, choose to believe that God's love is stronger than our sin or guilt. When we have faith that he loves us, we are free to love him back.

**Choose for good.** Consistently making good and moral choices in today's society is hard but it leads to great reward. The more we choose good, the freer we become.

### What to do About Loneliness?

*"The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone'"* (Genesis 2:18). God intends for us to share our lives with others. Despite this, everyone experiences loneliness. It is tempting to avoid the painful feelings but try these ideas instead.

**When in need of love, give it yourself.** Loneliness makes us turn inward, focusing on our own pain. To help relieve that pain, think instead of others. Our own pain can help us recognize others in pain and inspires us to reach out.

**Become a loving presence in lonely places.** Jesus said, *"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ..."* (Matthew 25:35-36). Homeless shelters, soup kitchens, hospitals, and nursing homes can be lonely places. Take up or join a ministry that brings God's presence to people there whenever you can.

**Be active in your parish.** If you don't have a church home, join the parish where you attend Mass. If you already belong, volunteer for a parish ministry.

**Tell God all about it.** The feeling of being alone is disheartening but followers of Christ know we are never alone. Spend time each day with Scripture to get to know God well. Then talk to him as your closest friend.

