**St. Eugene Parish**
Chicago, IL 60656

# THE VOICE

The Epiphany of the Lord — January 4, 2015

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**SUNDAY MASSES:** (5:30 PM Saturday), 7:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM, 4:30 PM

**WEEKDAYS:** 6:30, 9:00 AM (8:30 AM Saturday)

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays from 4:00—5:00 PM in the Reconciliation Room.

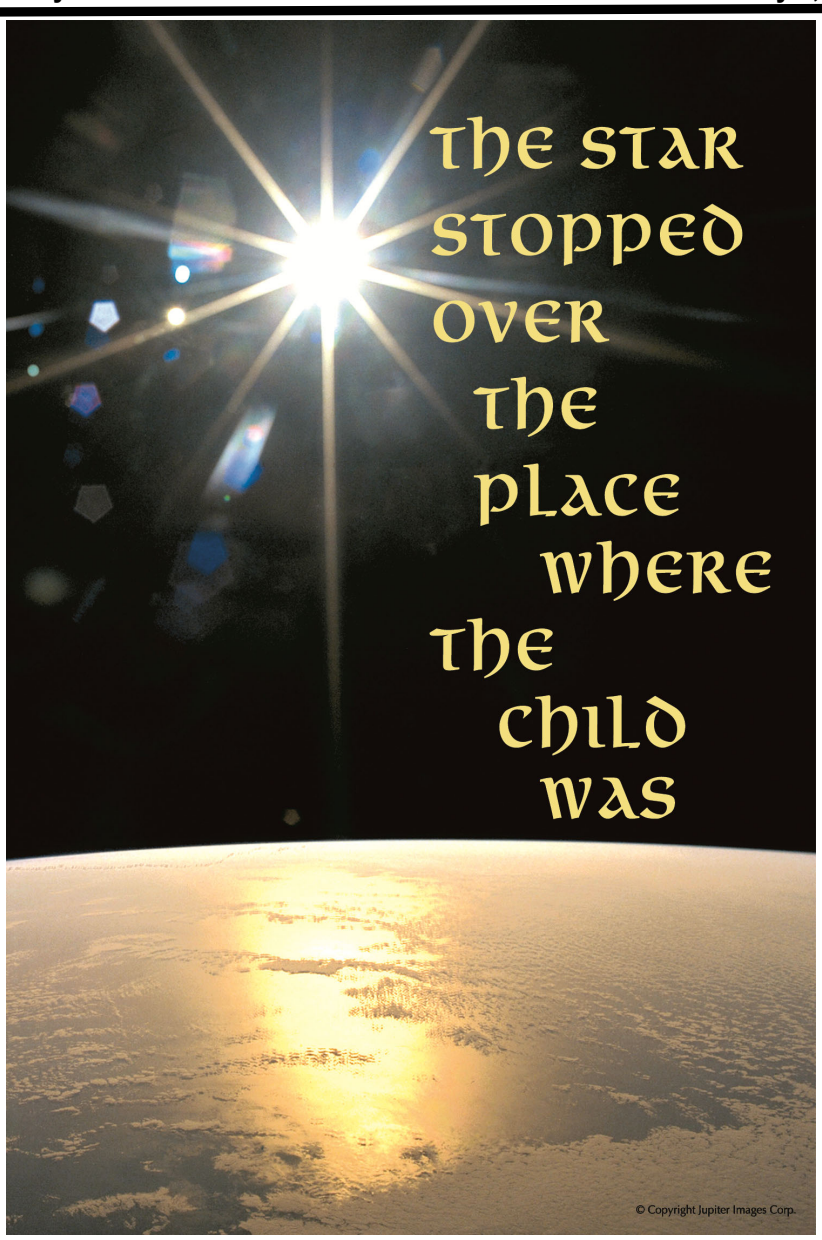
**BAPTISMS:** 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1:00 PM. Baptismal Preparation Class the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory. Please telephone the rectory to register.

**WEDDINGS:** Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with one of the Priests. Weddings are celebrated for registered parishioners of St. Eugene Parish.

**PARISHIONERS:** When moving in or out of St. Eugene Parish, please notify the rectory.

**YOUR WILL:** Remember the church in your bequests.

**CHURCH ETIQUETTE:** The priest should be the last in, and first out of church.




## Parish Staff

Rev. George Koeune, Pastor
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**Please TURN OFF** any electronic devices before entering the church for Mass or any other Liturgical service.
Please do NOT park in front of church to ensure emergency vehicle access.
There are ample parking spaces provided on the north side,
to the rear of the church and the Shaunessy Center parking lot.

Welcome, visitors and guests, to St. Eugene Church and Parish. Please sign our guest register in the rear vestibule and let our ushers know if you need a taxi or need to use a phone.

RECTORY HOURS
MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00 - 11:30 am & 12:30 - 8:00 pm
(closed for lunch: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm)
SATURDAY & SUNDAY:
9:00 am - 1:00 pm






## New Year 2015

We are starting a fresh new year, and I am sure many of us have made some resolutions, have decided to do certain things or to not do certain things. We make resolutions because deep down all of us feel that there is room for improvement. Human beings are not perfect. Making resolutions is an indication that we are all trying to grow.

However, a newspaper poll has stated that 85% of all resolutions made are broken in the first month. Many in the first two weeks! However, this should not discourage us from making resolutions, but, it should make us question how we attempt to keep them. Perhaps we rely too much on ourselves and are not turning to others for help. Maybe in this New Year, we should turn to Our Holy Mother and ask for assistance. On the first day of the year, we honor Mary as the Mother of God. The Church, in her wisdom, recognizes the important role Mary has in our salvation history.

As we honor Mary, we should ask her to intercede on our behalf before the throne of God. We should ask for her help. For by her maternal charity, Our Blessed Mother cares for us who still journey on earth, and, she can assist us in times of difficulties. As our New Year begins, perhaps we should resolve to be more open to the guidance of Mary. For Mary will guide us to her Son, and in Christ, all of our resolutions can be kept and we can find fulfillment.

May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and those you love in the New Year!

Fr. George




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## THIS WEEKEND

***TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS***

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE DRIVE**
**Please place your pledge card in the regular collection basket.**

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY**
**MASS 9:30 AM**
**PLEASE JOIN US TO SAY THE ROSARY AT 9:05 AM**

**BLOOD DRIVE**
**CHURCH PARKING LOT**
**(see page 8)**




Market Day

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR**
**MARKET DAY ORDER FORM (see page 7)**

## PARTNERS IN THE PROMISE

As a society, during these days we can be in something of a "postpartum" depression. Our celebrations of Christmas and the New Year are over, and after today many of us will put away the decorations and the last visible remnants of the celebrations of the past weeks. The apostle Paul today uses the expression "partners in the promise." This is an uplifting phrase for us to reflect upon, and to think of as our own calling in these days following the birth of the Lord. What is this promise? We can find it in the gifts the magi bring: it is a promise of being a royal priesthood (gold), a holy nation (frankincense), a people set apart for self-giving (myrrh). We find more of the promise in Isaiah—a light shines upon us! In the psalm we know a promise of a world of flowering justice, profound peace, the poor rescued, pity for the lowly and the poor. This is the promise; and one of the best ways for us to lift ourselves out of any possible low spirits we may be suffering is to live out our partnership in this promise each and every day.

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# HAPPENINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| **SUNDAY** | **4** |
| 8:00 am | Blood Drive: CH Parking Lot |
| 9:30 am | Altar & Rosary Society Mass: CH |
| 12:30 pm | Athletic Program: SH.CTR |
| **MONDAY** | **5** |
| **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM** | |
| 3:00 pm | Cub Scouts: SH.MR |
| 4:00 pm | Athletic Program: SH.CTR |

Sacrificial Giving

**December 21, 2014**

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| **Regular Sunday Offering** | **$** | **14,064** |
| **Electronic Giving** | **$** | **974** |
| **Weekly Average November (five week average)** | | |
| **Total** | **$** | **15,038** |
| ***Sunday Budget 2014-15*** | **$** | **16,000** |
| ***Over / (short)*** | ***$*** | ***962*** |
| **Sharing Parish** | **$** | **189** |

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH.**
**YOUR EFFORTS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**
***We have over 85 donors on Give Central and we continue to see our online giving grow.***
***You can now visit our giving page by going to our web site (www.st-eugene.org) and clicking on the GiveCentral I con.***

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| **TUESDAY** | **6** |
| 7:00 pm | Altar & Rosary Society: SH.CTR |
| **WEDNESDAY** | **7** |
| 3:00 pm | Jr. Girl Scouts: SH.MR |
| 4:00 pm | Athletic Program: SH.CTR |
| 7:00 pm | School Advisory Committee: SCH.110 |
| 7:00 pm | RCIA: REC.DR |
| 7:00 pm | Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting: SH.MR |
| 7:00 pm | St. Joseph Table Committee: REC.MR |
| **THURSDAY** | **8** |
| 3:00 pm | Girl Scouts: SH.MR |
| 4:00 pm | Athletic Program: SH.CTR |
| **FRIDAY** | **9** |
| 4:00 pm | Athletic Program: SH.CTR |
| **SATURDAY** | **10** |
| 9:30 am | Market Day: SH.CTR+MR |
| 10:00 am | AA.SCH.RH |
| | Volunteers' Appreciation Christmas Dinner Party after 5:30 pm Mass: SH.CTR+MR |
| **SUNDAY** | **11** |
| 12:30 pm | Athletic Program: SH.CTR |

| **FACILITY CODES** | |
|---|---|
| **CH** | **Church** |
| **CV** | **Convent** |
| **REC.MR** | **Rectory Meeting Room** |
| **SCH.110** | **School Room 110** |
| **SCH.RH** | **Ryan Hall** |
| **SH.CTR** | **Shaunessy Center** |
| **SH.CTR+MR** | **Shaunessy Center & Meeting Room** |
| **SH.MR** | **Shaunessy Center Meeting Room** |



**ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT**
**Mondays in church**
**12:00 NOON - 8:00 pm**
**with Benediction at 7:45 pm**

**"At your feet, O my Jesus, I prostrate myself and I offer you the repentance of my contrite heart."**
**Magnificat, Vol. 10, No. 9, Pg. 285**

**PLEASE COME -- VISIT JESUS**

**YOUNG AT HEART CLUB**
**NO MEETINGS IN JANUARY**

## 2014 CHURCH DONATIONS

**2014 statements of contributions will be mailed by February 1st to ALL parishioners who have made donations totaling $200 or more during the 2014 calendar year.**

If your donations total less than $200 and you would like a **2014 STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS,** please call the rectory. Have your envelope ID number available. The envelope ID number is the group of numbers found to the far left above your name.



**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY**
**Tuesday, January 6 - Doors open 6:30 pm**
**Shaunessy Center**



Marge Dyson is the chairperson for the meeting this month. The theme is ***Just Another Day in Paradise.*** The Mission Collection will be for St. Joseph's Table.

## *Prayer with Scripture*

We invite you to an encounter of prayer where you can stop from the hurry of the moment and listen to God through God's Word, in silence, meditation, adoration and contemplation. In this short but intense time, we listen to a talk that introduces us into the understanding of the Word of God, which later, we reflect on and meditate in an attitude of faith, discovering what God is trying to reveal to us. The prayer is accompanied by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with songs to help the faithful enter more into prayer.

As the deer longs for streams of water,
so my soul longs for you, O God. Psalm 42,2

Every Tuesday in Spanish - 7:00 pm
Every Wednesday in English - 7:00 pm
Every Thursday in Polish - 7:30 pm
Every Friday in Filipino - 7:00 pm
St. Eugene Convent
7920 W. Foster, Chicago IL 60656
For more information please contact the convent at:773-467-0295



**ST. JOSEPH TABLE COMMITTEE**
**Wednesday, January 7 - 7:00 pm**
***Rectory Meeting Room***

Regular meeting for the March 2015 St. Joseph Table. We ask all members to be present. We are always looking for new members.

***Our meeting this month has been moved to the Rectory Meeting Room.***

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TESTING**
**THE CLASS OF 2019**
***Saturday, January 10, 2015***
Please call the school of your choice for details and time of the testing.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A PARISHIONER OF ST. EUGENE PARISH, WE WELCOME YOU TO PLEASE STOP BY THE RECTORY OFFICE DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS.**
**M-F 9 am - 8 pm, SAT – SUN 9 am - 1 pm**

## PLEASE PRAY




***For the Sick*:** Pat Apida, Robert Apida, Linda Babusci, Michael Brennan, Baby Jeremy Brigante, Arthur Bronski, Barbara Bronski, Dr. Patricia Brown, Rosa Canepa, Carmen Casneros, Lorna Chapuis, Franco Chiappetta, Infant Liam Thomas Clark, Mirna Cozzo, Jerry Crimmins, Susan Curtin, Ed Czerwinski, Marge Dyson, Rev. Richard Feller, Carol Gasiorek, Robert W. Gelfond, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Anne Marie Godby, Michelle & Shaun Hamilton, David Hampal, Tim Heider, Patricia Imburgia, Kathy Jeskey, Mary Ann Kaminski, Linda Knight, Olga Kykta, Peggy Leen, Vernon Lipps Jr., Rosaria Lombardo, Rosina Macak, Elizabeth Mancheff, Rose Mary Maratto, Rosemary Marinello, John Masley, Stanley Masnica, Vicenza Mazza, Christine McInerney, Richard Miedona, Dennis Mikulski, Nick Milazzo, Sebastian Milka, Michael C. Muscarello, Virginia Muscarello, Lou Nava, Leo Navickis, Eileen Niederkorn, Dorothy O'Leary, Robynn O'Leary, Lois Pallo, Isaac Parris, Lena Pighini, Norma Quilici, Gerry Randazzo, Charlotte Rice, Rita Rogers, Teresa Ruberti, Theresa Samborski, Joanne Schippers, John Schuster, Michael Shannon, Yolanda Shannon, Dean Showalter, Michael Solberg, Emily Steckiewicz, Maxine Stefanowski, Maria Tenuta, Erich Thuer, Rev. Fred Tomzik, Bob Wijas, Tom Wijas, Louanne Will, Evelyn Yore, Mary Ann Zulawinski and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

***Newly added to our sick list:***

***For the Deceased:*** Anthony J. DeRosa, Mary Dziukala, Elizabeth Gleeson, Chester Walaszek

***PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME LISTED.***

### BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Next Sunday, and on the second Sunday of each month, St. Eugene Parish offers a blessing for expectant mothers, fathers and their unborn children following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The blessing is given to strengthen mothers and fathers during the time of waiting, and to pray for the health and safe delivery of their child. This blessing may be received monthly throughout the pregnancy.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
### ST. EUGENE PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE
### VERBUM DEI SISTERS

Please join us for a **Living Rosary** to be held **Thursday evening, January 22, at 7:00 pm in St. Eugene Church,** marking the 42nd anniversary of Roe vs Wade and in solidarity with the "March for Life" being held in Washington, D.C. on that day. Please join us to pray for an end to abortion. All parishioners are cordially invited.

### CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE

The **Crisis Pregnancy Helpline** is sponsored by the Women's Center. They provide counseling, food, clothing, baby furniture, referral services, etc. to those experiencing a difficult pregnancy. **1-800-400-4205**



### 2016 MASS BOOK

**The Mass Book for 2016 will open**
**Tuesday, January 20 at 9:00 am**

**Consistent with Archdiocesan policy, there is one intention per Mass. To accommodate the additional requests of parishioners, collective, or multi-Intentional Masses are scheduled at 9:00 am on Wednesday, and 11:30 am on Sunday. Since we have a large parish, we must allow people an opportunity to get specific days for Mass Intentions. Therefore, only five intentions may be given to an individual within the first two weeks that the book is open. An individual person may not take more than five Mass Intentions in a given month. Of these five Masses, no more than two should be listed in any given week. The above guidelines do not apply to the designated Multi-Intentional Masses. A person can have a Multi-Intentional Mass every week if they desire it. However, since the intentions are read at Mass, no more than thirty intention should be taken in on any Multi-Intentional Mass.**



**"Prayer in action is love; Love in action is service."**
Mother Teresa

*The Infant Jesus shows us the tremendous gift that is Love. Our service to each other is an expression of that love. Members of the following ministries and their guest are cordially invited to attend our*

***Volunteers' Appreciation Christmas Dinner Party***
***on Saturday, January 10, 2015***
***after the 5:30 pm Mass***
***in the Shaunessy Center.***

Altar & Rosary Society, Alumni Association, Annulment Ministry, Church Tabulators, Eucharistic Adoration Committee, Eucharistic Ministers, Finance Council, Greeters, Knights of Columbus, Lectors, Liturgical Decorating Committee, Liturgy Committee, Market Day Volunteers, Ministers of Care, Ministry of Prayer, Music Ministry, Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Fest Committee, Pro-Life Committee, RCIA, Rectory Staff, Sacristans, School Advisory Committee, School Faculty and Staff, Scouting, St. Joseph's Table, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Super Alumni Weekend Volunteers, Trot 'n Treat Volunteers, Ushers, Verbum Dei Sisters.

***Kindly RSVP no later than Monday, January 5, 2015 to let us know if you will be joining us.***



**MARKET DAY, SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2015**

**Please look over our JANUARY sale order sheet.**
**You are sure to find something that your family will love for every meal of the day!**
**Sale dates for this school year: February 7, March 7, April 11, May 9 & June 6.**

**OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| January 3/4 | Sat/Sun | Return orders after Mass |
| January 5 | Mon | Return orders to the rectory or school. |
| **January 6** | **Tue** | **Internet orders due by 11:00 pm** |
| **January 10** | **Sat** | **Pick up orders in the Shaunessy Center 9:30 - 10:30 am** |
| February 7 | Sat | Next Sale Date |

**If you would like to help this month, just fill out the form below and return it to the rectory or place it in the collection basket during Mass.**
**New volunteers are always welcome and we appreciate your orders, too. We especially need "dads" to help unload the Market Day truck.**

**Name**_____ **Phone**_____

_____**I'll help unload the truck at 8:00 am and/or**
_____**I'll help fill orders from 9:30 am until 10:30 am**

# BEST OF IRELAND TOUR

## 11 DAYS: MAY 11 - 22, 2015

**$2989 Roundtrip from Chicago**

***(Air/land tour price is $2619 plus $370 govt. taxes & airline fuel surcharges)***

**Hosted by**
**Father Greg Wojcik**

## TOUR INCLUDES:

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**For a brochure & more information contact Fr. Wojcik at:**
**Tel: (773) 775 6659 ext 108 Email: grzegorzmwojcik@gmail.com**

LIFESOURCE

# Saint Eugene Catholic Church **Blood Drive**

EXCLUSIVE OFFER

ALL PRESENTING DONORS GET A $10 Visa Gift Card

Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
LifeSource Bus

To help 3 patients call LifeSource: 877.543.3768, or LifeSource.org, enter 1/4, and CODE: C745.

**GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!!**
**ALL REGISTERED DONORS RECEIVE A $10 VISA GIFT CARD!!!**

Appointments Recommended.

Promotion runs the date of the individual drive as listed above. When offered, all giveaways, prizes and tickets are nontransferable, nonrefundable and not redeemable for cash. Must be at least 17 years of age (16 years of age with signed parental consent) for actual donation and, due to gaming laws, must be at least 18 years of age to be entered in a random drawing. ITxM and Lifesource employees and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate. Void where prohibited by law. Please bring ID with you on the day of donation. Proper ID is required to donate blood. A Lifesource or military ID, driver's license, passport or employee or student ID with picture and full name are all approved forms of ID. Birth certificate along with a picture ID that includes the donor's full name will also be accepted.

PREPARE FOR YOUR DONATION • EAT WELL • STAY HYDRATED • BRING ID

Please bring ID with you on the day of your blood donation. Proper ID is required to donate blood. A LifeSource or military ID, driver's license, or employee badge with picture and full name are all approved forms of ID. Birth certificate along with a picture ID that includes the donor's full name will also be accepted.




www.lifesource.org • 1.877.LIFESOURCE • 1.877.543.3768

## + MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

***Saturday, January 3 - Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord***
5:30 Int. of Scelsi Fam.
***Sunday, January 4 - The Epiphany of the Lord***
7:00 Jean Manczko
9:30 Hank J. Karas
11:30 Concetta & Cristoforo Alaimo, Amalia & Gennaro Barone, Domenico Battista & Michael Vito Parente, Wieslaw & Janina Borawski, Wayne Fassett, Kazimierz & Henryka Fornal, James Grow, Hinze & Moriarty Fams, George Koerber, John Kula, Robert Landeck, Myron Masley, John F. Mugnaini, Eugenia Puccini, Rosa Russo
4:30 People of the Parish

***Monday - Friday: 6:30 am & 9:00 am***
***Saturday: 8:30 am***

***Monday, January 5 - St. John Neumann***
6:30 White & Krzywicki Fams.,
9:00 James Grow
***Tuesday, January 6 - St. Andre Bessette***
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Eileen Egan
***Wednesday, January 7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort***
6:30 Vincenzo Di Iorio
9:00 Vince & Mary LaPietra Fam. & Friends, Int. of Jan MacFarlane, Paul Nellessen, Bruce Talaber
***Thursday, January 8***
6:30 Patrick Walsh
9:00 Clement Grandsart
***Friday, January 9***
6:30 Ralph Vanucci
9:00 Walter & Helen Block
***Saturday, January 10***
8:30 Daniel Riney
***Saturday, January 10 - Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord***
5:30 Patricia Smith
***Sunday, January 11 - The Baptism of the Lord***
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Helen Filetti
11:30 John Cecala, George Concialdi, Sigifrido DiBartolo, Carmella Pondarelli, Michael P. Rongo, Thomas Rountree, Quilici, Bartolini & Chapetta Fams.,Maria Scala, Joan Sorensen, Int. of Swiderski Fam.
4:30 Frederick J. Kochan




## + MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

****Lector **Eucharistic Minister ***Server***
***Saturday, January 3 - 8:30 am***
*** **Team 10**
***Saturday, January 3 - 5:30 pm***
* V. Santucci
** E. Dillon, B. Brinlee, M. Lopez, R. Spanola
*** **Team 9**
Mon., 1/5 - 9:00 am
***Sunday, January 4 - 7:00 am***
* C. O'Malley
** C. Paulini, P. Schippers, L. Feist, D. Feist
*** **Team 8**
Tue., 1/6 - 9:00 am
***Sunday, January 4 - 9:30 am***
* A & R Lector
** A & R Eucharistic Ministers
*** **Team 7**
Wed., 1/7 - 9:00 am
***Sunday, January 4 - 11:30 am***
* B. Gasiorek
** D. Lazzaroni, P. Paetsch, E. Della Santina, J. Horn
*** **Team 12**
Thu., 1/8 - 9:00 am
***Sunday, January 4 - 4:30 pm***
* P. Wagner
** B. O'Neill, J. Carrozza, J. Imburgia, M. Russo
*** **Team 11**
Fri., 1/9 - 9:00 am

**PLEASE NOTE:**
The designated multi-intentional Mass times will be the 9:00 morning Mass on Wednesday, and the 11:30 morning Mass on Sunday. Multi-intentional Masses will have no more than 30 names.

At the time of a family member's death, if you would like memorials to be made to St. Eugene Parish, please instruct the Funeral Home to use the following in the death notice:
*"In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to St. Eugene Parish, Foster Avenue, Chicago."*
Envelopes can be provided by the Funeral Home.

**A REMINDER**
To make sure a Mass Intention is included in the bulletin, it must be made **2 weeks** in advance. To make sure a Mass Intention is read at Mass, it must be made at least **1 week** in advance of the date requested.

# SOME SCENES FROM THE CHRISTMAS SHOW ON DECEMBER 12, 2014























YEAR OF SACRAMENTS • ONE WORD AT A TIME

# Nod



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If we speak and our listener **nods** her head, we know that she has accepted what we say. We know that there is agreement. At the heart of the story of Advent and Christmas, we know that we are called to nod to God's Word. God would not enter this world unwelcomed. God looks for our nod. And so, the Blessed Virgin Mary stands for all humanity and nods to the Lord, "Let it be done to me according to your word." Then the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us.

We believe that the sacraments bring us the presence of the living Christ. And we also believe that his presence is never imposed. As we receive the sacraments, the Lord looks for us to nod to him and to welcome his sacramental presence with hearts full of faith.

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**GENTLENESS**
**Feelings are everywhere—be gentle.**
**—J. Masai**

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Epiphany celebrates the wake-up calls of life, the showings of God's majesty and power in the person of Jesus. The feast alerts us to look for signs of the Lord's grace and action in our lives today. In this context, the call of the Second Vatican Council to reform the sacramental life of the Church, including our pattern of care for the sick, is indeed a holy awakening.

Prior to the 1960s, our care for the sick had collapsed in the popular imagination into something everyone called "last rites." An immensely complicated ritual, with anointing accompanied by quickly muttered Latin prayers, was enacted for a marginally conscious person at "death's door." By the time a priest was called, the sick person might not be able to receive viaticum, or derive much personal benefit from the ritual. The healing effects of the sacrament, investing suffering with the dignity of a link to Christ's cross, and the immense assurance of forgiveness for a person reviewing the life journey, were hidden. Suddenly, an epiphany swept through the Church, and the way we care for the sick was utterly transformed. It took several centuries, however, for the Church to reach that moment of renewal.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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## Parishioner Contact Update

To help us keep our records current, please print the information below and drop the form in the collection basket or at the rectory. Thank you.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M/M, Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M/M, Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss

Address _____ City _____ Zip code _____

Email address: _____ Email address: _____

Phone # (Home) _____ Cell # _____ Cell # _____



**POPE FRANCIS**
**TWEET FOR THE WEEK**
**If Jesus is to become the centre of our life,**
**we need to spend time in his presence, before the Tabernacle.**



# Come Play With Us!



## St. Eugene School's "Little Vikings" Registration Is Now Open!

Please contact the school office for details
(773) 763-2237

**Begins:** January 20, 2014—March 31, 2014
(11 sessions)

**Class Meets:** Tuesdays
from 9:30 am - 11:00 am

**Age:** 18 months to 3 years old

**Cost:** $55

This program provides an environment where children are accompanied by their parent (or other grown-up) to play, interact and learn together. Little Vikings classes provide just the right amount of structured activities to activate toddlers senses through circle time, art exploration, music and movement and free play.

*Class size is limited to 15 children.*

# Come Experience St. Eugene Catholic School!

***Excellence in Education through Faith, Knowledge, and Service***

## Following the Sunday, January 25th, 9:30 AM Catholic Schools Week Liturgy, there will be an Open House from 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM.



**We offer full and part-time pre-school for three year olds,**
**full and part-time pre-kindergarten for four year olds,**
**full time classes for kindergarten through grade 8.**
**Little Vikings Program (18mos. - 3 yrs.),**
**Music, Technology, Art, Physical Education at all levels,**
**Service opportunities, Athletic Teams, and extra-curricular clubs.**

***We look forward to meeting you.***

**For more information, please call: 773-763-2235**

**Registration for new families for the 2015-2016 school year will begin on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.**

We ask all of our parishioners, if you have a loved one serving in the military, to please contact the rectory office to give us the name of the soldier, so the whole parish can pray for your loved one. A book in the church vestibule is available for inscribing the names of all military personnel. This book will be part of the offertory procession from now until the war is over.

**A PRAYER**

**LORD, HOLD OUR TROOPS IN YOUR LOVING HANDS.**
**PROTECT THEM AS THEY PROTECT US.**
**BLESS THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES**
**FOR THE SELFLESS ACTS THEY PERFORM**
**FOR US IN OUR TIME OF NEED.**
**WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF**
**JESUS OUR LORD AND SAVIOR. AMEN**

**We pray for our loved ones**

**who are serving in any branch of the Armed Forces during this time of conflict.**

**GHALEB AZROUI**
**CHRISTOPHER BAUER**
**TIMOTHY EMMETT CAROLAN**
**CATHY O'LEARY CHAMBERLAIN**
**ZBIGNIEW DUDKOWSKI**
**MARTY DURCAN**
**ROBERT FEIEREISEL**
**MATTHEW SCOTT FORREST**
**ANDREW HOPKINS**
**BRANDON JACKSON**
**CHRISTOPHER JENKINS**
**JACK KANE**
**JAMES TYLER MARBACH**
**CHRIS MARCHIORI**
**KEITH MILLER**
**MEGAN MILLER**
**AUGUSTINE EMEKA NDIWE**
**THOMAS NEUHENGEN**
**CATHERINE ANN (BARHAM) NEWELL**
**ERIC NORWOOD**
**VINCENT PAGE**
**CHAD PRITCHARD**
**NICHOLAS RANCH**
**MICHAEL SCHIPPERS, JR.**

**If you would like to add a name to the list, please call the rectory.**

**Also, please call the rectory when your loved one returns home.**

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission as Catholics united in faith at St. Eugene Parish is to help bring God to people and people to God. Through evangelization, education and being of service to each other, we strive to make our parish community a holistic community in body, mind and spirit. It is our goal to develop, support, encourage and empower one another in our parish ministries, so that each person can reach their human and Christian potential. We are enthused about the future of St. Eugene and the whole Catholic Church and we pledge our participation in that future. We seek dialogue and open communication with all parishioners in fulfilling the needs of our parish. While recognizing the cultural diversities in our community, we will strive to bring all people together in Christ under a common bond of faith, hope and love.