St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

The Baptism of the Lord **January 11, 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.

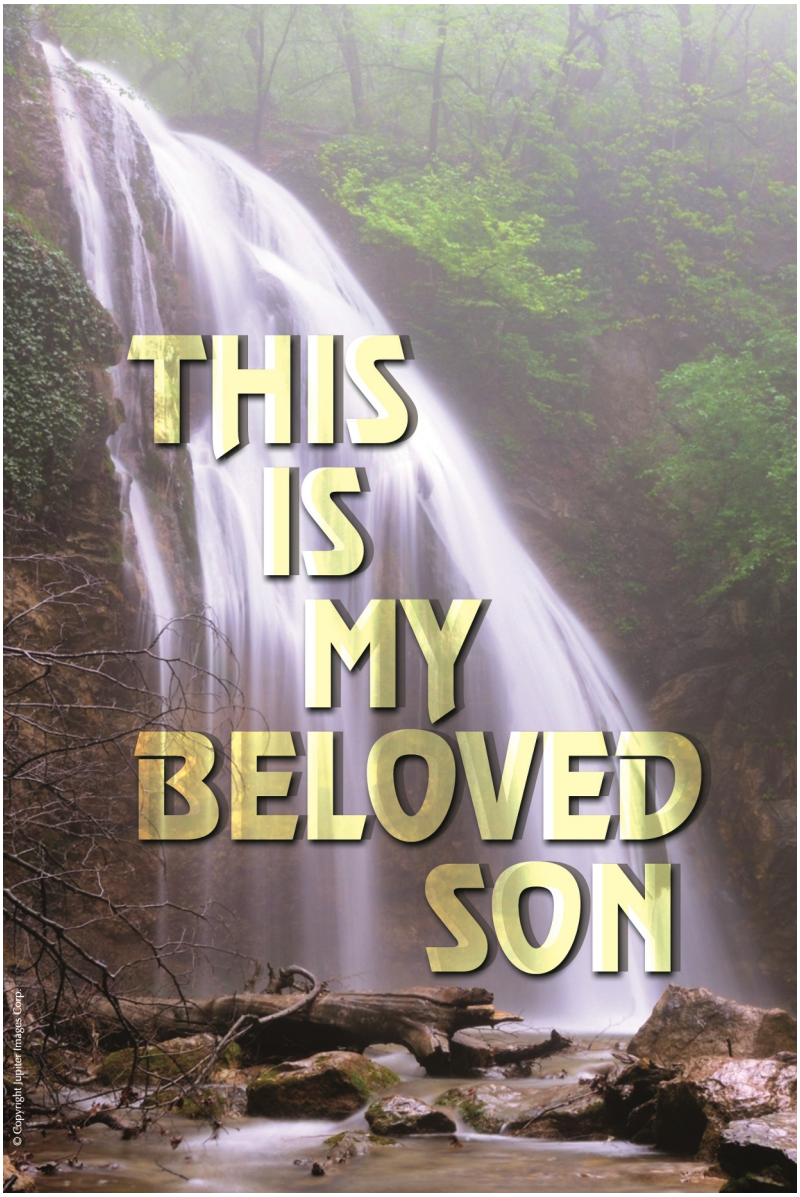
BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1:00 PM. Baptismal Preparation Class the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory. Please telephone the rectory to register.

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.



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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





SHARE YOUR FAITH
Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America



The family around the world today faces tremendous challenges. In Latin America, where Christian values remain important, many families are wounded by hostility from the surrounding environment and by broken relationships within the family. Yet throughout the hemisphere, the Church continues to point the way to Christ as the source of hope and healing, both within the family and in society. Many family and catechetical ministry projects funded by the Collection for the Church in Latin America offer families and communities a way to strengthen, affirm, and celebrate their life together in faith, offering a different and hopeful vision of relationships with one another and with God.

In Nicaragua, the Diocese of Juigalpa saw a need to train more staff and volunteers in marriage and family life ministry. Through a grant from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the diocese was able to build its capacity for sharing the faith by forming family catechetical teams in all of its twenty-two parishes. Forty-eight weekly gatherings in each of the diocese's three pastoral zones provided the training and support needed to establish the teams. Each zone had between sixty and eighty participants, and the teams received training on the New Evangelization and practical topics related to daily family life. The training program ended with a retreat for all participants. The program organizers have reported that, through the training they received, the teams are now able to accompany married couples in their journey of faith and assist couples preparing for marriage.

The Diocese of Santa Rosa de Osos in Colombia has a long history of living with drug trafficking and criminal activity. Though the situation has improved, residents are still faced with poverty and violence. Thanks to a grant from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, a project called Nuestra Iglesia particular en camino de Iniciación Cristiana (Our Church Traveling the Journey of Christian Initiation) helped the faithful of the diocese to share their faith by training catechists and renewing the lives of communities, according to the ways of the New Evangelization. The diocese also formed bible study facilitators, who have in turn established bible study groups in parishes. The project envisioned touching all eighty-four parishes in the diocese, covering an area of 22,000 square kilometers. Training catechists in the parishes and providing access to bible study groups and other workshops and seminars is helping parishioners and others to live their faith amid challenging circumstances.

Through projects like these, the Collection for the Church in Latin America empowers the people of Latin America to deepen their faith and share it with the world.

For more information on how you can help the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org and search keywords "Church in Latin America."

Source: USCCB

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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.

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS AFTER THE 9:30 AM MASS

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA (see page 2)

HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	**11**
12:30 pm	Athletic Program: SH.CTR
MONDAY	**12**
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
7:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Society: SCH.110
TUESDAY	**13**
4:00 pm	Athletic Program: SH.CTR
WEDNESDAY	**14**
7:00 pm	School Event: SH.CTR
7:00 pm	RCIA: REC.DR
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus: SH.MR
THURSDAY	**15**
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SH.MR
4:00 pm	Athletic Program: SH.CTR
FRIDAY	**16**
6:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SH.CTR+MR
SATURDAY	**17**
9:15 am	Liturgy Committee: REC.DR
10:00 am	AA.SCH.RH
10:00 am	Athletic Program: SH.CTR
SUNDAY	**18**
9:30 am	Family Mass featuring grade 4: CH
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**

Sacrificial Giving

December 28, 2014

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**16,519**
Electronic Giving Weekly Average November (five week average)	**$**	**974**
Total	**$**	**17,493**
Sunday Budget 2014-15	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***1,493***
Sharing Parish	**$**	**148**

January 4, 2015

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**12,845**
Electronic Giving Weekly Average December (four week average)	**$**	**1,243**
Total	**$**	**14,088**
Sunday Budget 2014-15	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***1,912***
Sharing Parish	**$**	**18**
Christmas 2014 thru 1/4/15	**$**	**59,505**
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	**$**	**6,099**

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)



POPE FRANCIS
TWEET FOR THE WEEK
Lord, help us to recognize you in the sick, poor and suffering.



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

"Jesus died for me. He loved me with so great a love that He scarified his life for me, and, that I should not forget his love, he instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice, which, commemorating that of Calvary, applies all its merits to my soul."
Blessed Alfredo Schuster

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 <u>ALL</u> 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
Monday, January 12 - 7:00 pm
School Room 110

This is our regular monthly meeting. We ask all members to be present. We are always looking for new members -- wouldn't you like to join us?

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
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For more information please contact the convent at:773-467-0295

THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this "knits" the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he "knit" himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary's womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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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, Vicenza Mazza, 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, 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: James Donovan, Allie Lim, Stephanie Lim, Virginia Kerber

For the Deceased: Leonard G. Degand, Patricia Filetti, Anna Lyson, Rachelle J. Turano-Wojcik

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



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.



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.

FOOTBALLMANIA – Week 16

HIGHEST

$400.00	3550 -4S003

2nd Highest

$200.00	3388-4S003

3rd Highest

$100.00	2441-4S003

Runner up next thirteen highest

$25.00	668-4S003
$25.00	2776-4S003
$25.00	2340-4S003
$25.00	3472-4S003
$25.00	151-4S003
$25.00	406-4S003
$25.00	3582-4S003
$25.00	3322-4S003
$25.00	3160-4S003
$25.00	2217-4S003
$25.00	3237-4S003
$25.00	3246-4S003
$25.00	2008-4S003
$25.00	4439-4S003

Runner up two lowest scores

$25.00	1938-4S003

Lowest score

$50.00	921-4S003

FOOTBALLMANIA – Week 17

HIGHEST

$400.00	2101-4S003

2nd Highest

$200.00	4960-4S003

3rd Highest

$100.00	3604-4S003

Runner up next thirteen highest

$25.00	1787-4S003
$25.00	1998-4S003
$25.00	1126-4S003
$25.00	4673-4S003
$25.00	2041-4S003
$25.00	3927-4S003
$25.00	1999-4S003
$25.00	518-4S003
$25.00	3813-4S003
$25.00	2941-4S003
$25.00	4516-4S003
$25.00	4498-4S003
$25.00	2957-4S003
$25.00	1284-4S003

Runner up two lowest scores

$25.00	1256-S4003

Lowest score

$50.00	2861-4S003

MINISTRY OF CARE TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care bring the Eucharist to those who are sick, homebound, or elderly. If you would like to arrange a visit, please contact the rectory by calling: 773-775-6659.

CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE
1-800-400-4205

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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 # _____

PROLIFE MATTERS

Our great American freedoms are freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of religion, etc. You will not find a right to abortion anywhere in the Constitution. We have come too far to reduce a woman's right to mean the right to kill her own children. As a society, we are anti-choice when it comes to theft, arson, murder, and a whole host of other unacceptable acts. Why should abortion be any different?

DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES

Dear Father Koeune,

Thank you for the kind support of Fr. Michael Lindstrom SVD in Japan through the donation of $500 from you and the St. Eugene parish community. You can be sure that he experiences the warmth of your care and concern and is very grateful for the help you give him.

We are so blessed that you are a partner with Divine Word Missionaries in our missionary labors. Each day of the Advent and Christmas seasons and throughout the New Year, may you have an awareness of God's blessings in your life. May you continue to embrace your gifts and share them, in Christ's name. Today, in this world of turmoil and trouble, may all the gifts you give or receive be wrapped in love.

Father Jerzy Faliszek SVD in Argentina will offer a novena of Masses beginning on Christmas Day for you and your intentions.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Richie Vaz SVD
Mission Director

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



ALUMNI WEEKEND
February 13, 14 & 15, 2015
BASKETBALL
VOLLEYBALL

A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

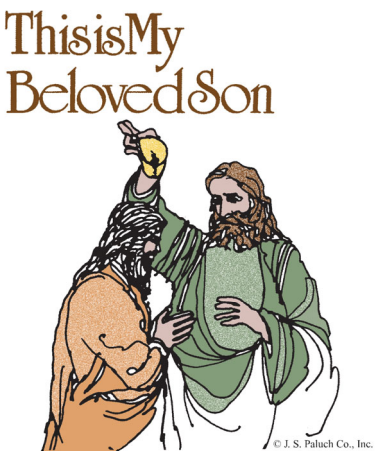


From: Emir Gracias, Kevin, Keabeth, Kayla, Brittany and many more!

These are just a few of the children who say thank you for the gift of new winter gear. The hats, gloves & scarves are so warm and colorful - and much appreciated!

We wish you a most wonderful Christmas season and many good things in the new year!

Sincerely,
Hawthorn School of Dual Language



GOD'S IMAGE

Nature has perfections
in order to show that she is the image of God,
and defects to show that she is only God's image.
—Blaise Pascal

Joyful Again!
(A Widowed Ministry)

Retreat/workshop
For widowed men/women

There will be a retreat/workshop **March 7 & 8** At Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer (located in Lemont on Alvernia Manor's campus). An additional program will be held **March 21 & 22** at Holy Family Medical Center (now Presence) located at Golf Rd. & River Rd., Des Plaines.

Being widowed is a special loss, and this program is designed especially to help the widowed find hope & joy again.

Space limited—register early
Phone: Joyful Again Widowed Ministry
1-708-354-7211

Baptisms

JANUARY

AIDEN SEAN HAUGHEY
SEAN PEYTON SALVADOR
ISABELLE KALETA
BRIAN ANDREW KAROLCZAK
KARA MICHELE SUTTER
CHRISTIAN JAMES TODARO
JOHN CHESTER ROG

FEBRUARY

MICHAEL CAYETANO CLANCY
JOSEPH GIOVANNI BERARDI
KYLIE JORDAN O'LEARY

MARCH

GERARD JOSEPH BRINDISE
CHLOE GRACE BROWN
MASON JAYDEN KAJMOWICZ

APRIL

ALYSSA ANN THEBERG
DYLAN EMMETT GACH
GAVIN CHRISTOPHER STUMP
NICHOLAS FRANK RECCHIA

MAY

JANA MARY CABANOS
LILY ISABELLE HUMMEL
DELILAH CHRISTINE OERTEL
KEVIN GERALD WALZ

JUNE

DIANNA MARIE DANTES
JUSTUS DANIEL JOSEPH



JULY

AIDEN ALEXANDER GONZALEZ
LOGAN DREW KULINSKI
ANGEL DY RIVERA

AUGUST

NATHAN ANDREW DOCTOLERO
ADRIANA COLLEEN EHRHARD
ALYSSA ANN SALVETTI
CHARLES MANUEL SOTO
LUKAS JOEPH ANDERSON
AVA MARION KATHERINE FRANCIS
KAYLEE MARIE OLKOWSKI
DAVID MASON SMITH
GIULIANA BUCARO

SEPTEMBER

MAYA GABRIELLE AUSTRIA
ALESSANDRA FILOMENA PARISI
CASEY JAKUB RATAY
BENJAMIN GREEN
EVA ISABELLA LO MONACO

OCTOBER

SAKURA RYU AKIMOTO
KAITLYN ANN KOULENTES

NOVEMBER

EMMA ROSE CATANZARO
REAGHAN GRACE CATANZARO
KENDALL GRACE TYE
GEMMA ALESSIA GIANNINI
MILA FRANCESCA GIANNINI

DECEMBER

PARKER JEAN PRAMPIN

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

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, Dominic Cullotta, Sigifrido DiBartolo, Robert Mrose, Carmella Pondarelli, Michael P. Rongo, Thomas Rountree, Quilici, Bartolini & Chapetta Fams., Maria Scala, Joan Sorensen, Int. of Swiderski Fam.
4:30 Frederick J. Kochan

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

Monday, January 12
6:30 Kathleen Riney
9:00 Jaroslaw Topczewski
Tuesday, January 13 - St. Hilary
6:30 For an end to abortion
9:00 Helen Wojtas
Wednesday, January 14
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Vincent & John Bellisario, Zofia Cholewicki, Jean & Jerry Czop, Vince & Mary LaPietra Fam. & Friends,
Thursday, January 15
6:30 Evelyn Kurpiewski
9:00 Raymond Majewski
Friday, January 16
6:30 The Poor Souls in Purgatory
9:00 Frank Romano
Saturday, January 17 - St. Anthony
8:30 Patrick Walsh, Jr.
Saturday, January 17 - Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 Aldo & Ione Bertuccioli
Sunday, January 18 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 Rosaria Centineo
9:30 Michael Kwilas
11:30 Wanda Chwalibog, Chris & Tadeusz Dabros, James Marbach, Casey Pulikowski, Quilici, Bartolini & Chapetta Fams., Wytrwol Fam., Gregg Zuraski
4:30 People of the Parish



+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Lector **Eucharistic Minister ***Server
Saturday, January 10 - 8:30 am
*** **Team 5**
Saturday, January 10 - 5:30 pm
* D. Divello
** C. Bobka, C. Lim, M. Lim, M. Pollowy
*** **Team 4**
Mon., 1/12 - 9:00 am
Sunday, January 11 - 7:00 am
* M. Egan
** P. Gerard, R. Kennedy, R. Perez, R. Trovela
*** **Team 3**
Tue., 1/13 - 9:00 am
Sunday, January 11 - 9:30 am
* C. Hill
** M. Kenny A. LoForte, J. LoForte, M. Vasich
*** **Team 2**
Wed., 1/14 - 9:00 am
Sunday, January 11 - 11:30 am
* J. Sclafani
** D. Bowery, R. Fiorante, V. Parado, S. Scalfani
*** **Team 1**
Thu., 1/15 - 9:00 am
Sunday, January 11 - 4:30 pm
* R. Kopf
** A. Rodriguez, N. Rodriguez, Y. Sarmiento, L. Vasich
*** **Team 6**
Fri., 1/16 - 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





TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the 1560s, the Council of Trent attempted to standardize the widely variant customs for the pastoral care of the sick and dying. We had inherited a practice called "extreme unction," from the Latin words meaning anointing at the point of death. The deeper tradition, however, is about the prayer of faith that will heal and restore the sick person, and is straight from the Letter of James. The Fathers went back to the beginning, and while not discarding the "extreme unction" name, made a plea for the proper use of this sacrament. As soon as a person is in danger of death from sickness or old age, they reasoned, the time for the sacrament had already arrived.

As a result of this desire, the next ritual text for anointing contained an innovation: a rite for visiting the sick that included readings from scripture, psalms, and prayers. Old customs fade slowly, however, and the quality of pastoral care languished for centuries while people delayed the celebration of a consoling and effective sacrament, sometimes missing the opportunity completely. A priest ministering to a dying and unconscious patient alone in a room has never been the desire of the Church. Our tradition is far too rich for this sacrament to be celebrated in such a diminished and ungenerous manner.

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YEAR OF SACRAMENTS • ONE WORD AT A TIME

Cry



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Infants **cry**. We all know it. In their vulnerability, they let us know that they need nourishment or need to be held. We know that this is true of the newborn Jesus. The Eternal Word made flesh shares the human vulnerability of every other infant on earth. And this infant vulnerability—their need and their smallness—draws us close to them.

We may grow up, but we never leave behind our fundamental vulnerability. In different ways, we continue to cry for sustenance, for mercy, for strength, for healing, and for connection and communion. In our vulnerability, God draws close to us, as Scripture says, with bands of love. When our deepest needs and vulnerabilities prompt us to cry, the Lord draws us to himself through sacramental signs and rituals. He hears our every cry, and the sacraments of the Church tell us that this is true.

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Name



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When Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River, a voice from heaven says, "You are my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." Jesus' heavenly Father **names** him and identifies him as his beloved son. Our own Baptism is also a naming. By tradition, we receive our names at Baptism, the identity tag that stays with us across a lifetime. There is, however, something more and something much deeper at work than getting a tag.

In our Baptism we not only receive our proper names, but we are also, like Jesus, named God's beloved sons and daughters. And this means far more than a name that appears on a driver's license or passport. This is the identity that we cling to, and do so for dear life. For you see, nothing about us matters as much as that we belong to God—not just as his creatures or his dependents but really and truly as what we are named, beloved daughters and sons.

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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Congratulations to the St. Eugene School students who won in their respective age group at the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship / Council level, held Saturday, December 6th :

Michael Crimmins
Vincent Meo
Kevin Adams
Mario DiBenedetto
David Mendoza
Marco Troiano

Sophia Kruszewski
Julia Vitullo
Marissa Lynch
Angelina Adamo
Erin Dillon

These winners will compete in the District level competition to be held on
Saturday, February 7th, at the Shaunessy Center.
Our thanks to all the St. Eugene School participants and parents who had a great day at this event.















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
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.