St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time **October 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.

Ms. Lydia Hilado
Our new Director of Music



Please welcome Lydia after the 11:30 am Mass this weekend. Refreshments will be served in the vestibule following Mass

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





Sunday Obligation

This past month of September we had nine weddings at St. Eugene Parish. Four of these weddings were at three o'clock in the afternoon. I know in the past, some people have wondered if the Wedding Mass fulfilled their Sunday obligation. The answer to this question is "no". A three o'clock Wedding Mass is before the allowed time for a Mass of anticipation (which cannot take place before 4:00 p.m.). Also, a three o'clock Wedding Mass does not use the Sunday readings. The wedding is a different liturgical ceremony than the Sunday Eucharistic obligation. So, if you have attended a wedding on a Saturday afternoon, this does not fulfill your Sunday obligation!

Unfortunately, there are catholics who have forgotten about their obligation to attend Sunday Mass. The Church states that Sunday Eucharist is the foundation of our faith. For this reason, we are obliged to participate on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin. Since a "grave cause" is needed to excuse one from this obligation, it would be a serious or mortal sin to willfully skip Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of obligation. Reasons such as care of an infant, care of the sick, personal illness, necessary travel etc. would excuse a person on a particular occasion, but these reasons should be viewed as extraordinary circumstances. Personal illness, advanced age, or physical weakness, would constitute a continuing reason to be excused.

Is it a Mortal Sin to miss Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation? I believe the answer to this question must depend on the reason for missing. A *grave cause* (reason) for missing would mean it would not be a Mortal Sin to miss Mass. However, a poor reason, done with full knowledge and complete consent, would lead me to answer that it would be a Mortal Sin to miss Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation. At Mass you receive the Body of Christ, and that in itself is sufficient reason to <u>always</u> be at Church every Sunday.



On another note, I want to take a moment to wish all the best to Ms. Lydia Hilado, our new music director here at St. Eugene Parish. Lydia has been singing with us for many years. I think we all can agree she has a beautiful voice. Lydia is also very competent on the piano and for the past month has been working with Dr. Bergman to enhance her skills on the organ. We are blessed to have Lydia with us here at St. Eugene Church. On behalf of the parish, I want to wish Lydia all the best as she shares her gifts with the community.

In Christ,

Fr. George

Bulletin copy **MUST** be in the rectory office **NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON EACH MONDAY**. Copy material received past the deadline will not be published in *The Voice* until the following weekend—NO EXCEPTIONS.

THIS WEEKEND

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS
AFTER THE 9:30 AM MASS

DISCIPLESHIP AND WEALTH

Sometimes we get the idea that having material wealth is a bad thing. We may convince ourselves that it is the poor who are favored. In today's readings, we discover that material wealth alone does not keep us from discipleship. We will see that there are other gifts more important than material wealth, but even so, it is how we use our gifts that matters most.

Today's scriptures point to the value of the gifts of wisdom, trusting in God, and letting our actions reflect the love of God from within. It is not gold that causes us to fall, but rather the desire for gold above all other things. From the readings in Wisdom and Hebrews, we find the source of God's gifts in our lives. Wisdom is more valuable than worldly possessions. In Hebrews, we are challenged to look at our own values and admit honestly what controls our lives.

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HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	**11**
12:30 pm	Athletic Program: SH.CTR
MONDAY	**12**
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	
3:15 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**
4:00 pm	Athletic Program: SH.CTR
7:00 pm	2015 Fall Lecture Series: CH **(see page 5)**
7:00 pm	RCIA: REC.DR

Sacrificial Giving

October 4, 2015

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**13,256**
Electronic Giving	**$**	**1215**
Weekly Average September (four week average)		
Total	**$**	**14,471**
Sunday Budget 2015-16	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***1,529***
To Teach Who Christ Is	**$**	**2,304**
Sharing Parish	**$**	**31**

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)



THURSDAY	**15**
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SH.MR
4:00 pm	Athletic Program: SH.CTR
FRIDAY	**16**
4:00 pm	Set-up & Bag pic-up for 5K Race: SH.CTR+MR
SATURDAY	**17**
9:00 am	5K Race & Kid's Monster Dash: SH.CTR+MR
9:15 am	Liturgy Committee: REC.DR
10:00 am	AA.SCH.RH
SUNDAY	**18**
9:30 am	Family Mass featuring Grade 7: 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**



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

"You should above all keep in mind that your Lord loves you, as I have no doubt that he does, and that you should respond to him with the same love."
Saint Ignatius of Loyola

PLEASE COME — VISIT JESUS

Pope Francis recently preached once again on the widespread persecution of Christians throughout the world. He said, "And now in the newspapers, we read with horror of some terrorist groups, who slit the throats of people just because they are Christians. Today, more than in the early days, people are persecuted, killed, driven out, and despoiled just for being Christians. May God enable all Christians to bear the Cross, 'the Cross of persecution, the Cross of hatred, the Cross coming from anger of persecutors' by the father of evil. May the Lord make us feel today in the body of the Church love for our martyrs."
PEOPLE OF THE CROSS UNITED



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 Thursday in Filipino - 7:00 pm
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Find St. Eugene on Facebook!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
Monday, October 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?

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

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 # _____

St. Eugene Parish presents

2015 Fall Lecture Series

"In Search of the Holy"

Both lectures begin at 7:00 pm
in Church

Wednesday, October 14

Sister Belinda Monahan

"Archaeology and Holiness?
Finding God in the Small Things in our Lives"

Holy may not be the most common word used to describe archaeology, but for me archaeology is work to which I feel I am being called and one of the places where I most clearly see God. This presentation will describe various facets of my archaeological research and how I see God in the world through archaeology.



Wednesday, October 21

Mike Aquilina

"Quest for the Grail:
The Search for the Holy in Popular Culture"

How Christian artists took a trashy romance and spun it into a profound classic of the spiritual life.



St. Eugene Church, 7958 W. Foster, Chicago, IL

(Free Admission—Donations Appreciated)

Registration is now open for the 4th Annual St. Eugene Trot 'n' Treat 5k Run/Walk and Kid's Monster Dash

Saturday, October 17, 2015

To register and for more information, visit www.steugene5k.org

To volunteer visit http://www.volunteersignup.org/9PMX8

Are you or a business you know interested in sponsoring the race? There are several sponsorship levels available. Please call 773-610-3929 or email StEugene5k@gmail.com for more information

To receive race updates, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/StEugene5k





HAPPY SENIORS

The Happy Seniors of Norwood Park Township had a trip scheduled to go to Pheasant Run to see "Maybe Baby it's You". However the Fox Valley Repertory Company that was performing the production was forced to close down the curtain. This was scheduled for Thursday, October 15. If you paid for the trip and planned to go, please be advised it has been canceled and your money will be refunded. Any questions can be answered by calling May at: 708-456-3737, or Helen at: 708-867-5214. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION
NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 & 18
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
Please be generous!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25, 2015 - 11:30 am
Church

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to affirm and celebrate the Priesthood in the life of the Church. Please join the Knights of Columbus in honoring all the priests of St. Eugene Parish at the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday, October 25. A reception will follow in the church vestibule.



The priests of the future will also be honored at this Mass, as the Knights will present a financial award to their adopted seminarian, Chip Chipman, a 1st year Theology student.



PLEASE PRAY

***For the Sick*:** Annabella Amato, Pat Apida, Robert Apida, Rosemary Beyak, Arthur Bronski, Rosa Canepa, Cathy Cassettari, Franco Chiappetta, Katherine D. Cilley, Infant Liam Thomas Clark, Francesca M. Concialdi, Mirna Cozzo, Ed Czerwinski, Ron Di Cicilia, Marge Dyson, Don Feist, Carol Gasiorek, Robert W. Gelfond, Gloria Gera, Rev. Bob Grib, S.J., Michelle & Shaun Hamilton, Tim Heider, Barbara Hinze, Patricia Imburgia, Kathy Jeskey, Linda Knight, Katherine Koeune, Bill Krzywicki, Olga Kykta, Rose Marie La Coppola, Rosaria Lombardo, Marco Lomibao, Rosina Macak, Rose Mary Maratto, Rosemary Marinello, Piera Martinucci, John Masley, Nick Milazzo, Michael C. Muscarello, Virginia Muscarello, Leo Navickis, Richard Oberheim, Dorothy O'Leary, Deacon Ed O'Leary, Robynn O'Leary, Lois Pallo, Bertha Pappalardo, Isaac Parris, Lena Pighini, Norma Quilici, Gerry Randazzo, Charlotte Rice, Rita Rogers, John Ruberti, Teresa Ruberti, Leo Samborski, Theresa Samborski, Jerry Schippers, Joanne Schippers, Patrick Schippers, John Schuster, Michael Shannon, Yolanda Shannon, Dean Showalter, Michael Solberg, Emily Steckiewicz, Maxine Stefanowski, Janet Stryker, Thomas Joseph "T.J.", Maria Tenuta, Rev. Fred Tomzik, Beverly Wijas, Louanne Will, Linda Yeazel, 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: Linda Adamczyk, Raymond Glos, Frances Gofron, Dennis Mikulski (brother of Lois Feist), Rudolph Wiatr, Jr.

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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
FALL CLOTHING DRIVE



Will take place the weekend of
October 17/18
(church parking lot)
before & after all Masses





We will be accepting household items:
(i.e. flatware, dishes, pots & pans)
and small appliances:
(i.e. microwaves, coffee makers & toasters)
as well as
clothing & shoes for men, women, and children.
All donations should be in good, ready-to-use condition, not needing repairs or cleaning.
Your donations will not only serve to clean out your closets
but also help those who are less fortunate.

If you have large pieces of furniture you wish to donate you may call SVDP at: 773-779-6700.

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, October 10 - Vigil:
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 George Meier

Sunday, October 11 -
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 Rosaria Centineo
9:30 Angeline Komperda
11:30 Black & Heredia Fams.,
Maria & Peppino Bonofilio & Fam.,
Concetta Castellese, Gina Castellese,
Giorgio & Maria Castellese,
Maria & Pasquale D'Agostino,
Chris & Tadeusz Dabros, Thomas Doles,
Valdi Dyhdalewicz, Vincent Farin,
Hinze & Moriarty Fams., Frank Jablonski,
John Kula, Walter & Marion Kalwajtys,
Vince & Mary LaPietra Fam. & Friends,
Frank Masley, Mannheim & Leydan Fams.,
Daniela Palumbo, Giuseppe Rinaldo,
In thanksgiving - the Santiago Fam., Julia Vero,
Ed & Victoria Wnek, Wytrwol Fam.
4:30 People of the Parish

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

Monday, October 12
6:30 Fred Panfil
9:00 John Kula

Tuesday, October 13
6:30 Lia Gerard
9:00 Michael Vanucci

Wednesday, October 14 - St. Callistus
6:30 Marie Cozzi
9:00 Monica & Sebastian Adaya,
Brickman & Chillemi Fams.,
Chemiga & Reese Fams.,
Geider & Szczech Fams.,
Lincoln & MacArthur Fams.,
Vince & Mary LaPietra Fam. & Friends,
James Marbach, Casto Neri,
Regan & Killmer Fams. Joan Scheidler,
Twarog & Black Fams.

Thursday, October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Rick Kerber

Friday, October 16 - St. Hedwig,
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
6:30 Elizabeth Karzis
9:00 Marie & Dennis Egan

Saturday, October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch
8:30 James Marbach

Saturday, October 17 - Vigil:
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 Sean Killen

Sunday, October 18 -
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Phil Saineghi
11:30 Dominic & Theresa Di Simone 60th Wedd. Anniv.,
Filomena Balice, Sr. Joan Buckett,
Leonard Cataldo & Fam., Filomena Covello,
Tom Doles & Leroy Salemi,
Rita & Antonio Gallo & Fam., Nancy Guida,
Frank Jablonski, James & Johns Fams.,
Bob Landers,
Vince & Mary La Pietra Fam. & Friends,
Helen Manda, Michael Vito Parente,
Domenico & Rose Parente & Fam.,
Angelina Pizzuto, Maria Pupillo,
Barbara Saviano, Marian & Josephine Sobieraj,
Anna Virdone & Angelo Colletti & Fam.
4:30 Harold & Irene Newsome

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Saturday, October 17 - 8:30 am
*** **Team 6**
Saturday, October 17 - 5:30 pm
* P. Wagner
** C. Edwards, C. Bobka, M. Kowalski, M. Pollowy
*** **Team 5**
Mon., 10/19 - 9:00 am
Sunday, October 18 - 7:00 am
* J. Bischof
** P. Schippers, A. Bischof, R. Trovela,
N. Francisco
*** **Team 4**
Tue., 10/20 - 9:00 am
Sunday, October 18 - 9:30 am
* School Lector
** M. Meo, J. Nardi, B. Ndiwe, R. Niemczyk
*** **Team 3**
Wed., 10/21 - 9:00 am
Sunday, October 18 - 11:30 am
* B. Gasiorek
** M. Cozzo, P. Paetsch, D. Lazzaroni, J. Schmitt
*** **Team 2**
Thu., 10/22 - 9:00 am
Sunday, October 18 - 4:30 pm
* R. Kopf
** M.B. Glynn, A. LoForte, V. Parado, M. Russo
*** **Team 1**
Fri., 10/23 - 9:00 am

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.

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.



FOOTBALL MANIA
High Score Winning Cards for week 4



Rank	Prize Money	Points	Yards	Game Card #*	Teams (points - yards)
1	$400	136	1093	3593-5S008	New England (Bye) (51 - 471), Atlanta (48 - 378), Carolina (37 - 244)
2	$200	135	1294	1584-5S008	New England (Bye) (51 - 471), Atlanta (48 - 378), Cincinnati (36 - 445)
3	$100	132	1282	1306-5S008	New England (Bye) (51 - 471), Atlanta (48 - 378), Tennessee (Bye) (33 - 433)
4	$25	129	1287	3866-5S008	New England (Bye) (51 - 471), Atlanta (48 - 378), San Diego (30 - 438)
5	$25	126	1281	3675-5S008	New England (Bye) (51 - 471), Atlanta (48 - 378), Cleveland (27 - 432)
6	$25	126	1274	4369-5S008	New England (Bye) (51 - 471), Atlanta (48 - 378), NY Jets (27 - 425)
7	$25	125	1287	3948-5S008	New England (Bye) (51 - 471), Atlanta (48 - 378), New Orleans (26 - 438)
8	$25	124	1160	713-5S008	New England (Bye) (51 - 471), Carolina (37 - 244), Cincinnati (36 - 445)
9	$25	123	1177	4955-5S008	New England (Bye) (51 - 471), Atlanta (48 - 378), St. Louis (24 - 328)
10	$25	123	1152	1658-5S008	New England (Bye) (51 - 471), Atlanta (48 - 378), NY Giants (24 - 303)
11	$25	122	1266	2871-5S008	New England (Bye) (51 - 471), Atlanta (48 - 378), Washington (23 - 417)
12	$25	122	1260	3643-5S008	New England (Bye) (51 - 471), Atlanta (48 - 378), Tampa Bay (23 - 411)
13	$25	122	1205	3331-5S008	New England (Bye) (51 - 471), Atlanta (48 - 378), Baltimore (23 - 356)
14	$25	122	1193	4470-5S008	New England (Bye) (51 - 471), Atlanta (48 - 378), Denver (23 - 344)
15	$25	121	1296	151-5S008	New England (Bye) (51 - 471), Atlanta (48 - 378), Arizona (22 - 447)
16	$25	121	1220	712-5S008	New England (Bye) (51 - 471), Atlanta (48 - 378), Chicago (22 - 371)

Low Score Winning Cards for Week 4

Rank	Prize Money	Points	Yards	Game Card #*	Teams (points - yards)
1	$50	23	765	887-5S008	Buffalo (10 - 313), Detroit (10 - 256), San Francisco (3 - 196)
2	$25	26	797	2497-5S008	Seattle (13 - 345), Detroit (10 - 256), San Francisco (3 - 196)
3	$25	26	854	2682-5S008	Seattle (13 - 345), Buffalo (10 - 313), San Francisco (3 - 196)





THE REMARKABLE SALESMAN

Christopher Columbus was the world's most remarkable salesman. He started out not knowing where he was going. When he arrived, he didn't know where he was. And when he returned, he did not know where he had been. And he did it all on a big cash advance and he received a repeat order.



POPE FRANCIS TWEET FOR THE WEEK

The faith is not a gift just for me. Faith is given to be joyfully shared.

ST. EUGENE STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Toward the end of the second century, a churchman in North Africa, Tertullian, described an early form of penance. Imagine if it had survived! There were three steps to this very public ritual. The unfortunate sinner was brought before the community in an itchy garment of goat's hair. The communities of the day were small and intimate, and everyone knew everyone else. The shame of exposure for a big sin—murder, idolatry, or adultery—would have been profound. The penitent would beg the community for prayers of intercession, and then go sit in a place assigned to penitents. After this public confession, the penitent would be assigned some discipline, usually a relatively severe fast, or the wearing of distinctive garb. This remedy for sin was for a certain period of time, or at least until the bishop (every small community has its own bishop) judged that enough was enough. Then the person would be readmitted to the eucharistic community, although Tertullian doesn't tell us how. Probably the bishop tenderly placed his hands on their heads, precisely where they were anointed at baptism. We do know that the readmission of penitents to the eucharistic table became in some churches a great celebration, and there are records from Spain of bishops leading penitents in a dance-like processional into the eucharistic hall on Holy Thursday.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

At first glance, the situation of the penitents in the early church is shocking: isolated and labeled, their journey back to fellowship at the Lord's table seems arduous and even cruel. However, at no time in the process were the penitents lacking the support of the community. Penances were performed for all to see, and we can tell from the homilies of the day that people earnestly desired to see the sinner benefit from the remedy. Tertullian reminded the penitents that they were living among their brothers and sisters, fellow servants of the same Lord, still in the embrace of the Spirit. He tells them that when they extend their hands in blessing to the faithful, it is Christ they touch. He tells them that when they see tears in the eyes of believers, it is Christ who is interceding for them with the Father.

There is a treasure of our tradition woven into this history: these people knew profoundly that the prayer of Christ's body, the church, was the prayer of Christ himself. Prayer was not merely support for a person down on his or her luck; it was effective and necessary. The treasure we can see even through the tangles of history is this: the Spirit of God is poured out on the church, and brings grace, forgives sin, makes us holy, and always calls us to fullness of life.

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

These are exciting days for the Church in America with Pope Francis inspiring Catholics and non-Catholics alike during his visit to the United States. From the very beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has continually called us to missionary discipleship.

In his homily in Philadelphia, he challenged all of us to explore new ways so that our Church can be more equipped to carry on the mission of Christ: "One of the great challenges facing the Church in this generation is to foster in all the faithful a sense of personal responsibility for the Church's mission, and to enable them to fulfill that responsibility as missionary disciples, as a leaven of the Gospel in our world. This will require creativity in adapting to changed situations, carrying forward the legacy of the past not primarily by maintaining our structures and institutions, which have served us well, but above all by being open to the possibilities which the Spirit opens up to us and communicating the joy of the Gospel, daily and in every season of our life."

In my year in Chicago, I have been inspired by many of you and have great hope for our future. The joy of the Gospel is alive in Chicago. I have also been learning of many realities that challenge us to evaluate how we work as parishes to share the joy of the Gospel into the future. The Holy Father is right, we should be attentive to the reality before us. We know that the landscape of the Church in Chicago has changed since many of our parishes were founded, with demographics shifting greatly over time. Some of our parishes have aging facilities that cost more to repair than we have. We also have fewer priests available to pastor our parishes. We are sometimes challenged to fully live out the mission because we are spreading resources too thin. Pope Francis reminds us that we have the creativity to take on these challenges with joy if we are open to the possibilities the Spirit opens up to us.

Earlier this week I met with all priests in the Archdiocese to begin the discussion of how to address these challenges in the coming years. This is just the beginning of a long process to determine how to serve the pastoral needs of the Archdiocese and strengthen parish vitality for the long-term future. As the process moves forward, I am committed to a process that involves discipline, wide consultation and community involvement. We want to ensure that our plans for the future best meet the needs of the people of God, respond to the Church's call to mission, and offer long-term sustainability. From time to time you will be hearing more about this effort, but I wanted to let you know of this development, because I need and want your prayers for its success. You are in mine.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Blase J. Cupich

Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago



ALL SOULS MEMORIAL LITURGY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015 - 7:00 PM

On "All Souls Day," the Church commemorates and intercedes for those who have died. We invite the entire parish to remember our dearly departed, especially those who have died in the past year.

The Parish Memorial Book will be available in the church vestibule beginning Saturday, October 17. YOUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE BEEN BURIED FROM ST. EUGENE CHURCH SINCE LAST NOVEMBER HAVE THEIR NAMES ALREADY INSCRIBED. We invite you to inscribe the names of others you may wish to remember. One name per line and PLEASE ENTER THE NAME ONLY ONCE. The parish Memorial Book will be carried by the priest in the entrance procession of each weekend Mass and placed at the Altar starting with the 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday, October 31. The book will then be returned to the vestibule after Mass.

As we do each year, we will honor the dead in a special way. Those who have lost a loved one and will be attending the Mass, on November 2, please fill out the attached form and return it to the rectory or drop in the collection basket by Sunday, October 25.

On the evening of the Mass, come to the Church vestibule 10 minutes before Mass and you will be given a red carnation (one per family). Then, at the appropriate time in the Mass, when the names of the deceased are read aloud, you can come forward and place the carnation in one of the vases provided.

Refreshments will be served following the Mass. Donations of cake, cookies, etc. will be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to the Church vestibule the evening of the Mass.

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL LITURGY
Monday, November 2, 2015 - 7:00 PM



YOUR NAME _____

NAME(S) OF THE DECEASED, DATE OF DEATH, & RELATIONSHIP

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I WILL ATTEND _____ **NUMBER ATTENDING** _____

Please return by Sunday, October 25, 2015.

Knights of Columbus
Karol Wojtyla/Pope John Paul II
Council #14008

Presents-

St. Eugene
Parish Trivia Night!

What- Team Trivia Contest (8 people per team/table)
Prizes! 50/50 Raffle! Concessions! Fun! Games!
When- Sat. Nov. 7th, 2015 Doors open at 6PM
Event starts at 7PM
Where- Shaunessy Center St. Eugene Parish
5220 N. Canfield Chicago, IL
Admission- $10 per person

Proceeds to benefit our very own Verbum Dei Missionary Sisters' Youth Group trip to Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day 2016. Please come and support this very worthy cause!

Keep watching this space for more info!
Tickets available soon!
See you there!

Questions? Call Jim Schmitt, OFS @ 847-287-2446
Event Sponsors Wanted. Please call Jim for sponsorship info. Thanks!

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
TIMOTHY EMMETT CAROLAN
CATHY O'LEARY CHAMBERLAIN
ZBIGNIEW DUDKOWSKI
MARTY DURCAN
MATTHEW SCOTT FORREST
ANDREW HOPKINS
BRANDON JACKSON
CHRISTOPHER JENKINS
JACK KANE
ANTONIO JAMES LIM
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.