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THE VOICE

The Epiphany of the Lord **January 3, 2016**

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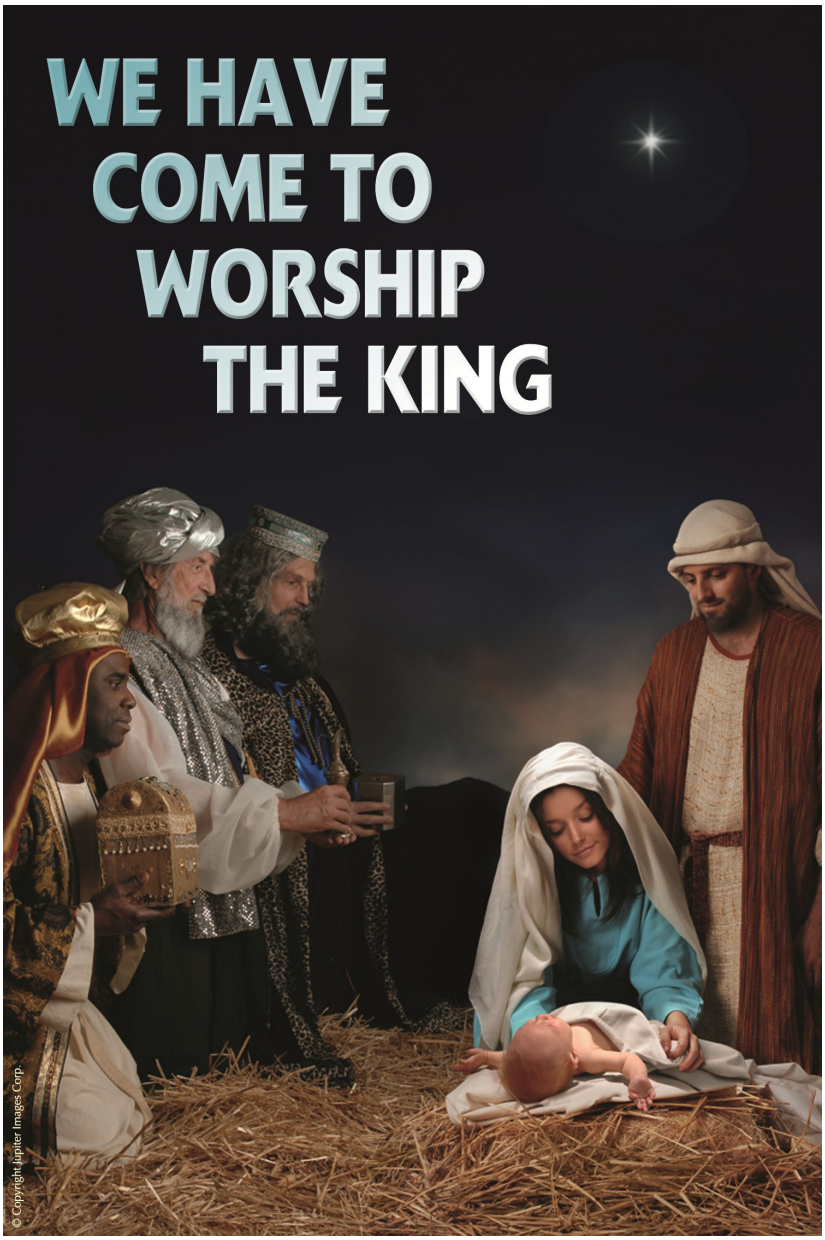
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PARISHIONERS: When moving in or out of St. Eugene Parish, please notify the rectory.

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 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





In place of my article this week, I want to share with you a letter I received from Archbishop Cupich regarding National Migration Week.

In Christ,

Fr. George

My Christmas card this year was chosen to highlight that the Holy Family shared so much in common with refugee families throughout the world. That connection is brought home to us once again, as the Feast of Epiphany marks the beginning of the celebration in the United States of National Migration Week, January 3-10, 2016. For the 30th anniversary of the celebration, Pope Francis has chosen "Migrants and Refugees Challenge us: The Response of the Gospel of Mercy."

As he notes in the letter for this year's celebration, all migrants are "our brothers and sisters in search of a better life, far away from poverty, hunger, exploitation and the unjust distribution of the plant's resources, which are meant to be equitably shared by all." They are seeking the same thing everyone seeks, he writes, "a better, more decent and prosperous life to share with our loved ones… indifference and silence lead to complicity whenever we stand as people are dying of suffocation, starvation, violence and shipwreck."

"Today, more than in the past," Pope Francis observes, "the Gospel of mercy troubles our consciences, prevents us from taking the suffering of others for granted, and points out a way of responding" with practical works of spiritual and corporal mercy.

Please encourage those you shepherd to continue to pray for and support comprehensive immigration reform as promoted by the U.S. bishops, which will bring long term relief and justice to our immigrant brothers and sisters.

In Jesus, the face of God's Mercy,

Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

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THIS WEEKEND

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
MASS 9:30 AM
ROSARY BEGINS AT 9:05 AM

SECOND COLLECTION
For the church in Latin America

LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES

"Appearances can be deceiving," as the saying goes. As we celebrate the *epiphania*, the "appearing" of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true.

What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God's glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives.

We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God's glory in our lives: Jesus Christ.

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Sacrificial Giving

December 20, 2015

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**15,388**
Electronic Giving	**$**	**1,005**
Weekly Average November (five week average)		
Total	**$**	**16,393**
Sunday Budget 2015-16	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***393***
To Teach Who Christ Is	**$**	**2,277**
Sharing Parish	**$**	**324**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH. YOUR EFFORTS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

We have over 145 donors registered 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)

LITTLE MINUTES

Little drops of water, little grains of sand,
make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land;
so the little minutes, humble though they be,
make the mighty ages of eternity.
—Julia A. Fletcher Carney

HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	**3**
9:30 am	Altar & Rosary Mass & Rosary: CH
MONDAY	**4**
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
TUESDAY	**5**
6:30 pm	Altar & Rosary Society: SH.CTR+MR
WEDNESDAY	**6**
4:00 pm	Athletic Program: SH.CTR
7:00 pm	School Advisory Committee: SCH.110
7:00 pm	RCIA: REC.DR
THURSDAY	**7**
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SH.MR
3:00 pm	Children's Choir: SCH.110
4:00 pm	Athletic Program: SH.CTR
FRIDAY	**8**
5:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SH.CTR+MR
SATURDAY	**9**
10:00 am	AA.SCH.RH
11:00 am	Athletic Program: SH.CTR
SUNDAY	**10**
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

"May the Most Blessed Sacrament be adored and praised forever."
Magnificat Vol. 12, No. 3, Pg.301

PLEASE COME — VISIT JESUS

PEOPLE OF THE CROSS UNITED

We honor all Christians and other religious minorities who have suffered and died, who are being tortured, and who are held in captivity by ISIS and other terrorists. May 2016 be the year when all people of good will begin to take notice and speak boldly against what some consider the greatest human rights abuse of our times. We pray that Our Lady of Guadalupe will intercede for us in the United States.



YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

The Young at Heart Club will not meet during the months of December and January. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 11:30 am. We Wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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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ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
Tuesday, January 5
Doors Open 6:30 pm
Shaunessy Center

Marge Dyson is the chairperson for our meeting this month. The theme is "New Beginnings". The Mission Collection will be for the St. Joseph Table.

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 # _____

BEGIN AGAIN

So often we ask God for a fresh start, to start afresh the tasks He has assigned us. And faithfully, lovingly He gives us each a new morning throughout the year, an unsullied page on which to write. May we be ever thankful for this daily gift of new-ness, treasuring the opportunity to begin again, fresh in His grace and love.

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.

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**

2017 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2017 will open
Tuesday, January 19, 2016 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.

Our sacristans are in need of help.
There are various tasks that the sacristans are responsible for doing.
Please call Lois at: 773-774-1151 and Lois will answer any questions you may have.

ST. JOSEPH COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 13 - 7:00 pm
School Room 110



This is our regular meeting for the March 2016 St. Joseph Table. We ask all members to be present. We are always looking for new members

2015 CHURCH DONATIONS

2015 statements of contributions will be mailed by February 1st to ALL parishioners who have made donations totaling $200 or more during the 2015 calendar year.

If your donations total less than $200 and you would like a **2015 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.



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PLEASE PRAY

***For the Sick*:** Linda Adamczyk, Annabella Amato, Pat Apida, Robert Apida, Rosemary Beyak, Carrie Veth Booher, Arthur Bronski, Rosa Canepa, Cathy Cassettari, Franco Chiappetta, Katherine D. Cilley, Infant Liam Thomas Clark, Agnes Collins, Francesca M. Concialdi, Mirna Cozzo, Ed Czerwinski, Marge Dyson, Don Feist, Carol Gasiorek, Robert W. Gelfond, Frances Gofron, Rev. Bob Grib, S.J., Michelle & Shaun Hamilton, Tim Heider, Barbara Hinze, Patricia Imburgia, John Janik, Kathy Jeskey, Linda Knight, Katherine Koeune, Eugeniusz Kosla, 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, Delio & Rosalie Napoli, 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, Marie Sauser, 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, Theresa F. Zumer
and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

Newly added to our sick list:

For the Deceased: Lucia Martorano

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 THE SICK LIST WILL BE UPDATED.
PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY BY MONDAY, JANUARY 11 (10:00 AM)
IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME LISTED.

ADDING NAMES TO THE PARISH SICK LIST

It has always been the goal of St. Eugene to offer our parish community an opportunity to pray for those parishioners who are ill and in need of our prayers. We have tried to keep close track of these names for our Bulletin as they are made available to us.

However, now we face an important privacy issue, very much like the issues faced by hospitals, health institutions, and certainly by other parishes.

We cannot (by law) publicly let our parish community know the health status of any of our members without their permission.

We appreciate the fact that often friends, neighbors, and acquaintances wish to do something special for a person who is ill, and ask to place their name on the list to be prayed for. While their intentions are surely good, we simply can no longer accept names in this manner.

Names for the sick list placed in the Bulletin have to be called in by the person who is ill, or by a member of their immediate family. At the time they call in the name, they will be asked whether they are the sick person him/herself, or a member of their family, and if they give permission for the name to be placed on the list. They will be asked for the ***correct spelling*** of the sick person's name. If a ***family member,*** they will be required to give ***their*** name for our records.

Thank you for your patience regarding this process. We wish to do all we can to offer our parish community the opportunity to offer prayers for those who are ill — but we must also be cognizant of the fact that all members of our congregation are entitled to their privacy in this regard.

SINGERS WANTED!
Thursdays - 7:00 pm
Church



The St. Eugene Adult Choir has started their choral season and we want **YOU** to join! Our rehearsals will be held on Thursdays, at 7 pm, in St. Eugene Church. All are welcome! Please send an email to music@st-eugene.org or call the rectory at 773-775-6659 if you would like more information.

Hope to see you there!

Lydia Hilado, Director of Music

ATTENTION CATHOLIC SINGLES

Interested in joining an excellent Catholic singles organization? The Catholic Alumni Club International is looking to continue to expand in the Chicago diocese. We provide a group dedicated to social, cultural, civic and spiritual relationships in a Catholic setting. For more information, please check out the following site or contact Steve at valksr@yahoo.com: www.caci.org



POPE FRANCIS
TWEET FOR THE WEEK
However grave our sin, God responds with total forgiveness.

A Response to the Gospel of Mercy



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All Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to participate during the month of January in migration awareness *"through prayer and action to try and ease the struggles of immigrants and to reflect on the Church's obligation to welcome the stranger."*

~ Archbishop Cupich, January 2016

ACTION: Visit www.CatholicsandImmigrants.org and click on National Migration Week to send a letter urging Congress to extend support to Syrian Refugees.

Office for Immigrant Affairs and Immigration Education
3525 S. Lake Park Ave, Chicago, IL 60653
Elena Segura (312) 534-5333, esegura@archchicago.org

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

Kolęda

An old polish tradition during the Christmas season is for priests to visit households - this custom is called *Kolęda.* Last year, our Polish parishioners asked me about it. This year I want to extend the opportunity for *Kolęda.* So if you are interested to have *Kolęda* this Christmas, please write down your name and phone number on the list in the back of the church, or talk to me directly and I will contact you to schedule it. May God Bless You.

Fr. Greg

W tamtym roku niektórzy z was pytali się mnie o możliwość Kolędy. W tym okresie świątecznym będzie taka możliwość. Jeśli są państwo zainteresowani proszę wpisać swoje imię i numer telefonu na listę w tyle kościoła lub rozmawiać ze mną osobiście w celu wyznaczenia daty. Szczęść Bożę.

Ks. Grzegorz

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, January 2 - Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord
5:30 John Kula

Sunday, January 3 - The Epiphany of the Lord
7:00 Jean Manczko
9:30 Francesco Esposito
11:30 Domenico Battista & Michael Vito Parente, Florence Borufski, Dabros & Wytrwal Fams., Vincenzo Di Iorio, Hinze & Moriarty Fams., Robert Landeck, Vince & Mary LaPietra Fam. & Friends, Salvatore Leone, John Mugnaini, Pozzie & Killmer Fams., Rosa Russo, Int. of M/M Marcial Santos & Fam., Rachelle Turano-Wojcik
4:30 People of the Parish

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

Monday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
6:30 Int. of Stanley Siwiec
9:00 Myron Masley

Tuesday, January 5 - St. John Neumann
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Joseph Jagiello

Wednesday, January 6 - St. Andre Bessette
6:30 Lia Gerard
9:00 Antoinette & Vincent Bellisario, Florence Borufski, Rachel Cordero, Int. for Michael & Bridget Brennan, Pat Hackett, Vince & Mary LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Anna Parente, People of the Parish, Pozzie & Killmer Fams., Joan Metzger, Int. for Bernadette Sedlacek

Thursday, January 7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort
6:30 Anna Hoegerl
9:00 Joseph Jagiello

Friday, January 8
6:30 Daniel Riney
9:00 Clement Grandsart

Saturday, January 9
8:30 Int. of Jan MacFarlane

Saturday, January 9 - Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord
5:30 Jean & Jerry Czop

Sunday, January 10 - The Baptism of the Lord
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Leonard Cataldo
11:30 Florence Borufski, Fiorentino Colantonio, Siegrido DiBartolo, Vincent Farin, Michael Griffin, Lincoln & James Fams., Vince & Mary LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Robert Lipinski, Henry McGill, Rocco Ronchi, Francisco Santos, Leonard Stefanowski
4:30 Joseph Jagiello

+MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

***Lector **Eucharistic Minister ***Server**

Saturday, January 9 - 8:30 am
*** **Team 8**

Saturday, January 9 - 5:30 pm
* D. Divello
** G. Bermas, B. Veth, T. Swiderski, T. Swiderski
*** **Team 9**
Mon., 1/11 - 9:00 am

Sunday, January 9 - 7:00 am
* M. Egan
** L. Feist, D. Feist, K. Kon, N. Francisco
*** **Team 10**
Tue., 1/12 - 9:00 am

Sunday, January 9 - 9:30 am
* C. Hill
** C. Hill, J. Imburgia, M. Kenny, M. Vasich
*** **Team 11**
Wed., 1/13 - 9:00 am

Sunday, January 9 - 11:30 am
* J. Sclafani
** R. Fiorante, C. Lim, M. Lim, S. Sclafani
*** **Team 12**
Thu., 1/14 - 9:00 am

Sunday, January 9 - 4:30 pm
* R. Kopf
** C. Paulini, E. Mendoza, P. Brown, M. Guerrieri
*** **Team 2**
Fri., 1/15 - 9:00 am

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.

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.

A YEAR OF MERCY

Clothe THE NAKED



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For our sake, Jesus was stripped naked when he was nailed to the cross. *When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier.* (John 19:23) We clothe and shelter those who have become most vulnerable among us. *As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.* (Colossians 3:12)

ONE WORD AT A TIME

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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TESTING
THE CLASS OF 2020
Saturday, January 9, 2016
Please call the school of your choice for details and time of the testing.

NEW REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Saint Eugene School is now accepting new registrations for the 2016-17 school year. We offer full and part time pre-school for three year olds, full and part time pre-kindergarten for four year olds, and full time classes for kindergarten through grade 8. Pre-school parents have the option of three mornings (M-W-F), three full days (M-W-F), or five mornings (M-T-W-T-F), or five full days (M-T-W-T-F). Pre-Kindergarten parents have the option of five mornings or five full days.

Following the 9:30 a.m. Catholic Schools Week liturgy Sunday, January 24th there will be an Open House from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Parents may also make appointments for individual tours at other times.

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious grafitti scratched in chalk over some doorways:
"20 + C + M + B + 16." The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat,* Latin for "May Christ bless this house." The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names.

The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi's. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi's quest for meaning and peace.

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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - December 13, 2015

























St. Eugene School

OPEN HOUSE!

7930 W. Foster Ave.
Chicago, IL 60656
www.steugene-school.org
(773) 763-2237

Sunday, January 24, 2016 (10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, February 17, 2016 (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

January 4

The **Holy Family** of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is a model for families of all kinds in all times. In January we celebrate an American saint who lived in several different kinds of families during her life, all of them made holy by the love and care found in them.



Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in 1774 in a wealthy New York Episcopalian family. Her mother died when she was three, so she lived in a single-parent family until her father remarried, when she lived in a blended family. She and her sister also lived for some time on their uncle's farm with his family.

When Elizabeth married William Seton, their family eventually included their own five children and Will's seven brothers and sisters, who came to live with them when their father died, as well as several needy relatives. When Will died in Italy, Elizabeth was left a widow, a young single mother with five small children.

After Will's death, Elizabeth and her daughter lived for a time with the Filicchi family, who had been friends of Will's. They shared their home and their Catholic faith with the Setons, and Elizabeth found great comfort in their religion. When she returned home, she became a Catholic herself.



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Elizabeth became a teacher to support her large family, and eventually moved to Maryland. There, with two sisters-in-law, her children, and other women, she founded a school and religious community at the suggestion of the archbishop. But she only agreed to do so if she could still carry out her duties as a mother. So in addition to her own children, she became Mother Seton of the **Sisters of Charity**, a mother to the nuns in her community and to the children she taught and cared for in their school and orphanage.

Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton died in 1821. She lived in many different kinds of holy families in her 46 years, and is remembered today as a daughter, wife, mother, sister, and "mother" of the Catholic school system in this country. She is our first native-born American saint. Her feast day is January 4.



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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
HOLLY SCHIPPERS
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.