St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

The Baptism of the Lord — January 10, 2016

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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.

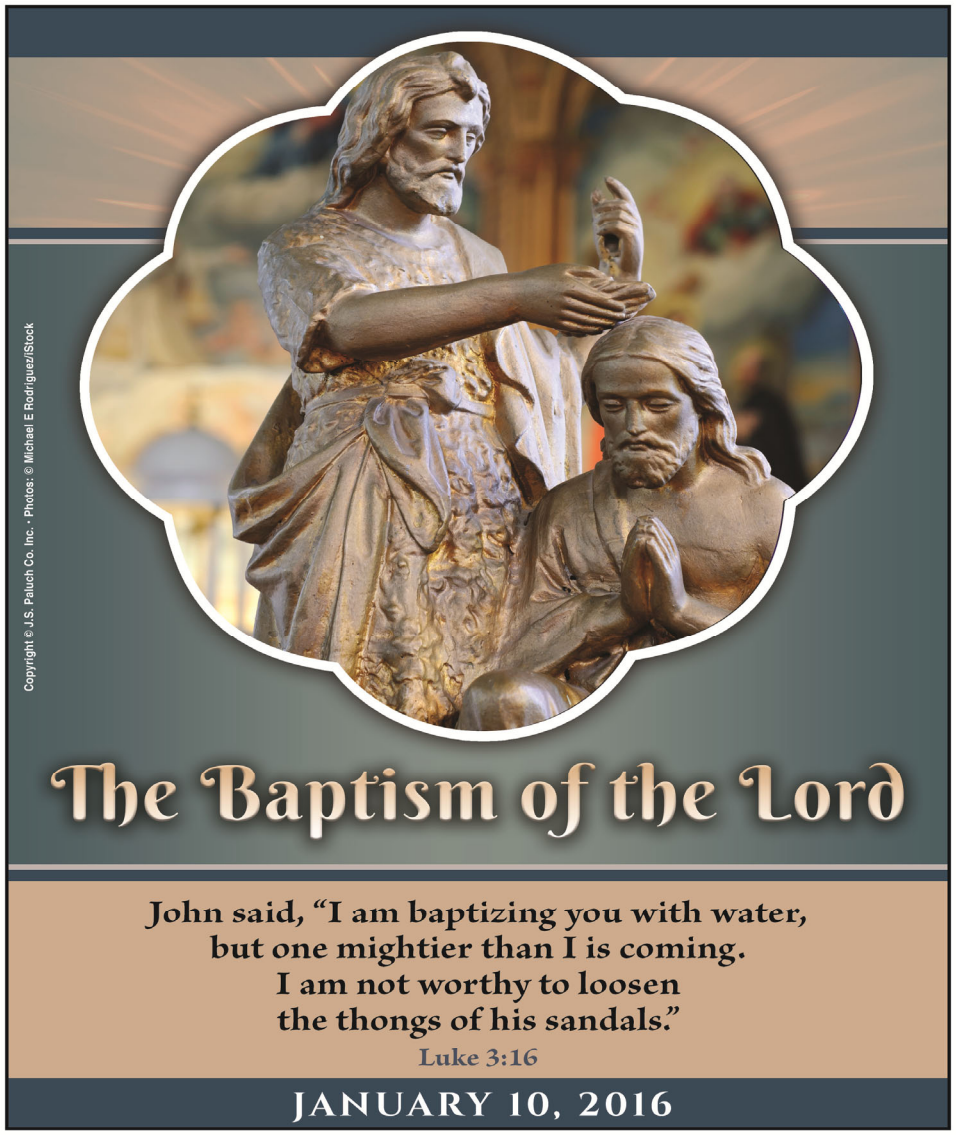
BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1:00 PM. Baptismal Preparation Class the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory. Please telephone the rectory to register.

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





Baptism Sponsors

January 10, 2016 is the Feast Day of the Baptism of The Lord. It marks the end of the Christmas Season. The Feast Day is a great opportunity for me to speak once again on the importance of Sponsors in the Rite of Baptism.

In the sacrament of baptism, each child may have a godfather and a godmother; the word “godparents” is used in the rite to describe both but the official term is sponsor. At least one sponsor is required at the sacrament of baptism. In order to be a sponsor, a person must have completed their sixteenth year, be a confirmed Catholic, and practice their faith (weekly Mass attendance). A sponsor is present at a baptism to testify to the faith of the adult candidate or, together with the parents, to profess the Church’s faith, in which the child is being baptized.

Simply put, a person must be a practicing Catholic in good standing to be a sponsor. A person who is not Catholic cannot be a sponsor. It is impossible to walk with a person in the faith if you are not of that faith. A person who is a baptized Christian can be a witness, but he or she is not a sponsor (godparent).

Recently, a mother requested that her relative, who is an agnostic, be a godfather to her child. This is not allowed. A couple of years ago a parent wanted an unbaptized relative to be a Christian witness. This is impossible. An unbaptized person is not a Christian, therefore, cannot be a Christian witness. Sponsors must be qualified spiritually to fulfill their role. They should be mature enough to undertake the responsibility to form a child in the faith. They must have received the three sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist). They must be a member of the Catholic Church, canonically free to carry out their role. This means that there are no impediments in their personal life that is in contradiction to the teachings of the church.

Some parents get upset when I tell them that their relative cannot be a sponsor. They tell me that their relative is a good person who will take care of the needs of their child if something happens to them. I do not doubt that to be true, however, that is the role of a legal guardian, not a sponsor of the faith. Many parents are confusing the role of sponsor and guardian. Anyone can be a legal guardian to watch over a child’s needs if something happens to the parents. A sponsor is the guardian of spiritual formation of a child. This can be only performed by someone who is of the Catholic faith who can walk the journey with the child.

The role of sponsor is a spiritual role. When parents choose a sponsor, they should consider if the person they are picking is serious in living out their baptismal calling. Are they confirmed? Do they go to church every Sunday? Will they walk the journey of faith with my child? These are the questions that parents need to ponder when choosing a sponsor.



Yours 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

LADIES NIGHT OUT BUNCO (tickets available at the rectory; details on page 10)

MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT

The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus -- first in his birth, and now at his baptism.

The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter to Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth" (Titus 3:5, 6).

HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	**10**
12:30 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
MONDAY	**11**
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	
3:15 pm	Cub Scouts: SH.MR
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
7:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul: SCH.110
TUESDAY	**12**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
WEDNESDAY	**13**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
7:00 pm	St. Joseph's Table: SCH.110
7:00 pm	RCIA: REC.DR
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus: SH.MR
THURSDAY	**14**
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SH.MR
3:00 pm	Children's Choir: SCH.110
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
FRIDAY	**15**
7:00 pm	Ladies Night Out Bunco: SH.CTR.
SATURDAY	**16**
10:00 am	AA.SCH.RH
11:00 am	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
SUNDAY	**17**
9:30 am	Family Mass with 4th grade: CH
12:30 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR

Sacrificial Giving

December 27, 2015

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**13,877**
Electronic Giving Weekly Average December (four week average)	**$**	**1,243**
Total	**$**	**15,120**
Sunday Budget 2015-16	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***880***
To Teach Who Christ Is	**$**	**2,897**
Sharing Parish	**$**	**55**

January 3, 2016

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**15,603**
Electronic Giving Weekly Average December (four week average)	**$**	**1,243**
Total	**$**	**16,846**
Sunday Budget 2015-16	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***846***
To Teach Who Christ Is	**$**	**3,175**
Sharing Parish	**$**	**91**
Christmas thru January 3	**$**	**56,694**

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)

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**



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

"Our Redeemer ever present in the most Blessed Sacrament, extends His hands to everyone. He opens His heart and says, 'Come to Me, all of you.'"
St. Raphael Kalinowwski, O.C.D.

PLEASE COME — VISIT JESUS

PEOPLE OF THE CROSS UNITED



There is an absolute and unequivocal need to give voice to the religiously oppressed in every land, afraid to speak of what they believe in, who face death and live in fear, who worship in underground churches, mosques or temples simply because they love God in their own way. IRF report

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

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE
Wednesday, January 13, 2016 - 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.

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.

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 Happy New Year.

TURNING THE TIDE

When everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn. —Harriet Beecher Stowe

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 # _____

Mrs. Kathleen Shanahan

Dear Kathleen,

The Archdiocese of Chicago has established an award, the *Christifideles,* which is to be given to a layperson (or couple) in each parish that demonstrates faithfulness and dedication in ministry. I am pleased to inform you that your pastor with the approval of your Episcopal Vicar has chosen you to receive the 2015 *Christifideles* Award.

Archbishop Blasé Cupich will confer the award at the Archdiocesan Awards ceremony at Holy Name Cathedral, on Sunday, January 10, 2015, at 2:30 pm.

Congratulations and may God bless you as a recipient of the *Christifideles* Award.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Reverend Ronald Hicks
Vicar General



Kathleen has been a sacristan since 1973. She has laundered altar linens, cleaned and maintained the altar and sanctuary area, and taken care of the details that no one else notices. Her philosophy has been "to take care of whatever needs to be done." Thank you, Kathleen, and Congratulations on a well-deserved award.

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.

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.



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.", 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: Rev. James Murphy (former St. Eugene associate), Gerulamo Taurina, Ted Madej, John Kevin Keating

For the Deceased: Catherine Murillo, Margaret Leen, Maria Tenuta

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.

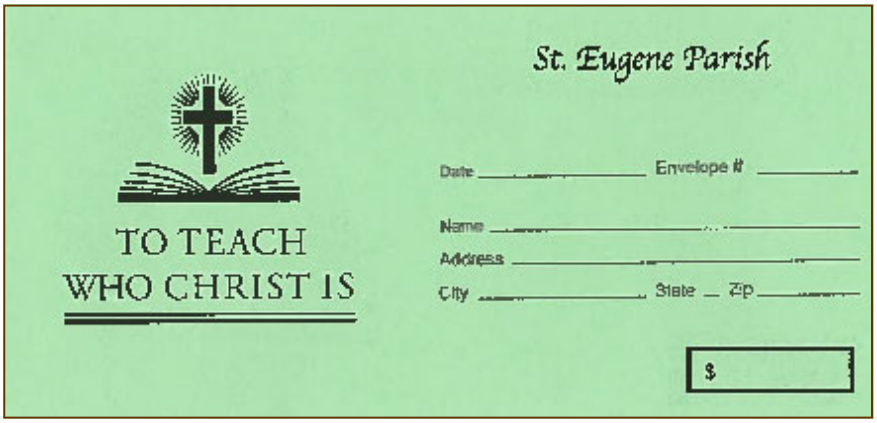
We cannot (by law) publicly let our parish community know the health status of any of our members without their permission.

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.

The rectory has received a few calls about the ***To Teach Who Christ Is*** campaign. Some parishioners were not sure how to continue donating. When you receive your envelopes you will find two pale green envelopes in your packet. You will also find the same green envelope in the church vestibule and in the rectory. You may also contribute thru Give Central; call the rectory for more information.



TO TEACH
WHO CHRIST IS



POPE FRANCIS
TWEET FOR THE WEEK
In Jesus of Nazareth, mercy has appeared and lives.

ANNULMENT SUPPORT MINISTRY

The Annulment Support Ministry is active at St. Eugene's. Chris O'Malley has been trained for this role. If you are considering an annulment, please contact the Rectory at: 773-775-6659 and leave a message. Chris will return your call and help you to begin the healing process of annulment.

National Migration Awareness

Background: The situation for millions of families from Syria and Iraq is unimaginable. Now living as refugees in neighboring counties, they struggle to survive and worry about the future for their children. It is also taking its toll on the host communities who have responded generously to the Biblical call to welcome the stranger.

Syria was once a vibrant hub of Middle Eastern culture and history, but for the past four years, civil war has torn apart the country, causing the deaths of over 200,000 people and leaving more than 10 million displaced. Catholic Relief Services and our Church partners across the region are assisting more than 700,000 refugees with shelter assistance, education, food, medical care, hygiene and living supplies, livelihoods support and trauma counseling for children.

At the same time, the situation has worsened in Iraq. In 2014, there were 33,000 civilian casualties and more than 2.5 million people have been displaced due to fighting. And as the so-called Islamic State has so gravely demonstrated, it has become a third and particularly nefarious actor in the region. It has trafficked women and girls, forced recruitment of children, and targeted minorities, including Christians.

Now is the time to urge them not to abandon Iraqi and Syrian refugees, or other people in need around the world!

Take Action Now. Please take action today by calling your Representative and Senators: 1-866-961-4293. Tell the receptionist that as a constituent, you support welcoming Syrian refugees.

"The Middle East is tragically embroiled in other conflicts which have lasted far too long, with chilling repercussions, due also to the spread of fundamentalist terrorism in Syria and in Iraq. … I appeal to the entire international community, as I do to the respective governments involved, to take concrete steps to bring about peace and to protect all those who are victims of war and persecution, driven from their homes and their homeland." Pope Francis (January 2015)

Source: Catholic Relief Services www.CRS.org and www.confrontglobalpoverty.org

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

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, Dominic Cullotta, Siegrido DiBartolo, Vincent Farin, Michael G. Griffin, Vince & Mary LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Lincoln & James Fams., Robert Lipinski, Henry McGill, Rocco Ronchi, Francisco Santos, Maria Scala, Fran Smith, Leonard Stefanowski
4:30 Joseph Jagiello

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

Monday, January 11
6:30 Frank Masley
9:00 Eileen Egan
Tuesday, January 12
6:30 Joseph & Dominica Donato
9:00 Kathleen Riney
Wednesday, January 13 - St. Hilary
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Florence Borufski, Int. for Pat & Bob Gelfond, M/M Guzmczak, Vince & Mary LaPietra Fam. & Friends, Lincoln & James Fams.
Thursday, January 14
6:30 Brian & Harry Carll
9:00 Fredi Mei
Friday, January 15
6:30 Cecelia Salvaggio
9:00 Frederick Tomzik
Saturday, January 16
8:30 Mary Whitmore
Saturday, January 16 - Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 Frank Romano
Sunday, January 17 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Wanda Chwalibog
11:30 Dabros & Wytrwal Fams., Raymond Glos, Walter & Marion Kalwajtys, Vince & Mary LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Joseph Mikulski, Mario Porretta, Phil Saineghi, Fran Smith,
4:30 Anthony & Lillian Dielle

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.



+MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

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

Saturday, January 16 - 8:30 am
*** **Team 3**
Saturday, January 16 - 5:30 pm
* A. Cisek
** M. Pollowy, C. Bobka, C. Edwards, M. Kowalski
*** **Team 4**
Mon., 1/18 - 9:00 am
Sunday, January 17 - 7:00 am
* J. Bischof
** J. Santiago, A. Bischof, R. Perez, J. Carrozza
*** **Team 5**
Tue., 1/19 - 9:00 am
Sunday, January 17 - 9:30 am
* School Lector
** P. Schippers, A. LoForte, B. Ndiwe, V Parado
*** **Team 6**
Wed., 1/20 - 9:00 am
Sunday, January 17 - 11:30 am
* S. Sparacino
** M. Russo, J. Schmitt, R. Sparacino, M. Cozzo
*** **Team 7**
Thu., 1/21 - 9:00 am
Sunday, January 17 - 4:30 pm
* D. Laterza
** M. Lopez, R. Spanola, D. Bowery, M.B. Glynn
*** **Team 1**
Fri., 1/22 - 9:00 am



I - Ana Sholin & Raymond Kahle

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.

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

Divine Word Missionaries

Dear Fr. Koeune,

Thank you very much for your donation of $500 for Fr. Michael Lindstrom SVD. May the joy and help that your gift brings to him be retuned to you a hundredfold by our loving Father.

Around the world, Divine Word Missionaries spend their lives proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your prayers and generous gifts, you are one with us in all we say and do. There is no greater mission, no greater love, than to bring Jesus Christ to people who have not heard of him or who need to receive his love, mercy, and care.

In the name of our 6,000 missionaries, I send you and your loved ones our good wishes for a blessed Christmas and New year filled with hope.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Richie Vaz SVD
Mission Director

St. Eugene's Children's Choir







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

Please join us for a

Living Rosary

to be held

Friday evening, January 22, at 7:00 pm
in St. Eugene Church,

marking the 43rd 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.



THEOLOGY OF PARK RIDGE
(Final Session Celebrating 50 years)

So you think you know the Gospel of John?
Some interesting (and valuable) but widely unknown facts about the Gospel

Presented by: Cam von Wahlde, Ph.D.
January 20, 2016

Our Lady of Hope Church
9711 W. Devon Ave.
Rosemont, IL 60618

9:15 am -- Lecture, coffee, rolls

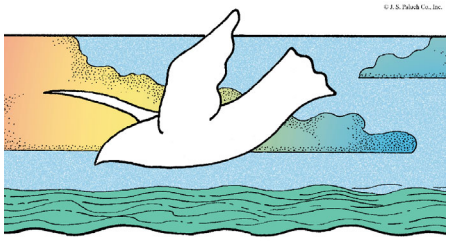
TEMPER AND PRIDE

Temper is what gets most of us into trouble. Pride is what keeps us there.
—Anonymous

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trek conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.



A New Year's Prayer

May God make our year a happy one!

Not by shielding us from all sorrow and pain,
but by strengthening us to beat it, as it comes;
Not by making our path easy,
but by making us sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from us,
but by taking fear from our hearts;
Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,
but by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making our lives always pleasant,
but by showing us when people and their causes need us most,
and by making us anxious to be there to help.

May God's love, peace, hope and joy be with us for the year ahead.

We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord..



Calling all Ladies…
Come Support the Class of 2016!!

Ladies Night Out
BUNCO!

Please join us on Friday, January 15th in the Shaunessy Center (gym) for a fun night of Bunco! Tickets are $25.00, which includes beer and wine. Split the Pot prizes! Bunco prizes will be awarded in the form of gift cards of your choice through the school TRIP program. No cash prizes will be awarded.
Doors open at 7:00pm with play beginning promptly at 7:30pm. Don't know how to play? We'll teach you that night! **Buy your tickets now at the Rectory**…a limited number of tickets will be sold. Ticket orders must be returned by January 13th. Tickets will be held at the gym door.
As always, *Thank You* for your support of the Class of 2016!

Name/Phone #:_____
# of Tickets:_____ **Tickets will be held at the gym door.** Total Cost:_____
I will bring an appetizer or dessert to share (optional):
☐ Dessert ☐ Appetizer



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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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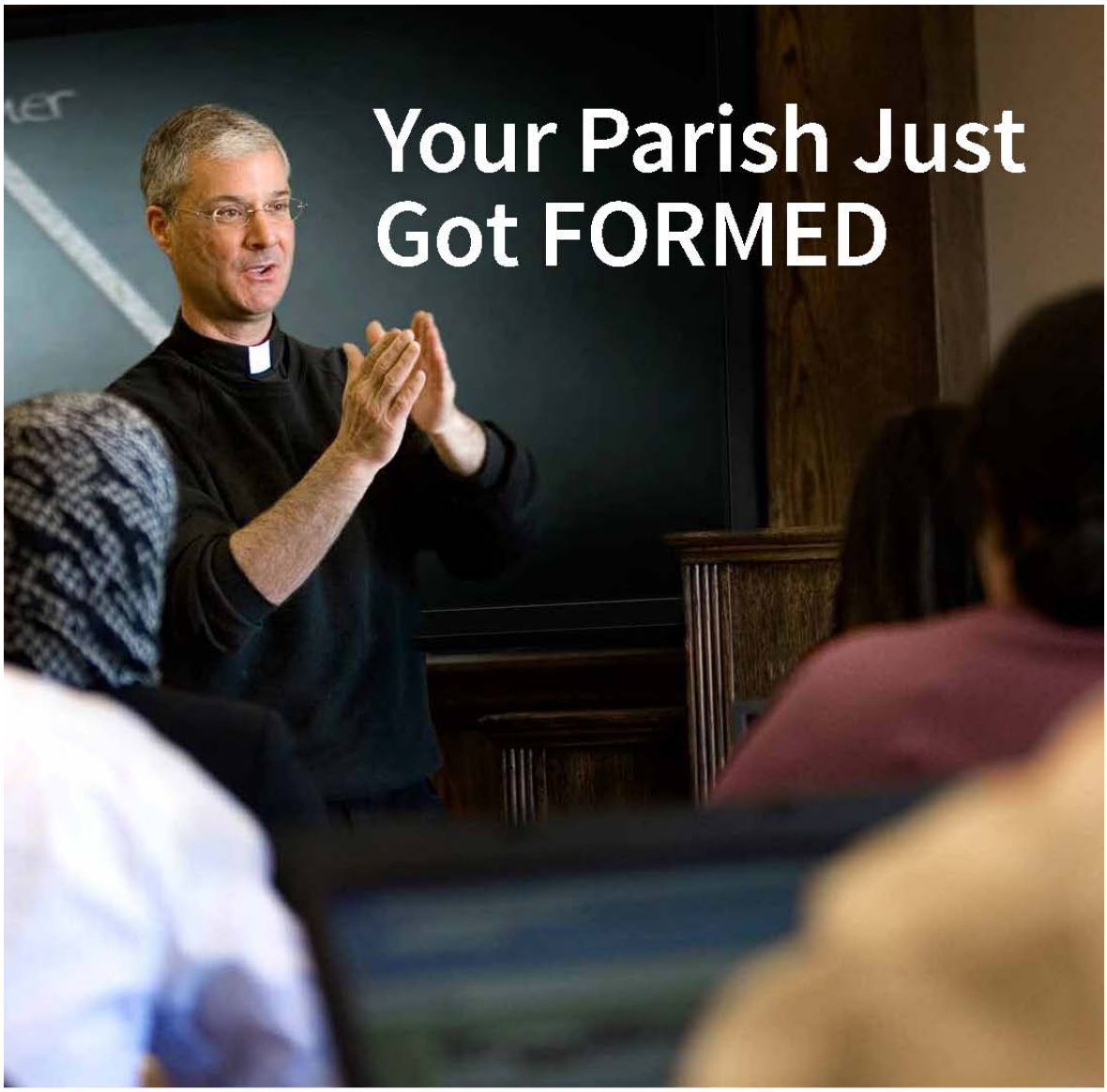
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We ask all of our parishioners, if you have a loved one serving in the military, to please contact the rectory office to give us the name of the soldier, so the whole parish can pray for your loved one. A book in the church vestibule is available for 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
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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.