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Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

Fifth Sunday of Lent — March 13, 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.

CONFIRMATION

Friday, March 18, 2016 - 7:00 pm
MOST REVEREND ALBERTO ROJAS
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

On Friday evening, March 18th, the Most Reverend Alberto Rojas will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at Saint Eugene Parish. As a parish family, we pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten and strengthen the Confirmandi. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, may they be good Christian ladies and gentlemen who truly live the Gospel in their lives.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. George



Grace Acierno
Kevin Adams
Michael Ahrens
Jessica Andreu

Alissa Biscan
Ross Bloecker
Julia Buscaglia

Alexander Cases
Bryan Coleman

Alexandra Dabkowski
Carissa D'Alessandro
Diana D'Astice
Joseph Dolcimascolo

Anthony Esposito

Giorgio Ferraro

Anthony Greco
Victoria Greco

LiliAnne Kelly
Clare Kowalczyk

Ciro Lombardo
Marissa Lynch

Lindsey Malarski
John Malik
Declan McDermott
Jaclyn McGreevy
Erin Mullany

Chiara O'Leary
Ava O'Neill

Thomas Payton
Jason Pierson

Giuliana Rossi
Lillian Rossi

Emma Santangelo
Maximilian Smith
Zachary Stanek
Brielle Susmarski

Michael Takaki
Matthew Toms

Stephanie Verdin

Johnathon Witkowski
Alexandra Wojcik

Reaffirmed:
Anthony Vasquez

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Wisdom ~ Understanding ~ Counsel ~ Fortitude ~ Knowledge ~ Piety ~ Fear of the Lord

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





Blessed Articles of Faith

(Since many people still wonder what to do with broken articles of faith, I am rerunning this article to help clarify the issue.)

Recently I discovered a box in the maintenance closet full of old palms that had a note on it questioning if they should be thrown in the garbage. The answer is no! We do not throw blessed items in the garbage. Many people have wondered what to do with a blessed item when it becomes worn out or broken. To prevent desecration, a blessed item should not be casually tossed into the trash. It should be returned to the earthly elements. For example, Holy Water should be poured into a hole dug in the earth, in a spot where no one walks. Scapulars and holy books (and palms) can be burned and the ashes buried, or, scattered where no one walks. Larger items that cannot be burned (such as a statue), should be broken up into small pieces and then buried. Objects made of metal can be melted down and used for another purpose. The melting of the metal alters the original purpose of the item and the blessing no longer exists on the metal.

It should be noted that holy items lose their blessing if they are desecrated, or, they are broken in such a way that they can no longer be used for their sacred purpose. Items also lose their blessing if they are sold for a profit. For example, if I have a blessed rosary and I sell it to someone at cost (without making a profit) the blessing remains. However, if I have a blessed rosary and I sell it to someone for a profit, that person would need to take it to a priest for a blessing. Sacramentals are important to people of faith, and they need to be treated with respect when they no longer fulfill their original purpose. I have included the definition of a sacramental on the bottom of my article for those unfamiliar with the term.

Finally, I would ask that people not bring their old palms, statues, or other religious items to church for disposal. The church is not the place to bring broken or used items. Now that you have read this article, you know what to do with sacred items that are not longer usable. Please help keep our church free of clutter by disposing of your broken sacramentals appropriately. Thank you.

Sacramental *- Sacred signs, bearing a certain likeness to the sacraments, by which spiritual effects are signified and obtained by the intercession of the Church (Canon 1166). Some sacramentals are objects (e.g., holy water, scapulars, medals, rosaries). Other sacramentals are actions (e.g., blessings and exorcisms). (Catholic Encyclopedia, 1991)*

Yours in Christ,

Fr. George

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THIS WEEKEND

DID YOU REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD?

CUB SCOUT MASS 9:30 AM

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS AFTER THE 9:30 AM MASS

STRAIGHT LINES

"God writes straight with crooked lines," the saying goes. The power of Paul's testimony that everything is junk but knowledge of Jesus and the power of his resurrection is a straight enough message. And, God knows, Paul had a crooked journey before his blinding insight straight from God.

Through Isaiah, God reminds us all that the past great works were as nothing compared to the new creation. "Can't you see it?" we are asked, as if we are still wandering along our crooked lines.

And there is no straighter line than that between the woman whose misery is intense and the God whose mercy in Jesus is deeper and more acute. You just can't beat this kind of good news.

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HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY 13
9:30 am Cub Scout Mass: CH
10:30 am Bunny Breakfast: SCH.RH
12:30 pm Youth Athletics: SH.CTR

MONDAY 14
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

TUESDAY 15
11:30 am Young at Heart Club: SH.CTR
4:00 pm Youth Athletics: SH.CTR

WEDNESDAY 16
3:00 pm Girl Scouts: SH.MR
4:00 pm Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
6:30 pm Altar & Rosary Society Board Meeting: SH.MR
7:00 pm RCIA: REC.DR

THURSDAY 17
FEAST OF ST. PATRICK



3:00 pm Girl Scouts: SH.MR
4:00 pm Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
7:00 pm Adult Choir: CH

FRIDAY 18
7:00 pm Confirmation: CH
Reception to follow: SH.CTR+MR

Sacrificial Giving

March 6, 2016

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**13,607**
Electronic Giving Weekly Average February (four week average)	**$**	**1,359**
Total	**$**	**14,966**
Sunday Budget 2015-16	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***1,034***
To Teach Who Christ Is	**$**	**2,631**
Sharing Parish	**$**	**50**
Aid for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe	**$**	**2,718**

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)





Baptisms

Jacob Robert Frey

SATURDAY 19
FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH



9:00 am Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
9:15 am Liturgy Committee: REC.DR
10:00 am AA.SCH.RH
1:00 pm Mass in Honor of St. Joseph: CH

SUNDAY 20
12:30 pm Youth Athletics: 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

Pope Francis has declared this the Year of Mercy, therefore every Monday during Lent we will say the CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY at 3:00 pm led by Father Greg

"At your feet, O my Jesus, I prostrate myself and I offer you the repentance of my contrite heart."
PLEASE COME — VISIT JESUS

PEOPLE OF THE CROSS UNITED

According to tradition, the gospel was brought to Iraq over 2,000 years ago. Currently, Christianity in that country is on the verge of extinction. The goal of the Islamic terrorist group ISIS is to make the country a purely Islamic state. Paralyzing fear is spread throughout the towns by forcing Iraqis to witness beatings, beheadings, crucifixions, and other savage crimes. Let us remember our Iraqi brothers and sisters in our prayers.



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.

Every Tuesday in Spanish - 7:00 pm
Every Wednesday in English - 7:00 pm
Every Thursday in Polish - 7:30 pm

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FOR I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed hygiene products for the Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement effort. Your generosity was inspiring.
The Pastoral Council

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB
Tuesday, March 15 - 11:30 am
Shaunessy Center

After our regular meeting, we will have cake & coffee and then play Bingo.

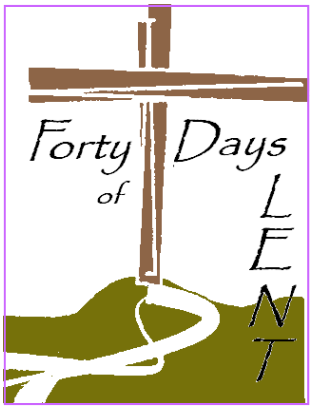
We welcome new members. We meet on the first & third Tuesdays at 11:30 am in the Shaunessy Center

See you at the meeting.

THE BULLETIN OF *MARCH 20* HAS GONE TO THE PRINTER
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BULLETIN COPY FOR THE BULLETIN OF *EASTER, MARCH 27* NEEDS TO BE IN THE RECTORY OFFICE BY TUESDAY, MARCH 15 - 9:00 AM

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1-800-400-4205

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Parish Staff

Rev. George Koeune, Pastor
Rev. James J. O'Brien, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Grzegorz Wójcik , Associate Pastor
Rev. John Hetland, Associate Pastor
Rev. Philip J. Grib, S.J., Resident
Retired Deacon Edward O'Leary
Deacon Jim Cozzo, Jr.
Deacon Chick O'Leary, Business Manager

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Mrs. Janet Kusinski, Assistant Principal
Ms. Lydia Hilado, Director of Music
Mr. Vincent Hilado, Assist. Director of Music
Mrs. Barbara Meier, Bulletin Editor
Mrs. Joanna Bischof, Mrs. Pat Conlon, Mrs. Kathleen Kon &
Mrs. Terri Swiderski, Receptionists

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Confirmation takes place on Friday, March 18.
No stations on that date.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Friday, March 25 - 3:00 pm



LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

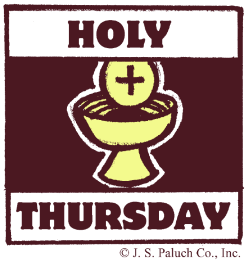
Wednesday, March 16
from 1:00 until 2:00 pm
(English, Italian, and Polish)

Saturday, March 19
from 4:00 until 5:00 pm
(English only)

Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 pm
Parish Reconciliation Service
(English, Italian, & Polish)

CONFESSIONS EVERY SATURDAY 4:00 - 5:00 PM

2016 Holy Week Schedule



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Holy Thursday, March 24
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper



Good Friday, March 25
3:00 pm Living Stations of the Cross
7:30 pm Passion /
Veneration of the Cross



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Holy Saturday, March 26
1:00 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets
7:30 pm Mass of the Easter Vigil
(no confessions on Holy Saturday)



Easter Sunday, March 27
Masses:
7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am, & noon

(There is no 4:30 pm Mass on Easter Sunday.)

ST. JOSEPH DAY MASS

Saturday, March 19 - 1:00 pm
Church



There will be a special afternoon mass in honor of St. Joseph. After the mass, there will be a reception in the church vestibule, where blessed St. Joseph Bread and prayer cards will be available.

ST. EUGENE CHOIR EASTER REHEARSAL

There will be a special rehearsal for Easter on ***Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 pm in Church.*** We welcome everyone who would like to help make our choir very special on Easter.



SINGERS WANTED!

St. Eugene Choir - 11:00 am
Church



The St. Eugene Adult Choir will rehearse on Sunday mornings at 11:00 am (before 11:30 am Mass). All are welcome!

If you have any questions, stop by after any Mass to speak with Lydia Hilado, our Director of Music.

Or for more information, call the rectory at: 773-775-6659.

POPE FRANCIS TWEET FOR THE WEEK



The Jubilee of Mercy is a propitious occasion to promote in the world ways to respect life and the dignity of each person.





Spare Change Saves Babies



Baby bottles are now available in the rectory. Please take one home to fill with your spare change, dollars, or a check (made out to the Women's Center). Bottles should be returned next weekend **March 19 - 20.** The funds collected will be given to support the work of the Women's Center.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



MARCH FOOD DRIVE

will take place next weekend: MARCH 19/20.

(please note the change of date)

THANK YOU AGAIN to those of you who contributed food and monetary donations to our Parish Food Drive in February. Your generous donations put food on many tables and provide aid to the poor in other ways. There are so many in need.

We will begin loading the truck with our food collection at 11:15 am (15 minutes prior to the 11:30 am Mass). We are asking for help in loading the truck.



PLEASE PRAY

***For the Sick*:** Linda Adamczyk, Annabella Amato, Pat Apida, Robert Apida, Rosemary Beyak, Christine Bobka, Arthur Bronski, Margaret Brinlee-Brucken, Cathy Cassettari, Franco Chiappetta, Infant Liam Thomas Clark, Agnes Collins, Sam Cortese, Mirna Cozzo, Ed Czerwinski, Ron Deutscher, Marge Dyson, Don Feist, Carol Gasiorek, Robert W. Gelfond, Frances Gofron, Michelle & Shaun Hamilton, Tim Heider, Barbara Hinze, Patricia Imburgia, Kathy Jeskey, John Kevin Keating, Linda Knight, Our Pastor Rev. George Koeune ,Katherine Koeune, Olga Kykta, Antonio Lara, Rosaria Lombardo, Rosina Macak, Rose Mary Maratto, Rosemary Marinello, John Masley, Nick Milazzo, Ursula Mills, Rev. James Murphy, Michael C. Muscarello, Virginia Muscarello, Delio & Rosalie Napoli, Leo Navickis, Deacon Ed 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, Gerulamo Taurina, Rev. Fred Tomzik, Mary Vail, Beverly Wijas, Louanne Will, Janina Wójcik, Mary Ann Zulawinski and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

Newly added to our sick list: Brian Campbell, Mile Divello, Patricia Jackson

For the Deceased:

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

St. Eugene Altar & Rosary Society Spring Luncheon

Saturday, April 9, 2016
Chateau Ritz (9100 Milwaukee Ave., Niles)
Doors open at 11:00 am - Lunch is served at noon

We welcome any women or men interested in joining the Altar & Rosary women and their spouses. We hope you can join us and enjoy the afternoon with friends, family and fellow parishioners.

The entrée options are: Prime Rib of Beef, Ala Ritz au jus ($36),
Broiled Salmon, Lobster Dill Sauce ($36),
Stuffed Chicken Breast, filled w/Spinach and Cheese ($30).

The entrée's include Ritz Garden Salad with assorted green, radicchio, tomato and cucumber with your choice of House (oil/vinegar or ranch), broccoli & carrots, duchess rosette potato, French vanilla ice cream w/carmel sauce and regular/decaf coffee, tea or milk. There is a cash bar.

Our entertainment for the afternoon



Ron & Sandie

Incredible Singing/Dancing "Sing & Swing Show"



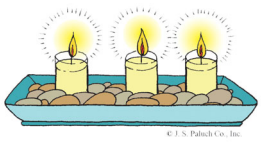
For tickets call Lois Feist at: 773-774-1511 no later than March 31st.

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, March 12 - Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent
5:30 Joe Kosala
Sunday, March 13 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Frank Esposito
11:30 Brian Campbell, Leokadia Chludzinski, Vincent Farin, Eugeniusz Kosla, Mario & Grace LoCascio, LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Isabel Medina, John Mugnaini, Walter & Gerry Papciak, Rocco Ronchi, Russell Saletta, Maria Tenuta
4:30 Anthony & Lillian Dielle

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

Monday, March 14
6:30 Kazimierz & Henryka Fornal
9:00 Antoinette Bellisario
Tuesday, March 15
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Maura Lomonaco
Wednesday, March 16
6:30 Rev. John M. Ryan
9:00 Mariafedele Cozzone, Dec'd Mbrs. Jasicki Fam., LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Esther Vanucci
Thursday, March 17 - St. Patrick
6:30 Robert Solka
9:00 In Thanksgiving - Bischof Fam.
Friday, March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem
6:30 Joseph Jagiello
9:00 Frederick Tomzik
7:00 Confirmation
Saturday, March 19 - St. Joseph
8:30 Joseph Yauch
1:00 Mass in honor of St. Joseph
Saturday, March 19 - Vigil:
Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord
5:30 Christopher Iacopelli
Sunday, March 20 -
Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord
7:00 Patricia Zmijewski
9:30 Michael Swiderski
11:30 M/M Natale Barbera, Gesumino Bumbaca, Leokadia Chludzinski, Angelo Colletti, James Collins, George Concialdi & Joe Costa, Bernard DiMeo, Fr. Bob Grib S.J., Pamela Heider, Filomena Kazimiera, Eugeniusz Kosla, Chester Kolakowski & Fam., LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Maria Tenuta, Anna Virdone, Edward & Victoria Wnek
4:30 People of the Parish



+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

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

Saturday, March 19 - 8:30 am
*** **Team 12**
Saturday, March 19 - 5:30 pm
* D. Divello, A. Cisek
** C. Lim, M. Lim, A. LoForte, B. Veth
*** **Team 11**
Mon., 3/21 - 9:00 am
Sunday, March 20 - 7:00 am
* J. Bischof, K. Kon
** P. Schippers, N. Francisco, R. Perez, A. Bischof
*** **Team 3**
Tue., 3/22 - 9:00 am
Sunday, March 20 - 9:30 am
* P. Conlon, T. Swiderski
** M. Lopez, M. Russo, V. Parado, T. Swiderski
*** **Team 2**
Wed., 3/23 - 9:00 am
Sunday, March 20 - 11:30 am
* T. Bernacki, B. Gasiorek
** R. Sparacino, S. Sparacino, E. Mendoza, J. Santiago
*** **Team 1**
Thu., 3/24 - 7:30 pm
Sunday, March 20 - 4:30 pm
* P. Basili, P. Wagner
** J. Nardi, M. Meo, R. Kopf, Y. Sarmiento
*** **Team 4**
Fri., 3/25 - 7:30 pm



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.

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 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.

Highlighting Ministries

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA is a process by which one enters the Catholic Church through prayer, study, and discussion. This is an old rite of the Church which was brought back after Vatican II.

This class is designed for those who are:

- not baptized
- baptized in another Christian denomination
- baptized Catholic but did not make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

After study and prayer, candidates are welcomed into the Church on Holy Saturday, when the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and/or Confirmation are received.

At the beginning of Lent, the Elect go to Holy Name Cathedral and are presented to the Archbishop -- symbolic of their acceptance into the larger Church.

There is no charge for the classes Topics such as: the Trinity, the role of Mary in our faith, and the Sacraments are covered.

Anyone 18 years and older is eligible to participate in the program. Classes are held in the rectory on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, beginning in mid-September through the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

_____ Yes, I'm interested in joining. _____ I still have some questions.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ Email: _____

(Please fill out and drop off in the Sunday collection basket. You will be contacted.)

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Wednesday, March 16, 2016 (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)
&
Tuesday, April 12, 2016 (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)

- 3 Yr. PS/ 4 Yr. PK: Full and Half Day Programs
- Kindergarten– 8th Grade
- Before and After School Care
- Strive for children to grow spiritually
- We cater to our students' interests with a variety of extracurricular activities.
- Our graduates successfully move on to prestigious high schools.

Academic Excellence

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FORGIVE
THOSE WHO HURT US

Not by our own ability but enabled by the Holy Spirit, we can forgive those who hurt us. We can reflect the forgiving mercy of God in our lives, especially in difficult relationships. *"For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."* (Matthew 6:14–15)



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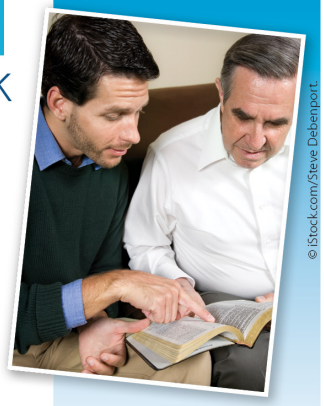
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TEACH
THOSE WHO LACK KNOWLEDGE

No matter what our intellectual gifts are—great or perhaps not so great—we are all learners. We are all disciples, and the word itself means "learners." In mercy and with generosity, we help others learn when we teach and advise them. *"Whoever does [these commandments] and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."* (Matthew 5:19)



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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.



PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches,
we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country,
and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.
We ask for eyes that are free from blindness
so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters,
one and equal in dignity,
especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.
We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned,
Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.
We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment
so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word,
live your love,
and keep in the ways of your truth
as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles
and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Were you raised Catholic… but do not come or seldom come to church anymore?

Are you a Catholic who feels separated from your church?

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today?

Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again?

No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

For more information, please call the rectory at: 773-775-6659 and ask to speak to any of our priests.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The treasures of our tradition can often be traced to one source, but like the waters of a river branching out on its way to the sea, are received differently as they filter through various cultures and customs. Long ago, mostly because of the preparation of candidates for baptism, the annual feast of the Lord's death and resurrection was preceded by a period of preparation. In the West that comes to us as Lent, a word drawn from the Old English word for springtime, referring to the lengthening hours of sunlight in this hemisphere.

In the East, the tradition of preparing for Easter is received as "Great Lent," to distinguish it from a secondary "Lent" preceding Christmas, and a two-week period, a kind of "pre-Lent," that gradually introduces the faithful to the austerities of Great Lent. One of the major differences between East and West is in the vigor of the Lenten fast. In Great Lent the customs of fast and abstinence are far more strict than we are accustomed to. For us, meat is off our Lenten tables on Friday, but in the East, meat disappears from the diet completely, along with dairy products.

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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

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 (T-W-T), 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.

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

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



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Ash Wednesday is not observed by Eastern Christians, perhaps because, at least in Orthodox practice, weekdays are not proper days for the Divine Liturgy. Typically, "Great Lent" has a bit of a prelude. On "Meatfare Sunday" the faithful have their last chance to eat meat for the entire period of Great Lent. A week later, "Cheesefare Sunday" has dairy on the menu for the last time until *Pascha* (Easter). At twilight on Cheesefare Sunday, officially called "Sunday of Forgiveness." the church gathers for "Forgiveness Vespers." The faithful identify with Adam and Eve, forgiving one another in order to experience God's forgiveness. The desire to set aside all bitterness, and to achieve harmony and reconciliation in the family and with one's neighbors gives a remarkable energy to the transition into the days of penitence. At the end of the vespers liturgy, the décor of the church is changed to reflect the new season.

How is your Lenten fast going? Imagine the Eastern tradition. No meat, no fish, no dairy, no wine or oil. Some traditions permit vegetable oil; everyone goes without olive oil. Happily, strict fasting is not permitted on the Sabbath or the Lord's Day, so on Saturday and Sunday the fast is somewhat mitigated, and wine and oil are allowed. If the Feast of the Annunication falls during Great Lent, then fish may be served.

IN THE COMING WEEKS WE WILL BE MEETING OUR PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE COMMISSIONS IN WHICH THEY ARE INVOLVED

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

The Human Concerns Commission focuses on our response to the economically poor, the disabled, the marginal, and the fragile. Our mission is to help communicate that social justice and concern for others is at the heart of the Gospel message.

Human Concerns Commission Ministries include:

Alcoholics Anonymous
Annulment Support Ministry
Pro-Life Committee
St. Vincent de Paul Society

Pastoral Council Representatives: Human Concerns Commission



Rita Kopf - Secretary

Parishioner of St. Eugene for nine years -- Third year on Parish Pastoral Council and current Secretary, Eucharistic Minister and lector. Four adult children – one daughter, three sons; 11 grandchildren – three boys and eight girls. Currently employed full-time as Business Manager for a group of radio stations (Newsweb Radio Company), one of which is WCPT, Chicago's Progressive Talk. Avid reader, mostly fiction; fan of word and number puzzles; active in an investment club; enjoys spending time with family and friends.



Terri Swiderski

St. Eugene has been a part of my life for over 40 years. My husband is a St. Eugene alumnus and our 3 children are alumni as well. I am actively involved with the Respect Life Committee, the Decorating Committee, and the Liturgy Committee as well as being a lector and Eucharistic Minister. For the past 16 years I have been a member of the Rectory Staff and have met and gotten to know numerous parishioners. Previous activities include: teaching CCD, being a Minister of Care, working at the Women's Center and being a member of Toastmasters. If I'm not in church, you can find me playing with our granddaughters, relaxing while working on a counted cross-stich piece or a quilting project, attending plays with my husband or providing audio support for parish musicals. It is an honor to serve on the Pastoral Council.



Betty Urbaszewski

I has been a parishioner of St. Eugene for over 35 years and a member of the Altar & Rosary Society for about as long. I have participated as a volunteer at the Altar & Rosary Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show. I have served as a co-denmother and Treasurer of Cub Scout Pack 3998 while my boys were in scouting. Serving as a resource for Diabetes Awareness and Drug information, I have also participated in a Health Fair at St. Eugene Shaunessy Center. I am a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy and was a staff and Certified Diabetes Educator at Presence Resurrection Medical Center until my retirement in 2014. Currently, I spend time babysitting my 4 grandchildren and traveling with my new husband John Gebhardt.

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
DONALD BELLISARIO
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.