St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time **September 4, 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.

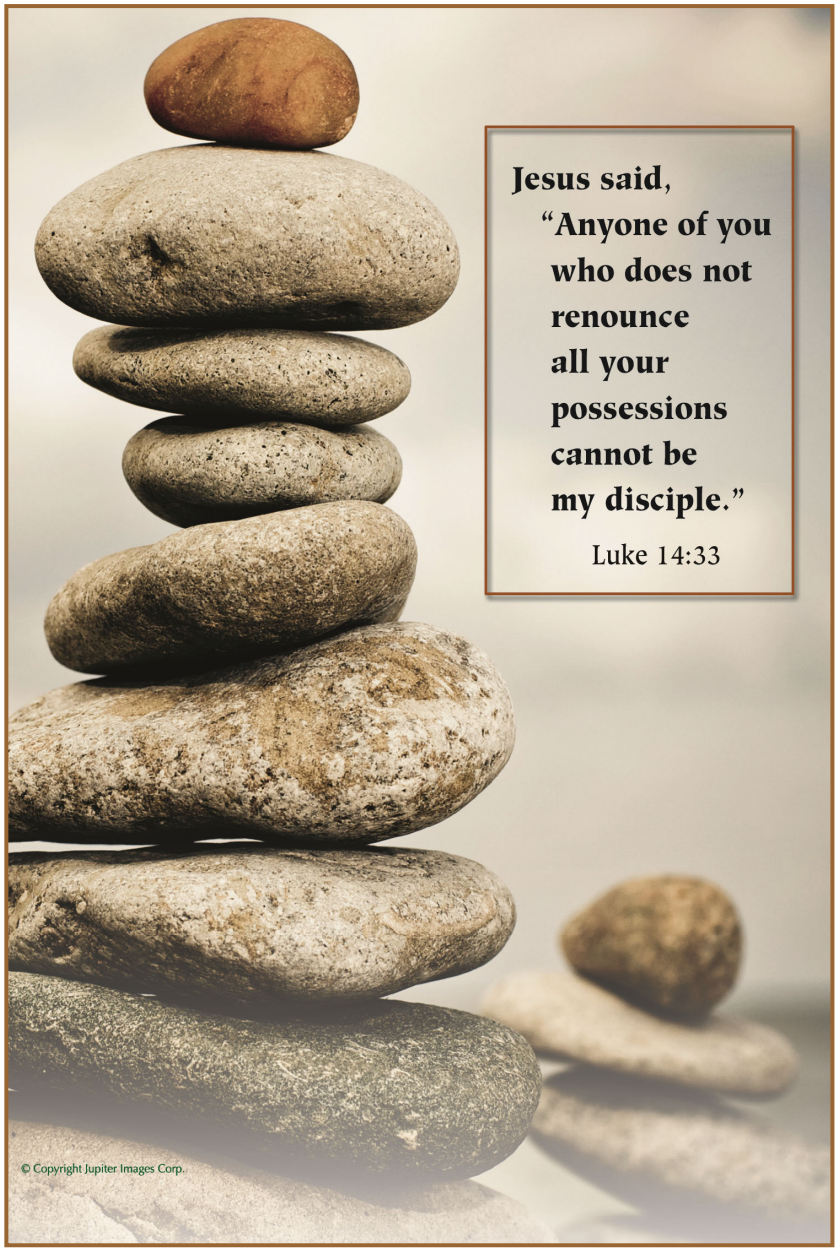
BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1:00 PM. Baptismal Preparation Class the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory. Please telephone the rectory to register.

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

PASTOR'S CORNER



Ministry / Organization Fair

On Wednesday, September 14, we will have a Parish Ministry / Organization Fair. It will be held in the Shaunessy Center from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. It also happens to be the same night that St. Eugene School will be hosting their Open House. This is a great opportunity for all parishioners to see the many ministries we have at St. Eugene Parish and to tour our wonderful school. Perhaps you have been looking for a way to volunteer, to give something back to God. At the fair you may find just the ministry or organization you would like to join.

We have some very generous parishioners who volunteer their time, treasure and talent to keep the parish running smoothly. These parishioners take seriously their baptismal calling and have gone above and beyond to care for their parish. Unfortunately, age, death, and the reality that people have moved out of the area, have impacted our parish. As a result of these factors, St. Eugene Parish is in need of more ministers and volunteers.

I have noticed at recent parish functions, for example the St. Joseph Table, that it is the same people volunteering. It is great that they dedicate their time, but it would be helpful to have more people involved. The old saying that many hands make the work easy is true. Every organization in our parish would benefit from a new influx of volunteers. We have a great parish and we need the generosity of many people to help keep it vibrant. Please consider coming to our Parish Ministry / Organization Fair. WE NEED YOU!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. George

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St. Eugene Parish
Ministry / Organization Fair
Wednesday, September 14, 2016
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Shaunessy Center
St. Eugene School Open House
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
St. Eugene Shaunessy Center and School

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

FOOTBALL MANIA TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE
This is the last weekend to buy FootBall Mania Tickets after Mass. The last day to buy tickets in the rectory or school office is Thursday September 8, 2016.



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



INVITED

The Good News is that we have all been invited—invited to the Kingdom, invited to be disciples. It's a life-changing invitation, and like so many other such invitations, it requires a great deal of deliberation and discernment. Whether we choose marriage, ordination, single life, or community life, we know the serious planning and consideration that accompany these profound decisions. Like the tower-builder in the Gospel, we have weighed both the monetary and emotional cost. We have pondered and planned our lives in the direction to which we believe God has called us. And while we pray for guidance and acceptance of God's will, we often fail to understand so much. Like Solomon, we turn to God for wisdom and counsel in our life-changing decisions. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	**4**
9:30 am	Altar & Rosary Mass & Rosary: CH
MONDAY	**5**
	LABOR DAY
TUESDAY	**6**
11:30 am	Young at Heart Club: SCH.CTR
7:00 pm	Altar & Rosary Society: SH.CTR+MR
WEDNESDAY	**7**
6:30 pm	School Advisory Committee: SCH.110
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus: SH.MR
THURSDAY	**8**
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SH.MR
FRIDAY	**9**
6:30 pm	School Event: SH.RH
SATURDAY	**10**
9:00 am	Class of 2017 Car Wash & Bake Sale: E. Parking Lot
10:00 am	AA: SCH: RH



Sacrificial Giving

August 28, 2016

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**13,089**
Electronic Giving Weekly Average July (five week average)	**$**	**1,079**
Total	**$**	**14,168**
Sunday Budget 2016-17	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***1,832***
To Teach Who Christ Is	**$**	**635**
Sharing Parish	**$**	**41**

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)



Marriage Banns

II - Sherry Braciszewicz & Jaroslaw Ruszel
II - Danielle Kennedy & Timothy Roach

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you are in need of assistance, call the rectory. A member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will get back to you.

SUNDAY	**11**
9:30 am	Girl Scouts: CH

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**

Monday, Labor Day, September 5
we will not have
ADORATION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



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

"Always stay very close to our Lord,
present in the tabernacle"
Saint Bernadette
PLEASE COME — VISIT JESUS

PEOPLE OF THE CROSS UNITED

The number of Christians in Jordan has been declining for half a century. For a long time, Jordan was one of the most liberal countries in the region in terms of freedom of religion. However the tide seems to be turning for Christians, especially for Christian converts from a Muslim background who suffer the most persecution. In recent years there has been an increase in "honor killings" of Christians wherein a Muslim family kills a family member for leaving Islam. Pray for Jordanian converts abused or abducted by police or family members. Pray that the refugee crisis will prove to be an opportunity for many to hear the gospel.



THE RECTORY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2016
IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY



Work makes us more human

"Work is a good thing for man. It's a good thing for his humanity, because through work man not only transforms nature, adapting it to his own needs, but he also achieves fulfillment as a human being and indeed, in a sense, becomes more of a human being."

Pope John Paul II

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

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB
Tuesday, September 6 - 12:00 pm
Doors Open 11:30 am
Shaunessy Center

This will be our first meeting of the new year. A nurse will be available to give flu shots. Please bring your medicare card and supplemental card.

Wednesday, October 12, Night Club at Noon is presenting Italian Fest at Villa Brunetti, 9755 W. Grand Ave., Franklin Park. Cost is $40.00 which includes luncheon and show. It is from noon to 3:00 pm. Transportation not included. Please call Dan at: 773/774-0471 if you have any questions.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
Tuesday, September 6 - 7:00 pm
Doors Open 6:30 pm
Shaunessy Center



Mary Oberheim is chairperson for our meeting this month. The theme is "Anchors Away for Altar & Rosary Ministry". The Mission Collection will be for Misericordia.



Find St. Eugene on Facebook!

PLEASE PRAY



***For the Sick*:** Linda Adamczyk, Annabella Amato, Pat Apida, Robert Apida, Anthony Barone, Rosemary Beyak, Anthony Bongiorno, Arthur Bronski, Margaret Brinlee-Brucken, Frances Bruno, Francine Bruno, Brian Campbell, Franco Chiappetta, Agnes Collins, Deacon Jim Cozzo, Jr., Mirna Cozzo, Kevin D'Agostino, Dana Dennis, Marge Dyson, Vickie Fealey, Don Feist, Bob Gasiorek, Carol Gasiorek, Robert W. Gelfond, Frances Gofron, Michelle & Shaun Hamilton, Tim Heider, Barbara Hinze, Patricia Jackson, Eileen Jacques, Kathy Jeskey, Cindy Koeune, Katherine Koeune, Bob Kolk, Raymond Kordzinski, Lila Krzak, Olga Kykta, Rosina Macak, Rose Mary Maratto, Rosemary Marinello, John Masley, Dolores Michalek, Nick Milazzo, Ursula Mills, Michael C. Muscarello, Virginia Muscarello, Leo Navickis, Deacon Ed O'Leary, 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, Emily Steckiewicz, Maxine Stefanowski, Rev. Fred Tomzik, Mary Vail, Oscar Veth, Beverly Wijas, 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:

For the Deceased: Leonard De Pasquale, Paoliana Di Palermo, Idalia Luszcz

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

ST. EUGENE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY'S TRIP TO



THE SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION



Wednesday, September 21

The bus will be in the parking lot on the west side of St. Eugene Church at 7958 W. Foster Ave, Chicago IL at 8:15a.m. and will leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. arriving at the shrine by 10:00 a.m. when it opens. We will have 5 hours to experience the shrine, gift shop, and eat our box lunch which will be ordered from Teibel's Restaurant and delivered to the shine for us. We will board the bus at 3:00 p.m. and travel home to St. Eugene's arriving back at approximately 4:30 p.m

We have one bus which holds 56 passengers. The prayer trail is one half mile. We have one golf cart (capacity for 7 people) available for those who cannot walk. Other golf carts should be available once the other group returns. I do need to let the shrine know **as soon as possible** the number of additional people that would need to use golf carts so they can be held for our use. We are ordering box lunches and have secured the terrace to eat our lunch. The box lunch consists of a sandwich (ham, turkey, beef) and includes lettuce, tomato & cheese with a packet of condiments, chips, veggies (celery, carrots & green onion w/dip), pickle, cookie and beverage (water, Pepsi or Diet Pepsi).

The cost for the trip to The Shrine of Christ's Passion is $40.00.

Anyone wishing to join Altar & Rosary's trip to the Shrine of Christ's Passion should contact Lois at: 773-774-1511 to make your reservation. ***Reservations must be made by September 6th.***

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.

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 class is designed for those who are: not baptized; baptized in another denomination; or baptized Catholic but did not make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

We meet on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Rectory from September 21, 2016 until Easter 2017.

For more information, please contact:
Angie Cisek - (708) 456 - 1375
or the rectory - (773) 775 - 6659

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass for 2016 will be held at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N. State St., Chicago, on **Sunday, September 18, 2016 at 2:45 pm.**

For further information, couples married in 1966 who are interested in attending this celebration should call the Family Ministries Office at: 312.534.8351 or visit the website: www.marriageandfamilyministries.org to register.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes, this "Treasures" column can seem to be a species of crib-notes for Catholic *Jeopardy*. Indeed, you may never know when knowledge of our particular vocabulary may come in handy. Such is the case with papal bulls, which conjure up all sorts of images, but are actually not what you might expect. A bull is a papal letter on a matter of great consequence, such as a decision about a crisis in the Church, the declaration of a doctrine, the summoning of a council, or the canonization of a saint. It has a more solemn intention than a mere letter or even an encyclical, a teaching letter circulated through the whole Church. Its odd name comes from the Latin *bulla*, which is the stamp used to apply a signatorial design to the hot lead, or even molten silver or gold, that seals the decree.

The format for the bull is the name of the pope in Latin, followed by the title "servant of the servants of God," also in Latin, and then the text. The title of the bull is always the first two words of the text. Some famous papal bulls are *Exsurge Domine* (Arise, O Lord), written against Martin Luther's Ninety-five Theses in 1520; *Munificentissimus Deus* (The Most Bountiful God), the promulgation of the dogma of the Assumption in 1950 by Pope Pius XII; or *Humanae Salutis* (Human Salvation), by which Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council in 1962.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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 # _____

Join us for a Fun and Relaxing Night of Painting!!!



We would like to invite all of our

St. Eugene Ladies & Friends

to a Wine Glass Painting Party,

Hosted by Lisa with *Krafts and Koozies*.



On Friday, September 9th, 2016
Beginning at 6:30 pm in Ryan Hall

Bring your favorite bottle of wine to sip at your table while you paint your Wine Glass Masterpieces.

The cost of our event is *$35 per person,* which includes the Wine Glasses, Instruction, Supplies, Water, Cheese, Crackers and Fruit. With each ticket purchase you also have your choice of a No Uniform Slip or Raffle Basket Ticket.

Wine Glass Painting Party

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Adults Attending: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Please return this form to the school office by Tuesday, September 6th, 2016 if you would like to join in on a Night of Painting and kindly make all checks payable to St. Eugene School.

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, September 3 - Vigil:
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 Helen & Julian Kowalski

Sunday, September 4 -
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 William Walsh
9:30 George Meier
11:30 Linda Adamo, Gesumino Bumbaca, Adam Cegielski, Margaret Chlopek, Clotilde Cozzone, Dabros & Wytrwal Fams., Dominico & Caterina Gallo, James Grow, Pasquale La Brizzi, Robert Landeck, LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Michael & Anthony Laterza, Alberto & Francesca Napoli, Francesco & Pasquale Napoli, Lois Pallo, Michael Vito Parente & Domenico Battista, Angela & Vincenzo Recchia, Norma Smith, Virgilea Solam, Maria Tenuta, Timothy White
4:30 People of the Parish

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

Monday, September 5 - St. Teresa of Calcutta
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Verlin & Ada Emmanuel

Tuesday, September 6
6:30 Peter Panfil
9:00 Lawrence & Mary Csuk

Wednesday, September 7
6:30 William & Virginia Kerber
9:00 Anthony Antonacci, Teresita Dellota, Vincenzo Di Iorio, Lia Gerard, Fr. Bob Grib, S.J., LaPietra Fam. & Friends, Mariano & Regina Lising, Louise Prosiliakos, Maria Rosignoli, Bernadette Veeneman, Richard & Joan White

Thursday, September 8 -
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 Mariano & Regina Lising
9:00 Anthony & Angeline Serpico

Friday, September 9 - St. Peter Claver
6:30 John C. Rog
9:00 Bobby Rizzo

Saturday, September 10
8:30 Dominic Nardi

Saturday, September 10 - Vigil:
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 James Grow

Sunday, September 11 -
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Ann B. Rzewnicki
11:30 Bernadette & David Salazar - 7th Wedd. Anniv., John P. Becker, Victoria Cabrillos, Giuseppe Cozzone, Vincent Farin, LaPietra Fam. & Fri., John Mugnaini, Joseph Picardi, Marie Tenuta, Timothy White, Edward & Victoria Wnek
4:30 Sean Killen

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

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

Saturday, September 10 - 8:30 am
*** **Team 4**

Saturday, September 10 - 5:30 pm
* A. Cisek
** P. Conlon, R. Fiorante, M. Guerrieri, M. Kowalski, V. Santucci
*** **Team 3**
Mon., 9/12 - 9:00 am

Sunday, September 11 - 7:00 am
* M. Egan
** L. Feist, D. Feist, P. Gerard, K. Kon, P. Schippers
*** **Team 5**
Tue., 9/13 - 9:00 am

Sunday, September 11 - 9:30 am
* T. Swiderski
** T. Swiderski, D. Laterza, B. Ndiwe, C. Hill, C. Hill
*** **Team 6**
Wed., 9/14 - 9:00 am

Sunday, September 11 - 11:30 am
* B. Gasiorek
** P. Paetsch, J. Horn, J. Schmitt, B. O'Neill, J. Santiago
*** **Team 7**
Thu., 9/15 - 9:00 am

Sunday, September 11 - 4:30 pm
* P. Brown
** J. Carrozza, L. Vasich, C. Lim, M. Lim, M. Meo
*** **Team 8**
Fri., 9/16 - 9:00 am

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**

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

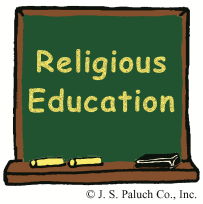
St. Eugene Parish offers religious education classes for students attending area public elementary schools. First consideration is given to families who are registered parishioners. Classes are held on Tuesday from 3:30 – 4:45 pm beginning October 4th.

A mailing has gone out to all families whose children attended last year. The re-enrollment form can be returned by mail with the required tuition fee. Returning families do not need to come into the school office to register unless they have another child (year 1) who would be new to the program.

If you are registering for the first time, you must come into the school office. New registrations will be accepted September 1st through September 22nd No new registrations will be accepted after September 23rd. A copy of the Baptismal certificate is required at the time of registration. Proof of attendance at another religious education program is also required for students who will be entering after year 1. Please note that consecutive years of attendance (year 1-7) are required for all students.

The tuition due at the time of registration:

Parishioners
1 child - $250.00
2 or more children - $350.00



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Non-Parishioners (who attended previous years)
Each child - $350

Non-Parishioners (new to the program)
Each child - $400.00

Sacramental Fees:

1st reconciliation/1st Eucharist	$125.00
Confirmation	$125.00

For more information please call the school office: 773-763-2235 ext. 119

St. Eugene Class of 2017
Car Wash & Bake Sale







Saturday, September 10, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Cars - $5.00 **SUVs/Vans - $7.00**

St. Eugene School Parking Lot **7930 W. Foster Ave.**

Come out and support the Class of 2017

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St. Eugene Parish

Ministry / Organization Fair

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6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Shaunessy Center

St. Eugene School Open House

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



Come tour the school.
Visit the classrooms and teachers.

Come visit our
ministries / organizations.

FREE RAFFLE!
Refreshments

Become a part of
something REWARDING!

St. Eugene has a proud history of service and commitment to its church and school, generosity towards those in need, and a determined spirit. Our parish is made up of many dedicated people who have kept and continue to keep that vision. They are the members of the various ministries and organizations that are part of our parish and school. Come and meet them. Come and join them.

"God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission."

John Henry Cardinal Newman

Join a ministry and fulfill your mission!



St Eugene's Liturgical Decorating Committee

People come to church to enter the dwelling place of God. The whole church should be arranged so as to invite adoration and contemplation even when there are no celebrations. One must long to frequent it in order to meet the Lord there.

Decorating Seasons

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany

Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. Its focus is preparation for the coming of Christ. The Christmas season immediately follows Advent. It begins with Christmas Eve on the evening of December 24th and continues until the feast of the Baptism of Christ.

Lent, Easter and Pentecost

Lent is a major penitential season in preparation for Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The 6 Sundays of Lent are not counted among the 40 days. Easter is a celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Pentecost is the fiftieth and last day of the Easter season. It celebrates the sending of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, which traditionally marks the birth of the Church.

Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time resumes after the Easter season. It ends on the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent.

Decorating Times

The decorating season starts late September thru mid June. A Liturgical Decorating Committee calendar is published with the date, time (generally starting at 6:30 PM) and decorating purpose of each time the committee meets.

How you can help:

- Assist in the creation and changing of banners and altar linens for the different liturgical seasons
- Arranging and placement of flowers throughout the church as needed
- Arrangement of statues, as needed

Liturgical Decorating Committee

_____ 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.)

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

Saturday, October 22, 2016

To register and for more information, visit

www.steugene5k.org

To volunteer visit https://www.volunteersignup.org/MH8KC

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

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

Proceeds from the race will benefit St. Eugene School Programs.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?

(Sometimes "Seeing is Believing")

A consecrated host becomes living flesh. A statue of Jesus weeps tears and blood. God dictates messages to a woman who bleeds from her hands, feet, and head. Is there solid evidence validating these claims? What does science have to say about these claims? If they really are "Signs from God", then what implications do they have for your life? What message is God wanting to convey?
Come to the breathtaking presentation, *Signs From God-Miracles and Their Meaning*, at **Immaculate Conception Parish**, 7211 W. Talcott Ave. in Chicago on September 19th and 20th at 7:00 pm. Dynamic speaker Tim Francis will follow the fascinating journey of attorney and author Ron Tesoriero and respected investigative journalist Mike Willesee, in pursuit of answers to these questions. Their story comes alive in powerful narrative and amazing film footage.

Who should come and who should you bring?

1. The "I will believe it when I see it" type
2. The "I believe in God but NOT organized religion" type
3. Atheists and Agnostics
4. Non Catholic Christians
5. The "Catholic Mass" is so boring types
6. The son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter that does not see the need to go to church every Sunday
7. The "I was born and raised Catholic but I no longer go to church type
8. The most devoted Catholics you know.

Go to these web pages for video and full detail:

http://www.sciencetestsfaith.com/ImmaculateConceptionParish/

http://www.sciencetestsfaith.com/stgerald

CONFIRMATION,
COMMUNION,
&
GRADUATION
DVDS
ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP
IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

VERBUM DEI SISTERS - CONVENT YARD SALE

Saturday, September 17
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
7920 W. Foster



POPE FRANCIS
TWEET FOR THE WEEK

An easy prayer to say every day: "Lord, I am a sinner: come with your mercy."

LADIES NIGHT OUT - BUNCO!

Friday, September 23
Doors Open 6:30 pm
Bunco starts at 7:30 pm
Shaunessy Center



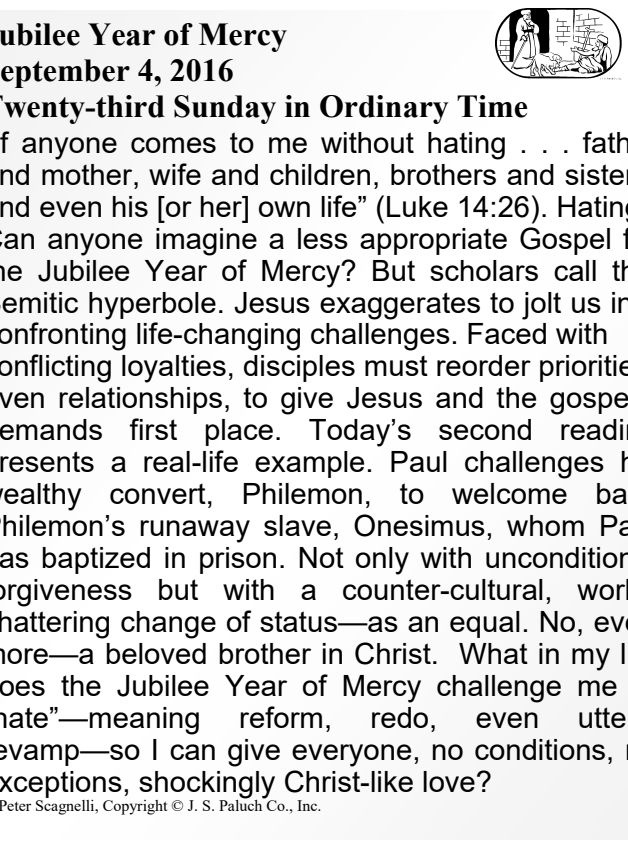
Tickets are $25.00 each which includes beer & wine. Bunco prizes will be awarded in the form of gift cards of your choice through the school TRIP program. Buy your ticket now at the rectory. A limited number will be sold. Tickets orders must be returned by September 20th. Tickets will be held at the door. The rectory will have a form for you to fill out. More information to come.

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.

THE DIFFERENCE
It is labour indeed
that puts the difference on everything.
—John Locke

Jubilee Year of Mercy
September 4, 2016
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If anyone comes to me without hating . . . father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his [or her] own life" (Luke 14:26). Hating? Can anyone imagine a less appropriate Gospel for the Jubilee Year of Mercy? But scholars call this Semitic hyperbole. Jesus exaggerates to jolt us into confronting life-changing challenges. Faced with conflicting loyalties, disciples must reorder priorities, even relationships, to give Jesus and the gospel's demands first place. Today's second reading presents a real-life example. Paul challenges his wealthy convert, Philemon, to welcome back Philemon's runaway slave, Onesimus, whom Paul has baptized in prison. Not only with unconditional forgiveness but with a counter-cultural, world-shattering change of status—as an equal. No, even more—a beloved brother in Christ. What in my life does the Jubilee Year of Mercy challenge me to "hate"—meaning reform, redo, even utterly revamp—so I can give everyone, no conditions, no exceptions, shockingly Christ-like love?
—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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
CHRISTOPHER JENKINS
JACK KANE
TYLER LANNERS
ANTONIO JAMES LIM
JAMES TYLER MARBACH
CHRIS MARCHIORI
KEITH MILLER
MEGAN MILLER
THOMAS NEUHENGEN
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.