St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

Third Sunday of Advent **December 11, 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.

Third Sunday of Advent





Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy.
— Isaiah 35:10a

Parish Staff

Rev. George Koeune, Pastor
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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.

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

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.

In place of my article this week there is a letter from Blase Cardinal Cupich.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. George

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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December 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Reflecting on the fruits of the Year of Mercy, many of us can recall the example of thousands of now elderly women and men religious who, for so many, were a living sign of God's mercy. These women and men—Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—were indeed the hands of Christ as they educated the young, cared for the sick, and ministered to the neediest among us. Through their service, sacrifice and witness, they modeled the compassionate love of Jesus and showed us that we, too, could be instruments of peace and mercy.

Today, many senior religious continue to be vessels of mercy, serving in a wide range of volunteer and prayer ministries. Others are frail and need assistance. Most older religious ministered for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. With the ever-rising cost of health care and the increased number of those needing care, many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members.

On December 10-11, your parish will be conducting its appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an annual collection that benefits nearly 33,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift provides vital support for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious communities implement long-term retirement strategies that ensure both quality eldercare and continued service to the People of God.

The people of the Archdiocese of Chicago have always led the nation in their generous response to this appeal. As not only a matter of justice to care for their needs, but also in thanksgiving for the lessons of mercy senior religious have shared with us, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Card. Blase Cupich

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

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THIS WEEKEND

SECOND COLLECTION
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS
AFTER THE 9:30 AM MASS

SIGN UP TO LIGHT A CANDLE(S) ON OUR ADVENT WREATH
(sign up sheet is in the vestibule)
Please see page 5



OPLATEK
AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE
AFTER ALL MASSES
(and at the rectory during the week.)



MITTEN TREE
Please see page 5

A SEASON OF HOPE

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

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HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	**11**
	NO ACTIVITIES
MONDAY	**12**
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	**13**
4:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Society: SH.MR
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
WEDNESDAY	**14**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SHCTR
6:30 pm	School Event: SCH.110
7:00 pm	RCIA: REC.DR
THURSDAY	**15**
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SH.MR
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
6:45 pm	Choir: CH
FRIDAY	**16**
6:30 pm	School Event: SH.CTR+MR
SATURDAY	**17**
10:00 am	AA: SCH: RH
SUNDAY	**18**
9:30 am	Family Mass featuring 4th Grade: CH
12:30 am	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR

FACILITY CODES

CH	**Church**
CV	**Convent**
REC.LL	**Rectory Lower Level**
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**

Sacrificial Giving

December 4, 2016

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**14,128**
Electronic Giving November 28 to December 4 $1,321 from 48 donors	**$**	**1,321**
Total	**$**	**15,449**
Sunday Budget 2016-17	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***551***
To Teach Who Christ Is	**$**	**2,717**
Sharing Parish	**$**	**55**
Christmas Flowers	**$**	**3,506**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH.
YOUR EFFORTS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
Visit our giving page by going to our web site (www.st-eugene.org)

WEEKEND ANNOUNCEMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RECTORY OFFICE BY 9:00 AM ON FRIDAY AND APPROVED BY FR. GEORGE



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

Christ gives himself to us
in the measure we give ourselves to him.
Blessed Columba Marmion

PLEASE COME — VISIT JESUS

PEOPLE OF THE CROSS UNITED
"AMERICA, WAKE UP"



An Islamic extremist ideology which has spread to many countries but particularly in the Middle East has resulted in the suffering and death of thousands of Christians. This ideology has also affected us in the United States. One example among many is the killing of fourteen and injuring of twenty-two others in San Bernardino, California on December 2, 2015 by a married couple radicalized by ISIS.

Mary, our Mother,
help us to recognize and reach out to those who are being influenced by Islamic extremism.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
Tuesday, December 13 - 4:00 pm
Shaunessy Center Meeting Room

This is our regular monthly meeting.
We ask all members to be present. We are always looking for new members -- wouldn't you like to join us?

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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Christmas Choir



The St. Eugene Choir invites Parishioners to join them on the glorious Feast of Christmas for the 10:00 PM Christmas Midnight Mass and/or the 11:30 AM Mass on Christmas Day. There will be one rehearsal in church on Thurs, Dec. 15th at 7:00 PM.

Even if you have never sung with a choir before but still enjoy singing the music of the Christmas Season, please consider joining us for these Festive Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Lydia Hilado at the rectory number: (773) 775-6659.

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 # _____

ADVENT 2016 - SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 17	-	4:00 - 5:00 p.m. (English only)
Tuesday, December 20	-	**7:00 p.m. - Communal Reconciliation Service (Confession heard in English, Italian & Polish)**
Wednesday, December 21	-	1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (English, Polish, & Italian) (Confession heard in English, Italian & Polish)

ADVENT WREATH



During Advent, a wreath with four candles, representing the four weeks of Advent, is in a prominent place in the sanctuary.

As in previous years, we are asking parishioners to volunteer to be in the entrance procession and light the appropriate candle(s) at the beginning of Mass. A single person, a couple, or an entire family can volunteer for the candle lighting ceremony.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule of the church. Stop and sign up for one of the twenty masses during Advent. Make sure to include your telephone number (or call the rectory to leave your phone number), so we can answer any questions you may have and also to remind you the day before your mass.

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

The greatest gift of the Christmas season is love.



The scarf, mitten/glove tree (for all ages) will be in the vestibule of the Church from the First Sunday of Advent until the Fourth Sunday of Advent.



The tree items are distributed with the help of the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

God Bless Everyone!

CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE
1-800-400-4205

ATTENTION!
All Ministers of Care & Eucharistic Ministers
There will be a Renewal/Recommissioning Mass Sunday, December 11th - 11:30 am

Your Certificates stating that you will be mandated until November 30, 2019, can be picked up in the Sacristy after Mass on December 11, 2016 or the following week.

REMINDER!!!
CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIFT PROGRAM MUST BE RETURNED TO CHURCH NEXT WEEKEND DECEMBER 17 & 18 BY 11:00 AM SUNDAY.

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

The winning entries in the Knights of Columbus "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" poster. Eugene School will be on display in the rear vestibule of the church throughout the Christmas season.

SINGERS WANTED FOR SIMBANG GABI

The Simbang Gabi, or "Night Mass", is considered a symbol of sharing in the Philippines. What better way to show this than to share your talent of song with our congregation? We are welcoming all singers to join in our Simbang Gabi, to be held on Friday, December 23, 2016 at 7:00 pm



We will have 2 rehearsals in December:
Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm
Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 pm

All rehearsals will be held in church.

Please feel free to come to any or all of the rehearsals! If you have any questions, please call the rectory and leave a message for Vincent Hilado.

ST. EUGENE'S
CHILDRENS CHOIR
Will perform
Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 11:00 am
Liberty Bank, 7177 W. Foster Ave., Chicago

PLEASE PRAY



***For the Sick*:** Linda Adamczyk, Annabella Amato, Pat Apida, Robert Apida, Anthony Barone, Jennifer Pemberton Blackmore, Anthony Bongiorno, Arthur Bronski, Margaret Brinlee-Brucken, Frances Bruno, Francine Bruno, Ken Cain, Brian Campbell, Franco Chiappetta, Agnes Collins, Deacon Jim Cozzo, Jr., Mirna Cozzo, Kevin D'Agostino, Dominic De Fano, Dana Dennis, Jaimie Di Carlo, Marge Dyson, Vicki Fealey, Don Feist, Bob Gasiorek, Carol Gasiorek, Robert W. Gelfond, Frances Gofron, Michelle & Shaun Hamilton, James G. Hanson, Tim Heider, Denise Hess, Barbara Hinze, Patricia Jackson, Eileen Jacques, Kathy Jeskey, John Keating, Cindy Koeune, Katherine Koeune, Bill Kohut, Bob Kolk, Raymond Kordzinski, Lila Krzak, Olga Kykta, Allie Lim, Rose Mary Maratto, Rosemary Marinello, John Masley, Dolores Michalek, Ursula Mills, Michael C. Muscarello, Virginia Muscarello, Leo Navickis, Deacon Ed O'Leary, Rita Oltman, 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, Gina Vassalo, Beverly Wijas, 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:

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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

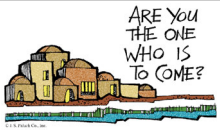


DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE
will take place the weekend of
DECEMBER 31, 2016 / JANUARY 1, 2017.



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

SAVE THE DATE!
ALUMNI WEEKEND
FEBRUARY 17, 18, & 19, 2017



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A PARISHIONER OF ST. EUGENE PARISH, WE WELCOME YOU TO PLEASE STOP BY THE RECTORY OFFICE DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS.
M-F 9 am - 8 pm, SAT – SUN 9 am - 1 pm





James Martin Mazur
Guiliana Ricci
Lillian Grace Shurte
Christine Spada

THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like?
It has feet to go to the poor and needy.
It has eyes to see misery and want.
It has ears to hear
the sighs and sorrows of others.
—St. Augustine

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TESTING THE CLASS OF 2021

Saturday, January 14, 2017

Please call the school of your choice for details and time of the testing.

I too should be a voice

"I have always wondered what it would be like to answer a call as sacrificially as John the Baptist did. Ten lifetimes of pulpit preaching or parish service couldn't add up to one year of John's ministry. He is the mark I hold myself up to when I think I have given enough. His is the voice I hear when I pride myself on my Christian service. John is the example of what I should be, a voice calling perpetually, sacrificially: "Look here is the Savior, come to Him!" R.T. Hopkins





POPE FRANCIS TWEET FOR THE WEEK

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts to receive Christ, our Saviour and hope.

BULLETIN COPY FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 31, 2016 / JANUARY 1, 2017 MUST BE IN THE RECTORY OFFICE BY 9:00 AM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2016

Find St. Eugene on Facebook!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the ties of affection and authority that bound Europe's Catholics unraveled in the sixteenth century, many cultures lost time-honored customs of faith. Some customs proved to be especially difficult for the reformers to wrest away from the people, especially those celebrated in the home. This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished four hundred years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure. St. Lucia, Lucy, is celebrated on December 13. The long-story-short is that Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan fellow, and she rejected her father's authority. To make an example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes, but her vision was miraculously restored. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint. So this patroness of light and clear vision is revered on the shortest, darkest days of the Nordic winter. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the sixteenth century, December 13 was the winter solstice.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now after many mishaps), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the "Lucias" are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone's yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God's grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent.

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

Slow down for Christmas

Take time to recognize in the middle of your busy preparations for the celebration of Christ's birth, that Christ is also being reborn in the Bethlehems of our homes and daily lives. Slow down, be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery that happened 2000 years ago, and miraculously is still happening today.

An old abbot was fond of saying, 'The devil is always the most active on the highest feast days.' The supreme trick of Satan is to have us so busy decorating, preparing food, practicing music and cleaning in preparation for the feast of Christmas that we actually miss the coming of Christ. Pressure, stress, hurt feelings, anger, impatience, injured egos - all these struggles are brought on by busyness, the must-do list. This year, stop the whirlwind of activity or you just might miss the celebration of Jesus altogether.

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, December 10 - Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent
5:30 Sean Killen
Sunday, December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent
7:00 John C. Rog
9:30 Barbara Bronski
11:30 George & Paul Baker, Alviro & Magrit Barone, Dec'd Mbrs. Betz Fam., Marie & James Ciliano, James Collins, Martin & Mae Collins, Vincent Farin, Betty Jane Fassett, Margaret & Patrick Finley, Fr. Bob Grib, S.J., Hinze & Moriarty Fam., La Pietra Fam. & Friends, Michael O'Leary, Cora & Tony Piacca, Dick Roppolo, Lucille & Bill Shields, Eraldo Simonetti, Maria Tenuta, Anna & Joseph Wilk
4:30 People of the Parish

Monday - Friday: 6:30 am & 9:00 am
Saturday: 8:30 am
Monday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
6:30 Agnes Wahrbein
9:00 Joseph Jagiello
Tuesday, December 13 - St. Lucy
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 In Thanksgiving to St. Lucy
Wednesday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross
6:30 William F. Brinlee, Sr.
9:00 Beatrice Calderisi, La Pietra Fam. & Friends, In Thanksgiving to St. Lucy, Carmen Maiorano, Elvera Melone, Vincenzo & Caterina Noto, Bernadette Veeneman
Thursday, December 15
6:30 Lucille Godziszewski
9:00 Ed & Margaret Stack
Friday, December 16
6:30 Purgatorial Society.
9:00 Joseph Jagiello
Saturday, December 17
8:30 Ken Rogers
Saturday, December 17 - Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent
5:30 Leonard Calaido
Sunday, December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Andrew & Joan Maier
11:30 Cecilia Albert, Maria De Santis, Carlo & Paolino DiPolermo, Frank Jablowski, Lisowski & Fruzynski Fams., La Pietra Fam. & Friends, Ted Majewski, John Mugniani, Consilia Panzeca, Alex & Sarah Perri & Fam., Michael & Frances Persoski, Giuseppe & Antonio Pizzuto, Michael P. Rongo, Ralph & Angeline Rongo, Sam Salvato, Eraldo Simonetti, Stanley Sulikowski, Maria Tenuta
4:30 Anthony & Lillian Dielle

+MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

***Lector **Eucharistic Minister ***Server**
Saturday, December 17 - 8:30 am
*** **Team 8**
Saturday, December 17 - 5:30 pm
* P. Wagner
** J. Kusinski, B. Brinlee, P. Conlon, D. Divello, M.B. Glynn
*** **Team 9**
Sunday, December 18 - 7:00 am
* J. Bischof
** L. Feist, D. Feist, A. Bischof, R. Perez, R. Trovela
*** **Team 10**
Sunday, December 18 - 9:30 am
* School Lector
** T. Swiderski, T. Swiderski, R. Kennedy, C. Bobka, R. Fiorante
*** **Team 11**
Sunday, December 18 - 11:30 am
* P. Brown
** P. Paetsch, A. LoForte, R. Sparacino, S. Sparacino, M. Guerrieri
*** **Team 12**
Sunday, December 18 - 4:30 pm
* B. Gasiorek
** J. Horn, B. O'Neill, C. Paulini, M. Russo, Y. Sarmiento
*** **Team 7**
Monday, December 19 - 9:00 am
*** **Team TBA**
Tuesday, December 20 - 9:00 am
*** **Team TBA**
Wednesday, December 21 - 9:00 am
*** **Team TBA**
Thursday, December 22 - 9:00 am
*** **Team TBA**
Friday, December 23 - 9:00 am
*** **Team 7**

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.

FAMILY MASS FEATURING FIRST GRADE - NOVEMBER 20, 2016







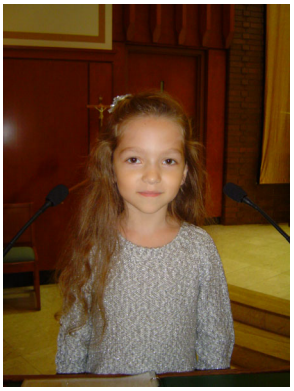


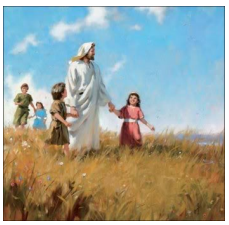








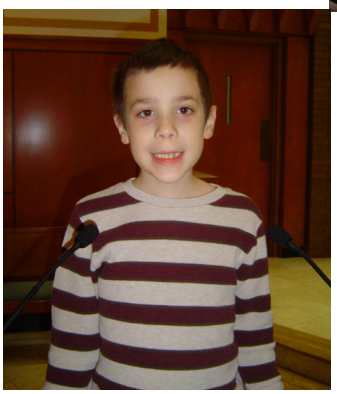












Catholic Education

Memories from the Pilgrimage

As you well know, this year I organized a pilgrimage to Portugal and Spain. Many of you asked me how the trip went. "It was wonderful," I often answered. Today I want to share with you just some of the pictures taken during that pilgrimage. You can see pictures from Lisbon, Fatima, Santiago de Compostela Barcelona and other beautiful places. A picture is worth more than a thousand words and I agree with that statement completely. This week we will celebrate a reunion after the trip and we will go back to that special time of prayer as well as relaxation in Europe. Maybe next time you can join us on similar trip. Have a Blessed Advent, Fr Greg

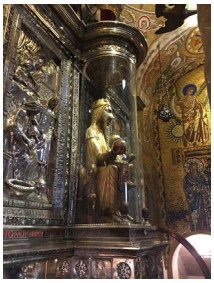
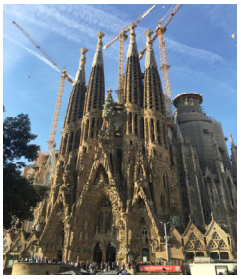












"Prayer in action is love; Love in action is service."
Mother Teresa

The Infant Jesus shows us the tremendous gift that is Love. Our service to each other is an expression of that love. Members of the following ministries and their guest are cordially invited to attend our

Volunteers' Appreciation Christmas Dinner Party on Saturday, January 7, 2017 after the 5:30 pm Mass in the Shaunessy Center.

Altar & Rosary Society, Alumni Association, Annulment Ministry, Athletic Board, Choir, Church Tabulators, Eucharistic Adoration Committee, Eucharistic Ministers, Finance Council, Greeters, Knights of Columbus, Lectors, Liturgical Decorating Committee, Liturgy Committee, Maintenance, Ministers of Care, Ministry of Prayer, Music Ministry, Parish Pastoral Council, Pro-Life Committee, RCIA, Sacristans, School Advisory Committee, School Faculty & Administration, Scouting, St. Joseph's Table, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Super Alumni Weekend Volunteers, Trot 'n Treat Volunteers, Ushers, Verbum Dei Sisters.

Kindly RSVP no later than Tuesday, December 27, 2016 to let us know if you will be joining us.



St. Eugene School

OPEN HOUSE!

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

Wednesday, December 14 (6:30 - 8:00 pm)
Sunday, January 29 (10:30 am - 1:00 pm)

- 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
Rooted in Faith







ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE THIRD





SIMBANG GABI

A Filipino tradition full of love, gift giving, offering authentic Filipino dishes, singing traditional Christmas carols, and wishing peace and joy to everyone.

ST. EUGENE PARISH

MASS WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2016 AT 7:00 PM IN CHURCH





PLEASE JOIN US AFTER MASS TO SHARE A MEAL

(offering authentic Filipino dishes)

IN THE SHAUNESSY CENTER



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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.

MAJOR ADAMCZYK
GHALEB AZROUI
DONALD BELLISARIO
TIMOTHY EMMETT CAROLAN
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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.