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The Voice

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time **January 22, 2017**

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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.

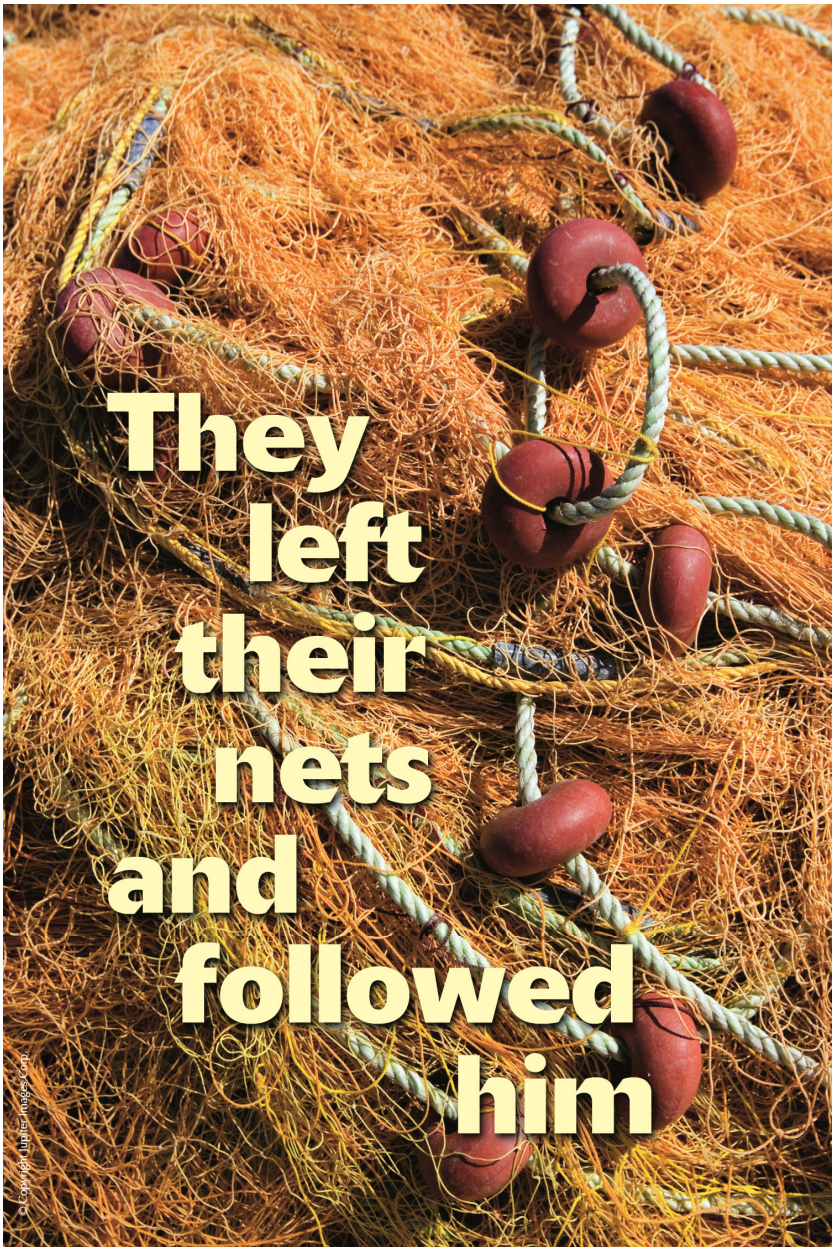
BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1:00 PM. Baptismal Preparation Class the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory. Please telephone the rectory to register.

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.



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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.

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.





Excusing Sinful Acts is Never Pastoral

I am tired. Truly tired of hearing so-called Catholic members and church leaders, who should be standing up for truth, and instead are hiding behind the word "pastoral." It makes me ill (spiritually) to hear those who should lead people away from sin pretend to be compassionate by telling people to follow their conscience (when they have done nothing to help people form their conscience properly). "God loves you!" they say, which is true, but let us remember to add that God does not always love a person's actions.

Acceptance of sin is growing in our society. Unfortunately, some church leaders are not being vocal enough because it is not "politically correct" to state that actions can be sinful. Many church leaders have forgotten the old saying - "love the sinner, but hate the sin."

The most compassionate (and pastoral) stance a true follower of Jesus Christ can take is to lead people away from their sinful way of life. This is not easy but it is what Jesus expects of those who follow in his footsteps. For example, Jesus did forgive the woman who was caught in adultery, however, he added after that she, "Go and sin no more." He did not say, "Go your actions are in the internal form and you must decide for yourself what is good." No! Jesus did not mince words! Sin is wrong and he would not condone sinful acts. Leaders of the church should remember this, for one day they will have to give an account of their actions to the Lord.

It may seem that my words are bitter and harsh. However, it is wrong for me (or any follower of Jesus) to pretend that false compassion and being politically correct is okay when a soul is in danger. The Catholic Church has religious beliefs that are contrary to many accepted beliefs of society. Although some in society may scream "hate-speech" at us, we cannot let society dictate our moral beliefs. Abortion is evil! Homosexual acts (this is not an attack on the person but the action) are wrong! Marriage is only a sacrament when it is between a man and a woman! To be truly pastoral means to stand up for these and other religious truths and help people see how dangerous sinful actions are to their souls.

We have to stop pretending that the acceptance of a sinful act is a pastoral stance. It is not. True compassion is directly opposed to sin. Salvation of souls is at stake in this spiritual and moral battle. Please let us pray for those in leadership positions that they wake up and follow where the Good Shepherd leads. This path, of course, is the path away from sin.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. George

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THIS WEEKEND

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
DIAPER DRIVE
(see page 9)





LIVING ROSARY
CHURCH 7:00 PM
(see page 4)

LIBERATION AND REFORM

While you might have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today's first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus' future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance ("darkness") and sin (the "yoke").

As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of "Christ's party." The gospel is not to divide us.

Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today's Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The theme is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

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HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	**22**
12:30 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
7:00 pm	Living Rosary: CH
MONDAY	**23**
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	
3:15 pm	Cub Scouts: SH.MR
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
7:00 pm	Parish Event: SCH.110
TUESDAY	**24**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
7:00 pm	Parish Pastoral Council: SCH.110
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus: SH.MR
WEDNESDAY	**25**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SHCTR
6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus: REC.LL
7:00 pm	RCIA: REC.DR
THURSDAY	**26**
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SH.MR
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
FRIDAY	**27**
6:30 pm	Bunco: SH.CTR
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts: SCH.RH
SATURDAY	**28**
10:00 am	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
10:00 am	AA: SCH: RH
SUNDAY	**29**
10:30 am	School Open House

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

January 15, 2017

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**12,356**
Electronic Giving January 9, 2017 to January 15, 2017 $844 from 41 donors	**$**	**844**
Total	**$**	**13,200**
Sunday Budget 2016-17	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***2,800***
To Teach Who Christ Is	**$**	**593**
Sharing Parish	**$**	**123**

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)

CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE
1-800-400-4205



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

"What happiness do we not feel in the presence of God, when we find ourselves alone at His feet before the holy tabernacle!"
Saint John Vianney

PLEASE COME — VISIT JESUS

PEOPLE OF THE CROSS UNITED
We are all members of the Body of Christ.
If one member suffers, all members suffer.
(1 COR: 12:26)
Please pray for our brothers and sisters who suffer persecution in many countries throughout the world because of their Christian faith.









2018 MASS BOOK
The Mass Book for 2018 opened Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Consistent with Archdiocesan policy, there is one intention per Mass. To accommodate the additional requests of parishioners, collective or multi-Intentional Masses are scheduled at 9:00 am on Wednesday, and 11:30 am on Sunday. Since we have a large parish, we must allow people an opportunity to get specific days for Mass Intentions. Therefore, only five intentions may be given to an individual within the first two weeks that the book is open. An individual person may not take more than five Mass Intentions in a given month. Of these five Masses, no more than two should be listed in any given week. The above guidelines do not apply to the designated Multi-Intentional Masses. A person can have a Multi-Intentional Mass every week if they desire it. However, since the intentions are read at Mass, no more than thirty intentions should be taken in on any Multi-Intentional Mass.





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

Please join us for a

Living Rosary

to be held

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

marking the 44th anniversary of Roe vs Wade and in solidarity with the "March for Life" being held in Washington, D.C. on that day.

Please join us to pray for an end to abortion.

All parishioners are cordially invited.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 24 - 7:00 pm
School Room110

The meeting begins with an open forum from 7-7:30pm.

Parishioners are welcome to attend the Open Forum.



2016 CHURCH DONATIONS

2016 statements of contributions will be mailed by February 1st to ALL parishioners who have made donations totaling $200 or more during the 2016 calendar year.

If your donations total less than $200 and you would like a **2016 STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS,** please call the rectory. Have your envelope ID number available. The envelope ID number is the group of numbers found to the far left above your name.



May God Bless You on your birthday!



FATHER JOHN HETLAND
January 27

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

No child is an inconvenience

"You need no words from me to see how the decision in Roe v. Wade has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts--a child--as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience."

Mother Theresa

NEW REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Saint Eugene School is now accepting new registrations for the 2017-18 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-TH), three full days (T-W-TH), or five mornings (M-T-W-T-F), or five full days (M-T-W-T-F). Pre-Kindergarten parents have the option of five mornings or five full days.

Following the 9:30 a.m. Catholic Schools Week liturgy Sunday, January 29th there will be an Open House from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

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



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY SPRING LUNCHEON
Saturday, April 22, 2017
Chateau Ritz 9100 Milwaukee Ave., Niles, IL

Everyone is welcome to join the Altar & Rosary women and their spouses at our annual Spring Luncheon. We hope you can join us and enjoy the afternoon with friends, family and fellow parishioner's. Doors open at 11:00 am and lunch will be served at noon. The entrée options are:

Prime Rib of Beef, Ala Ritz au jus ($36) Broiled Salmon, Lobster Dill Sauce ($36) or
Stuffed Chicken Breast, filled with Spinach and Cheese ($30)

The entrée's include Ritz Garden Salad with Assorted Greens, Radicchio, Tomato and Cucumber with your choice of House (Oil/Vinegar) or Ranch dressing, Broccoli & Carrots, Parisienne Potato, French Vanilla Ice Cream with Carmel Sauce and Coffee, Tea or Milk. There will be a cash bar. This year's entertainment is Violinist, Jennifer Silk. She will perform a Musical Entertainment, "A Day in the Life of a Strolling Violinist". For tickets call Lois at 773/774-1511 no later than March 14.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

JANUARY FOOD DRIVE
will take place next weekend JANUARY 28 / 29.

HUNGRY and you fed me

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

PLEASE PRAY



***For the Sick*:** Annabella Amato, Pat Apida, Robert Apida, Anthony Barone, Jennifer Pemberton Blackmore, Anthony Bongiorno, Thomas Bongiorno, Arthur Bronski, Margaret Brinlee-Brucken, John Check, Franco Chiappetta, Agnes Collins, Deacon Jim Cozzo, Jr., Mirna Cozzo, Kevin D'Agostino, Dominic De Fano, 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, Eileen Jacques, Kathy Jeskey, John Keating, Cindy Koeune, Katherine Koeune, Bill Kohut, Bob Kolk, Olga Kykta, Allie Lim, Rose Mary Maratto, Rosemary Marinello, Raffaela Metallo, Michael C. Muscarello, Virginia Muscarello, Leo Navickis, Deacon Ed O'Leary, Rita Oltman, Lena Pighini, Norma Quilici, Gerry Randazzo, Charlotte Rice, John Ruberti, Teresa Ruberti, Leo Samborski, Patty Samborski, Theresa Samborski, Marie Sauser, Jerry Schippers, Joanne Schippers, Pat Schippers, Patrick Schippers, Bob Schu, Emily Steckiewicz, Maxine Stefanowski, Rev. Fred Tomzik, Gina Vassalo, Joan Walsh, Beverly Wijas and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

Newly added to our sick list: Alice Baxter

For the Deceased: Giovanni Di Cataldo, Bertha Pappalardo, Germano Scavelli

THE SICK LIST HAS BEEN UPDATED.
PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME LISTED.

SECOND COLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND
FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

ANNIVERSARY WISHES
TO
JOAN & JACK DAHLQUIST
66 YEARS

ADDING NAMES TO THE PARISH SICK LIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kolęda / House Blessing

If you would like to have Kolęda/ House Blessing done, please contact me (Fr Greg) gwojcik@st-eugene.org or call the rectory at: 773 775 6659. Please leave your name and number or talk to me directly after Sunday masses. God Bless You and Happy New Year.

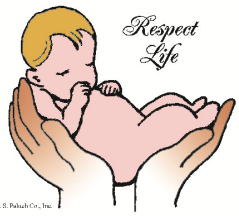
Fr Greg

Wszystkich zainteresowanych Kolęda/ Wizytą Duszpasterską w tym roku proszę o kontakt (Fr Greg) gwojcik@st-eugene.org albo telefon do parafii 773 775 6659. Proszę zostawic wiadomość, albo rozmawiać ze mną osobiście po niedzielnych mszach. Szczęść Boże w Nowym Roku.

Ks Grzegorz

All life is sacred

Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim the right to supersede God's place as the giver and taker of life.





The Altar & Rosary Society
is sponsoring a Diaper Drive
for the Women's Center.



Diapers in all sizes as well as
baby hygiene products are urgently needed.

Please drop off your donation(s) at church
the weekend of January 8, 15, 22, 29,
or February 5.

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, January 21 - Vigil:
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 Tony Viverito

Sunday, January 22 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 Rachelle Turano-Wojcik
9:30 Joseph R. Golden
11:30 Joan & Jack Dahlquist - 66th Wedd. Anniv., Geoffrey & Michael Chierici, James & Marie Ciolino, Giuseppe & Filomena Covello, Luigina Falbo, Norman Johns, Kapolnek & Rountree Fams., Antonietta LaFronza, Stella LaFronza, LaPietra Fam. & Friends, James & Mary Martin, Mike & Michael Michalek, Janet Stryker, Wright & Chillemi Fams.
4:30 People of the Parish

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

Monday, January 23 - St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
6:30 Robert Cisek
9:00 Bridie & David Riordan

Tuesday, January 24 - St. Francis de Sales
6:30 Int. of Joan Metzger
9:00 Joseph R. Golden

Wednesday, January 25 -
The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
6:30 Rev. Peter Yangas
9:00 Rev. Robert Grib, S.J., LaPietra Fam. & Friends, Int. of Benjamin Lising, Irene McGreevy, Int. for Lena Pighini, Int. for Charles Petty, Jr., Int. for Norma Quilici, Andrew Scelsi, Sr.

Thursday, January 26 - SS. Timothy & Titus
6:30 Patrick Zmijewski
9:00 Teddy Madej

Friday, January 27 - St. Angela Merici
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Guy & Merie Dituri

Saturday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas
8:30 Alex James

Saturday, January 28 - Vigil:
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 Bennie Martin

Sunday, January 29 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Mike Kwilas
11:30 Elmer & Dorothy Chanski, Dabros & Wytrwal Fams., Ron Feiereisel, Joseph A. Golden, Frank Jablonski, Int. of Evelyn Johns, Eugene Kosla, Joseph Kuzara, LaPietra Fam. & Fri., JoAnn Markos, Nancy & Mike McDonagh & Fam., Carmela Pondarelli, Ermelo M. Santiago, Int. of Rodney R. Santiago, Eraldo Simonetti
4:30 Ettore DiVito

+MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

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

Saturday, January 28 - 8:30 am
*** **Team 12**

Saturday, January 28 - 5:30 pm
* J. Sclafani
** S. Sclafani, M. Pollowy, B. Brinlee, E. Dillon, C. Edwards
*** **Team 1**
Mon., 1/30 - 9:00 am

Sunday, January 29 - 7:00 am
* K. Kon
** R. Trovela, L. Feist, D. Feist, P. Gerard, J. Carrozza
*** **Team 4**
Tue., 1/31 - 9:00 am

Sunday, January 29 - 9:30 am
* School Lector
** School Eucharistic Ministers
*** **Team 3**
Wed., 2/1 - 9:00 am

Sunday, January 29 - 11:30 am
* B. Gasiorek
** M. Holder, M. Kenny, J. Schmidt, B. Veth, P. Conlon
*** **Team 2**
Thu., 2/2 - 9:00 am

Sunday, January 29 - 4:30 pm
* P. Wagner
** R. Fiorante, C. Bobka, J. Kusinski, M. Meo, C. Paulini
*** **Team 5**
Fri., 2/3 - 9:00 am



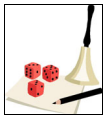
A REMINDER

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.

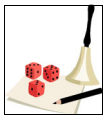
PLEASE NOTE:

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.

Come Support the SAC 8th Grade Scholarship!

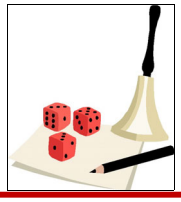


Ladies Night Out BUNCO!



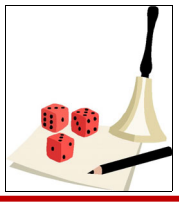
Please join us on Friday, January 27th in the Shaunessy Center (gym) for a fun night of Bunco! Tickets are $25.00, which includes beer and wine. Split the Pot prizes! Bunco prizes will be awarded in the form of gift cards of your choice through the school TRIP program. No cash prizes will be awarded.

Doors open at 6:30pm for a *Happy Hour* with play beginning promptly at 7:30pm. Don't know how to play? We'll teach you that night! **Buy your tickets now at the Rectory**…a limited number of tickets will be sold. Tickets orders must be returned by January 25th. Tickets will be held at the gym door.



As always, Thank You for your support of the Class of 2017!

An appetizer or dessert to share would be appreciated.





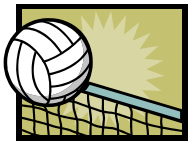
SAVE THE DATE!
ALUMNI WEEKEND
FEBRUARY 17, 18, & 19, 2017













Come Play With Us!

St. Eugene School's "Little Vikings" Registration Is Now Open!

Please contact the school office for details
(773) 763-2237

Begins: January 31, 2017—April 4, 2017
(11 sessions)

Class Meets: Tuesdays
from 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Age: 18 months to 3 years old

Cost: $75

This program provides an environment where children are accompanied by their parent (or other grown-up) to play, interact and learn together. Little Vikings classes provide just the right amount of structured activities to activate toddlers senses through circle time, art exploration, music and movement and free play.

Class size is limited to 15 children.



Come Experience St. Eugene Catholic School!

Excellence in Education through Faith, Knowledge, and Service

Sunday, January 29th, 9:30 AM
Catholic Schools Week Liturgy, there will be an Open House from 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM.



We offer full and part-time pre-school for three year olds,
full and part-time pre-kindergarten for four year olds,
full time classes for kindergarten through grade 8.
Little Vikings Program (18mos. - 3 yrs.),
Music, Technology, Art, Physical Education at all levels,
Service opportunities, Athletic Teams, and extra-curricular clubs.

We look forward to meeting you.

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's still months away, but parish ministers, especially if they are involved in the catechumenate, have their eyes on Lent and the Easter Triduum. Until fairly recent times, the last few days before Easter were shaped by an awareness of the Passion, but the faithful were left to their own devices about how to engage with these mysteries. A thousand years ago, the Easter Vigil as a solemn and central moment of initiation had vanished. By the early 1950s it was a minor moment in parish life, celebrated on Holy Saturday morning, usually with only the priests and a handful of invited guests. Most people understood it as necessary only for blessing the paschal candle and preparing the Easter water. People who were children during World War II sometimes remember that the weekly noontime test of the air-raid sirens on Holy Saturday signaled the end of Lent.

Today, of course, we see Holy Saturday as entirely within the paschal fast, and hardly the time for children to be tearing through the plastic grass looking for jelly beans and chocolate eggs. These memories point to a total collapse of the once-central liturgies of the Christian year. This impoverishment of the liturgy was mostly an accident of history. The root cause was the loss of Lent as a time focused on the final formation of catechumens for the Easter sacraments. By 1880, scholars began to piece together a vision of what once had been, and slowly, at first in a handful of monasteries in Europe, pieces of the tradition were rediscovered and celebrated.

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

Forgive us Lord

For keeping silent, while tiny voices were stilled before their first word

For choosing the easy road, while tiny feet never learned to walk

For standing aside, while cradles were emptied without even a tombstone to honor them.

For allowing evil to reign, for even one day, while it could harm the most innocent of your flock.

Forgive us, Lord.

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

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.

Adult Confirmation

Are you an adult who has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? Adult Confirmations will be held during the spring months throughout the. Archdiocese. Preparation groups are forming now. To register or for information please telephone (312) 534-8032 or go to www.catechesis-chicago.org.



POPE FRANCIS TWEET FOR THE WEEK

There can never be true peace as long as a single human being is violated in his or her personal identity.

Life is non-negotiable

"What is really at stake in this matter of making exceptions to the right to live? Answer: The real issue is whether life is a gift of God or of the State. Innocent life is non-negotiable precisely because it comes from God." Pope John Paul

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.





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Sunday, January 29
(10:30 am - 1:00 pm)

- 3 Yr. PS/ 4 Yr. PK: Full and Half Day Programs
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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
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DONALD BELLISARIO
TIMOTHY EMMETT CAROLAN
CATHY O'LEARY CHAMBERLAIN
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ERIC NORWOOD
VINCENT PAGE
CHAD PRITCHARD
NICHOLAS RANCH
HOLLY SCHIPPERS
MICHAEL SCHIPPERS, JR.

If you would like to add a name to the list, please call the rectory.
Also, please call the rectory when your loved one returns home.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission as Catholics united in faith at St. Eugene Parish is to help bring God to people and people to God. Through evangelization, education and being of service to each other, we strive to make our parish community a holistic community in body, mind and spirit. It is our goal to develop, support, encourage and empower one another in our parish ministries, so that each person can reach their human and Christian potential. We are enthused about the future of St. Eugene and the whole Catholic Church and we pledge our participation in that future. We seek dialogue and open communication with all parishioners in fulfilling the needs of our parish. While recognizing the cultural diversities in our community, we will strive to bring all people together in Christ under a common bond of faith, hope and love.