St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time **January 29, 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.

SAINT EUGENE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE TODAY, FOLLOWING THE 9:30 AM MASS



Academic Excellence
Rooted in Faith

Parish Staff

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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.

PASTOR'S CORNER



Catholic Schools Week

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is a perfect time to do some bragging. St. Eugene Parish has a wonderful vibrant school that is doing very well. We have a stable enrollment; our buildings are in fine shape; we also have a school and religious education endowment that has generated more than $250,000 since being started in 2007. To date, we have $525,000 (over a half a million) in our endowment to ensure a bright future for our school. Ms. Scotkovsky has been working hard marketing our school, having open houses, and making sure our school is up to date with regards to technology. We are on very solid ground. Also, with new families moving in and the increase in our baptisms, I feel confident predicting a substantial growth of school age children in the near future.

Regarding the endowment, there are some people who are still unclear how it works. The goal of an endowment is to generate earnings that can be used each and every year to help our school and religious education program. The principle in an endowment account is never used, so it continues to grow and remains to help future generations. For example, say a school has an endowment of one million dollars. If the endowment is earning 5 percent interest annually that means that $50,000 is earned in a year. This means that $50,000 can be used each and every year to help the school. The principle (the million dollars) always remains, but the interest can be used each year if needed. The larger the endowment, the more money is available every year. St. Eugene Parish has an endowment of more than a half million and it is my hope to make it grow. We have refrained from using the interest every year, so the interest goes into the principle to generate more interest the following year.

Our parish is in the black (we do not have loans from the Archdiocese), our school receives a nice subsidy, and we have an endowment to help future generations. I know the Archdiocese wishes that all parish schools were in such great shape as St. Eugene School. We are very blessed.

As we enter this Catholic Schools week, if you are interested in supporting our endowment, please contact St. Eugene Parish and ask to speak with Deacon Chick O'Leary in the business office. No gift is too large or too small. If you would like to be recognized by an angel in our shrine, Deacon Chick can help with the details. Remember, every offering you make is tax deductible, and any amount you contribute to the fund helps our children. Again, we have a great school and it is due to the generosity of our parishioners, the dedication of our parents, and the commitment and support of our school faculty and staff. A Catholic education is very valuable. Thank you St. Eugene Parish for making our school great!

Catholic Education

Yours in Christ,

Fr. George

Bulletin copy **MUST** be in the rectory office **NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON EACH MONDAY**. Copy material received past the deadline will not be published in *The Voice* until the following weekend—NO EXCEPTIONS.

THIS WEEKEND

SAINT EUGENE SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE AFTER 9:30 AM MASS

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
DIAPER DRIVE (see page 9)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
FOOD DRIVE

Today, we will begin loading the truck with our food collection at 11:15 am (15 minutes prior to the 11:30 am Mass).

SECOND COLLECTION
FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

THE CHOSEN REMNANT

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today's first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a "remnant" in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul's letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today's Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus' "Great Sermon." As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God's kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God's chosen "remnant."

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HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	**29**
10:30 am	School Open House
MONDAY	**30**
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	**31**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
WEDNESDAY	**1**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SHCTR
6:30 pm	School Advisory Committee: SCH.110
7:00 pm	RCIA: REC.DR

Sacrificial Giving

January 22, 2017

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**11,202**
Electronic Giving January 16, 2017 to January 22, 2017 $739 from 37 donors	**$**	**739**
Total	**$**	**11,941**
Sunday Budget 2016-17	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***4,059***
To Teach Who Christ Is	**$**	**711**
Sharing Parish	**$**	**44**

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

THURSDAY	**2**
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SH.MR
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SCH.RH
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
FRIDAY	**3**
	NO ACTIVITIES
SATURDAY	**4**
10:00 am	AA: SCH: RH
12:00 pm	Knights of Columbus: SH
SUNDAY	**5**
9:30 am	Altar & Rosary Society Mass
	Rosary starts at 9:05 am: CH
12:30 pm	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**

Come Experience St. Eugene Catholic School!

Excellence in Education through Faith, Knowledge, and Service

Today, 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

St. Eugene School























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.



St. Eugene School





















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

Run out of ideas for family and friends? Offer a Holy Hour in adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament for birthdays, for anniversaries, or for other special occasions. When you pray this way, you too will receive a gift...the gift of grace.

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.



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

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.



POPE FRANCIS
TWEET FOR THE WEEK
"Be not afraid, for I am with you." Let us command trust in our time!

2016 CHURCH DONATIONS

2016 statements of contributions have been mailed 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.

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

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 Frank Joseph Caira, Jr., Elmer & Dorothy Chanski, Dabros & Wytrwal Fams., Ron Feiereisel, Joseph R.. Golden, Frank Jablonski, Int. of Evelyn Johns, Eugene Kosla, Joseph Kuzara, LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Lincoln Students & Fams., JoAnn Markos, Nancy & Mike McDonagh & Fam., Pietro Pisello, Carmela Pondarelli, Dennis Rocco & Fam., Ermelo M. Santiago, Int. of Rodney R. Santiago, Eraldo Simonetti
4:30 Ettore DiVito

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

Monday, January 30
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Angeline Komperda

Tuesday, January 31 - St. John Bosco
6:30 In thanksgiving to St Joseph - Conrick Fam.
9:00 Helen & Walter Wojtas

Wednesday, February 1
6:30 Rev. Jerry Twarog
9:00 Andrez & Anna Krol - 50th Wedd. Anniv., Salvatore Alaimo, Jozef & Antonia Krol, LaPietra Fam. & Friends, Lincoln students & Fams., Irene McGreevy, Int. for Regina Powers, Dennis Rocco & Fam., Int. for Leo & Theresa Samborski, Int. for Marie Sauser

Thursday, February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Ken Rogers

Friday, February 3 - St. Blase, St. Ansgar
6:30 Andrew & Joan Maier
9:00 Renee Pinter

Saturday, February 4
8:30 Rocco Falco

Saturday, February 4 - Vigil:
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 Anthony Laterza

Sunday, February 5 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 Giovanni & Angela Fricano
9:30 Willard Husfield
11:30 Albert & Angelina Barone, Leonardo Cataldo, Margaret Chlopek, Genovise Fam., LaPietra Fam. & Friends, Lincoln students & Fams., Gene Meyer, Sharon Millegge, Frances & Vincent Nowaczyk, Frances & John Pelz, Pietro Pisello, Dennis Rocco & Fam., Louis Rosignoli, Milan Vasich
4:30 People of the Parish

+MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

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

Saturday, February 4 - 8:30 am
*** **Team 9**
Saturday, February 4 - 5:30 pm
* V. Santucci
** D. Divello, M.B. Glynn, A. LoForte, L. Vasich, P. Schippers
*** **Team 10**
Mon., 2/6 - 9:00 am
Sunday, February 5 - 7:00 am
* J. Imburgia
** A. Bischof, T. Curtin, N. Francisco, J. Nardi, J. Santiago
*** **Team 5**
Tue., 2/7 - 9:00 am
Sunday, February 5 - 9:30 am
* A & R Lector
** A & R Eucharistic Ministers
*** **Team 6**
Wed., 2/8 - 9:00 am
Sunday, February 5 - 11:30 am
* T. Bernacki
** V. Parado, M. Guerrieri, R. Sparacino, P. Paetsch S. Sparacino
*** **Team 7**
Thu., 2/9 - 9:00 am
Sunday, February 5 - 4:30 pm
* R. Kopf
** T. Gunia, C. Paulini, D. Lazzaroni, B. Ndiwe, B. O'Neill
*** **Team 8**
Fri., 2/10 - 9:00 am



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.

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.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3
is the FEAST OF ST. BLAISE
Throats will be blessed **after**
the morning Masses at 6:30 & 9:00 am.



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

BASIC MINISTRY OF CARE TRAINING COURSE
Presence St. Benedict Nursing & Rehab Center
6930 W. Touhy
Niles, IL

The Training Course begins on Thursday evening February 2 and continues on February 9, 16, 23, and March 2. The training is from 7 – 9 pm.

Please call the rectory, if you are interested.

ST. JOSEPH COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 8 - 7:00 pm
Lower Level Rectory Meeting Room

This will be our regular meeting. We will be discussing donation requests and advertising. We ask all members to be present. New members are welcome.



ANNIVERSARY WISHES
TO
ANNA & ANDREZ KROL
50 YEARS

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

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.

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 # _____

PLEASE PRAY

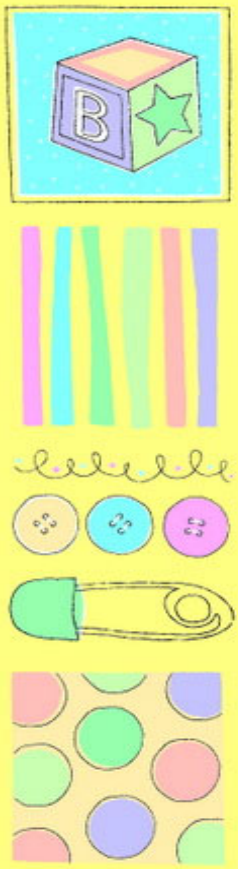


***For the Sick*:** Annabella Amato, Pat Apida, Robert Apida, Anthony Barone, Jennifer Pemberton Blackmore, Anthony Bongiorno, Thomas Bongiorno, Arthur Bronski, Margaret Brinlee-Brucken, John Check, Franco Chiappetta, Agnes Collins, Deacon Jim Cozzo, Jr., Mirna Cozzo, Kevin D'Agostino, Dominic De Fano, 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, Barbara Hinze, Patricia Jackson, 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, 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, Kelly Halloran

For the Deceased: Maria Luisa Bellotano, Carmen Cardamone, John Check, Denise Hess, Addolorata Falco, Veronica McMahon, Judith McNeela

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





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 weekends of January 29,
or February 5.

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

GUERIN PREP:

Cinnamon Machaj,
Dimitrios Jim Tambakos

RESURRECTION COLLEGE PREP:

Kailey Bolger, Jessica Briglio, Alison Crivlare, Emily Heerdt, Danielle LaSusa, Samantha Pagani, Madison Van Horn, Brittany Welch, Lauren Kinel, Genevieve Cantore, Jessica Story, Mackenzie Van Horn, Bridget Byrne, Alyssa Thome, Alexa DiBenedetto, Alexandria Kalamaris, Ashley Kelly, Mackenzie Ahrens, Megan Heerdt, Samantha Rickert

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FRIENDLY VISTORS NEEDED

Be a friend to a lonely senior.

The Seniors Assistance Center is looking for outgoing, caring and compassionate volunteers to visit with a senior citizen in the communities of Norridge, Harwood Heights and unincorporated Norwood Park Township.

This service provides companionship to the older adults in our community who are lonely, isolated, homebound, or in need of assistance to leave their homes. One of the most important aspects of the program is the real friendship that can develop between a senior and a friendly visitor.

Some simple and fun things to do when visiting with your senior - having coffee/tea and conversation; reading aloud; playing a favorite game; sharing memories; doing crafts together; planning occasional outings such as short walks or shopping when possible.

For further information about how you can become a friend to a senior, call Anne or Carole at: 708/456-7979.



ST. EUGENE SCHOOL IS STILL COLLECTING *BOX TOPS*

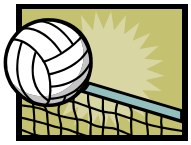
SAVE THE DATE!
ALUMNI WEEKEND
FEBRUARY 17, 18, & 19, 2017











TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Until very recent decades "Holy Thursday" and "Good Friday" were centered on personal pious devotions, not public liturgy. In urban America, at least in cities with a significant Catholic population, Holy Thursday was about veneration of the Blessed Sacrament. People were encouraged to walk to seven churches for a "visit" to each parish's repository, a kind of temporary tabernacle on a side altar, closer in proximity to the faithful than the usual tabernacle on the distant high altar. On Good Friday, the most popular form of devotion was the Stations of the Cross, or a three-hour program of word and preaching beginning at noon.

The Holy Thursday seven-church hike was a way of participating in a custom of the city of Rome. Traditionally, each day in Lent was assigned to a particular parish church or basilica in the city. Each week of Lent thus had seven churches, and pious people tried to get to each one of them. The pilgrimage was a symbol of unity and also the journey of faith. Originally, the pope would go to each place for a liturgy, but political strife removed the pope from Rome in 1305. With the papacy relocated in France, the custom ceased until Pope Leo XIII expressed interest in restoring it in 1900, and Blessed John XXIII fully restored the custom in 1959. By the time Pope Leo began to revive the custom, many American cities had enough parishes and monasteries that the faithful could vicariously participate in the revived tradition of stational liturgies by a very long walk!

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

What price happiness?

Are you happy? Were you happy yesterday? When was the last time you were happy for a whole week? Last year's vacation in a condo on the beach? For most of us, unless we've recently survived a heart attack and are happy just to be alive, happiness is associated with certain people or circumstances or environments. We often mistakenly think that physical pleasure or emotional excitement is a lasting source of happiness. Then too late we realize the price is more than we can afford. In today's reading, the Lord offers an alternative pathway to happiness: eight attitudes of the heart and spirit which result in the only happiness that lasts. We call them the Beatitudes. Are you willing to consider a different kind of happiness than the one you're used to? It's offered freely, but beware following the Beatitudes may cost you your whole self.

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.

AGING CARE CONNECTIONS

Are you a Caregiver in need of support?

Caring for someone can be rewarding, but also hard. Caregivers need to care for themselves as much as they do for others. Here is your chance to get the help you need.

Cost: FREE
Who: This group is open to anyone caring for an older (60 years old+) adult.
What: We meet monthly to…
Share feelings, stories and ideas
Talk through challenges
Share useful information
Accept and offer support
When: The second Friday of each month, 1:30 - 3:00 pm
Where: The Senior Assistance Center: 7774 W. Irving Park Road, Norridge

Aging Care Connections staff lead the group and offer more resources. Free parking is available at the center. Registration is not required. Questions? Contact Kathleen McKenzie at: 708-603-2328. To learn more about Aging Care Connections, visit.agingcareconnections.org.

Prayer on the Feast of the Presentation

All-powerful Father,
Christ your Son became man for us
and was presented in the temple.
May he free our hearts from sin
and bring us into your presence.
We ask this through
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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
CATHY O'LEARY CHAMBERLAIN
ZBIGNIEW DUDKOWSKI
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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.