St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

Fifth Sunday of Lent **April 2, 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.

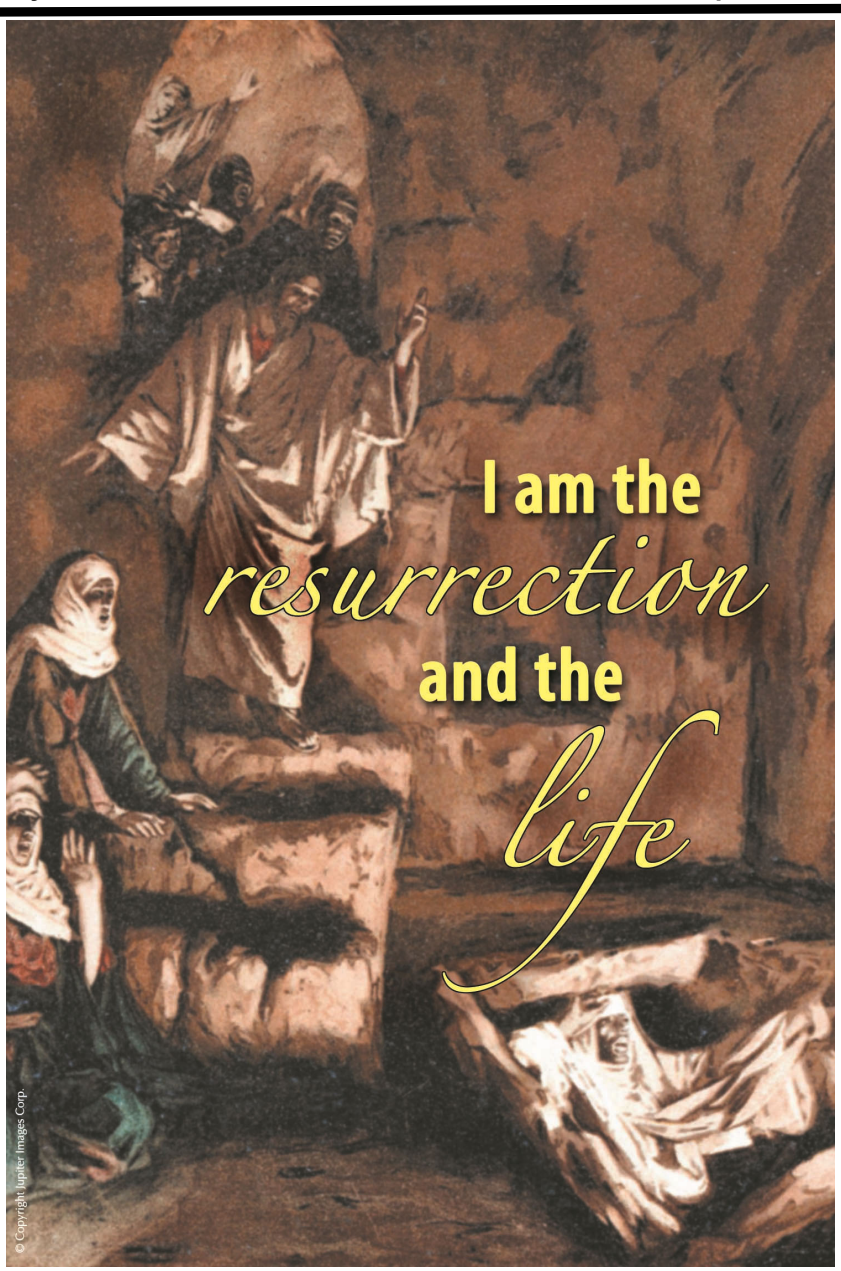
BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1:00 PM. Baptismal Preparation Class the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory. Please telephone the rectory to register.

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.

PASTOR'S CORNER



The Proper Response is Amen

In the last few weeks, I have noticed an increasing number of people are not responding appropriately at Mass when they come forward to receive Holy Communion. I hold up the Sacred Host and say: "The Body of Christ," and they respond by saying: "Thank you." In normal situations, saying thank you is the proper and polite response when one is receiving a gift. However, when receiving Holy Communion, this is not a proper response.

First, the minister giving Holy Communion is not the source or the supplier of the gift. It is Jesus Christ himself who is the true giver. Second, when the minister says: "The Body of Christ," he or she is expecting the person receiving to make a statement of belief. "Amen" is the response, and the only response appropriate to say when receiving Holy Communion. Some people have been saying "I believe" when the Sacred Host is presented to them. This too is inappropriate for two reasons. First, it calls attention to the person receiving. They are giving a response that is different from what is being said by everyone else. Second, saying "I believe" is not an accurate translation to the Hebrew word Amen.

As stated in the Catholic Encyclopedia Dictionary:

> ***Amen,*** *a word in scriptural and liturgical use, meaning "so be it." It is used as an acclamation which indicates that the speaker adopts for his own what has been said by another (Deut.,27), as an affirmation of the speaker's own thought, and as a formula of conclusion at the end of prayers.*

Since the person receiving communion is called to adopt for his or her own what the person giving communion has stated (The Body of Christ), it is not appropriate to say "I believe". What needs to be stated is an affirmation of what has just been said. "Amen" is the word that needs to be stated (meaning "so be it") when a minister is giving you Holy Communion. Now, in order to prevent further abuse, I must point out that it would be inappropriate to say the words "so be it" when confronted with the Eucharist. The words "so be it" are not the appropriate words to use in a liturgical setting when one is about to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist. "Amen", and "amen" alone, is the response to give when receiving Holy Communion. As we continue our journey through the Lenten Season, let us show proper respect for the Body of Christ by giving the proper response.

Amen,

Fr. George

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THIS WEEKEND

ST. EUGENE SCHOOL
SPRING FLING
SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017 - 6:30 pm
SHAUNESSY CENTER
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR
(see page 9)



Spare Change Saves Babies



Baby Bottles should be returned this weekend.
The funds collected will be given to support the work of the Women's Center

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



Spiritual Concert
of Verbum Dei Music with Nubia Celis
3:00 pm today, April 2, in Ryan Hall
For more information call 224/280-8396



HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	**2**
9:30 am	Altar & Rosary Society Mass: CH
12:30 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR+MR
3:00 pm	Spiritual Concert of Verbum Dei Music: SCH.RH
MONDAY	**3**
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	**4**
11:30 am	Young at Hearts Club: SH.CTR
6:30 pm	Altar & Rosary Society: SH.CTR+MR
7:30 pm	Baptism Class: REC.LL
WEDNESDAY	**5**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
6:30 pm	School Advisory Committee: SH.MR
7:00 pm	RCIA: REC.DR
7:00 pm	St. Joseph's Table: SCH.110



March 26, 2017

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**12,451**
Electronic Giving March 20, 2017 to March 26, 2017 $604 from 38 families	**$**	**604**
Total	**$**	**13,055**
Sunday Budget 2016-17	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***2,945***
To Teach Who Christ Is	**$**	**783**
Sharing Parish	**$**	**78**

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)



THURSDAY	**6**
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SH.MR
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SCH.RH
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
5:00 pm	Knights of Columbus set-up Fish Fry: SH.MR
FRIDAY	**7**
2:15 pm	Living Stations of the Cross: CH
5:00 pm	Fish Fry: SH.CTR+MR
7:00 pm	Parish Reconciliation Service: CH
SATURDAY	**8**
10:00 am	AA: SCH:RH
9:00 am	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
SUNDAY	**9 PALM SUNDAY**
	NO ACTIVITIES



	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**

JESUS' MINISTRY SUMMARIZED

The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the single longest story (apart from the Passion) in the Gospel of John. In it we find a summary of most of Jesus' ministry. We see his very human nature as he is moved by Martha and Mary's sorrows and as he himself weeps at the tomb of Lazarus. He is the wisdom of God's Word made flesh as he explains to his followers that the death of Lazarus will serve as a sign of the glory of God. He crowns the miracles he works in John's Gospel (which began with the most "human" miracle of making new wine at Cana's wedding) by raising Lazarus from the dead—a "preview," if you will, of his own death and resurrection to come. This portrait of Jesus reminds us, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, that he is with us, knows us, understands us in every moment of our lives. He knows the joy of our human feasting, he knows the sorrow of our weeping. As we prepare to walk with him through the days of Holy Week, we are filled with faith that—through Christ—God's glory will be with us in every moment of our lives and—with Christ—in our life everlasting.

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

"Why do you search for the Living One among the dead? He is not here; he has been raised up. Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galilee - that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." - Luke 24:5-7 - Jesus completed His mission on earth and He is risen! Let us give thanks by spending quiet time in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

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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YOUNG AT HEARTS CLUB

Tuesday, April 4, 2017
Doors open 11:30 am
Shaunessy Center

After the meeting, cake and coffee will be served and we will play bingo.

On May 18th we will see the Patty Waszak Show at White Fence Farm. We will leave Divine Savior rear parking lot at 9:45 am. For more information contact Dan at 773/774-0471.

We hope you can join us for games and companionship.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY



Tuesday, April 4
Doors Open 6:30 pm
Shaunessy Center

Pat Paetch is the chairperson for our meeting this month. The theme is *Showers & Flowers.* Mission Collection will be for the Pro Life Action League.

ST. JOSEPH COMMITTEE



Wednesday, April 5 - 7:00 pm
Rectory Lower Level

This will be our wrap-up meeting. We will be reviewing the St. Joseph Table and Mass. We ask all members to be present. New members are welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

No stations on these dates:
Friday, April 7 -
Parish Reconciliation Service

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

2:15 pm on Friday, April 7.
&
Good Friday, April 14 - 3:00 pm



LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Friday, April 7 at 7:00 pm
Parish Reconciliation Service
(English, Italian, & Polish)
There will be a limited number of Polish confessors this evening.

Saturday, April 8
from 4:00 until 5:00 pm
(English only)

Wednesday, April 12
from 1:00 until 2:00 pm
(English, Italian, and Polish)

ST. EUGENE CHOIR EASTER REHEARSAL

There will be a special rehearsal for Easter on ***Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 pm in Church.*** We welcome everyone who would like to help make our choir very special on Easter.



SOME CHURCHES IN OUR AREA THAT OFFER CONFESSIONS IN POLISH

St. Constance **773/545-8581**	**Sunday, April 9 / 2:30 - 3:30 pm** **Tuesday, April 11 / 7:00 - 9:00 pm** **Wednesday, April 12 / 9:00 - 10:00 am & 7:00 - 9:00 pm**
St. Francis Borgia **773/625-1118**	**Monday, April 10 / 5:00 - 8:00 pm**
Our Lady, Mother of the Church **773/625-3369**	**Tuesday, April 4 / Parish Reconciliation Service 7:00 pm** **Saturday, April 8 / 4:00 pm (before 5:00 pm Mass)**
St. Monica **773/763-1661**	**Tuesday, April 11 / 7:00 - 9:00 pm**
St. Thecla **773/792-3077**	**Saturday, April 8 / 3:00 - 4:45 pm** **Sunday, April 9 / 11:15 am - 2:00 pm**

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.

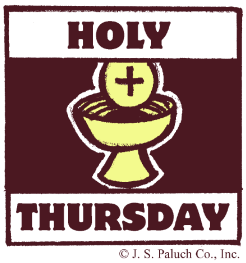
THE SECOND COLLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND
EASTER FLOWERS FOR OUR SANCTUARY



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**

2017 Holy Week Schedule



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Holy Thursday, April 13

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper



Good Friday, April 14

3:00 pm Living Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm Passion / Veneration of the Cross



Holy Saturday, April 15

1:00 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets

7:30 pm Mass of the Easter Vigil

(no confessions on Holy Saturday)



Easter Sunday, April 16

Masses:

7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am, & noon

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

THE BULLETIN OF
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9
HAS GONE TO THE PRINTER
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BULLETIN COPY FOR THE BULLETIN OF
EASTER, APRIL 16
NEEDS TO BE IN THE RECTORY OFFICE BY
MONDAY, APRIL 3 - 9:00 AM



SHREDDNG EVENT
Saturday, April 15 9:00 am - noon
Shaunessy Center Parking Lot
Sponsored by Tim Heneghan,
41st Ward Democratic.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Would you like to be a Eucharistic Minister at the week-end Masses at St. Eugene? You must be a parishioner of the parish and have made your confirmation. There would be one class for you to attend before being mandated. If you are interested, please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number. Someone from the rectory will return your call.

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, April 1 - Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent
5:30 Rose Marie Nardi
Sunday, April 2 - 5th Sunday of Lent
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 All Living & Dec'd Altar & Rosary Mbrs.
11:30 Bougadis Fam., Barbara & Arthur Bronski, Margaret Chlopek, Vincenzo DeFilippis, Kathleen Immenhausen, LaPietra Fam. & Fri., John F. Mugnaini, Frank Nadile, Jr., Carmela Notardonato, Pietro Pisello, Angela & Vincenzo Recchia, Robert P. Reilly, Jr., Domenica Saglimbeni, Lois Silhanek
4:30 Tony D'Andrea

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

Monday, April 3
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Rocco Falco
Tuesday, April 4 - St. Isodore of Seville
6:30 Stanley Siwiec
9:00 Joanne Santella
Wednesday, April 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer
6:30 Stanley & Henryka Fornal
9:00 Bongiorno Fam., Jennifer Cicinelli, LaPietra Fam. & Friends, Francesco, Giuseppe & Michael Partipilo, Joe Saldanha, Peggy Shannon
Thursday, April 6
6:30 Henriette Rocks
9:00 Int. for Dave Rogers
Friday, April 7 - St. John Baptist de la Salle
6:30 Vincenzo Di Iorio
9:00 Helen & Walter Wojtas
7:00 Parish Reconciliation Service
Saturday, April 8
8:30 Lawrence & Mary Csuk
Saturday, April 8 - Vigil:
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
5:30 Richard & Lisa Majewski
Sunday, April 9 -
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 James Urbaszewski
11:30 In Memory of the 7th Anniv of those who died in Smolensk Polish Plane Crash on Apr. 10, 2010, Jean Callender, Leonard Cataldo, George Concialdi, Dabros & Wytrwal Fams., Vincenzo De Filippis, Frank Jablonski, John Kula, Gino Leo, Veronica McMahon, Angie Nadile, Michael Nellessen, Antoni Wadolowski & Fam., Edward & Victoria Wnek,
4:30 Joseph Jagiello

+MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

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

Saturday, April 8 - 8:30 am
*** **Team 1**
Saturday, April 8 - 5:30 pm
* A. Cisek/D. Divello
** E. Dillon, R. Fiorante, M.B. Glynn, M. Guerrieri, J. Kusinski
*** **Team 12**
Mon., 4/10 - 9:00 am
Sunday, April 9 - 7:00 am
* M. Egan/J. Bischof
** A. Bischof, P. Gerard, R. Trovela, R. Perez, R. Kennedy
*** **Team 3**
Tue., 4/11 - 9:00 am
Sunday, April 9 - 9:30 am
* P. Brown/T. Bernacki
** B. Ndiwe, C. Hill, C. Hill, T. Swiderski, T. Swiderski
*** **Team 11**
Wed., 4/12 - 9:00 am
Sunday, April 9 - 11:30 am
* J. Sclafani/S. Sparacino
** R. Sparacino, M. Holder, S. Sclafani, P. Paetsch, J. Nardi
*** **Team 2**
Thur., 4/13 - 9:00 am
Sunday, April 9 - 4:30 pm
* L. Vasich/D. Laterza
** K. Kon, M. Meo, B. O'Neill, C. Paulini, M. Russo
*** **Team 4**
Fri., 4/14 - 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.

PLEASE PRAY



***For the Sick*:** Linda Adamczyk, Annabella Amato, Pat Apida, Robert Apida, Aurora Barone, Alice Baxter, Jennifer Pemberton Blackmore, Anthony Bongiorno, Thomas Bongiorno, Margaret Brinlee-Brucken, Franca Chiapetta, Franco ChiapettaAgnes Collins, Mirna Cozzo, Kevin D'Agostino, Dominic De Fano, Jaimie Di Carlo, Marge Dyson, Vicki Fealey, Don Feist, Janis Gale, Bob Gasiorek, Carol Gasiorek, Robert W. Gelfond, Frances Gofron, Kelly Halloran, 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, Rita Rogers, Stella Rombotis, John Ruberti, Teresa Ruberti, Leo Samborski, Patty Samborski, Theresa Samborski, Jerry Schippers, Joanne Schippers, Pat Schippers, Patrick Schippers, Bernadett Sedlacek, 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:

For the Deceased: Marie Sauser

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

PRO LIFE MATTERS

Now there's lots of media attention on all the violence taking place in Chicago. People are enraged about the number of shootings in Chicago that only seems to be increasing year after year. In 2016 alone, there were a little over 4000 shootings and 762 of those shootings ended up being homicides. These killings are indeed a terrible travesty and this horrific violence has attracted national and worldwide attention, and rightly so. Yet, if you think about it, we have almost that same number of abortions taking place in a day (3,600) in the United States, and it doesn't seem to faze us. The media certainly doesn't make an issue of it and it's not a topic people like to discuss.



However, it is a sickening reality and we can't keep sweeping it under the rug. We need to ask ourselves, when are we going to awaken from our national slumber and realize that what is happening in the womb equates to what is happening in the streets of Chicago? And whether we like to admit it or not, repercussions result from abortions that cause devastating physical, emotional, mental and spiritual illnesses in our families, society and nation. Not to mention the loss of a cherished baby.

But sadly, it's easier for people to look the other the other way on this issue, than to face the stark reality of what is really taking place. Since we have given other names to the little developing baby, it's easier to simply not address the absolute horrors of abortion.

However, no matter how the media and certain medical professionals choose to classify the matter within the mother's womb, it is not just a clump of cells, or a fetus, or an embryo, or a zygote, or whatever else people want to call these little developing babies. No, these little ones are God's Greatest Gifts to us. They are not potential human beings, but rather, human beings with potential!

I believe we are all being called to step up and do our part to save and defend the unborn since they cannot speak for themselves. They absolutely must be protected because one: they are the Blessed Mother's cherished children, just as we are, and she is entrusting her little ones to us, and two: they are the future of the nation! And the truth of the matter is, without the help of The Women's Center, sadly, most of the women would not choose life for their babies.

Many volunteer opportunities are available at The Women's Center. Please call: 773-794-1313. Also please remember to bring your Baby Bottle back to church. Thank you!



St. Eugene School Spring Fling Fundraiser 2017



Presents:

Crosstown Classic

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St. Eugene 2017 Spring Fling Crosstown Classic

April 1, 2017
6:30 pm

St. Eugene School Schaunessy Center
7930 W Foster near Canfield Ave, Chicago
(Enter through the Canfield lot)

ADMIT ONE
$40

Presale via school office or at www.steugene-school.org

Live Musical Entertainment provided by Richie Shep

hor d'oeuvres and upscale tailgating menu

Must be 21+

Event Highlights:

- Delicious hor d'oeuvres, Upscale Tailgate style dinner
- Live music by Richie Shep
- Full cash bar
- Wear colors or a jersey/shirt in support of your favorite local Chicago baseball team
- Silent auction with amazing trips and prizes
- Drawing for cash raffle ($25/ticket, prizes based on total sales: 1st = 30%, 2nd = 15%, 3rd = 5%)
- Themed games
- Dancing

The purpose of this fundraiser is to generate critical resources focused on maintaining our school and parish's debt-free status, while continuing to be able to invest in improvements and ensuring an affordable high-quality Catholic education for future St. Eugene students for many years to come.

If you have any questions, contact Robyn Rog:
email: rf3513@sbcglobal.net
or visit www.steugene-school.org

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Note: $40 is the presale ticket price. If you wait until the night of the event to purchase your ticket, it will be $45 at the door.

CUB SCOUT MASS MARCH 26, 2017



Wolf Cub Scouts, pictured with Father George, received the Light of Christ Medal

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Not until the thirteenth century do we find a mention of a locked tabernacle. There's some evidence for eucharistic towers also, but often these were in an obscure corner of the church, or even in the off-limits sacristy. Many of us grew up "making visits" to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, but it's clear this would raise some medieval eyebrows in confusion! To the present day, the Eucharist is always reserved only in a side chapel in many cathedrals. The principal focus in a cathedral is always on the altar, symbol of Christ, and on the cathedra, symbol of the pastoral ministry of the bishop.

In your parish church there is probably a "sanctuary lamp," a permanently lit candle or oil lamp indicating the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Sometimes it's in a red glass, not for any particular reason except that it's easy to find. There is a story of a bishop missioned to Papua New Guinea who was distressed to find no sanctuary lamps burning in his new diocese. The people patiently explained that their churches were woven of grass, and that they decided to place a chief's standard, a trident, in front of the tabernacle. That was a sign in their culture that the "chief" was at home, like raising the flag over Buckingham Palace. The bishop, an Irish import, didn't appreciate the British reference, so he ordered the candles back. The first church to burn to the ground was the cathedral, and after two more, the chief's tridents returned.

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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.

Parents may make appointments for individual tours.

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

Busted Halo®

the guide to How To Go To Confession
(take this sheet with you... it's okay, really)

Before You Go...

Examine your conscience, that is, reflect on what sins you have committed. To guide you, just Google "examination of conscience" and you'll find many resources to help you. It's even alright to make a list to bring with you to confession if that helps.

1. Introduction. When you come before the priest, begin by making the Sign of the Cross (praying the words out loud), and continue by saying, "Bless me, Father, I have sinned. It has been *(how long)* since my last confession. These are my sins..."

2. Confession. List the sins you have committed that came to mind when doing your examination of conscience. Don't be too general (like, "I haven't been a good person"), but a lot of detail is not necessary either (you don't need to tell the whole story of how a sin came about). If you're not sure if something is a sin is, just ask the priest. This isn't counseling, so unless you ask, the priest likely won't give you advice. He'll just move on to...

3. Penance. The priest will suggest something for you to do or pray as a response to God's mercy. You'll have to remember what this is and do it after the confession is over, so pay attention.

4. Contrition. The priest will then ask you to pray your "Act of Contrition," demonstrating your sorrow for your sins. This needs to be prayed out loud for the priest to hear, but need not adhere exactly to one formula. Here are two examples (choose the one that suits you best):

ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against You whom I should love
above all things. I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance, to sin no more, and
to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.
OR:
O my God, I am heartily sorry
for having offended you and I detest all my sins,
because I dread the loss of heaven
and the pains of hell;
but most of all because they offend you, my God,
who are all good and deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve with the help of your grace,
to confess my sins, to do penance,
and to amend my life. Amen.

5. Absolution. Don't get up to leave after that prayer, because the best part is yet to come: the priest will extend his hands in your direction and he will pray the **Prayer of Absolution:** "God, the Father of Mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son, has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins. Through the ministry of the Church, may God give you pardon and peace. And I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."
You respond: Amen.

6. Conclusion. The priest will then likely say something like, "God has freed you from your sin. Go in Peace." To which you can respond: **"Thanks be to God."**

After You Leave...
Don't forget to do your penance.
If it is saying certain prayers,
it's best to do it right away in the church before you forget.

Friday Fish Fry

March 10th &
April 7th
5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Fried Cod, Popcorn Shrimp, Baked Tilapia,
Pasta and Pizza Dinners Available

St. Eugene Parish
Shaunessy Center
5220 N. Canfield

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
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Council #14008

For take-away orders, call Tony (708) 256-3993



Donate Your Shoes To

St. Eugene School
7930 W. Foster Ave
Chicago, IL 60656

Help us raise funds for our organization by donating your gently worn, used or new shoes!

And don't forget to ask friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

Over 1,900 shoes have been collected so far.
Our goal is 2,500!

Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors. Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations. They are typically operated by one person or family and friends, depending on size.

WHERE & WHEN

Donation deadline extended!!!

Donations will be accepted until April 28, 2017

Please place all shoes in the box in the back of church.

Thank you for your continued support!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ST. EUGENE CONVENT REPAIR FUND

Contact

St. Eugene School

(773) 763-2235

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.



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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.