St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

Second Sunday of Advent **December 10, 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.





Prepare the way
of the Lord,
make straight his paths.
— Mark 1:3

Parish Staff

Rev. George Koeune, Pastor
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Please TURN OFF any electronic devices before entering the church for Mass or any other Liturgical service.
Please do NOT park in front of church to ensure emergency vehicle access.
There are ample parking spaces provided on the north side,
to the rear of the church and the Shaunessy Center parking lot.

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.

This week we have a letter from Cardinal Blase J. Cupich

Yours in Christ,

Fr. George

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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December 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On the Second Sunday of Advent, parishes throughout the Archdiocese will participate in the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, benefiting more than 32,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests throughout the United States.

Our senior religious are a treasure. Their dedication and hard work laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and numerous social service organizations. Many continue in volunteer ministry today. Their ongoing prayer and witness enrich our faith in countless ways. Personally, I am grateful for the service of religious, past and present. Perhaps you also recall a sister or brother who made a positive difference in your life.

Most elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet such day-to-day needs as medications and nursing assistance. The Retirement Fund for Religious offers financial support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger members can continue the good work of their elders.

In the past, the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago have led the nation in their generous response to this appeal. Though I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes, I invite you to contribute what you can at masses the weekend of December 9-10. Most importantly, please pray for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured they are praying for you.

Wishing you every blessing during this Holy Season of Advent. With kind regards I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

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THIS WEEKEND

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS AFTER THE 9:30 AM MASS

SECOND COLLECTION
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

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



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



MITTEN TREE & ST NICHOLAS BOX
(see page 5)



NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

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Sacrificial Giving

December 3, 2017

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**13,439**
Electronic Giving November 27 to December 3 $ 1,567 from 48 families	**$**	**1,567**
Total	**$**	**15,006**
Sunday Budget 2017-18	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***994***
To Teach Who Christ Is	**$**	**4,245**
Sharing Parish	**$**	**36**
Flowers for our altar at Christmas	**$**	**3,170**

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)

HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	**10**
12:30 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
MONDAY	**11**
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	**12**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
6:30 pm	PAFA: SCH,FL
WEDNESDAY	**13**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
7:00 pm	Social Concerns Ministry: SH.MR
THURSDAY	**14**
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SH.MR
6:30 pm	Band Concert:: SH.CTR
7:00 pm	RCIA: REC.LL
FRIDAY	**15**
6:30 pm	School Event: SH.CTR+MR
7:00 pm	Simbang Gabi choir rehearsal: CH
SATURDAY	**16**
10:00 am	AA: SCH:RH
1:00 pm	Simbang Gabi choir rehearsal: CH
SUNDAY	**17**
9:30 pm	Family Mass featuring 5th grade: CH
11:30 am	Boy Scouts: 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**



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

Eternal, incomprehensible God, I believe, and confess, and adore You, as being infinitely more wonderful, resourceful, and immense, than this universe which I see.
Magnificat - Vol. 12, No. 5, Pg. 143

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.



SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY
Wednesday, December 13 - 7:00 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?

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 22, 2017 at 6 pm



We will have 3 rehearsals in December:
Friday, December 15 at 7 pm
Saturday, December 16 at 1 pm
Tuesday, December 19 at 7 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.

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
St. Eugene Convent
7920 W. Foster, Chicago IL 60656
For more information please contact the convent at:773-467-0295

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 19 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.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
New Sacristan Needed



Altar & Rosary is looking for a sacristan that would be able to clean and fill the holy water fonts on Fridays, after the 9:00 am mass or on Saturday, after the 8:30 am mass. We will train the person and would like to have the new sacristan in place to start the beginning of the year. If interested, please call Lois at: 773/774-1511.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY GIFT PROGRAM



All of the children's names have been taken.
We are very grateful for your generosity!
ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED ON THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 16 & 17 BY 11AM.



ADVENT 2017 - SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, December 20	-	**7:00 p.m. - Communal Reconciliation Service**
Friday, December 22	-	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 23	-	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

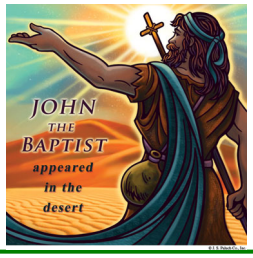
(Confessions heard in English, Italian & Polish on Dec. 20 & 22)

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 Second Sunday of Advent until the fourth Sunday of Advent. The tree items are distributed with the help of the Social Concerns Ministry. God Bless Everyone!







ST. NICHOLAS BOX

The St. Nicholas box will be in the church vestibule, next to the Mitten Tree, until the weekend of December 16 & 17.
We are asking for donations of clean coats, boots, hats, gloves and/or mittens.
We are collecting for Puerto Rico Evacuees in the wake of Hurricane Maria. Coming from Puerto Rico they are coming here with no winter clothing.
As always we can count on St. Eugene Parishioners !!!





Christmas Choir

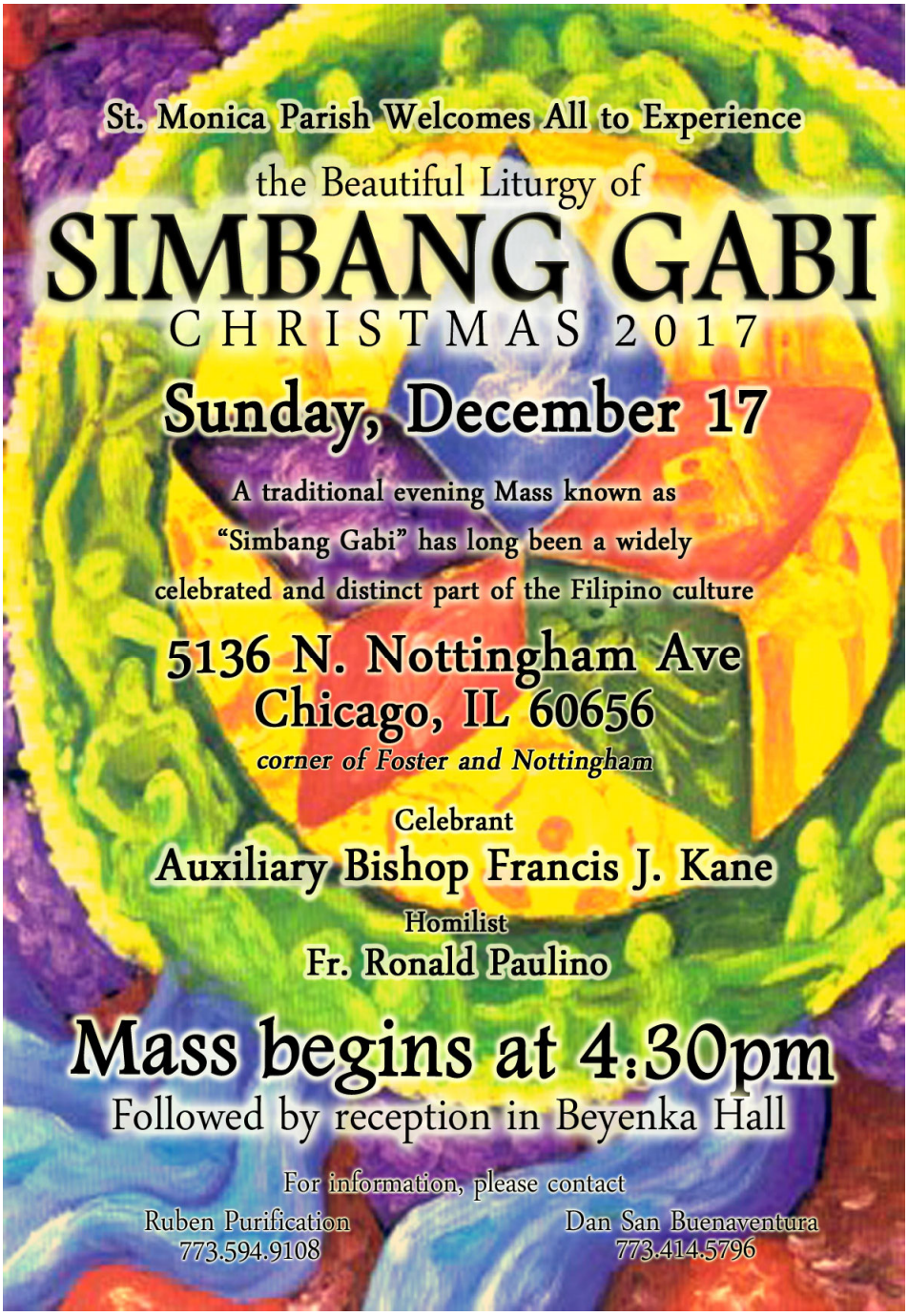


The St. Eugene Choir invites parishioners to join them on the glorious Feast of Christmas for the 10:00 PM Christmas Midnight Mass and/or the 11:30 AM Mass on Christmas Day. There will be one rehearsal in church on Thurs, Dec. 21 at 7:00 PM.

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.

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

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



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*:** Linda Adamczyk, Annabella Amato, Pat Apida, Robert Apida, Jon Arnswald, Anthony Bongiorno, Thomas Bongiorno, Mary Brasse, Julie Bronski, Margaret Brinlee-Brucken, Angela Brunetti, Franco Cecchini, Franca & Franco Chiapetta, Agnes Collins, Jim Conlon, Mirna Cozzo, Joan De Stefano, Dominick Di Re, Marge Dyson, Vicki Fealey, Don Feist, Virginia Florkiewicz, Janis Gale, Bob Gasiorek, Carol Gasiorek, Robert W. Gelfond, Frances Gofron, Rev. Philip Grib, S.J., June Grovak, Kelly Halloran, Michelle & Shaun Hamilton, James G. Hanson, Thomas C. Hanson, Tim Heider, Barbara Hinze, Patricia Jackson, Eileen Jacques, John Keating, Cindy Koeune, Katherine Koeune, Bill Kohut, Bob Kolk, Olga Kykta, Allie Lim, Rose Mary Maratto, Rosemary Marinello, Michael P. McAuley, Phyllis Mc Garrh, Michael C. Muscarello, Virginia Muscarello, Leo Navickis, Laurie Neumann, Fern Niewinski, Norma Quilici, Gerry Randazzo, Charlotte Rice, Joe Riotto, Diane Rizzuto, Rita Rogers, Stella Rombotis, John Ruberti, Teresa Ruberti, Ann Rubino, Frances Salvato, Leo Samborski, Patty Samborski, Theresa Samborski, Jerry Schippers, Joanne Schippers, Pat Schippers, Patrick Schippers, Vickie Sealey, Bernadett Sedlacek, Emily Steckiewicz, Maxine Stefanowski, Rev. Fred Tomzik, Gina Vassalo, Beverly Wijas, Brittany Wilson, Sally Zumer and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

Newly added to our sick list:

For the Deceased: William Banfield, Estelle Korenchan, Marie Quercia

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

**It has come to our intention that some parishioners are not receiving their envelopes.
The envelopes are sent from the envelope company not from the rectory.
Please speak to your postal carrier and/or call your local post office if you have not received yours.
So you can get credit for your donation, please use a plain white envelope for your donation
and include your name, address, and envelope number.
You may also call the rectory at: 773/775-6659.**



**POPE FRANCIS
TWEET FOR THE WEEK**

Every person is unique and unrepeatable. Let us ensure the disabled are always welcomed by the communities in which they live.

**CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE
1-800-400-4205**





**Carman Golf
Sofia Grace Montes**

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, December 9 - Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent
5:30 Carmela & Frank Esposito
Sunday, December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Raymond J. Horn, Jr.
11:30 Aurora & Patrizia Barone, Betz Fam., Dabros & Wytrwal Fams., Michelle Dammicco, Casimira Fiumerfreddo, Hinze & Moriarty Fams., Holz Fam., La Pietra Fam. & Fri., Vernon Lipps & Dec'd Fam. Mbrs., Alex & Sarah Perri, Joseph & Anna Wilk
4:30 Edward Madura & Adam Ostrowski

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

Monday, December 11 - St. Damasus I
6:30 Ann Legenza
9:00 Dick Roppolo & Margaret & Patrick Finley
Tuesday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
6:30 Agnes Wahrbein
9:00 Sophia Tomzik
Wednesday, December 13 - St. Lucy
6:30 John C. Rog
9:00 In Thanksgiving to St. Lucy, Mary Ann Catuara, Josephine Chiovari, LaPietra Fam. & Fri.,
Thursday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Lawrence Staunton
Friday, December 15
6:30 Patricia Imburgia
9:00 Lucille Godziszewski
Saturday, December 16
8:30 Kenneth J. Cain
Saturday, December 16 - Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent
5:30 Ann Legenza
Sunday, December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent
7:00 Manczko-Bova Fams.
9:30 Living & Dec'd Mbrs. Cortese Fam.
11:30 Aurora & Patrizia Barone, Maria DeSantis, Luigina Falbo, Consilvia & Vince Ganzalez, LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Kip Kelley, Sr., Ted Majewski, Consilia Panzeca, Frances Persoski, Michael P. Rongo, Sam Salvato
4:30 People of the Parish

+MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Saturday, December 16 - 8:30 am
*** **Team 5**
Saturday, December 16 - 5:30 pm
* A. Cisek
** C. Bobka, C. Edwards, M.B. Glynn, A. LoForte, M. Pollowy
*** **Team 9**
Mon., 12/18 - 9:00 am
Sunday, December 17 - 7:00 am
* J. Bischof
** G. Bermas, A. Bischof, J. Carrozza, R. Perez, R. Trovela
*** **Team 6**
Tue., 12/19 - 9:00 am
Sunday, December 17 - 9:30 am
* School Lector
** M. Cozzo, J. Imburgia, J. Nardi, B. Ndiwe, J. Santiago
*** **Team 7**
Wed., 12/20 - 9:00 am
Sunday, December 17 - 11:30 am
* P. Wagner
** T. Gunia, J. Horn, P. Paetsch, V. Prado, M. Russo
*** **Team 8**
Thur., 12/21 - 9:00 am
Sunday, December 17 - 4:30 pm
* L. Vasich
** B. Czubek, R. Fiorante, M. Meo, B. O'Neill, C. Paulini
*** **Team 10**
Fri., 12/22 - 9:00 am
Friday, December 22 - 6:00 pm
*** **Team 5**

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.

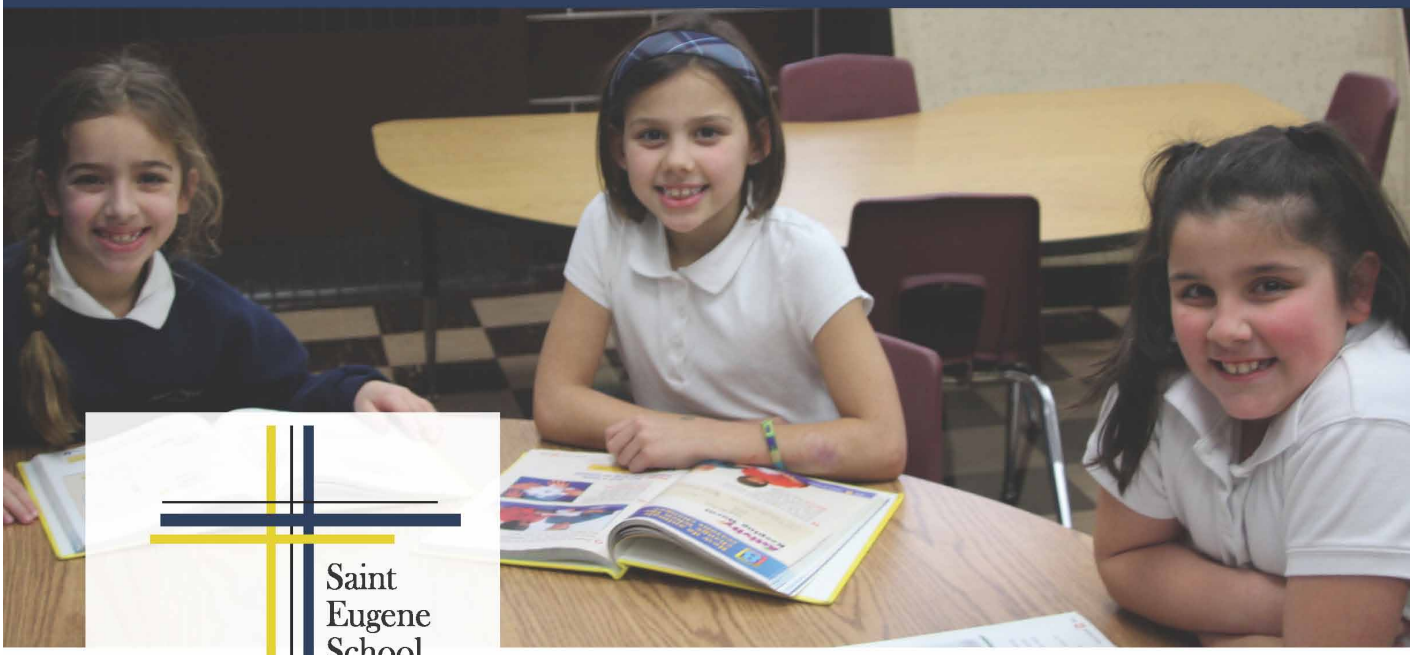
A REMINDER

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.

You're Invited to Visit Us!



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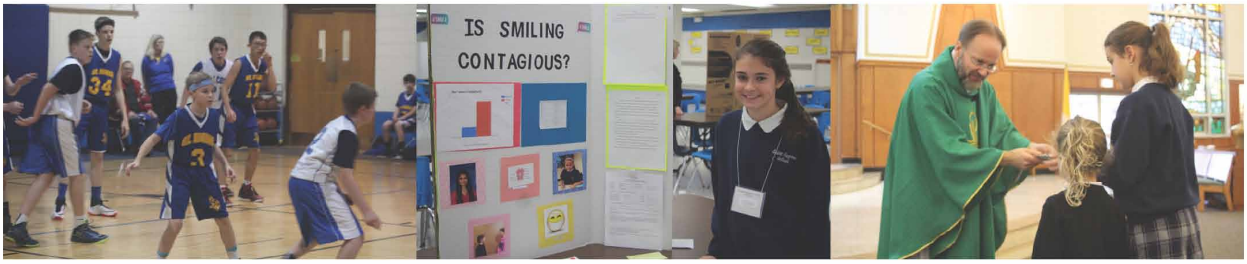
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Open Houses

Monday, December 18 - 6:00-7:00 PM
Sunday, January 28 - 10:30-1:00 PM

Thursday, February 1 - 8:00-9:00 AM -
Kindergarten Open House/Curriculum Share

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Knights of Columbus
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2017/18 Knights of Columbus Youth Free-Throw Championship

Local Competition

St. Eugene Parish Shaunessy Center

Saturday, January 13, 2018 1:00 - 3:00 pm

All boys and girls, ages 9 to 14, are invited to participate in this local competition. Winners will progress through local, district, and state competitions.

All boys and girls 9-14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in this event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

Entry forms must be submitted prior to January 13, 2018.

For entry forms or additional information, please contact:

Patty Samborski, St. Eugene Athletic Director

773-763-2235 ext. 227 psamborski@st-eugene.org

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many people think that Saint Francis originated the Christmas crèche, but its origins go far back. The Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome has housed what is said to be relics of the cradle of Jesus since the seventh century. In time, every year during the Christmas season the reliquary (container for relics) was surrounded by an increasingly grand three-dimensional scene of the place of Jesus' birth. Rocks and trees, houses, streams, figurines of villagers going about their daily tasks were all included. It was a very dramatic presentation. If you've ever seen an elaborate model train installation, you get the idea. The proper term for this depiction is *presepio*, from the Latin word for "surround" or "hedge."

Over the centuries, the custom spread first to churches, and then to aristocratic homes. In Italy, whole chapels are often set aside for the *presepio*, and it is not unusual to have hundreds of figures. It can sometimes be a challenge to locate the Holy Family amid the crowd, almost like a *Where's Waldo?* children's book. The oldest surviving *presepio* is in St. Mary Major and dates from the thirteenth century, although many pieces have been broken or lost. Saint Francis of Assisi took a decidedly creative step in 1233 in the village of Greccio, when he directed his followers to fill a manger with hay and tether an ox and ass nearby. He then invited the villagers to attend Mass outdoors near the crib, the worshipers themselves becoming a living *presepio*. By the seventeenth century, the tradition was well-established, particularly in Naples, and had a firm hold in Portugal, Spain, and in the Provence region of France. Today, it is not unusual to find *presepios* with five hundred figures, a vivid reminder of Emmanuel, God-with-us!

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

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support St. Eugene School. Come in to the Chipotle at
119 S. Northwest Highway in Park Ridge
on **Wednesday, December 13** between **4 & 8 pm.**
Bring in this flyer, show it on your smart phone or tell the cashier you are supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to St. Eugene School.

ANNULMENT SUPPORT MINISTRY

The Annulment Support Ministry is active at St. Eugene's. Chris O'Malley has been trained for this role. If you are considering an annulment, please contact the Rectory at: 773-775-6659 and leave a message. Chris will return your call and help you to begin the healing process of annulment.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

If you are in need of assistance,
call the rectory.
A member of the **SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY**
(formerly St. Vincent de Paul)
will get back to you.

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

ST. EUGENE SCHOOL IS STILL COLLECTING *BOX TOPS*

Find St. Eugene on Facebook!



Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe,
the Patroness of the Americas,
appeared to native American Juan Diego in 1531,
requesting that a church be built on the spot.
When the bishop asked for a sign confirming the authenticity of the apparition, she responded by producing roses in December for Juan Diego to gather, and left an image of herself imprinted on Juan Diego's *tilma* or mantle.

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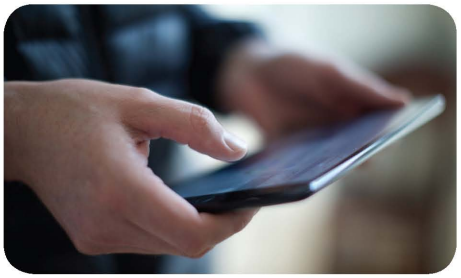


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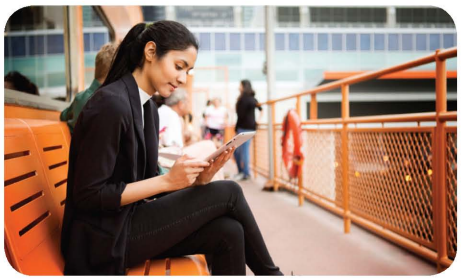
Preparing the way, finding the way

Advent is a season when you feel either "into it" or not. There doesn't seem to be any middle ground. We are continually being told to *prepare* the way, which is right and good. However, we also need to *find* the way, the right way: There are a lot of distractions out there: gift buying, parties, card lists, cookies. Ironically if they are viewed properly some of these distractions can also remind us of the true meaning of Advent, bringing our hearts closer to God. The readings on this Second Sunday of Advent encourage us to that God truly desires us to "find the right way" and that He is there to help. If we rely on God, keeping Him close in prayer and thoughts, each Advent day will prepare the right way for Jesus our King. The "way" not to a sanctuary or a Christmas liturgy, but the way directly to our hearts.

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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.

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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.