St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

The Epiphany of the Lord **January 7, 2018**

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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.

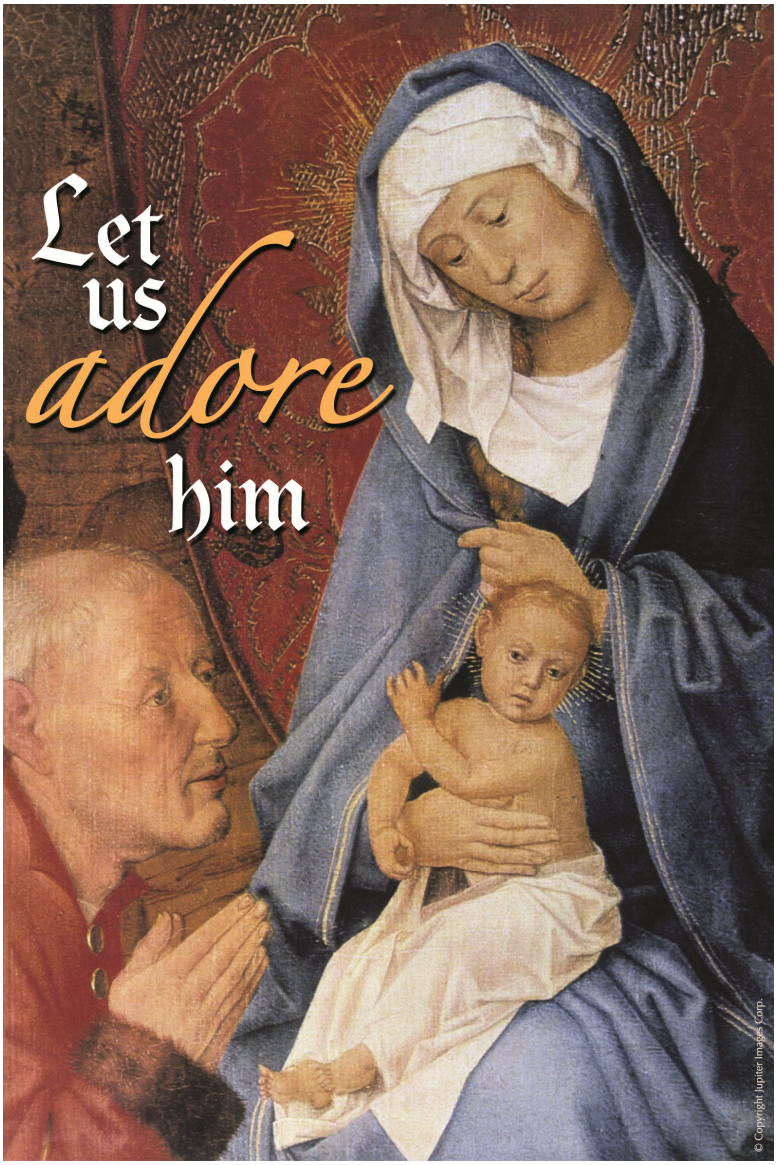
BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1:00 PM. Baptismal Preparation Class the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory. Please telephone the rectory to register.

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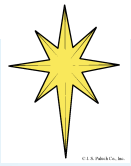
Please TURN OFF any electronic devices before entering the church for Mass or any other Liturgical service.
Please do NOT park in front of church to ensure emergency vehicle access.
There are ample parking spaces provided on the north side,
to the rear of the church and the Shaunessy Center parking lot.

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.







The Original Gifts of Christmas

This week we are celebrating the feast of the Epiphany. Many people wonder about the gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh, so, I thought I would reprint an article I wrote back in 2011 about those original Christmas gifts.

Gold - the gift given by Melchoir, a king of Arabia. He is said to have been the oldest of the Three Kings. Gold is offered to the Infant Jesus as a symbol of His Kingship, and a symbol of purity (gold is heated in fire which makes it pure).

Frankincense - the gift given by Balthasar, a king from Saba - present day Yemen. Frankincense is a resin from the dried sap of the Boswellia tree - a tree that has grown on the craggy slopes of the Arabian Sea for thousands of years. In ancient times Frankincense and Gold were equally precious. The Frankincense symbolizes sacrifice due to Jesus because He is *Emmanuel* (Hebrew word meaning God with us).

Myrrh - the gift given by Caspar, a king from Tarsus - present day southern Turkey. Myrrh is also a resin used as incense but with a bitter fragrance. In ancient times, the finest Myrrh came from southern Arabia. It was extensively used as a perfume. Caspar presented the Myrrh to the Infant Jesus as a symbol of suffering (foreshadowing the suffering Jesus would endure in the Passion). Myrrh was also used for embalming and as a drug.

The three gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh were presented to the Holy Infant because they were all very valuable gifts two thousand years ago. The Magi wanted to give kingly gifts. They were all kings themselves, but, as they knelt before the Holy Infant, they recognized that they were in the presence of the King of kings.



Yours in Christ,

Fr. George

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THIS WEEKEND



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

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
DIAPER DREVE
(see page 6)



GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	**7**
9:30 am	Altar & Rosary Society Mass Rosary starts at 9:05 am: CH
12:30 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
MONDAY	**8**
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	**9**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
6:30 pm	School Event: FAVL:SCH
WEDNESDAY	**10**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
6:30 pm	School Advisory Committee: SCH.110
7:00 pm	Social Concerns Ministry: SH.MR
7:00 pm	St. Joseph's Table Committee: REC.LL
THURSDAY	**11**
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SH.MR
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
7:00 pm	RCIA: REC:LL
FRIDAY	**12**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
SATURDAY	**13**
10:00 am	AA: SCH:RH
1:00 pm	Knights of Columbus : SH.CTR+MR
SUNDAY	**14**
12:30 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR

Sacrificial Giving

December 31, 2017

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**10,985**
Electronic Giving December 25 to December 31 $ 937 from 41 families	**$**	**937**
Total	**$**	**11,922**
Sunday Budget 2017-18	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***4,078***
To Teach Who Christ Is	**$**	**295**
Sharing Parish	**$**	**31**
Solemnity of Mary	**$**	**2,556**

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)

2017 CHURCH DONATIONS

2017 statements of contributions will be mailed by February 1st to ALL parishioners who have made donations totaling $200 or more during the 2017 calendar year.

If your donations total less than $200 and you would like a **2017 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.

	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

Approach the cross
and you will find in it Christ with arms outstretched to embrace you.
Saint Thomas of Villanova

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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For more information please contact the convent at:773-467-0295

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY
Wednesday, January 10 - 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?

ST. JOSEPH COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 11 - 7:00 pm
School Room 110



This will be our regular meeting for the March 2018 St. Joseph Table. We ask all members to be present. New members are welcome.

MARCH for LIFE CHICAGO

Marching in peace through the streets of Chicago, this is an annual public event composed of people from diverse ethnic, social and religious backgrounds, dedicated to defending and protecting all human life. TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE AT EVERY STAGE! Join thousands at the March to be held on **Sunday, January 14th, from 2 to 4 PM**. The event kicks off from FEDERAL PLAZA, 50 W. Adams, and marches through downtown Chicago, returning to FEDERAL PLAZA. Please see www.marchforlife-chicago.org for details, march route, and list of distinguished speakers.

The KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS will sponsor a **FREE bus** service to the event, and invite all parishioners, families, friends and neighbors to join us for this important day. In order to coordinate the bus capacity, interested participants are asked to please call the rectory (773)775-6659 by January 8th, to register and reserve your seat.

Approximate Schedule:

12:45 pm	Leave from Shaunessy Center parking lot, St. Eugene Parish
1:45 pm	Drop off at Federal Plaza
2:00 pm	Speakers / Kick-off
	March through downtown Chicago
4:00 pm	Pick up at Federal Plaza
5:00 pm	Arrival at St. Eugene Parish

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

MINISTRY OF CARE TRAINING PROGRAM

There will be a new Ministry of Care Training program which will take place at Presence St. Benedict Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 6930 W. Touhy, Niles, beginning Monday, January 22, 2018, and for four more consecutive Mondays, January 29; February 5, February 12, and February 19, 2018 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

Please call the rectory at: 773/775-6659, if you are interested in becoming a Minister of Care. Thank you.

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.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY MASS

Sunday, January 7 - 9:30 am
Church



We start saying the rosary at 9:05 am. Everyone is welcome to join in saying the rosary.



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2019 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2019 will open
Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 9:00 am

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.



ST. EUGENE ADULT CHOIR

We practice every Sunday at 10:30 am.
We sing at the 11:30 am Mass.
Please meet Lydia, our
Director of Music, at the organ in church.
Everyone is welcome to sing with us.!!!



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 # _____



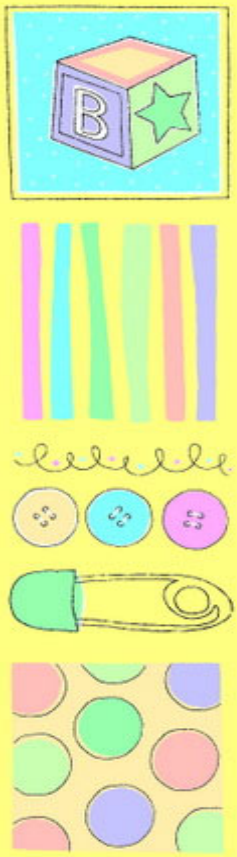
PLEASE PRAY

***For the Sick*:** Linda Adamczyk, Annabella Amato, Pat Apida, Robert Apida, Jon Arnswald, Anthony Bongiorno, Thomas Bongiorno, Mary Brasse, Julie Bronski, Margaret Brinlee-Brucken, Franco Cecchini, Franca Chiapetta, Agnes Collins, Jim Conlon, Mirna Cozzo, Joan De Stefano, Dominick Di Re, Edward Dobosz, Marge Dyson, Vicki Fealey, Don Feist, Virginia Florkiewicz, Janis Gale, Bob Gasiorek, Carol Gasiorek, Robert W. Gelfond, Carmella Giannelli, Frances Gofron, Rev. Philip Grib, S.J., June Grovak, Erika Arquilla Hlavacek, 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, 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: Frank Zupo

For the Deceased:

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 7, 14, 22, 28,
or February 4.

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, January 6 - Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord
5:30 Francesco Esposito
Sunday, January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord
7:00 Rachelle Turano-Wojcik
9:30 Living & Dec'd Mbrs. Manczko & Bova Fams.
11:30 Amalia & Jenar Barone, Aurora & Patrizia Barone, Alberto & Angelina Barone, Mario Bartucci, Leonard Cataldo, Margaret Chlopek, Dominic Colloto, Vincenzo Di Iorio, Hinze & Moriarty Fams., LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Int. of Matthew Malone, Vincenzo & Adele Pizzuto, Michael P. Rongo, Rosa Russo, Int. of Josefina Santiago & Fam., Marianna Scavelli
4:30 People of the Parish

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

Monday, January 8 - The Baptism of the Lord
6:30 Purgatorial Society.
9:00 Eraldo Simonetti
Tuesday, January 9
6:30 John C, Rog
9:00 Int. of Jan MacFarlane
Wednesday, January 10
6:30 Daniel Riney
9:00 Michele Dammicco, Eileen Egan, LaPietra Fam. & Fri.
Thursday, January 11
6:30 In Thanksgiving - The Swiderski Fam.
9:00 Kathleen Riney
Friday, January 12
6:30 Joseph & Dominica Doneto
9:00 Sophie Niedziela
Saturday, January 13 - St. Hilary
8:30 Sam Vizzini
Saturday, January 13 - Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 Clement Grandsart
Sunday, January 14 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Rose Guardino
11:30 Amalia & Jenar Barone, Aurora & Patrizia Barone, Giorgina Cinguini, Chris Dabros, Maria Gonzalez, LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Hilary Naborowski, Vincenzo & Adele Pizzuto, Gary Salis, Marianna Scarvelli
4:30 Jean & Jerry Czop

+MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

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

Saturday, January 13 - 8:30 am
*** **Team 2**
Saturday, January 13 - 5:30 pm
* A. Cisek
** C. Bobka, R. Fiorante, M.B. Glynn, C. Lim, M. Lim
*** **Team 7**
Mon., 1/15 - 9:00 am
Sunday, January 14 - 7:00 am
* D. Laterza
** J. Carrozza, R. Kennedy, J. Nardi, J. Santiago, R. Trovela
*** **Team 3**
Tue., 1/16 - 9:00 am
Sunday, January 14 - 9:30 am
* T. Swiderski
** P. Brown, C. Hill, C. Hill, B. Ndiwe, T. Swiderski
*** **Team 4**
Wed., 1/17 - 9:00 am
Sunday, January 14 - 11:30 am
* B. Gasiorek
** J. Dardella, M. Guerrieri, A. LoForte, P. Paetsch, M. Russo
*** **Team 5**
Thu., 1/18 - 9:00 am
Sunday, January 14 - 4:30 pm
* L. Vasich
** R. Kopf, M. Meo, B. O'Neill, C. Paulini, J. Schmidt
*** Team 6
Fri., 1/19 - 9:00 am

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.

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.

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE!
ALUMNI WEEKEND
FEBRUARY 23, 24, & 25, 2018

Find St. Eugene on Facebook!

Marriage Banns

I - Catherine Randazzo & Christopher Wiezien



ST. EUGENE SCHOOL IS STILL COLLECTING *BOX TOPS*

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**

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.

POPE FRANCIS TWEET FOR THE WEEK



In the simplicity of the nativity scene we encounter and contemplate the tenderness of God which reveals itself in the Baby Jesus.

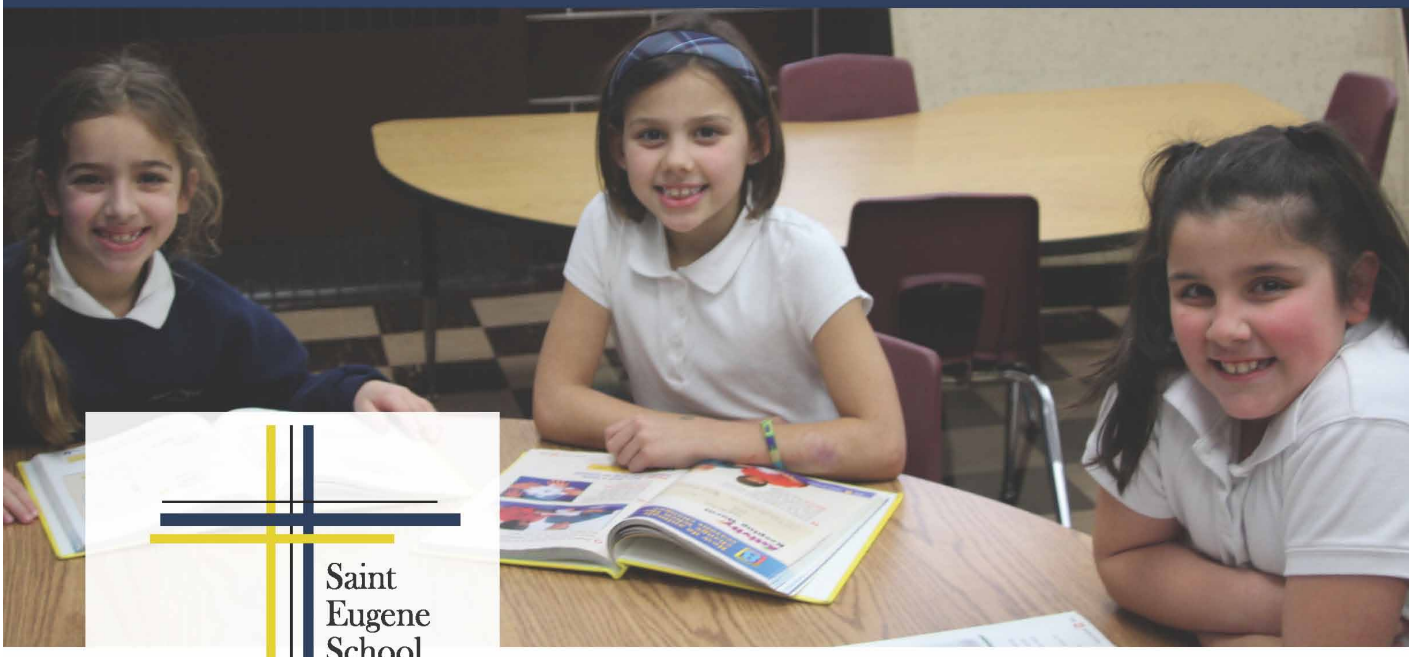
SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

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.

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

You're Invited to Visit Us!



Saint Eugene School

Academic Excellence Rooted in Faith

St. Eugene School

Learn how we can help your child grow academically and spiritually

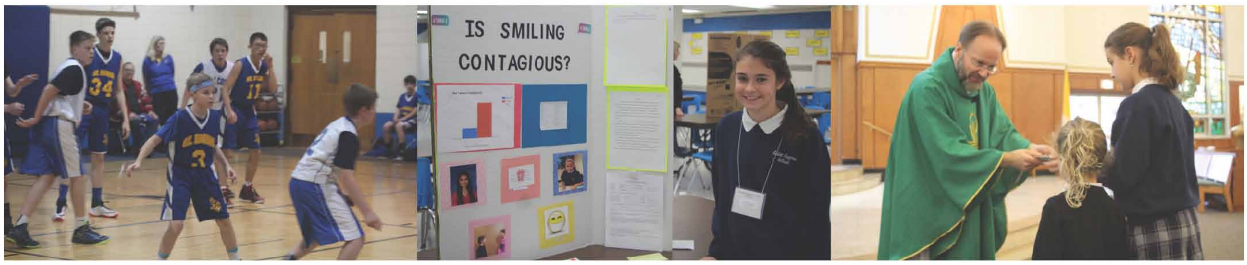
- 3 Yr. PS/ 4 Yr. PK: Full & Half Day Programs
- Kindergarten—8th Grade
- Before & After School Care
- We offer a variety of extracurricular activities to meet your child's interests.
- Technology: Computer Lab, iPad Carts, 1:1 Chromebooks Grade 6-8

Open Houses

Sunday, January 28, 2018
10:30 AM -1:00 PM

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

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MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018



Baptism of the Lord

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BAPTISMS AT ST. EUGENE 2017

JANUARY

FINN THOMAS LUNA
LYLA MARCIANA RONCAL
JACOB ANDREW DUDEK
GIOVANNI MICHAEL PIERRI

FEBRUARY

MIKAYLA BUCARO
PARKER THOMAS CONWAY
ROSE ALICE FRYC

MARCH

NICO LINO SANTUCCI
JOSHUA ROSS EMERY
PEMA QUINN PEREZ MARTIN
CHURCH CARLOS ORTIZ
NICOLE IVANOVA TZOKOV

APRIL

ZACHARY ANDREW HOLZMAN

MAY

BRIA ROSE GABER
SABRINA RAQUEL GOMEZ
Mc KENNA MICHELLE O'CLAIRE
MICHAEL ADDISON GIANNAS
ANNABELLE ROSE GOERGEN
ALLISON KATHRYN SUTTER

JUNE

BAILEY ANNE GALLOWAY
GIOIA ROSE KOEUNE
CAELUM DAVID SANTOS
KIELE ADELE SANTOS
LENI MARIE SANTOS
JASMINE AZRIELLE AUSTRIA
AMY MARIE BELLUOMINI
DYLAN PIERRE FERNANDO
GLORIA VICTORIA BAK

JULY

JAXON CHRISTOPHER CABOT
LUCIA CARIDAD LUGO CLAS
JAYDON ANTONY KULANDAISMY

AUGUST

KAIA AMELIA ZERO
ELIA ROSE DOTE
BENJAMIN JACKOWSKI
GABRIELLA ALEXANDRA ORTEGA
GABRIELLA DANIELLA (LOPEZ) PARILLO



Baptisms

SEPTEMBER

RUSSEL DOMINGUEZ
CLAIRE MARIE ANDERSON
MADDUX HENRY BROWN
MAGGIE FRANCES BROWN
ILLYANA VIOLET CASTILE
JACKSON ALEXANDER NATALE
JACOB TYLER KOSINSKI
SOPHIA JOYCE LYNCH

OCTOBER

AVA FRANCESCA AVINO
VALENTINA AVINO
PENELOPE DENISE CRIMALDI
JHENE ELISE GARCIA
JILLIAN ROSE WEAVER

NOVEMBER

RILEY ELIZABETH FORAN
DOMINIC JOSEPH SIANO
GIULIA ROSE MADDEX
EMILY NAYLA NELSON
SAMANTHA AALIYA H SOLLANO

DECEMBER

CARMAN GOLF
SOFIA GRACE MONTES



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

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Retreat/workshop
***For* widowed men/women**

The Joyful Again! Program brings understanding and hope to help you on your new life's journey.
"I felt welcome."
"Found hope."
"Am more at peace."
Dates: **March 3 & 4, 2018**
April 21 & 22, 2018
For more information contact us at Joyful Again!
Widowed Ministry
Phone: 1-708-354-7211
Email: *joyfulagain7211@gmail.com*
Website: *www.joyfulagain.org*
(Short video on website.)
IMPORTANT: register early, space is limited.



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Discipleship of Heart and Mind

Annual Spiritual Checkup

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:37-40

Each year many of us undergo a physical checkup, perhaps a financial checkup at year's end (or at tax time), and maybe even a performance review at work. But how often do we take time to *review our spiritual life*?

Those saved by grace are called to *grow in grace (2 Pet. 3:18). As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are to live a life of love: love for God and love for our neighbor, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Too often, in the busyness of life, we let other priorities crowd out the two highest priorities Jesus gave us.* The following questions will help you examine your spiritual life and prayerfully seek God's help in areas where you desire to grow in the New Year.

Loving God with all your heart, soul and mind.

1. How is my personal relationship with God?

- *Do I have a growing desire to spend more time with God?*
- *Am I spending appropriate time reading and meditating on the Word and praying?*
- *Am I growing in my desire to obey and please God?*
- *Do I obey out of gratitude for God's love, or from guilt and fear?*
- *Have I fully surrendered to the Holy Spirit? Do I ask God to fill me each day with the Spirit?*
- *Are there areas I am holding back from God? Which ones? Why?*
- *Am I more aware of the sins in my life?*
- *Do I repent on a daily basis and receive forgiveness and cleansing from God?*

Have I truthfully repented of all past and current sins?

2. Am I actively serving God?

- *Do I volunteer at church?*
- *Do I pray regularly for the pastor, staff, missionaries, volunteers and leadership?*

Do I seek to make others feel welcome in my church?

3. Am I growing in my desire and actions to give sacrificially to God's work in the church, in caring for the poor and in other ministries? Am I teaching my children about sacrificial giving and putting God before materialistic desires?

4. Am I living in humility before God, family, friends and co-workers?

5. Is there evidence of grace growing in my life? Do I thank God every day for his love, grace and mercy and saving me from what I deserve? Am I seeing evidence of the fruit of the Spirit in my life (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control)? Am I learning to see others through the mind of Christ? Am I treating others with the same grace God has shown me?

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



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

They are back!!!

Special Guests again this year will be the internationally renowned Jesse White Tumblers!



We ask all of our parishioners, if you have a loved one serving in the military, to please contact the rectory office to give us the name of the soldier, so the whole parish can pray for your loved one. A book in the church vestibule is available for inscribing the names of all military personnel. This book will be part of the offertory procession from now until the war is over.

A PRAYER

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families
for the selfless acts they perform
for us in our time of need.
We ask this in the name of
Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen

We pray for our loved ones

who are serving in any branch of the Armed Forces during this time of conflict.



MAJOR ADAMCZYK
GHALEB AZROUI
DONALD BELLISARIO
TIMOTHY EMMETT CAROLAN
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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.