St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time **January 14, 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.

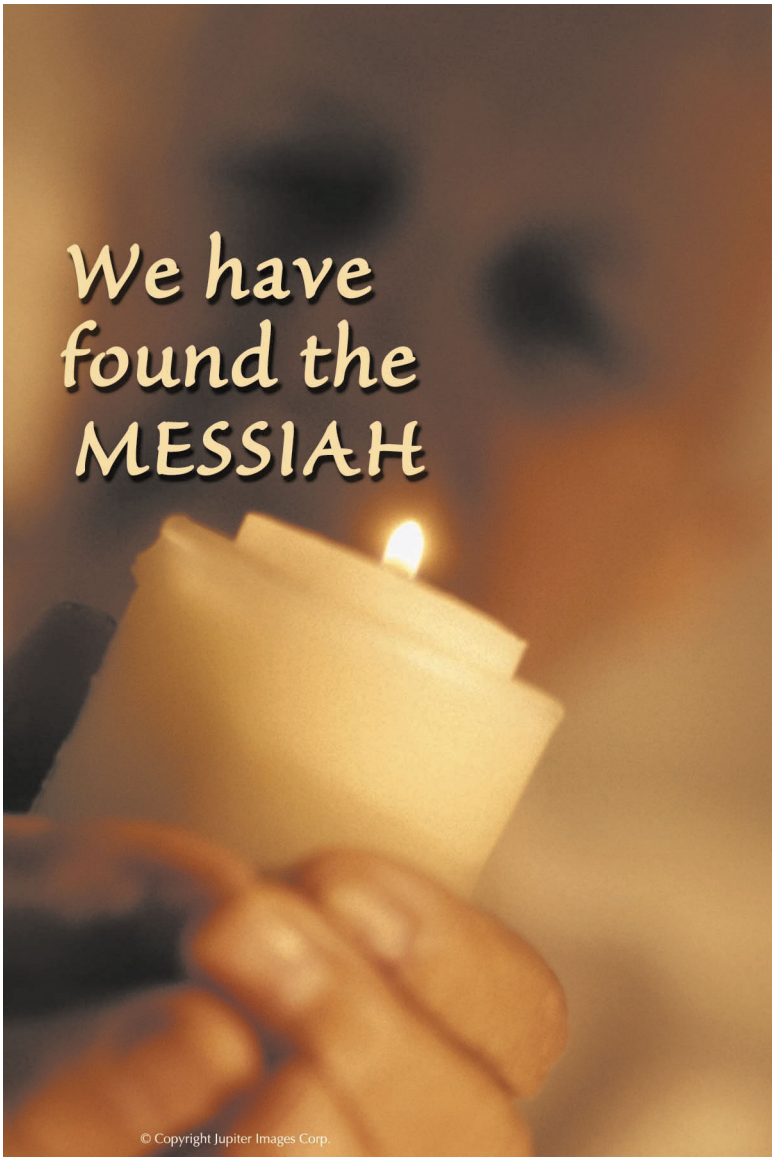
BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1:00 PM. Baptismal Preparation Class the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory. Please telephone the rectory to register.

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.



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



Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

For this week's article, I want to both thank and encourage the Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors of St. Eugene Parish. I am grateful that we have so many people who feel called to these important ministries. They fulfill an important role in the life of our parish, and they help make the Sacred Liturgy flow smoothly. All of our ministers play an important role. From the ushers who direct people to seats and collect contributions, to those involved in singing and decorating, and the cleaning of our church. We have a beautiful parish, and prayerful liturgies, thanks to so many wonderful volunteers.

Concerning the distribution of the Holy Eucharist, lay Eucharistic Ministers are called upon to share the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ with St. Eugene parishioners at Mass, in our local hospitals and nursing homes, and to those who are bound to their homes. Ministry is never self-seeking but giving, and it is the kind of giving in which one loves the persons one gives to. Personally, I cannot think of a higher calling for a baptized Catholic than giving out the Body of Christ to the faithful. It is an exalted ministry and must be done with the most reverence on the part of the minister. Likewise, being a Lector is a very high calling. Proclaiming the Word of God is much more than just reading. It is prayer. The key to effective proclamation lies in preparation, and understanding the lesson contained in the words that are read.

There is a constant need for more ministers in our church. Lately, I have noticed a critical need at certain masses for Eucharistic Ministers (particularly at the 4:30 p.m. Sunday Liturgy). I would urge all ministers to make every effort to find a substitute if they are unable to fulfill their ministry. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass deserves top priority in our lives. To serve at the Mass is an exalted calling. Let us strive to serve God and one another faithfully.

I want to thank all our ministers for their willingness to give and serve at St. Eugene Parish.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. George

"Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Lectors, Members of the Choir . . . exercise a genuine liturgical function. They ought to discharge their office, therefore, with the sincere devotion and decorum demanded by so exalted a ministry and rightly expected of them by God's people." (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy)

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

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS AFTER THE 9:30 AM MASS

MARCH for LIFE CHICAGO
The bus will leave the Shaunessy Center Parking lot at 12:45 pm
(see page 4 for details about this event)



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY DIAPER DREVE
(see page 6)



SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

THE LAMB OF GOD

"Behold the Lamb of God!" We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there's a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today's Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John's own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	**14**
12:30 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
MONDAY	**15**
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	**16**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
WEDNESDAY	**17**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
6:30 pm	Altar & Rosary Society Board Meeting: SH.MR
6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus: SCH.110

Sacrificial Giving

January 7, 2018

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**11,364**
Electronic Giving January 1 to January 7 $3,127 from families	**$**	**3,127**
Total	**$**	**14,491**
Sunday Budget 2017-18	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***1,509***
To Teach Who Christ Is	**$**	**65**
Sharing Parish	**$**	**77**

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	**18**
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SH.MR
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
7:00 pm	RCIA: REC:LL
FRIDAY	**19**
5:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SH.CTR+MR
SATURDAY	**20**
9:00 am	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
9:15 am	Liturgy Committee: REC.DR
10:00 am	AA: SCH:RH
SUNDAY	**21**
9:30 am	Family Mass featuring 3rd grade: CH
12:30 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
7:00 pm	Living Rosary: CH



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

Grant me grace,
O merciful God,
to desire ardently all that is pleasing to you,
to examine it prudently,
to acknowledge it truthfully,
and to accomplish it perfectly.
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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

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.

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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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.

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

TODAY 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. 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

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.

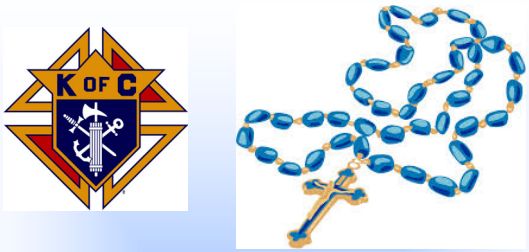
NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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.



POPE FRANCIS TWEET FOR THE WEEK

A joyful soul is like healthy soil in which life can thrive and produce good fruit.



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

Please join us for a

Living Rosary

to be held

Sunday evening, January 21, at 7:00 pm in St. Eugene Church,

marking the 45th anniversary of Roe vs Wade and in solidarity with the "March for Life" being held in Washington, D.C.

Please join us to pray for an end to abortion.

All parishioners are cordially invited.





Jeremy Benjamin Rog

Find St. Eugene on Facebook!

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 # _____



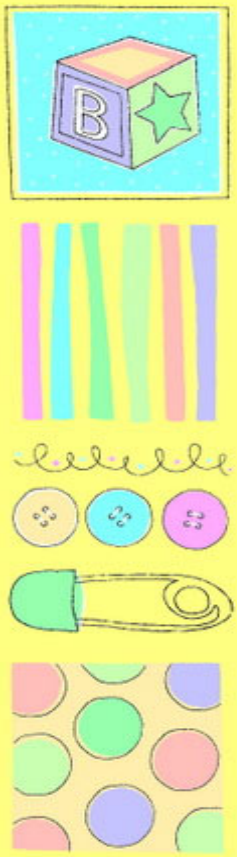
PLEASE PRAY

***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, Frank Zupo and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

Newly added to our sick list:

For the Deceased: Thelma Rizzo, Elmer Smith

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 14, 22, 28,
or February 4.

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

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, Cecilia Salvaggio, Marianna Scavelli
4:30 Jean & Jerry Czop

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

Monday, January 15
6:30 Louisa S. Dellota.
9:00 Frederick Tomzik

Tuesday, January 16
6:30 Louisa S. Dellota
9:00 LeRoy Salemi

Wednesday, January 17 - St. Anthony
6:30 Louisa S. Dellota
9:00 Alicia Camacho, Carmen Cardamone, LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Sr. Marion Pasdiora, BVM,

Thursday, January 18
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Louisa S. Dellota

Friday, January 19
6:30 John Barkowski
9:00 Louisa S. Dellota

Saturday, January 20 - St. Fabian, St. Sebastian
8:30 Louisa S. Dellota

Saturday, January 20 - Vigil:
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 Carmen Cardamone, Jr.

Sunday, January 21 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 Louisa S. Dellota
9:30 Denise Hess
11:30 Aurora & Patrizia Barone, Amalia & Jenar Barone, Arthur Bronski, Michael Casey, Dorothy & Elmer Chansky, Francesco Chiappetta, Geoffrey Chierici, Charles Dobrovolny, Domenica & Ernesto Fiorante, Pamela Heider, Agnes Komperda, LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Marie Lombardo, Veronica McMahon, Rose & John Nardi, Vincenzo & Adele Pizzuto, Helen & Joseph Rife, Marianna Scavelli, Frine Santos - in Thanksgiving
4:30 People of the Parish

+MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

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

Saturday, January 20 - 8:30 am
*** **Team 2**

Saturday, January 20 - 5:30 pm
* D. Divello
** E. Dillon, C. Edwards, R. Fiorante, C. Lim, M. Lim
*** **Team 1**
Mon., 1/22 - 9:00 am

Sunday, January 21 - 7:00 am
* J. Bischof
** G. Bermas, A. Bischof, L. Feist, N. Francisco, R. Kennedy
*** **Team 8**
Tue., 1/23 - 9:00 am

Sunday, January 21 - 9:30 am
* School Lector
** P. Conlon, M. Cozzo, M. Kenny, B. O'Neill, M. Russo
*** **Team 9**
Wed., 1/24 - 9:00 am

Sunday, January 21 - 11:30 am
* B. Gasiorek
** T. Gunia, M. Holder, P. Paetsch, V. Parado, L. Vasich
*** **Team 4**
Thu., 1/25 - 9:00 am

Sunday, January 21 - 4:30 pm
* D. Laterza
** P. Brown, Sr. Ann Marie, B. Czubek, A. LoForte, Y. Sarmiento
*** **Team 3**
Fri., 1/26 - 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

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



Marriage Banns

II - Catherine Randazzo &
Christopher Wiezien

ST. EUGENE SCHOOL
IS STILL COLLECTING *BOX TOPS*



Thank you very much to everyone who donated clothing to the **Puerto Rican Resettlement Program.** It was very much needed and appreciated.

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.



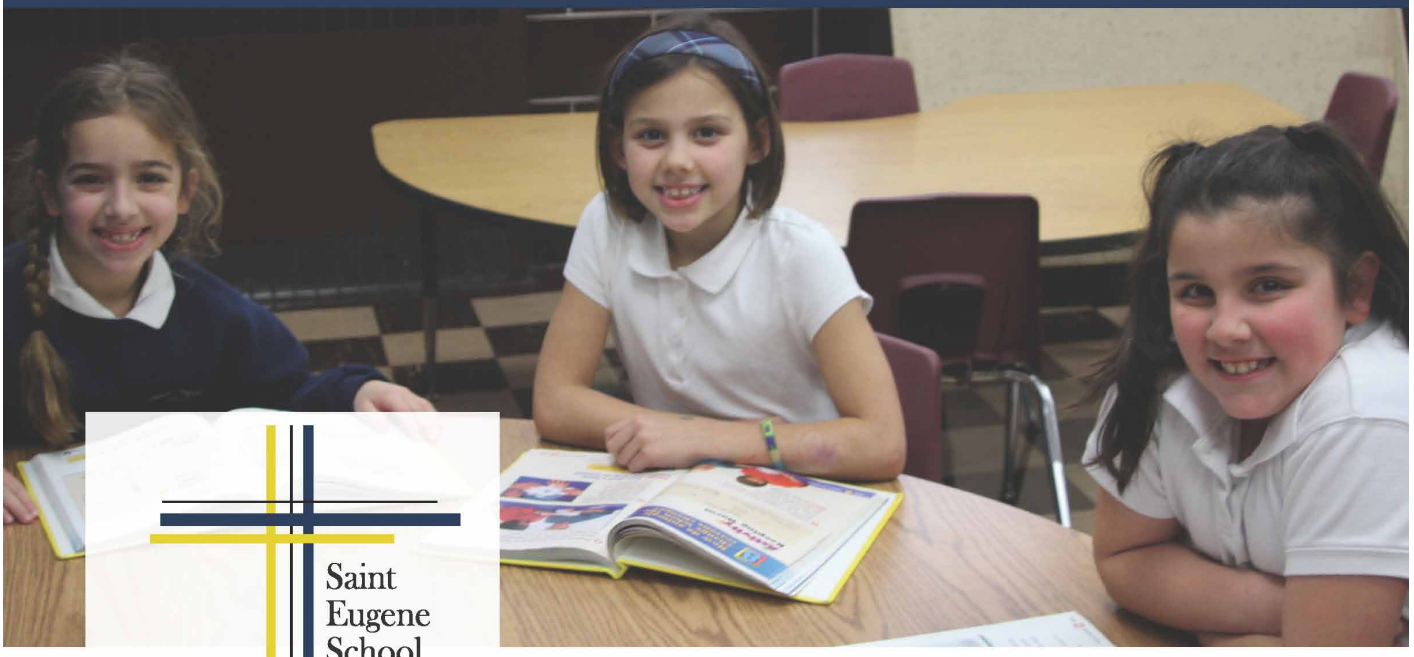
THE GLORIES OF IRELAND
August 28 - September 8

Yes, it is *The Glories of Ireland* we are going to be visiting later this year - 2018. We will be leaving Chicago on the 28th of August and returning on the 8th of September. On the 29th we will arrive in Dublin and it will all begin there. Our tour guide has been with us before. We will be stopping in Cork, Cobh, Blarney, Killarney, the Ring of Kerry, Adare, Bunratty Castle, Galway, Knock, Derry, the Giant's Causeway, Belfast, the Titanic Museum, Downpatrick, Armagh, and Dublin. And our tradition on these tours is to celebrate Mass daily. At least one other priest will be with us.

Interested? Curious? **An informational meeting has been scheduled for Monday evening, February 19, at 7pm, in St. Eugene School, Room 110, which is just behind the Rectory at 7958 W. Foster, and immediately adjacent to the church parking lot.** It is just a few steps into the meeting room and we will begin at 7 pm. If you plan on coming to the meeting, please call the St. Eugene Parish Office (773-775-6659) and let us know that you will be with us. Printed brochures are available for the entire itinerary. Looking forward to seeing you.

Father Jim O'Brien

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

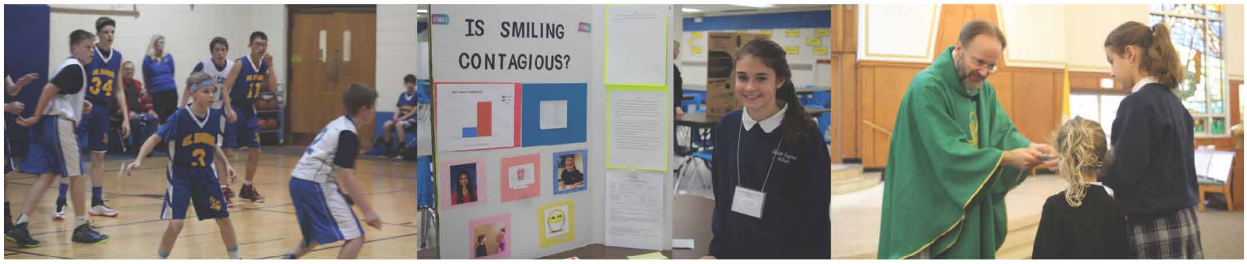
- 3 Yr. PS/ 4 Yr. PK: Full & Half Day Programs
- Kindergarten—8th Grade
- Before & After School Care
- We offer a variety of extracurricular activities to meet your child's interests.
- Technology: Computer Lab, iPad Carts, 1:1 Chromebooks Grade 6-8

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

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT | LEADERSHIP| FAITH FORMATION



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St. Eugene School

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EATERY AND SODA FOUNTAIN

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 17TH

7958 W. Belmont Chicago 773-839-FIZZ

11AM - 10PM

At Fizz Eatery we love to give back to our community! Present this flyer at time of order and we will donate 20% of sales to your school!
Dine in and carry out

Come by for our burgers, sandwiches or salads and stay for the ice cream!

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EASY TO FIND
***Catholic Chicago* Radio**
WNDZ 750-AM
Monday - Friday, 8 am to 9 am

Tune to *Catholic Chicago* Radio to hear about the people, issues and faith-based events that make the Archdiocese of Chicago a vibrant faith community.

Programs began January 8.



Not on the list

People have a list for everything these days. Simple hand written grocery lists have evolved into hand held personal assistants. Our days are diced into 15 minutes sections, each prioritized and labeled for easy use. An efficient way to manage time, perhaps, but is it any way to live?

Take a minute and think about your own to-do lists. Any entries labeled, "Watch for Jesus' coming?" What about "pray" or "read God's word"? Well, at least there's "attend church", right? Hmmm. According to our planners we've de-prioritized God. We've lost the spiritual hunger Andrew had as he searched for the Messiah. Pausing on the street corners of our lives, Jesus could walk past unrecognized while we're checking off another "done" item. And we're simply too tired to follow Jesus home if it means another commute back home. It's a sad state of affairs today when God goes begging for a single hour of the day He created. This week let's stop time managing and start living, for God and with God, every day and every hour.

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.

BUNCO
LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL

Class of 2018 Bunco - Final Fundraiser!

$25 for 3 Games of Bunco (game of chance). Prizes for Most Buncos (wins), Most Losses and there will also be a Split-the-Pot or 2.
Beverages and snacks/desserts are provided, but feel free to bring something to share.

Friday January 26, 2018
St. Eugene Shaunessy Center
Doors Open at 7:00 pm - Dice Roll at 7:30 pm

Proceeds help defray 8th grade expenses,
and also help fund a gift our class will give to St. Eugene School as a token of appreciation of all we have gained in our time here.
Please register/pay in advance by sending $25 cash or check in an envelope with your name on it to Ann Gariti c/o Marie Gariti - Grade 8

Many thanks from the Class of 2018!

The St. Eugene Children's Choir
sang at the Liberty Bank at Foster & Harlem
on Saturday, December 16th
for their annual photos with Santa event.





C.S.LEWIS INSTITUTE
Discipleship of Heart and Mind

Annual Spiritual Checkup
(continued from last week)

Loving Your Neighbor

6. Am I loving my family as I should?

- Husbands, are you loving your wives? How, specifically?
- Wives, are you respecting your husbands? How, specifically?
- Parents – are we teaching our children the Bible, how to pray, and how to please God?
- Children, are you honoring your parents? How, specifically?
- Am I managing my time in a way that reflects God's priorities and honors my family relationships? What specific changes are needed?
- Are there any outside influences that are harming my family relationships? If so, what will I do about them?

7. Am I forgiving others? Is there anyone among my family, friends, neighbors or coworkers that I refuse to forgive? Do I fully trust that God has forgiven my sins?

8. Am I growing in fellowship with other believers?

- Am I part of a small group? Is it making a difference in the lives of participants?
- Do I have a godly mentor to help me grow in my walk with Christ?
- Am I mentoring/discipling a newer believer?

9. Have I personally witnessed to anyone in the past year? In my neighborhood? In my work-place? Am I prepared to share my testimony? To share the Gospel?

- Am I fervently praying for and planning opportunities to witness in this coming year?
- Am I being salt and light in my neighborhood, workplace and social groups? How, specifically?

10. Am I focusing part of my time and money to help the poor and disadvantaged? Am I teaching my children about the importance of helping the poor? How?

Jesus says that if we love him, we will obey him (Jn. 14.15), and he calls us to grow in grace and love. Do you have a plan for growing in your love for God and love for your neighbor for this next year? Will you prayerfully prepare one before the end of the year? **To help you grow in these areas, you'll find a variety of resources on our website (www.cslewisinstitute.org).**

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Update

It has been some time since Eucharistic Minister/Lector mass time preferences have been updated. I have done the last two schedules and am taking this task over going forward. Since I have many other responsibilities in the parish, I am asking you to be a little more pro-active by informing me by the beginning of the last month of each quarter (ie. March, June, September and December) of any dates you do not wish to be scheduled for the next quarter or when your schedule changes and you need to change your mass time. I will make every effort to assign you for the mass time/s you select, but we do have to cover 5 masses with 5 Eucharistic Ministers which includes the 4:30 PM mass. **Once the schedule is published, it will be your responsibility to find a replacement for any mass at which you cannot serve.** **Thank you, Lois Feist**

Please fill out the information below and check the mass times below and check your choice/s. Please drop this form in the Sunday collection basket or at the rectory **no later than 2/18/2018**.

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Last Name _____ First Name _____ Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # (Home) _____ Cell # _____ Cell # _____

5:30 PM Sat. _____ 7:00 AM Sun. _____ 9:30 AM Sun. _____ 11:30 AM Sun. _____ 4:30 PM Sun. _____

I am willing to do **one** 4:30 PM Sun. Each quarter _____ No Family mass (3rd Sun of each month) _____

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Ordinary Time" began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.

The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in return Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and redecorated the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ's birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War.

Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don't enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem!

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

A PRAYER

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

We pray for our loved ones

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

MAJOR ADAMCZYK
GHALEB AZROUI
DONALD BELLISARIO
TIMOTHY EMMETT CAROLAN
ZBIGNIEW DUDKOWSKI
MATTHEW SCOTT FORREST
DIRK HALLER
ANDREW HOPKINS
CHRISTOPHER JENKINS
TYLER LANNERS
ANTONIO JAMES LIM
ANGEL LOPEZ
JAMES TYLER MARBACH
CHRIS MARCHIORI
DANIEL MEANEY
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.