St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

First Sunday of Advent **December 2, 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.

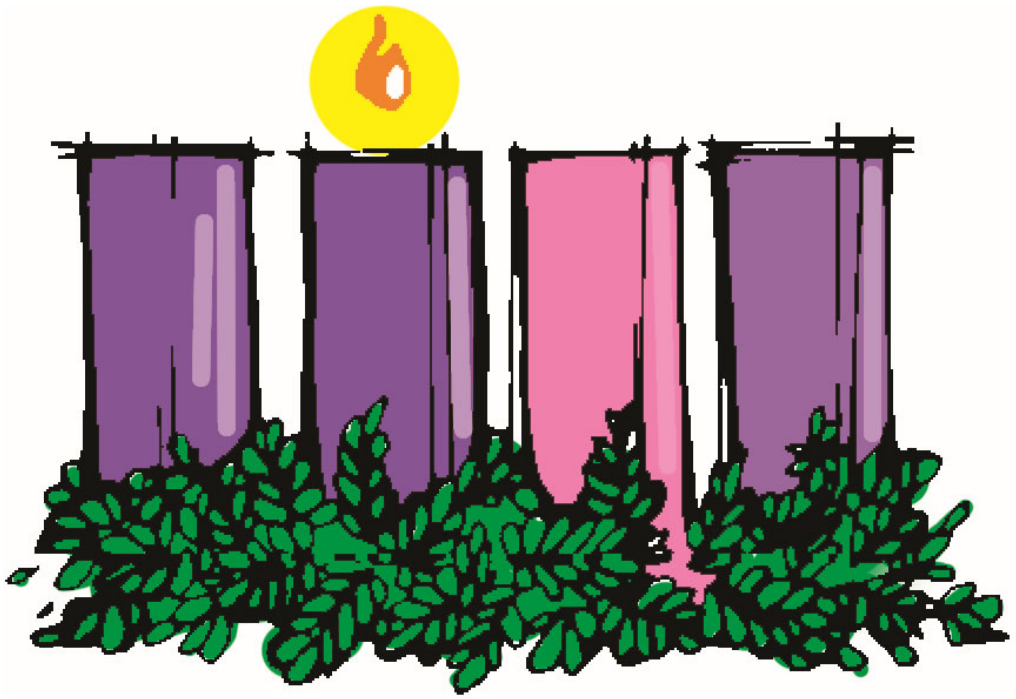
BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1:00 PM. Baptismal Preparation Class the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory. Please telephone the rectory to register.

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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I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right
and just in the land.
-- Jeremiah 33:15

Parish Staff

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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.

From the Pastor's Desk…



Today we celebrate with Catholics, and many other Christian churches throughout the world, the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a four-week season of preparation for Christmas. This season has always been a difficult and at the same time good one for many of us because it constantly reminds us of the value and importance of patience and waiting. One of the biggest obstacles we face during Advent is that we do not like to wait. If we have to stand too long at the checkout counter, or if our popcorn takes too long to pop in the microwave, or if we're still operating from a dial-up connection as opposed to having a digital line, we get frustrated and become impatient. Deep down we all know there is a value in waiting. It teaches us patience. More importantly, it helps us to realize we are not in total control of our lives as much as we would like to think that we are. This season reminds us that there are things in life worth waiting for. When we get good at waiting, we might even realize that waiting can be half the fun. It makes the event for which we have waited even more pleasurable.

We are so programmed in our society to jump from one season to the next without ever stopping to pause and reflect upon what we've just done or even been through. The Halloween decorations are put away and without a breath the Christmas decorations are put in their place. I've even heard Christmas songs on the radio already. All of this frenzy of activity short-circuits our spiritual preparations for Christmas. We jump from Halloween and Thanksgiving to Christmas without a pause. Somehow we have to reclaim this holy season, and not just because this is what is expected of us. We need to do it for ourselves in order to give some sacred space so that our season of Advent prepares us for a season of joy.

If you might be looking for ways to use the Season of Advent to seriously prepare for Christmas then consider the following:

- keep the season at home with your own Advent wreath (we all need visual reminders to remain faithful to our ideals
- make all of your Christmas preparation activities like shopping, baking, card writing, decorating etc.… opportunities for prayer. You've heard the words of the song, "Whistle while you work", well try the same thing by praying while you work.
- make it a point to become more active and to participate more in daily or weekly mass; come to the Advent Communal Reconciliation Services that will be held at St. Eugene on the evening of Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. and on Wednesday afternoon, December 19th at 1:00 p.m, or perhaps join us in some of the many other parish Advent activities.
- take another look at your bible at home…read it!, especially the gospel of Luke this year. Pick up some good Catholic meditation books to help you make the most of the season.
- make sure you get a copy of one of the "Little Blue Books" that we are giving out this Advent and enjoy the information and reflections contained within them.
- get more involved in our St. Eugene charitable activities.
- finally, don't get trapped into celebrating Christmas before Christmas arrives - this way Christmas won't already be over for you before it truly arrives.

We have purchased the “Little Blue Books” for you to use as another way of coming to appreciate the rich meaning and traditions of the Advent Season. Please be sure and take a copy home or to work with you. These books make great companions for meditation and for interesting reading. They will be available in the vestibule and at all the exit doors at all masses until they are gone.

Also, don’t forget to pick up your 2019 St. Eugene calendars that are also available in the vestibule and at the exit doors of the church as well.

Have a great start to the season of Advent everyone!

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Next weekend the 2nd Collection is being taken up for one of the worthiest causes of all – the retirement care of the thousands of men and women of religious communities who, for many generations, have been our teachers, mentors and care-givers in our schools and hospitals, as well as in a host of other care-giving institutions. Each year, Catholics throughout our country are asked to offer their support for these dedicated men and women who for most of their lives have worked for practically no salary and received little or no healthcare benefits. This annual Retirement Fund for Religious was begun some years ago by our bishops to help defray some of the escalating costs that were being incurred by religious communities trying to provide health care for their increasing numbers of aged members.

Many of us would not be who we are or where we are today, were it not for the care and persistence of the religious sisters, brothers and priests who were responsible for our spiritual and educational needs. This is our chance to say “thank you” for all that these dedicated men and women have given to us over the years. Please show your support and gratitude by your generosity in this year’s Retirement Fund for Religious Collection being taken up next weekend. Envelopes were provided in your monthly packets or are available at the doors of church as well as in the vestibule.

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This coming Saturday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – a Holy Day of Obligation. Although this day falls on a Saturday this year, and, in most cases when this happens the obligation to attend Mass is lifted, this is never the case with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. In November of 1991, the United States Catholic Bishops determined that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception would remain a Holy Day of Obligation regardless of what day of the week it falls. For this reason, we will celebrate the patronal feast of the Catholic Church here in the United States with an anticipatory Mass on Friday night, December 7th at 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday, December 8th at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Please join us as we honor and celebrate Mary’s Immaculate Conception.



Fr. Rich

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN?

I am coming to our parish community with a request for help. As you may or may not be aware, much of our maintenance equipment here is sorely in need of repair. With last weekend's snow storm our one and only snow-blower died. It is old and has served well here over the years but nothing lasts forever. I am asking for one of two things at this time. The first is this: Are you or someone you know in a position to secure our parish a good deal on a new and reliable 30-inch snow thrower/blower? The second is this: might there be a generous parishioner in our community that would be willing to purchase this much needed piece of equipment as a donation to our parish? Our grounds and facilities are vast. Having our own snow thrower/blower on hand is a necessity for our maintenance crew to secure the safety of us all, especially our children and seniors. If there is anyone able to offer any help in this way please give myself or our Business Manager, Deacon Chick O'Leary a call at the Parish office. 773-775-6659. Thank you so much.



Fr. Rich

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

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

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.



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 # _____

THIS WEEKEND

SOCIAL CONCERNS
CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM
PLEASE TAKE A CHILD'S NAME
IN THE VESTIBULE (see page 14)



SECOND COLLECTION
FLOWERS FOR OUR ALTAR
AT CHRISTMAS



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



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
(see page 7)



THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's king's held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

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HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	**2**
9:30 am	Altar & Rosary Society Mass Rosary starts at 9:05 am: CH
MONDAY	**3**
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, NOON - 8:00 PM	
TUESDAY	**4**
5:30 pm	Altar & Rosary Society: SH.CTR+MR
WEDNESDAY	**5**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
6:30 pm	School Advisory Committee: SCH.110
THURSDAY	**6**
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SH.MR
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
7:00 pm	RCIA: REC.DR
FRIDAY	**7**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
SATURDAY	**8**
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	
10:00 am	AA: SCH.RH
SUNDAY	**9**
	NO ACTIVITIES

ST. EUGENE ADULT CHOIR



Please meet Lydia,
our Director of Music,
at the organ in church.



Practice is every Sunday, at 10:45 am.
We will sing at the 11:30 am Mass.
Everyone is welcome to sing with us.!!!

CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE
1-800-400-4205

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**

Eucharistic Adoration began the first Monday of Advent 2004 at St. Eugene Parish.
A special acknowledgement is extended to all who, for fourteen years, have faithfully kept their commitment to participate every Monday.
We acknowledge also all those who take time to honor Jesus in the Holy Eucharist on Mondays as often as possible.
Through Adoration, the Christian mysteriously contributes to the radical transformation of the world and to the sowing of the gospel.



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

Our Lady was raised above all the angelic choirs by reason of her compassion with the suffering of her Son, his Passion being the perfect road that mounts straight to heaven.
Blessed Peter Favre

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
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.



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.

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.

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 first 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!





Communion for the Homebound

If you know of any member of St. Eugene Church who is homebound and would like a Minister of Care to bring them the Eucharist please let us know. Just call the Rectory Office at 773/775-6659 and someone will get back to you.



POPE FRANCIS TWEET FOR THE WEEK

This week the Church invites us to ask ourselves: what state do I want the Lord to find me in when He calls?

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.

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**

Sacrificial Giving

November 18, 2018

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**12,447**
Electronic Giving November 12 to November 18 $1,058 from 46 families	**$**	**1,058**
Total	**$**	**13,505**
Sunday Budget 2018-19	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***2,495***
Sharing Parish	**$**	**112**
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	**$**	**4,461**

November 25, 2018

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**11,229**
Electronic Giving November 19 to November 25 $673 from 40 families	**$**	**673**
Total	**$**	**11,902**
Sunday Budget 2018-19	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***4,098***
Sharing Parish	**$**	**51**

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)



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Open Houses

Tuesday, December 4th - 6:00-7:00 PM

Catholic Schools Week Open House
Sunday, January 27th - 10:30-1:00 PM

Tours & Shadow Days available upon request

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Visit *www.steugene-school.org* for more information
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2 minutes from I-90 Cumberland exit -- Located at the corner of Foster & Canfield

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, December 1 - Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent
5:30 Virginia Glynn, Guy Desimone

Sunday, December 2 - 1st Sunday of Advent
7:00 John Cullotta, John C. Rog
9:30 Dominick Di Re, Lillian McCune, Charles Petti
11:30 Barbara Bronski, Margaret Chlopek, Filomena Covello, Dec'd Mbrs. Heiberger Fam., La Pietra Fam. & Fri., Giuseppe Militello, Hillard & Michael Michalek, Angela & Vincenzo Recchia
4:30 People of the Parish

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

Monday, December 3 - St. Francis Xavier
6:30 Marcel & Faustine Noronha
9:00 Erwin Budnik, Guy Desimone

Tuesday, December 4 - St. John Damascene
6:30 In Thanksgiving - Chmiel Fam.
9:00 Catherine Egan, Cindy Koeune

Wednesday, December 5
6:30 Henriette Rocks
9:00 Mary Jane Dombrowski, Elizabeth Dublanski, Roosevelt Harvey & Fam.

Thursday, December 6 - St. Nicholas
6:30 Purgatorial Society, Int. for Anne Kosonovic
9:00 Vilma Lopez, Andrew Zumer, Jr., Andrew Zumer, Sr.

Friday, December 7 - St. Ambrose
6:30 Vincenzo Di Iorio
9:00 Robert A. Nosek
6:30 Walter D'Souza, Robert P. Reilly, Sr.

Saturday, December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 People of the Parish
10:30 Fr. Fred Tomzik, Natividad Verano

Saturday, December 8 - Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent
5:30 Carmela & Francesco Esposito

Sunday, December 9 - 2nd Sunday of Advent
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Dec'd Mbrs. Becz Fam., Elizabeth Dublanski
11:30 Ron Brown, Diane Colantonio, La Pietra Fam. & Fri., Alex & Sarah Perri, Rosa Scaletta, Marianna Scavelli, Vincenza Scianna, Eraldo Simonetti
4:30 Int. of Audris & Bryant Spencer

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santas sleigh at the Macys parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a new-fangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.

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SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Mass Dec. 8 / 9	Celebrant	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:30 PM	Fr. Ed Pacocha	Joseph Sclafani	Angie Cisek Carolyn Edwards Nicasio Francisco Donna Laterza Santina Sclafani	T. Acierno B. Modica G. Vizzini S. Vizzini
Sunday 7:00 AM	Fr. Rich Yanos	Lisa Vasich	Tom Curtin Mary Egan Lois Feist Rosemarie Kennedy Raquel Perez	K. Adams C. Czubek L. Kelly
Sunday 9:30 AM	Fr. John Hetland	Terri Swiderski	Erica Dillon Charlotte Hill Chuck Hill Melinda Meo Tom Swiderski	M. Craven N. Crimmins F. Craven
Sunday 11:30 AM	Fr. Greg Wojcik	Pat Brown	Pat Conlon BarbaraCzubek Brian O'Neill Vickie Parado James Schmidt	C. Frederick K. Kinel G. Thome
Sunday 4:30 PM	Fr. Greg Wojcik	John Imburgia	Joseph Carrozza Angela Forgione Mary Beth Glynn Teresa Gunia Jessie Noronha	M. Marrinan J. Lynch C. Marrinan

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STARS

As part of our ongoing community involvement, the Knights of Columbus are proud to be part of the Stars Program. The S.T.A.R.S.(SPECIAL Times and Religious Studies) program, held at St. Monica Parish, would like to invite you to join our community. The programs mission is to help people with developmental disabilities learn and grow in their love for God. This is accomplished with tremendous support from the from the Knights of Columbus, volunteer catechists, and through the use of a simple lectionary-based curriculum incorporating music and art. The students gather and make crafts based on the Sundays gospel reading. After this, the students proceed into the chapel for prayer and music. At the end of prayer service, we gather together to "break bread" with each other by enjoying a small meal which is provided by the parents. We generally meet twice a month from September to May at 11:30 am and ending at 1:00 pm in the ministry room at St. Monica Parish Office, located at 5136 N. Nottingham. We graciously welcome ANYONE with a disability. St. Monica's is wheel-chair accessible. We have a wide range of students between the ages of 7 - 30 years old at this time. If you are interested in joining our community or need more information, please contact Karen Knorr at: 773-919-1592 or tchrmk@sbcglobal.net



OUR DEARLY DEPARTED
LOVED ONES
ALL SOULS DAY REMBERANCE
John & Mary Kate Brennan
Mr. & Mrs. John Ciebien
Carol Ciebien
Martin Connor
Michael & Anne Connor
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Panek
Mr. & Mrs. William Panek
Pray for all my deceased
Lee Sedlacek

At the time of a family member's death, if you would like memorials to be made to St. Eugene Parish, please instruct the Funeral Home to use the following in the death notice:
"In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to St. Eugene Parish, Foster Avenue, Chicago."
Envelopes can be provided by the Funeral Home.

HEARTFELT
Remember that God prefers the poverty of our hearts to the most sublime thoughts borrowed from others.
--St. Peter Julian Eymard

FORMED PICK

Prepare the Way of the King

By Dr. Scott Hahn

Ready Your Heart this Advent

Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.

Listen on formed.org



★★★★★

"Just what I needed for this Advent! I loved all the history around the Christmas Season, the feast of Christ the King, and Scott sharing part of his journey into the Church."

—Leslie H., Veneta, OR



Register at EUGENE.FORMED.ORG

The Verbum Dei Missionary Sisters in the convent will have a **Tamales Fundraiser December 9th**

Funds raised are in support our missionary work
Price: $2.00/tamale, $22.00/dozen
Place order: By December 4th, by phone:

773-467-0295 or by email:

vdeichicago@comcast.net

Kinds of tamales: Red (with pork, not spicy), Green (with chicken, spicy)
Pick up time: Some tamales will be ready on Saturday, December 8th between 7pm – 9pm and some ready on Sunday, December 9th, between 11am – 3pm (please let us know which day you would prefer to pick up your tamales, so we can have them ready).
Thank you for your support!





PLEASE PRAY

***For the Sick*:** Annabella Amato, Victoria Amelio, Pat & Bob Apida, Fred & Cahad Ballog, Lawrence Basili, Dr. James Bergman, Anthony Bongiorno, Julie Bronski, Margaret Brinlee-Brucken, Helen Bruchalski, Jim Conlon Jr. & Sr., Lorraine Czerwinski, Connie D'Astice, Joan De Stefano, Nancy Donatello, Marge Dyson, Don Feist, Bob & Carol Gasiorek, Patricia Gelfond, Ava Geole, Frances Gofron, Fr. Phil Grib, S.J., Erika Arquilla Hlavacek, Tim Heider, Florence Jassak, Eileen Kearns, Janet & Edward Kindybalyk, Olga Kykta, Allie Lim, Agnes Mahoney, Rose Mary Maratto, Helen Masley, Phyllis McGarrh, Rich Moellering, Jr., Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello, Mary Oberheim, Aline Papciak, Norma Quilici, Charlotte Rice, Jeannine Riotto, Diane Rizzuto, Rita Rogers, Stella Rombotis, Frances Salvato, Leo & Theresa Samborski, Bernadett Sedlacek, Vicki Smith, Emily Steckiewicz, and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

Newly added to our sick list: Mary Bloodworth, Joan O'Connor

For the Deceased: Israel Calig, Bernice C. Deron, John Joseph Zyniewicz

THE SICK LIST HAS BEEN UPDATED.
PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU WANT ADD A NAME TO THE SICK LIST.

ADDING NAMES TO THE PARISH SICK LIST

It has always been the goal of St. Eugene to offer our parish community an opportunity to pray for those parishioners who are ill and in need of our prayers. We have tried to keep close track of these names for our Bulletin as they are made available to us.

However, now we face an important privacy issue, very much like the issues faced by hospitals, health institutions, and certainly by other parishes.

We cannot (by law) publicly let our parish community know the health status of any of our members without their permission.

We appreciate the fact that often friends, neighbors, and acquaintances wish to do something special for a person who is ill, and ask to place their name on the list to be prayed for. While their intentions are surely good, we simply can no longer accept names in this manner.

Names for the sick list placed in the Bulletin have to be called in by the person who is ill, or by a member of their immediate family. At the time they call in the name, they will be asked whether they are the sick person him/herself, or a member of their family, and if they give permission for the name to be placed on the list. They will be asked for the ***correct spelling*** of the sick person's name. If a ***family member,*** they will be required to give ***their*** name for our records.

Thank you for your patience regarding this process. We wish to do all we can to offer our parish community the opportunity to offer prayers for those who are ill — but we must also be cognizant of the fact that all members of our congregation are entitled to their privacy in this regard.

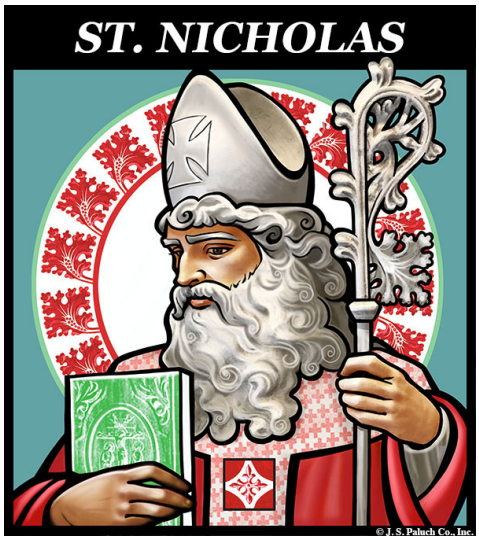
When a Family Member is Hospitalized

Please notify the rectory office at: 773/775-6659, when a family member is hospitalized. Because of HIPPA (privacy) laws, Presence Resurrection Medical Center and other hospitals are no longer permitted to notify us when parishioners are admitted to the hospital.

Advent Wreath Prayer
O God,

Rejoicing, we remember the promise of your Son. As the light from this candle can lead us through a dark path, may the blessings of Christ come upon us, brightening our way and guiding us by His truth.

May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of our world, and to us, as we wait for His coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



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Local Competition

St. Eugene Parish Shaunessy Center
Sunday, January 6, 2019 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 5, 2019.

For entry forms or additional information, please contact:

Patty Samborski, St. Eugene Athletic Director
773-763-2235 ext. 227 psamborski@st-eugene.org

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY GIFT PROGRAM

We are running our annual
Christmas Gift Program
for the children of
Our Lady of Mercy Parish.
This year we've been given the names of over *390* children.
In past years, thanks to the generosity of the members of the St. Eugene community,
we've been able to provide a gift for every child in the Christmas Gift Program.
We are hoping that the members of the St. Eugene community
will once again help us to provide a gift for each of the 390 children.
The suggested gift amount is
$15.00 - $20.00.

Our members will be in the vestibule of the church with the children's names before and after Masses the weekend of December 1 - 2.
All gifts should be wrapped & returned to church the weekend of December 15 - 16.

Remember the gifts must be returned by 11:00 am on December 16.

Our members want to thank everyone for bringing a little joy into the lives of these children this Christmas season.

ST. EUGENE PARISH COUNCIL PRESENTS
2018 FALL LECTURES

Rabbi Evan Moffic - October 10, 2018





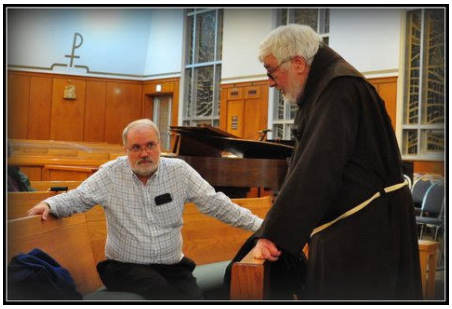




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Any Questions please contact Kristin Kruszewski at klkruz25@yahoo.com

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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.

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