**St. Eugene Parish**
Chicago, IL 60656

# THE VOICE

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** **August 4, 2019**

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**SUNDAY MASSES:**
(5:30 PM Saturday), 7:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM, 4:30 PM

**WEEKDAYS:**
Mon., Wed., & Fri 9:00 AM
Tues. & Thur. 6:30 AM,
(8:30 AM Saturday)

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays at 4:00PM until all are heard in the Reconciliation Room.

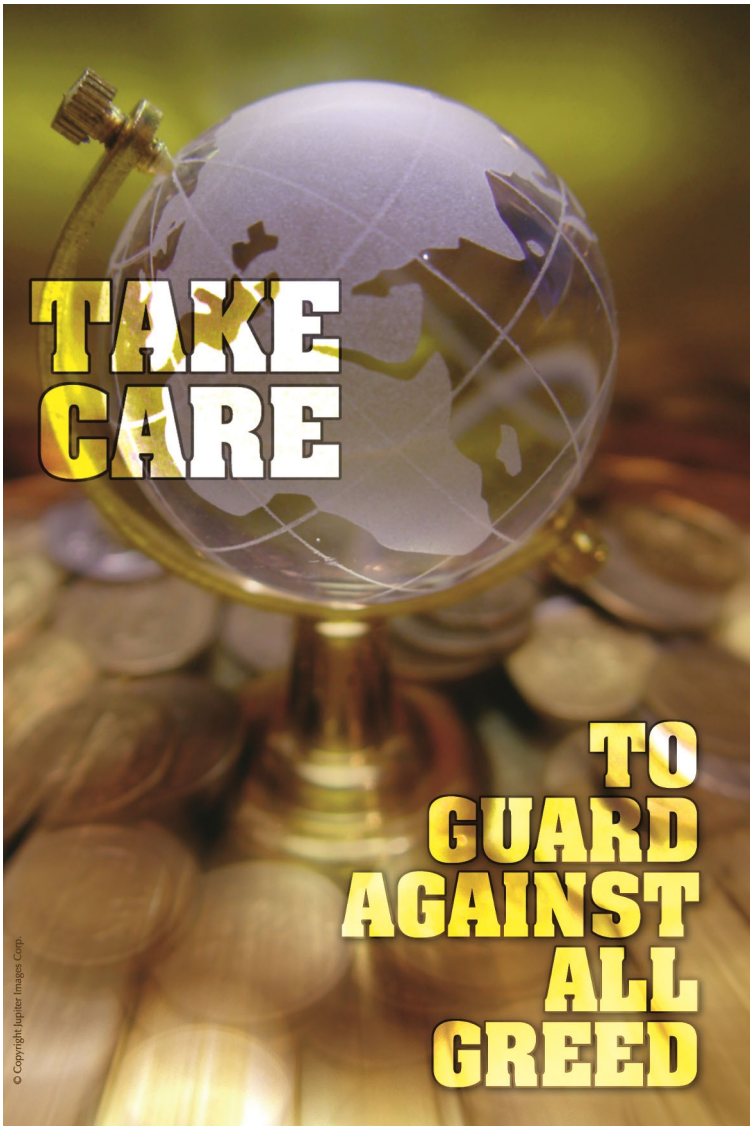
**BAPTISMS:** 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1:00 PM. Baptismal Preparation Class the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory. Please telephone the rectory to register.

**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

Rev. Richard M. Yanos, Pastor
Rev. James J. O'Brien, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Greg Wojcik , Associate Pastor
Rev. Ed Pacocha, Retired Visiting Priest
Deacon Chick O'Leary, Business Manager
Ms. Lydia Hilado, Director of Music
Mr. Vincent Hilado, Assist. Director of Music

Ms. Catherine Scotkovsky, Principal
Mrs. Janet Kusinski, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Barbara Meier, Bulletin Editor
Mrs. Joanna Bischof, Ms. Christine Jassak,
Mrs. Rita Kopf & Mrs. Terri Swiderski,
Receptionists

**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.



# From the Pastor's Desk…

It's hard to believe that it has been over a year since I began as pastor here at St. Eugene. Lived experience and the wisdom of other pastors has taught me that it takes a good three years for a pastor and their congregation to fully adjust to one another and to more fully know and appreciate each other. If that be so, we still have two more years to learn more about one another before we feel more intimately connected. In my introductory homily when I came to St. Eugene's I said that when a pastor truly gets to know and love his congregation and his congregation begins to know and love him and puts their faith and trust in their pastor's leadership great things can happen. This is a process that happens in its own time and at its own pace. It cannot be rushed. Hopefully, we are all on this journey together so that patiently we will get to where we need to be, and, more importantly, where God wants us to be.

Over this past year I have been carefully trying to better understand and appreciate our parish's history while at the same time trying to asses some of the challenges that are currently before us as well as those that we will need to face in our future.

Meeting with our parish leadership bodies over the past year, we have discussed some of these challenges. Some are obvious to us all. Others are not as presently visible but will soon be if not addressed.

As pastor of this community that we all certainly love and care for, I would like to share with you what I have come to see as both blessings here as well as challenges that need to be faced and responded to as we look to our future.

Over the past many years, our parish has been blessed with so many parishioners willing to get involved and either start new ministries and organizations or simply join those groups that already existed. Those were the good old days weren't they? Most of us were a lot younger and eager to engage in a social life with the folks you went to church with week after week. In those days, most everyone went to church, got involved, financially supported and maintained the work and ministry of their parish, and life was good. Things have certainly changed haven't they? In October, I will give you some statistics that will help you to understand this better.

In the past year we have lost two of our clergy that were regular celebrants of our liturgies. In the future, we will more than likely see an even further downsizing of our clergy. This will more than likely be Fr. Greg's last year with us as he was scheduled to leave this past July 1st but he graciously agreed to stay on for another year. This reduction of clergy has had and will continue to have a tremendous impact upon our ability to maintain the schedule of Masses and services our community has been accustomed to.

One would have to be blind to have not noticed the decline in Mass attendance over the past twenty years. Some of this may be due to the almost 100 funerals we do a year here at St. Eugene. Most of our parishioners who are passing away are older and were regular Mass attendees. This "older" generation has also been the source of the vast majority of the financial support of our parish over the past many years and continues to be. Some of this decline in numbers may be related to the times we are living in; it might also be the younger generation's attitudes towards organized religion and formal church attendance. Some of this decline may also be in response to the clergy abuse scandal that has recently plagued our church. I have also heard that many younger folks find our liturgies uninspiring, too traditional, and not uplifting enough for them. Whatever the reasons may be, this is an issue that we must address in a creative way or very soon our pews will be even emptier.

Speaking of empty pews and declining clergy, we have already responded partly to this reality by reducing our weekday Mass schedule from two per day to one. Now we must realistically look at the reduction of one of our weekend Masses as our current attendance does not necessitate the need for five weekend liturgies with only two full-time priests here to serve our community of faith. Many Saturday mornings here can be grueling when there is an 8:30 am morning Mass, a funeral or perhaps even two funerals, a wedding and sometimes a second wedding, confessions and a 5:30 pm Mass. This becomes even more complicated and physically and emotionally draining when one of us may be ill or on vacation. This happens at least 10 weekends per year. Thank God for the most appreciated assistance of Fr. Ed Pacocha who, in his retirement, does so much for us.

Our church seats over 1,000 people. Celebrating Mass with our pews more than half empty at every Mass is not only not ideal, it is also not practical and certainly not the best use of our lay and clergy resources. Our largest single Mass attendance (based on last year's October count) is 450. Our average total number of church attendees at all five Masses every weekend is 1,600. Beginning this fall, then, we will more than likely be combining two of our Sunday morning Masses. The most logical solution would be to combine the 7:00 am and 9:30 am Masses into an 8:00 am Mass. More information will follow on this topic. I would also appreciate any input you might have with regard to which Masses to consolidate. However, I realize, there will be some not happy with any solution to this needed decision. What I ask for at this time is your understanding for this change even though it is not something that any of us would prefer. Our Mass attendance has changed dramatically over the years. Certainly this reality is obvious. Mass schedules are made based on the numbers of those coming to church and the seating capacity of the church to accommodate those numbers. Fortunately, we have a large church. There is also much to say about the richer experience when celebrating and participating at Mass in a church with a full congregation as opposed to one that is half empty.

We are so blessed here at St. Eugene with facilities and buildings, which, when they were new, were stunning and state-of-the-art. Currently, with the exception of our school, our buildings are badly in need of repair, updating, tuck-pointing, etc. Our parking lots are also in need of major re-surfacing. Hopefully, you have noticed that we repaired many of the larger pot-holes in our lot a couple of weeks ago. We have been on a deferred maintenance routine for too many years now and as a result are going to have to pay the price for putting things off for so long.

All of this updating and repairs costs money. Money, which sadly we do not currently have. This is another topic that will be addressed in October. We simply cannot continue to go on here with 25% of our registered membership providing for the 120% of the registered and non-registered folks who utilize our facilities and our services, request baptisms, weddings, funerals, visits to hospitals and nursing homes, without offering fair, equitable and realistic contributions to keep our parish operating.

We must also look seriously at the over $3,000,000 dollars our parish has contributed/invested over the past ten years to keep our school open and operational with the declining numbers of students in our school over those years. Next year's enrollment is projected to be only 185 students. This makes for a phenomenal learning environment but at a prohibitive cost. This, too, will be discussed in October.

In addition to these issues, our parish, that is the bread and butter of our entire operation here, is terribly understaffed. We need to address and provide greater Adult Faith Formation, Youth Ministry initiatives, greater evangelization efforts, contemporary communication alternatives such as a top-notch website, Facebook, Twitter, and other modern and contemporary means of getting information out to our parishioners on a regular and up-to-date basis. If there is anyone in our parish that might be able to help us in these areas of communication and be willing to donate some of your time and/or expertise please give me a call.

Our plan is to address each of these issues one at a time over the upcoming years. This coming fall I and/or our Finance Council will be giving a "State of the Parish" presentation at all of our Masses. Hopefully, this will be the start of a new era for us here at St. Eugene. With the soon to be implemented "Renew My Church" initiative, I am confident we can look hopefully toward our future as a parish and as a Church. There will be much more to follow and we will keep you updated and informed every step of the way.

Finally, I would like to ask for your prayers and understanding. These are not easy times we are living in. Pastoring a community as diverse and awe-inspiring as ours is also not easy. Leadership, at times, means making decisions that may not be popular in the moment but are necessary in response to where we are currently at and to get us where we need to be. Let's pray that together we are willing to embrace and respond to the challenges of today with the hope of creating and building a better tomorrow for not only ourselves but also the generation that will follow us.

*Fr. Rich*

**Parishioner Contact Update for currently registered parishioners**

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 # _____

# QUEEN OF HEARTS UPDATE & INCENTIVE!



Thanks so much to all who are supporting our Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle. Your participation in this fundraising effort is helping our parish to offset the subsidy/investment we provide to operate our grammar school. **As of July 29th our Jackpot was at $12,005!!** From week to week the jackpot is growing as more and more people find out about how the raffle works and how they can participate. Each Monday night at 9:00 p.m. at the Draft Bar located on Irving Park Rd. (just a few blocks east of Cumberland Ave.) a ticket is pulled from the drum which includes all the tickets purchased that week. If the number chosen by the participant on the ticket and the corresponding playing card with that number on the game board reveals the Queen of Hearts the winner receives half of the total Jackpot collected. If a Joker comes up the game board is replaced with a new game board of 54 cards while the Jackpot continues to grow until the Queen of Hearts is revealed. All are encouraged to attend the drawing on Monday nights at 9:00 p.m.

**As an incentive to attend these drawings, for the next three Monday nights, August 5th, 12th and 19th, a second raffle ticket for 2 Chicago Cubs Game Tickets will be drawn after the Queen of Hearts ticket is pulled.** These games will be played on Saturday, August 31st at 1:20 p.m., Saturday, September 14th at 1:20 p.m. and Wednesday, September 18th at 7:05 p.m. These tickets are a generous gift from school parents and parishioners, Dr. A.J. and Christine Acierno. Thanks so much A.J. and Christine for adding some excitement and incentive to attend and participate in our Queen of Hearts fundraiser. Good luck everyone!

**Draft Bar**

**8221 W. Irving Park Road**

**Chicago 60634**



## THIS WEEKEND

**QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES (and at the School and Rectory during regular office hours.)**

**FOOTBALL MANIA TICKETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE**

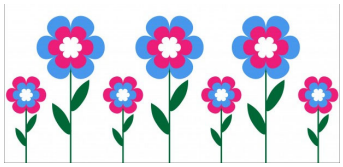
## USING OUR TIME WISELY

A jar of honey lasts practically forever. The oldest jar of honey ever discovered was over five thousand years old. Honey is quite different from market-fresh produce, then; because most fruits and vegetables last only a few days, we treat them carefully. At this time of summer, we rush to find recipes for cherries and cucumbers so we won't waste a single one. We wouldn't feel that same urgency about honey.

In our own way, we are as delightful and fragile as ripe produce. Today's readings urge us not to spoil, but to make good use of our limited time on earth. Ecclesiastes reminds us that because God provides for us now and always, we can manage our daily affairs without anxiety. Saint Paul encourages the Colossians to keep thoughts of heaven in everything they do, and Jesus himself asks us to treasure not earthly wealth, but God alone.

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.

**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**



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



Marriage Banns

**I - Melissa Viveros & Marcin J. Manicki**

# HAPPENINGS

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| **SUNDAY** | **4** |
| | NO ACTIVITIES |
| **MONDAY** | **5** |
| ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, NOON - 8:00 PM | |
| **TUESDAY** | **6** |
| | NO ACTIVITIES |
| **WEDNESDAY** | **7** |
| | NO ACTIVITIES |
| **THURSDAY** | **8** |
| | NO ACTIVITIES |
| **FRIDAY** | **9** |
| | NO ACTIVITIES |
| **SATURDAY** | **10** |
| 10:00 am | AA: SCH.RH |
| **SUNDAY** | **11** |

**FACILITY CODES**

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|---|---|
| **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** |

**QUEEN OF HEARTS WEEKLY UPDATE**



# St. Eugene Parish

# *Queen of Hearts*

**50 / 50 Raffle**

**RAFFLE TICKETS ARE $5 EACH**

**St. Eugene Parish is partnering with**
***Draft Bar,* 8221 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago 60634**
**Next Drawing: Monday, August 5, at 9:00 pm**
**The Queen of Hearts Raffle will benefit our school!**
**Tickets are available at Draft Bar, rectory & school offices**
**(during regular office hours) and after Sunday masses.**
**The numbers below are available this week.**
***As of July 30 the JACKPOT is $12,005!***

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| St. Eugene Queen of Hearts | | | | 2 | | 4 | 5 | | Board Status as of July 29, 2019 | | |
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| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 |
| 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | | 53 | |



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

**"How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament!"**
**Saint John Mary Vianney**

**PLEASE COME — VISIT JESUS**

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**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.

**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.

**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**

## *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

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA is a process by which one enters the Catholic Church through prayer, study, and discussion.

This class is designed for those who are: not baptized; baptized in another denomination; or baptized Catholic but did not make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

We meet on Thursdays at 7 pm in the Rectory from September 19, 2019 until the Easter Vigil 2020.

For more information, please contact: The rectory office at: 773/775-6659 and someone will call you back.

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.

**Keep this Information handy for summer travel.**

**You can always access Mass times via the internet at: www.Masstimes.org**




**Find St. Eugene on Facebook!**

**ST. EUGENE SCHOOL IS STILL COLLECTING *BOX TOPS***




## NEW REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Saint Eugene School is now accepting new registrations for the 2019-20 school year. We offer full and part time pre-school for three year olds, full and part time pre-kindergarten for four year olds, and full time classes for kindergarten through grade 8. Pre-school parents have the option of three mornings (T-W-TH), three full days (T-W-TH), or five mornings (M-T-W-T-F), or five full days (M-T-W-T-F). Pre-Kindergarten parents have the option of five mornings or five full days.

Parents may make appointments for individual tours.

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

## SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

### ST. EUGENE SCHOOL WISH LIST DRIVE FOR TEACHERS & CLASSROOMS will take place the weekends of AUGUST 17/18 & 24/25

**Next weekend we will have a wish list of extras that our teachers would like to have to enhance their classrooms.**

***(Teachers spend so much of their own money on their students & class room!)***

## + MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

***Saturday, August 3 - Vigil:***
***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***
5:30 Michael Kwilias

***Sunday, August 4 -***
***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***
7:00 Linda Hennessey, Juan Antonio Quispe
9:30 LaPietra Fam. & Fri.,
Angela & Vincenzo Recchia,
Helen & Walter Wojtas
11:30 Dabros & Wytrwal Fams.,
Zofia & Witold Gadomski,
Hinze & Moriarty Fams., Frank Jablonski,
Hillard & Michael Michalek,
4:30 People of the Parish

***Monday, Wednesday, & Friday: 9:00 am***
***Tuesday & Thursday: 6:30 am***
***Saturday: 8:30 am***

***Monday, August 5 - Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome***
9:00 Jim Barron, Christine Kiefer

***Tuesday, August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord***
6:30 Ron Feiereisel, Daniel Shanahan

***Wednesday, Aug 7 - St. Sixtus II and Companions, St Cajetan***
9:00 Purgatorial Society
Vincenzo Dilorio, Maciel & Castiglia Fams.,
Bridget McCarthy

***Thursday, August 8 - St. Dominic***
6:30 Pam Heider, Wayne & Mary Anne Loftsgaarden

***Friday, August 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross***
9:00 John Rog, Frank Zupo

***Saturday, August 10 - St. Lawrence***
8:30 George Criscioni

***Saturday, August 10 - Vigil:***
***Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***
5:30 Dan C. Browski, Michele Dammico,
Josefa & Oleh Wesolowsky

***Sunday, August 11 -***
***Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Conrick & Basile Fams., LaPietra Fam. & Fri.,
Fred Rogers
11:30 Aurora & Patrizia Barone,
Leonard Cataldo & Fam.,
Hillard & Michael Michalek,
Maria Lonero,
Vito & Pasquale Lonero,
Ernesta & Daniela Palumbo,
4:30 Giuseppe Covello, Edward & Victoria Wnek

**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.




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.



**The Lord gives each of us a vocation, a challenge to discover the talents and abilities we possess and to put them at the service of others.**



**Your parish doesn't get two weeks off with pay. Please remember to send in your envelope even if you are on vacation.**

# SAVE THE DATE!

**The Knights of Columbus invite you to a special pilgrimage**
to
**The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help**
Champion, Wisconsin



## Saturday, October 5th, 2019
**cost: $ 40 per person**

Please join us for a day of companionship, reflection, and prayer at this peaceful site rich in Marian devotion

Reservation details and schedule will be made available end of August

**Joyful Again!**
**Widowed Men & Women**
"I thought I was doing okay,
but I wanted things to be better.
The Joyful Again! Retreat/workshop
opened my eyes to new possibilities."

**Fall 2019 Schedule**

**October 12 & 14** (No overnight)
St. Hubert's, Hoffman Estates
**November 2 & 3** (Overnight only)
Nazareth Retreat House, Batavia
**November 16 & 16** (Overnight only)
Mt. Assisi Center, Lemont
To register call: 708-354-7211.
email us at: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com
website: www.joyfulagain.org (includes video)

Sacrificial Giving

**July 28, 2019**

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| **Regular Sunday Offering** | **$** | **10,635** |
| **Electronic Giving**<br>**July 22 to**<br>**July 28**<br>**$710 from 43 families** | **$** | **710** |
| **Total** | **$** | **11,345** |
| **Sharing Parish** | **$** | **105** |

**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)***

## SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

| Mass<br>August 10 / 11 | Celebrant | Lectors | Extraordinary<br>Ministers of Eucharist | Altar Servers |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Saturday<br>5:30 PM | Fr. Greg Wojcik | Patricia Basili | Angie Cisek Diane Divello<br>Marie Guerrieri Donna Laterza<br>Santina Sclafani<br>Russ Sparacino Sal Sparacino | L. Kelly<br>J. Kolpak |
| Sunday<br>7:00 AM | Fr. Ed Pacocha | John Imburgia | Glory Bermas Christine Bobka<br>Tom Curtain Mary Egan<br>Lois Feist John Imburgia<br>Mary Unger | I. Ready<br>J. Lynch |
| Sunday<br>9:30 AM | Fr. Greg Wojcik | Terri Swiderski | Richard Jarosz<br>Carrie Lim Manny Lim<br>Bernard Ndiwe Maria Russo<br>Terri Swiderski Tom Swiderski | J. Lara<br>C. Lacala<br>N. Crimaldi |
| Sunday<br>11:30 AM | Fr. Rich Yanos | Pat Wagner | Joseph Cardella Christine Czerwinski<br>Pat Paetsch Fernando Pacia<br>Josephina Santiago James Schmidtt<br>Lisa Vasich | T. Acierno<br>B. Modica |
| Sunday<br>4:30 PM | Fr. Greg Wojcik | Rita Kopf | Joseph Carrozza Barbara Czubek<br>Angela Forgione Mary Beth Glynn<br>Mary Kenny Rita Kopf<br>Melinda Meo | K. Adams<br>C. Czubek |

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

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## PLEASE PRAY

***For the Sick:*** Annabella Amato, Victoria Amelio, Pat & Bob Apida, Lawrence Basili, Elizabeth E. Becker, Anthony Bongiorno, Mary Brassie, Julie Bronski, Margaret Brinlee-Brucken, Helen Bruchalski, Franca Chiappetta, Jim Conlon Jr. & Sr., Brenda Crotty, Lorraine Czerwinski, Leonardo D'Nessio, Marge Dyson, Don Feist, Van Gaetto, Bob & Carol Gasiorek, Rosalie Gazzano, Patricia Gelfond, Ava Geole, Frances Gofron, Erika Arquilla Hlavacek, Jeff Hlavacek, Tim Heider, Patricia Jackson, Kurt Janisch, Florence Jassak, Eileen Kearns, Edward Kindybalyk, Olga Kykta, Allie Lim, Rose Mary Maratto, Helen Masley, Phyllis McGarrh, Eugene Michael Miller, Gregory Patrick Miller, Donna Mizialko, Rich Moellering, Jr., Fr. Jim Murphy, Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello, John O'Connor, Aline Papciak, Charles Petti, Norma Quilici, Jeannine Riotto, Diane Rizzuto, Rita Rogers, Stella Rombotis, Frances Salvato, Theresa Samborski, Patricia Schippers, Bernadett Sedlacek, Emily Steckiewicz, Kevin Stenson, Julie Swieicki, and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

***Newly added to our sick list:*** Diane Divello

***For the Deceased:*** Mary DeGroot, Liliana Izzi

***PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU WANT TO ADD A NAME TO THE SICK LIST.***

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

**Starting Monday, August 5**

The school office
will be open regular school office hours
Monday thru Friday 8 am until 3 pm
**The first day of school**
**will be Tuesday, August 20.**

### SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

If you are in need of assistance,
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### 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.

### 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.

### DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR MASS

As warm weather is here, we would like to remind everyone that Sunday Mass is the most important and solemn event of the week. It is not an "informal occasion." As a consequence, the appropriate attire for Mass should be characterized by **modesty, dignity, and elegance.** Clothing suitable for a picnic, or for the beach, can indicate a lack of respect for the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

### FOOTBALL MANIA TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE RECTORY & SCHOOL DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS.



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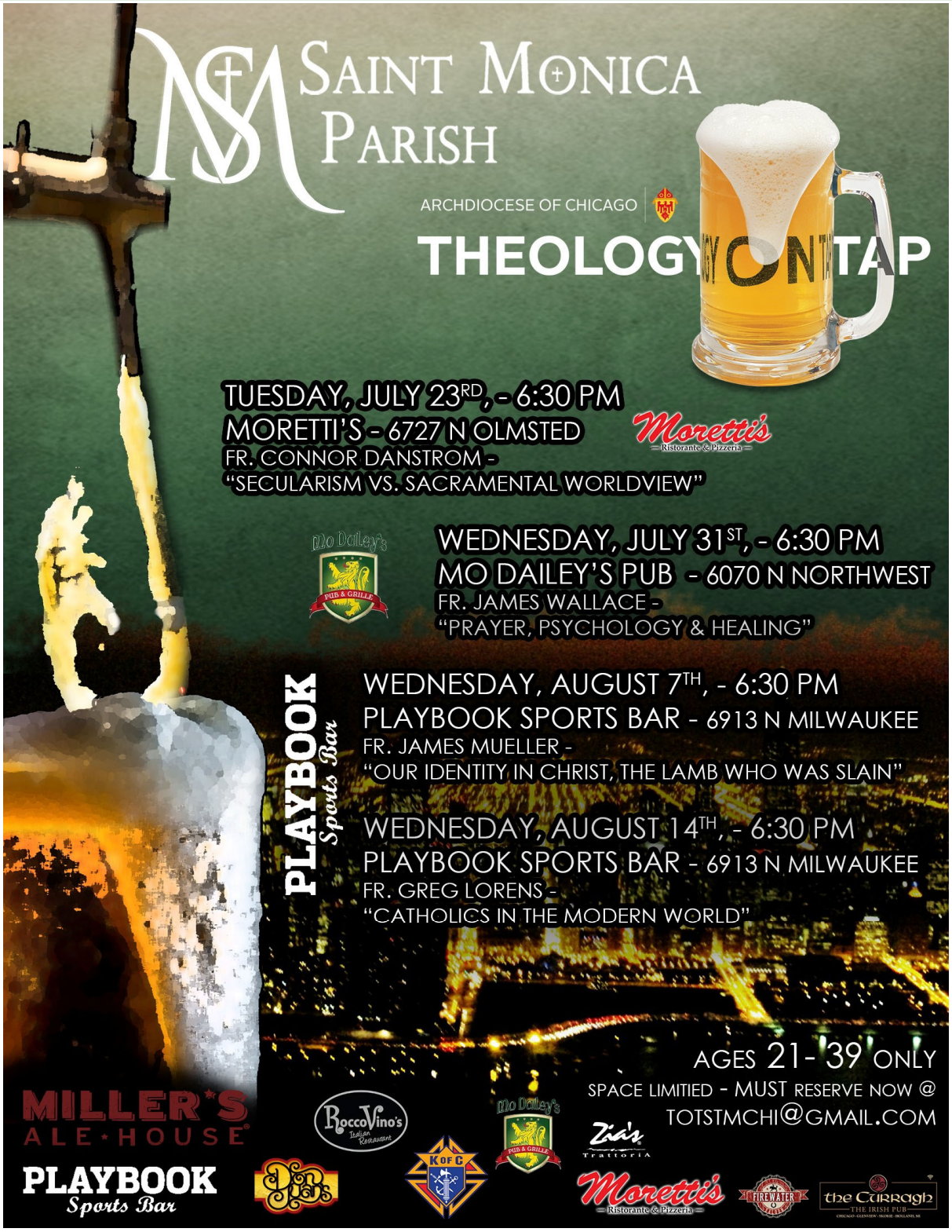
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Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Too often people, including Christians, tend to stuff their grief instead of allowing it to do the God-given work for which it is intended. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program.

Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort & help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future.

**When:** Friday, September 6, 2019 through Friday, December 6, 2019
**Time:** 9:30 am to 11:00 am *(Doors open at 9:00 am)*
**Where:** Duffin Hall
**Registration Fee:** $25 *(scholarships available)*
**Contact:** Adrienne Timm 847-692-6767 or adriennetimm@spc-church.org

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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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