St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

Third Sunday of Advent **December 15, 2019**

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SUNDAY MASSES:
(5:30 PM Saturday),
8:00 AM, 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.

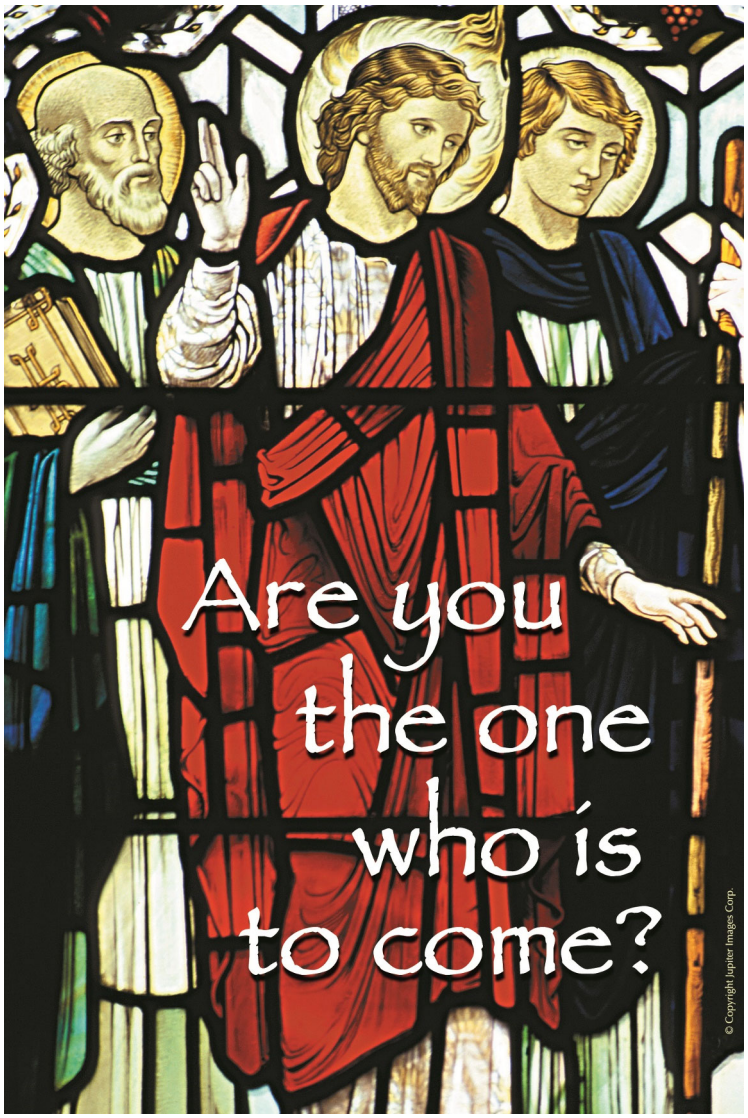
BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1:00 PM. Baptismal Preparation Class the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory. Please telephone the rectory to register.

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.

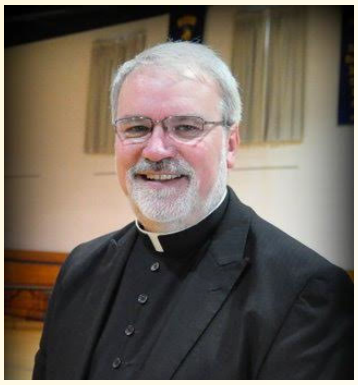


Parish Staff

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
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Mrs. Janet Kusinski, Assistant Principal
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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…



The traditional name for the Third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday. The name comes from *Gaudete in Domino semper*, Latin for "Rejoice in the Lord always."

Because one of Advent's tasks is to prepare us for Christ's return at the end of time, this season once had a penitential quality similar to that of Lent. Gaudete Sunday, with its rose vestments and relaxation of austerities, softened the period that gave a glimpse of its fulfillment just as its counterpart, Laetare Sunday, does at the midpoint of Lent.

Viewed now as a season of devout and joyful expectation, Advent retains very little of its old penitential focus, but we still have the option of using the liturgical color of rose today as we rejoice that Christmas is near, and Christ's second coming is nearer than it was yesterday.

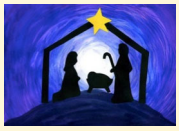
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Our Parish Communal Advent Reconciliation Service will take place this Tuesday, December 17th, at 7:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard in both English and Polish. As you make your personal preparations for Christmas, I invite you to join us in receiving the healing power of Jesus and the gift of God's grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please plan on joining your parish community on December 17th. Because sacraments are meant to be communal events, this Advent season our school and religious education children and families have been encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a family. When we were baptized our parents said "yes" to accept the responsibility of training us in the practice of our faith. One of these many practices is to participate in the grace-filled opportunity to receive God's forgiveness through reconciliation. There will be many priests hearing confessions on this night as this will be the only parish Communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas other than our regular Saturday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. Please plan on joining us.

Our parish is so blessed to have so many people who are willing to do what it takes to prepare our church and parish facilities for the Christmas Masses and Services. This year will be no different. I want to personally thank the members of our Maintenance Crew: Antonio, Romulo, Steve, Dalia and Gloria. I would also like to acknowledge Terri Swiderski and our Environment and Art Committee, our Liturgy Committee, and our volunteer church cleaners who thoroughly dusted, decorated and meticulously prepared our worship spaces for all those who will be visiting us this coming Christmas Season. Thank you for a job well done and always most appreciated.

I look forward to seeing all of you and your families at our many Masses over the next couple of weeks. Please note that our Christmas and New Year's Mass schedule is slightly different than regular weekends. Hopefully, by now, you have received my Christmas letter and our Christmas Season Mass Schedule. As you know, some of our Masses during the holidays can be very crowded. For this reason, I ask that all in our parish do your best to arrive earlier if you are able. And remember…it's Christmas, so let's try and be nice even when that may be the last thing you're feeling when being delayed in the parking lot for a few extra minutes. ☺

Our Christmas Eve Mass Schedule will be: 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
(with carols beginning at 9:30 p.m.)



Our Christmas Day Mass Schedule will be: 7:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

Wishing all in our parish a Blessed Advent Season and week ahead.

Fr. Rich

youngADULTS

YOUNG ADULT EVENT

St. Eugene Parish is exploring the idea of having a

YOUNG ADULT EVENT

for young adults ages 21-39.

If you are interested in joining the planning committee or if you have suggestions on what you would like to see, contact Stephanie at: **sromeo04@outlook.com.**

Advent and Christmas 2019

Advent Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am
11:30 am
4:30 pm



December Events

Dec. 15 - Family Mass with 2nd & 6th grades, 11:30 am

Dec. 21/22 - Gifts returned for Social Concerns Ministry's "Gifts for Kids" program



The Sacrament of Reconciliation -

Saturdays - 4:00 pm (until all are heard)

Tuesday, December 17 - 7:00 pm

Parish Communal Advent Reconciliation Service (English & Polish)

Saturday, December 21 - 4:00 pm (English) (until all are heard)

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass: Tuesday, December 24 - 6:30 am

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24 - 3:00 pm (Family Liturgy), 5:00 pm, 9:30 pm (Christmas carols begin), 10:00 pm (the Mass of Midnight)

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25 - 7:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

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Weekday Mass: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 - 6:30 am

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31, 2019 - 4:00 pm (Mass of Anticipation)

New Year's Day, Mary, Mother of God (a Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - 10:00 am (Community Mass)

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Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 4, 2020 - 5:30 pm (Mass of Anticipation)

Sunday, January 5, 2020 - 8:00 am, 11:30 am, and 4:30 pm

OPLATKI - Christmas Wafers Oplatki will be available beginning December 1 for a donation of $3.00 at church and at the rectory office (during regular office hours). There are 4 wafers per envelope.



THIS WEEKEND

FAMILY MASS
FEATURING 2ND & 6TH GRADES
11:30 AM MASS

T.R.I.P. PROGRAM SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
CHURCH VESTIBULE
AFTER ALL MASS (see page 13)



SOCIAL CONCERNS
CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM
PLEASE RETURN YOUR GIFT NEXT WEEKEND BY 11:00 AM

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



SIGN UP TO LIGHT THE 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 10)

REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and "the coming of the Lord." But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as Gaudete (Latin for "rejoice") Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing. Today's first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God's saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God's presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah's prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus' presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: "The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Matthew 11:5).



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.!!!



HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	**15**
11:30 am	Family Mass featuring 2nd & 6th grades: CH
12:30 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
MONDAY	**16**
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, NOON - 8:00 PM	
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
TUESDAY	**17**
	NO ACTIVITIES
WEDNESDAY	**18**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
6:30 pm	Altar & Rosary Society: SH.MR
THURSDAY	**19**
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SH.MR
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
FRIDAY	**20**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
SATURDAY	**21**
9:00 am	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
9:15 am	Liturgy Committee: REC.DR
10:00 am	AA: SCH.RH
SUNDAY	**22**
	NO ACTIVITIES

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**

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, December 16, at 9:00 pm will be held at
Landmark Pub located at 5135 N. Oriole (this drawing only)
The Queen of Hearts Raffle will benefit our school!
Tickets are available at Draft Bar, Landmark Pub located at 5135 N. Oriole, rectory & school offices (during regular office hours) and after Sunday masses. The numbers below are available this week.

St. Eugene Queen of Hearts								Board Status as of 12/09/2019		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	18
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		29	30
	32			35	36		38	39	40	41	42
43		45	46	47	48	49	50	51		53	54

As of 12/09/2019 the 50/50 Jackpot was $30,260
On Monday 12/16/2019 the Drawing will be held at
Landmark Pub, 5135 N Oriole Ave, Harwood Heights

Monday, December 23, 2019 Adoration will be from 12 noon to 6:15 pm with Benediction at 6:00 pm Due to scheduled Christmas decorating at 6:30 pm



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

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

PLEASE COME — VISIT JESUS

PEOPLE OF THE CROSS UNITED

We are all members of the Body of Christ.
If one member suffers, all members suffer.
(1 COR: 12:26)
Please pray for our brothers and sisters who suffer persecution in many countries throughout the world because of their Christian faith.



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.

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.

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

Find St. Eugene on Facebook!

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 16 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.

Christmas Choir



The St. Eugene Choir invites parishioners to join them on the glorious Feast of Christmas for the 10:00 PM Christmas Midnight Mass and/or the 11:30 AM Mass on Christmas Day. There will be one rehearsal in church on Thurs, Dec. 19 at 7:00 PM.

Even if you have never sung with a choir before, but still enjoy singing the music of the Christmas Season, please consider joining us for these festive masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Lydia Hilado at the rectory number: (773) 775-6659.

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



Corruption undermines the dignity of the person and shatters all good and beautiful ideals. All of society is called upon to make a concrete commitment to combat the cancer of corruption which, with the illusion of quick and easy profits, in reality impoverishes everyone.

Sacrificial Giving

December 8, 2019

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**10,955**
Electronic Giving December 2 to December 8 $2,074 from 53 families	**$**	**2,074**
Total	**$**	**13,029**
Sharing Parish	**$**	**33**
Immaculate Conception	**$**	**1,373**
Religious Retirement	**$**	**6,152**

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



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
THANKS TO ALL WHO BAKED FOR OUR COOKIE EVENT
WHICH WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

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 # _____

COME DISCOVER ST. EUGENE SCHOOL!

Supportive, Faith Filled Community, Dedicated Teachers and Rigorous Academics for Preschool - 8th Grade

New families who enroll by 12/20/19 receive

$1,000 OFF TUITION

for the 2020–2021 School Year!

JOIN US FOR AN

OPEN HOUSE

12:30 – 1:30 PM	6:00 – 7:00 PM
December 15	December 3, 9, 18
January 19, 26	January 9, 13, 22

773-763-2235



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- Play-based learning in 3 yr/4 yr old programs
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FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS, ST. EUGENE SCHOOL HAS OUT PERFORMED THE ARCHDIOCESE AVERAGE ON THE ACT ASPIRE

TOP 15% in Science

TOP 20% in English & Math

TOP 30% in Reading Growth

In reading, St. Eugene School is in the top third in the nation and top 20% in math in terms of attainment for students in Gr. 3-8. St. Eugene School is significantly competitive with the local public schools in reading; more importantly, math is significantly better than their counterparts.

Student Enrichment Activities:

Volleyball, Basketball, Cross Country, Track, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Band & Choir, Altar Service, Living Stations of the Cross, Girl Scouts, Battle of the Books, Computer Club, Game Club, Dance for Fitness, Drug Prevention Education, Student Council

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+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, December 14 - Vigil:
Third Sunday of Advent
5:30 Michelina Caira, Anna & Maciej Dun, John & Stephanie Gonder, Robert Majewski, Domenico Selvaggio

Sunday, December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 People of the Parish
Anna Virdone & Angelo Colletti & Fam., Fr. Fred & Frederick Tomzik
11:30 Aurora & Patrizia Barone, Lucille Godziszewski, Hinze & Moriarty Fams., Hillard & Michael Michalek, Consiglia Panzeca
4:30 Nicola & Filomena Cozzone, Boguslaw Frycz & Rev. Kasimierz Kowalski, Gerryley Realiza

Monday, December 16
9:00 Black & Zlotorzycki Fams., Kenneth Cain, Marianna Madeja

Tuesday, December 17
6:30 Kenneth Rodgers

Wednesday, December 18
9:00 Anders & Callahan Fams., Bernice C. Deron, Maria De Santis, Andrew & Joan Maier, Eugene Paulini

Thursday, December 19
6:30 Walter & Helen Block

Friday, December 20
9:00 Purgatorial Society
Antonio Garcia, Betty Gleeson, Pamela Heider, Kenneth Paulini

Saturday, December 21 - Saint Peter Canisius
8:30 Ron Bielinski, Eugene Kosla, In Thanksgiving to St. Lucia

Saturday, December 21 - Vigil:
Fourth Sunday of Advent
5:30 Arthur Bronski, Genowefa Karwowska, Michael Maratto, Harriet Rombotis

Sunday, December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 Chester Kolakowski & Fam., Liv. & Dec'd Mbrs Manczko & Bova Fams., Czeslawa & Marijan Radgowski, Marilyn Solka
11:30 Dec'd Mbrs Bartucci & Plaimo Fams., James E. Conlon Sr. Fam., Sophie Latocha & James Urbaszewski, Hillard & Michael Michalek
4:30 People of the Parish
Gerryley Realiza



SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS
(c. 1542-1591) December 14

How beautiful the experience of love for God and neighbor, a fire deep within! How disheartening when love suddenly cools and our souls grow dark, our prayer arid. How painful when misunderstanding, even rejection, comes our way, sometimes from those we least expect. For all such "seasons of the soul," an inspiring fellow-pilgrim is the poet and mystic John of the Cross. As a young Carmelite, he was recruited by Teresa of Ávila for her Discalced ("barefoot," evangelical poverty) Carmelite reform, striving to renew the Church from within after the Protestant Reformation had led countless religious away. John suffered unspeakably harsh abuse, even imprisonment, from friars who rejected this reform. Yet during these times of deepest suffering, John composed spiritual masterpieces that still guide souls to God, their titles reflecting his own painful yet ultimately victorious journey: from The Dark Night of the Soul through The Ascent of Mount Carmel to his Spiritual Canticle and The Living Flame of Love. John summarized his spirituality simply: "Put love where there is no love, and you will find love."

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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.

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 Third 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!





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

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Mass December 21 / 22	Celebrant	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:30 PM	Fr. Greg Wojcik	Christine Bobka	Tracy Crivlare Jodi Fedoruk Nicasio Francisco Marie Guerrieri Janet Horn Carrie Lim Manny Li	O. Orend M. Sclafani M. Sclafani
Sunday 8:00 AM	Fr. Ed Pacocha	John Imburgia	Glory Bermas Joseph Carrozza Barbara Czubek Lois Feist Charlotte Hill Chuck Hill Theresa Moore	A. Acierno E. Coleman T. Rog
Sunday 11:30 AM	Fr. Greg Wojcik	Terri Swiderski	Mirta Cozzo Teresa Gunia Anna Lo Forte Pat Paetsch Josefina Santiago Rosanne Spanola Tom Swiderski	J. McGovern M. McGovern K. McGovern
Sunday 4:30 PM	Fr. Rich Yanos			A. Meier J. Kolpak I. Ready

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION - Third Sunday of Advent

We make transitions along life's journey, and search for meaning. Watch an infant take those first wobbly steps. Inevitably they are toward the arms of a dear one, and the gleeful smile and wordless laughter let us know that the baby understands that the whole world is renewed in an instant. Parents may see that wide-eyed smile again some years later as they flip car keys in the teenager's direction, and by God's grace at in-between moments of forgiveness and affirmation.

Sacraments open a window to the blessings of everyday life and help us claim their deep meaning. A voice from a fiery bush warned Moses to take off his shoes because he stood on "holy ground." Your first steps, your first word, taking your place at the family table, stirring to new love, forgiving and being forgiven: all of this is holy, laden with meaning, full of possibilities. Sacraments are not escape pods from the realities of the everyday; rather they invest us ever more deeply in life and recruit us for the kingdom inaugurated by Jesus. We take baby steps all our life long. In the world of sacrament, they are always directed toward the arms of a loving God, and always on the common holy ground of a community's life.

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

PLEASE PRAY

For the Sick: Annabella Amato, Victoria Amelio, Pat & Bob Apida, Lawrence Basili, Elizabeth E. Becker, Anthony Bongiorno, Mary Brassie, Julie Bronski, Helen Bruchalski, Franca Chiappetta, Jim Conlon Jr., Brenda Crotty, Susan Curtin, Tom Curtin, Lorraine Czerwinski, Diane Divello, Mary Ellen DiVito, Leonardo D'Nessio, Marge Dyson, Courtney Fauscher, Don Feist, Van Gaetto, Bob & Carol Gasiorek, Rosalie Gazzano, Patricia Gelfond, Ava Geole, Erika Arquilla Hlavacek, Jeff Hlavacek, Tim Heider, Patricia Jackson, Kurt Janisch, Florence Jassak, Karen Pavlis Karasawa, Eileen Kearns, Edward Kindybalyk, Olga Kykta, Allie Lim, Ted Manczko, Rose Mary Maratto, Helen Masley, Phyllis McGarrh, Arlene Mika, Eugene Michael Miller, Gregory Patrick Miller, Kathleen Minneci, Donna Mizialko, Rich Moellering, Jr., Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello, John O'Connor, Aline Papciak, Charles Petti, Marilyn Prost, Norma Quilici, Charlotte Rice, Jeannine Riotto, Diane Rizzuto, Rita Rogers, Stella Rombotis, Frances Salvato, Theresa Samborski, Yolanda Sarmiento, Patricia Schippers, Bernadett Sedlacek, Audris Spencer, Emily Steckiewicz, Kevin Stenson, Edward Swieicki, and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

Newly added to our sick list:

For the Deceased: Felicia Reilly

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

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.

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.

ST. EUGENE SCHOOL
IS STILL COLLECTING *BOX TOPS*

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.



OLMC ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
8747 W. LAWRENCE AVE.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019
5:00 PM

EARLY PRINTING OF OUR BULLETIN

The bulletin of
December 21/22
Has gone to the printer.
Bulletin copy for the weekend of December 28/29 must be in the rectory office by 9 am on Monday, December 16.
Bulletin copy for the weekend of January 4/5 must be in the rectory office by 9 am on Thursday, December 26 by 9 am.

ST. EUGENE SCHOOL T.R.I.P. PROGRAM - FUNDRAISER

Parishioners, here is a great and easy way to help fundraise for our school while getting your Christmas Shopping done! Skip the lines in the stores, avoid crowds and purchase your Christmas Gift Cards through St. Eugene's T.R.I.P program. The purchase of these gift cards will earn fundraising credit for our school! Choose from the country's biggest brands -- such as Mariano's, Jewel, Walgreens, Starbucks, Subway, WalMart, Dunkin' Donuts, Macy's, Target, BP, Lowes, Dick's Sporting Goods, Panera, Amazon, Old Navy/Gap, CVS Pharmacy, iTunes, Red Lobster, Outback, Baker's Square and many, many more!!

You can purchase gift cards/certificates at face value through the St. Eugene T.R.I.P. Service. Then, T.R.I.P. is able to purchase these cards at a discount. The discounts range from 2% to 30% of the card's face value and this percentage is the total profit.

Example: You place an order and pay $200.00 for Jewel gift cards. Use the gift cards exactly like cash and buy $200.00 worth of groceries. Jewel offers a 4% discount, so the profit for the School from this order is $8.00.

Orders are placed every Monday and then available to pick up from the School or Rectory on Thursday. Payment of cash/check is due when you place your order.

A T.R.I.P coordinator will be at the back of the church after 5:30 pm mass 12/14 and after all Sunday Masses on 12/15 to answer any questions, to give you an order from or to take your order.

If you have any questions, please contact the school to speak to one of the T.R.I.P Coordinators (Christy Senese, Brenda Kurtz, Lisa Crimaldi or Melissa Stewart).





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Parents for St. Eugene Presents...

HOLIDAY BARREL RUN AND TOUR

Come help support St. Eugene School with a fun holiday get together for your family and friends. Our Barrel Run will take you on a tour of Chicago's best craft breweries and distilleries in a classy and unique "Barrel Bus." The Barrel will stop at Chicago Distillery Co. and On Tour Brewing to taste and tour. If you're interested in the tour, please choose the distillery tour option when you RSVP.

*Tickets are $120.00 per person which includes:
Transportation on a coach motor bus to/from downtown, finger food/drinks aboard the barrel and a St. Eugene souvenir glass. At Chicago Distillery Co. you will receive one free spirit to enjoy.

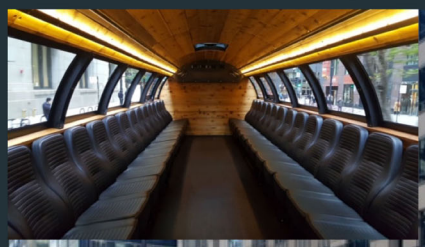
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You MUST RSVP at www.steugenestrong.com or www.steugene-school.org to confirm your ticket for this event.
Space is limited to the first 58 tickets sold. You will receive a ticket confirmation via email.
Any questions email Jeri Matson at jerimatson1313@gmail.com.

7 pm | Coach Motor bus departs promptly from 7930 W. Foster Ave, Shaunessy Center Parking Lot
8 pm | Barrel Bus departs 600 N. Clark, promptly for Chicago Distillery Co., 2359 N. Milwaukee Ave
8:20-9:15 pm | Tour/Taste at Chicago Distillery Co., Ticket includes 1 spirit
9:35 pm | Barrel Bus departs for On Tour Brewing, 1725 W. Hubbard St
10-11 pm | Taste at On Tour Brewing
11:15-12 am | End of Run, Coach Motor bus will return to 7930 W. Foster Ave

12.20.19

*All tickets are non-refundable.
*Must be 21 years old.





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Honors
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Colin Fitzpatrick, Emily Fitzpatrick

8th Grade
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Catholic Education



Parish Ministries & Opportunities

The information on this page is intended to assist those in our parish in knowing the variety of ministries and activities at St. Eugene. The names and phone numbers of the heads of each ministry are here for your information.

Education Commission

Alumni Association	Suzy McGovern	773/631-9313
Baptismal Preparation	Fr. Greg Wojcik	773/775-6659
RCIA	Angie Cisek	708/456-1375
Religious Education	Cathie Scotkovsky	773/763-2237
School Advisory Committee	Christine Coleman	773/307-0511
	Anna Modica	847/942-9208

Parish Pastoral Council Liasons

Erica Dillon	773/774-2161
Margaret Kinel	773/972-7868
Cathy Taylor	773/763-2235

Parish Life Commission

Altar & Rosary Society	Lois Feist	773/774-1511
Athletic Board	Patty Samborski	773/763-2235
Church Support Tabulators	Don Feist	773/774-1511
Girl Scouts	Robyn Rog	773/919-6919
Finance Council	Jay Kowalski	773/631-0209
Italian Catholic Federation	Anna Rubino	708/878-9562
Knights of Columbus	Tony Mion	708/457-0413
Parish Pastoral Council	Sal Sparacino	630/768-8375
Simbang Gabi	Yolanda Sarmiento	847/284-0524
St. Joseph Table	Sal Sparacino	630/768-8375
Young at Hearts Club	Roberta Gols	773/774-0471

Parish Pastoral Council Liasons

Diana Bernacki	312/208-4043
Stephanie Romeo	773/484-6057
James Schmitt	847/287-2446
Steve Tomzik	708/453-0690



Human Concerns Commission

Alcoholics Anonymous	Mary Nimietz	224/420-1100
Annulment Support	Fr. Rich/Fr. Greg	773/775-6659
Ministry of Care	Joanna Bischof	773/775-6659
Respect Life Committee	Pat Conlon	847/257-7909
	Terri Swiderski	708/867-9097
Social Concerns Ministry	Chris Jassak	773/775-6659
	Joe Kilian	773/631-0054

Parish Pastoral Council Liasons

Mike Czubek	312/388-2686
Rita Kopf	773/625-1928
Betty Urbaszewski/Gebhardt	708/457-0787

Spiritual Life Commission

Altar Servers	Fr. Greg Wojcik	773/775-6659
Bereavement	Parish Office	773/775-6659
Eucharistic Adoration	Joanne/Joe Portenlanger	773/594-9397
Eucharistic Ministers	Lois Feist	773/774-1511
Greeters	Michael/Bridget Brennan	773/763-6952
Lectors	Lois Feist	773/774-1511
Liturgical Decorating	Terri Swiderski	708/867-9097
Liturgy Committee	Angie Cisek	708/456-1375
Music Ministry:		
Choir	Lydia Hilado	773/793-8460
Children's Choir	Lydia Hilado	773/793-8460
Ministry of Prayer	Terri Swiderski	708/867-9097
Sacristans	Lois Feist	773/774-1511
Ushers	Joe Portenlanger	773/594-9397

Parish Pastoral Council Liasons

Tony Mion	708/256-3993
Sal Sparacino	630/768-8375
Mary Unger	708/456-4849

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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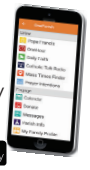
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