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

# THE VOICE

**All Saints Day** **November 1, 2020**

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**SUNDAY MASSES:**
(5:30 PM Saturday),
9:00 & 11:30 AM Sunday

**WEEKDAYS:**
Monday, Wednesday, &
Friday 9:00 AM,
Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 AM
First Saturday of the month
8:30 AM

**CONFESSIONS:**
**LAST** Saturday of the month at 4:00PM

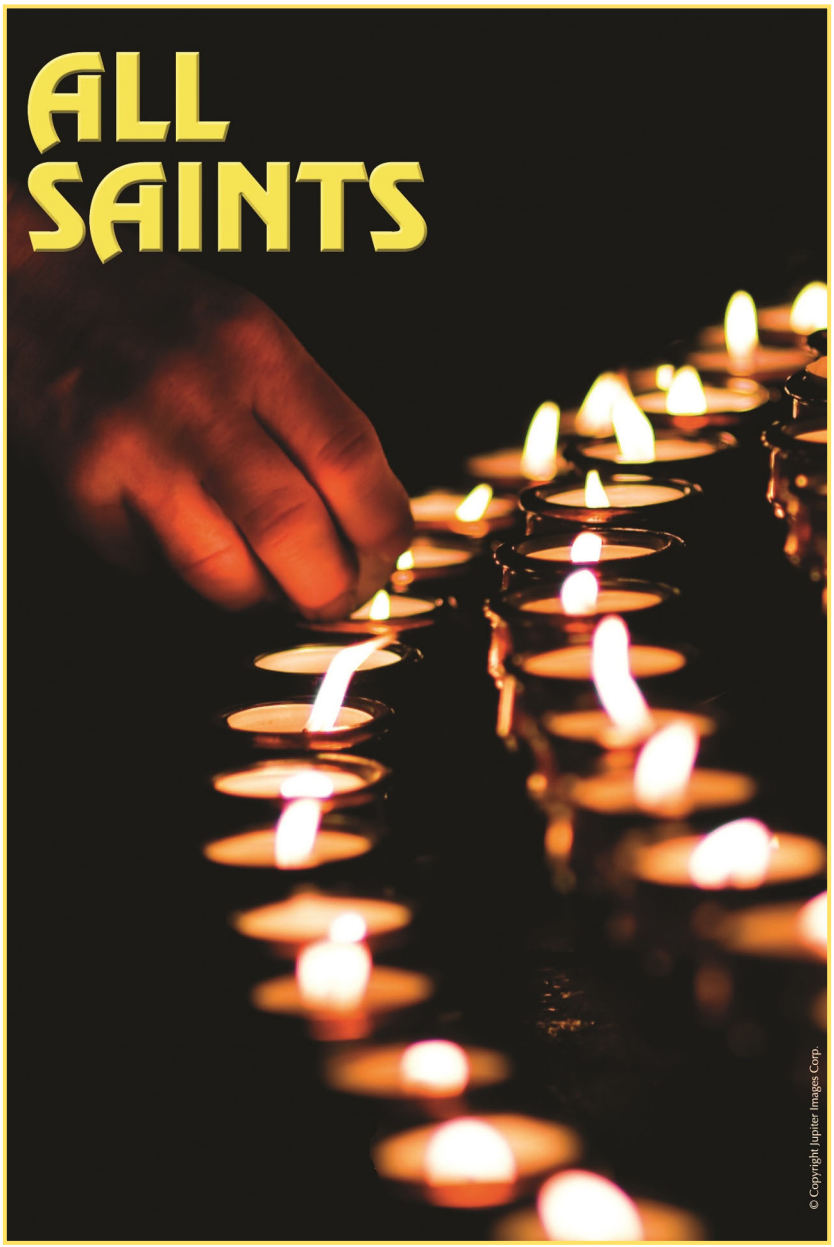
**BAPTISMS:** 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1:00 PM

**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. Gregory A. Rom, Retired Resident Assistant
Rev. Ed Pacocha, Retired Assistant
Mr. Anthony Woldeit, Business Manager
Ms. Lydia Hilado, Director of Music
Mr. Vincent Hilado, Assist. Director of Music
Mrs. Margaret Kinel, 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.

**St. Eugene Parish Financial Report from the fiscal year July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020**

We finished the 2019-2020 fiscal year on June 30, 2020 and have submitted our annual report to the Archdiocese. On the following page, you will find a breakdown that shows the ordinary income and expenses for the Church as well as the School. This was a very challenging year for our parish, especially given the COVID-19 reality.

As you can see from the first table, our income was reduced almost across the board, with Sunday collections down 11% from the previous year from $700,534 to $620,415, Easter collection down 20% from $44,574 to $35,661, and miscellaneous income down 21% from $146,391 to $116,004. Overall, church income was down 12% from the previous year from $1,069,280 to $943,585. In consultation with the finance council, we tried to reduce expenses as much as possible to offset the loss of income, and were still able to finish the fiscal year on the church side with a surplus of $183,318 down from the fiscal year 2019 surplus of $205,483.

The second table shows the income and expenses for our school. We had a modest increase in school income up to $1,138,309 from $1,116,589 as well as expenses up to $1,519,139 from $1,500,138. However, this still left the school with a deficit of $380,830, down from last year's deficit of $383,549.

As you can see, a surplus on the church side of $183,318 was not enough to cover the school deficit of $380,830, which left us with a total parish loss of $197,512. This loss was covered by parish savings. This is not new for our parish, however, and as a finance council, we took steps to limit the parish's exposure to the school deficit, and was the main reason for the Archdiocese taking over the day-to-day operations of our school. One more year of a similar loss would have left the parish with very little savings/operating cash. We simply could not afford to keep supporting these large deficits. We are thankful to the Archdiocese for continuing to provide a great Catholic education to our school families, and we are still committed to helping the school thrive by providing almost $100,000 in assistance to the school for the current 2020-2021 school year alone. The church and school are not in debt and we are current on all our bills, including to the Archdiocese.

Closing for almost three months due to the COVID-19 pandemic certainly did not help our situation. Some parishes in our area have seen a huge transition to online giving. Certain parishes are receiving up to 80% of their Sunday offertory online. We would like to encourage you to try signing up for online giving through our platform Give Central. Detailed instructions are found in this bulletin so you can sign up at home on your computer. If you are not comfortable using the computer to sign up, you can fill out the form provided in this bulletin and return it to the rectory or drop it off in the Sunday collection basket and I can sign you up personally. Using Give Central is very simple and allows you to fulfill your offertory obligation without thinking about it week to week. If you go on vacation or out of town, you do not need to worry about "making it up" as it will automatically take care of it for you.

If you have any questions or comments about this report, please do not hesitate to contact me at the rectory, one of our finance council members, or Fr. Rich. We sincerely thank you for your continued support and generosity, especially during these trying times. Without you, we would not be here.

Anthony J. Woldeit Fr. Richard M. Yanos Sal Sparacino Joe Parrillo

# St. Eugene Parish
## FY 2020 Annual Report
## July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

### Church Income and Expense

| | FY 2020 | FY 2019 | % | | FY 2020 | FY 2019 | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Church Income | | | | Church Expense | | | |
| Sunday and Holy Day Collections | 620,415 | 700,534 | (11%) | Salaries | 384,983 | 392,600 | (2%) |
| Christmas Collection | 64,266 | 65,866 | (2%) | Employee Benefits | 51,219 | 56,721 | (10%) |
| Easter Collection | 35,661 | 44,574 | (20%) | Administrative Expenses | 35,236 | 24,545 | 44% |
| Other Collections | 35,407 | 32,422 | 9% | Food Service & Meals | 18,802 | 32,908 | (43%) |
| Religious Ed Tuition and Fees | 44,223 | 33,970 | 30% | Utilities | 58,409 | 63,946 | (9%) |
| Lease and/or Rental Income | 15,004 | 12,914 | 16% | Maintenance & Building Repairs | 36,635 | 51,894 | (29%) |
| Fund Raising Net Income | 1,851 | 2,118 | (13%) | Altar & Liturgical Supplies | 10,987 | 18,792 | (42%) |
| Interest & Investment Income | 10,754 | 30,491 | (65%) | Furnishings, Equipment, Supplies | 21,811 | 20,476 | 7% |
| Miscellaneous[1] | 116,004 | 146,391 | (21%) | Archdiocese Assessments/Insurance | 162,750 | 187,611 | (13%) |
| | | | | Miscellaneous | 10,194 | 14,304 | (29%) |
| **Total Church Income** | **943,585** | **1,069,280** | **(12%)** | **Total Church Expense** | **791,026** | **863,797** | **(8%)** |

### School Income and Expense

| | FY 2020 | FY 2019 | % | | FY 2020 | FY 2019 | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School Income | | | | School Expense | | | |
| Tuition and Fees | 965,620 | 965,703 | (0%) | Salaries | 974,026 | 954,889 | 2% |
| Food Services | 2,116 | 9,337 | (77%) | Employee Benefits | 300,673 | 289,699 | 4% |
| Fund Raising Net Income | 154,795 | 141,417 | 9% | Books, Supplies, Admin, Furnishings | 37,925 | 58,825 | (36%) |
| Miscellaneous/Prepaid Tuition[2] | 15,778 | 132 | 11,853% | Food Service & Meals | 1,967 | 10,818 | (82%) |
| | | | | Utilities | 77,865 | 73,579 | 6% |
| | | | | Maintenance & Building Repairs | 68,366 | 53,603 | 28% |
| | | | | OCS Assessment/Insurance | 49,211 | 46,951 | 5% |
| | | | | Miscellaneous | 9,106 | 11,774 | (23%) |
| **Total School Income** | **1,138,309** | **1,116,589** | **2%** | **Total School Expense** | **1,519,139** | **1,500,138** | **1%** |

### Other Church Income and Expense

| | FY 2020 | FY 2019 | % | | FY 2020 | FY 2019 | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Other Church Income | | | | Other Church Expense | | | |
| Sharing Collection: St. Benedict | 8,528 | 14,758 | (42%) | Sharing Collection Payment | 8,528 | 14,753 | (42%) |
| Arch Required Collections | 46,313 | 60,975 | (24%) | Payment Arch Required Collections | 45,921 | 61,576 | (25%) |
| Estates, Bequests & Memorials | 14,143 | 13,124 | 8% | Capital Improvements | 3,996 | 128,725 | (97%) |
| Extraordinary Income | 760 | 2,178 | (65%) | | | | |
| Annual Catholic Appeal Rebate[3] | 19,460 | (173) | 11,349% | | | | |
| **Total Other Church Income** | **89,204** | **90,862** | **(2%)** | **Total Other Church Expense** | **58,445** | **205,054** | **(71%)** |

### Total Parish (Church and School) Income and Expense

| | FY 2020 | FY 2019 | % | | FY 2020 | FY 2019 | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Church Income | 943,585 | 1,069,280 | (12%) | Total Church Expense | 791,026 | 863,797 | (8%) |
| Total School Income | 1,138,309 | 1,116,589 | 2% | Total School Expense | 1,519,139 | 1,500,138 | 1% |
| Total Other Church Income | 89,204 | 90,862 | (2%) | Total Other Church Expense | 58,445 | 205,054 | (71%) |
| Total Parish Income | **2,171,098** | **2,276,731** | **(5%)** | Total Parish Expense | **2,368,610** | **2,568,989** | (8%) |

**Total Church Surplus: $183,318.00**
**Total School Deficit: -$380,830.00**
**Total Parish Deficit: -$197,512.00**

[1] Includes stole fees, stipends, votive lights, and miscellaneous donations

[2] Includes $14,600 of prepaid tuition for the 2020-2021 school year

[3] Because we exceeded our 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal Goal, we received a rebate of $19,460

# St. Eugene Parish Give Central Sign Up Instructions

The following is a list of step-by-step instructions to sign up for Give Central to support St. Eugene Parish. If you have any questions or need some help, feel free to call Business Manager Anthony Woldeit at the rectory 773-775-6659 or email at awoldeit@st-eugene.org.

1. Go to our website www.st-eugene.org and click on the Give Central picture located in the middle of the welcome page. Clicking this link will take you directly to St. Eugene's Give Central page.




2. You will be brought to the page titled "Ways to Support St. Eugene Parish". Select one of the featured collections including Sunday, Social Concerns, and others. If you do not see the collection you want, click "View More" and make your selection(s)




3. After selecting a collection, enter the amount you wish to contribute, the first payment date, the frequency, and whether you would like to have ongoing giving or select an end date. Then select "Add to my Gift Basket".



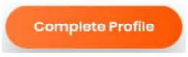

4. You can then decide to "Add More" collections and follow steps 2 and 3 above or select "Checkout".




5. You will be brought to a screen to review the selections you have made in your gift basket, and if all looks good, you are ready to "Continue"

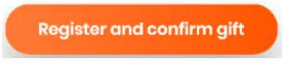



6. We encourage you to sign up by selecting "Complete Profile". You will be brought to a screen to enter your personal information including address, phone number, email addresses, and your preferred payment method.




7. After filling in the pertinent information, be sure to check the box 

and select "Register and Confirm Gift"




That's it! You will be brought to your home page where you can add more gifts or simply logout. We sincerely appreciate all your generosity.

## St. Eugene Parish Give Central Sign Up Card

First Name:_____ Last Name:_____ Phone:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____ Email:_____

Direct Debit from bank account

Bank Name:_____

Checking or Savings

Account Number:_____

Routing/ABA Number:_____

Credit Card

Card Number:_____

CVC:_____

Expiration Date:_____

Donation Amount:_____

Payment Frequency (Circle One): One-Time

Annually Monthly Bi-weekly Weekly

First payment date:_____

Would you like to receive a call to sign up for more?

Yes or No

Please sign and date below

_____

Date:_____

**THIS WEEKEND**

**CONFESSIONS**
**Saturday, October 31**
**4:00 pm until all are heard**
**The last Saturday of the month**

**Our regular daily Mass schedule.**
**Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 9:00 am**
**Tuesday & Thursday - 6:30 am**
**First Saturday of the month 8:30 am**

**Did you turn your clocks back?**




**CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE**
**1-800-400-4205**

**RECTORY HOURS**
**MONDAY - FRIDAY**
**9:00 - 11:30 am & 12:30 - 5:00 pm**
**(closed for lunch: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm)**
**SATURDAY & SUNDAY:**
**9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**The Solemnity of All Saints**
**Today, November 1, 2020**
**See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.**
**— 1 John 3:1**

# ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT LITURGY
# MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020 - 7:00 PM

## OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

HENRY PETER POPEK
JAN CHLEBEK
JANIS GALE
SAM FARINELLA
GENEVIEVE GIGLIO
LUCIA PRIMAVERA
JOSEPH BARNES
CARMELINA MAIONE
JOHN ROCKS
ZDZISLAW OSIKA
LEONARDO BALACHIA
NIMFA EBREO
NORINE SMITH
ERCOLE PICCHI
ANGELO PICCHI
GRAZIELLA GUERCIO
ROBERT APIDA
DONALD BAUREIS
ROBERT MOORE
VIVIAN PESOLE
VINCENT BERNARDI
EUGENE DOMBROWSKI
YOLANDA SARMIENTO
JEANINE (JEAN) ELGENESS
KRISTINE (KRISSY) SASS
PATRICIA MILLER
JOHN GARDINER
STEPHINE (TESSIE) GNUTEK
WALTER C. LANGNER
MARTIN J. ARENS
DONNA MARIE ZULUETA
ROBERT FABIANSKI
ADA DE FILIPPIS
GINA DI PAOLO
KENNETH MALATSTA
NORMA QUILICI
MARGARET SWEENEY
DIEGO RIZZO
LAWRENCE FUMOROLO
SERGIO MOLINELLI
MARCIA KARBOWSKI
CHARLES E. PETTI
BRIAN M. HADDAD
HENRYKA FRANCIK
ELIZABETH HERKES
ROBERT DE GIUSEPPE
THERESA REGER
JAMES ZAVACKI
FRANK SCALISE
FRANCIS KING
MARGARET MARY HURLESS
VIRGINIA FEALEY
ROBERT HERGENREDER
ANNALISA C. PALIFERRO
MARY LOU PFANNKUCHE
GRAZIA CARRARA
ELIZABETH KAMIEN
CHRISTINA BILBO
LAVERNE KRZYWICKI
MARY BELMONTE
GERALDINE MARBACH
JAMES EDWARD CONLON, JR.




### A GREATER MIRACLE

**God creates out of nothing.**
**Wonderful you say!**
**Yes, but He does what is still more wonderful:**
**He makes saints out of sinners.**

S. Kirkegaard

**OUR HOPE AND GOD'S PROMISE**

The Church uses these waning November days and darker skies as the season to remind us of the last things. Today's feast, the Solemnity of All Saints, is the centerpiece of three days that point to doctrines we proclaim each time we say the Apostles' Creed: "We believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." And while the days and our hearts may be dark, the readings today are bright with the light of faith. John's vision in the book of Revelation reveals dazzling angels and white-robed saints gathered in triumph around the throne of God. In the responsorial psalm we sing our longing to see God's face, and in the second reading John writes that we are God's children and will, in fact, see God "as he is" (1 John 3:2). This is our hope. This is God's promise. Today we celebrate the triumph of those who already gaze on the face of God. Tomorrow we cry out for mercy with those in purgatory, who, like us on earth, still long to see God's face.

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**Each a potential saint**

"There is no person who is not potentially a saint, and sin, even the blackest, is but an accident on the road that in no way alters the substance."

L. Bloy

**YOUNG AT HEARTS CLUB**
**Tuesday, November 3**
**Doors open 11:30 Meeting at noon**
**Shaunessy Center**

Coffee & sweet rolls will be served. We would love to have you join us.



**ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT**
**Mondays in church**
**4:00 pm- 6:00 pm**
**with Benediction at 5:45 pm**

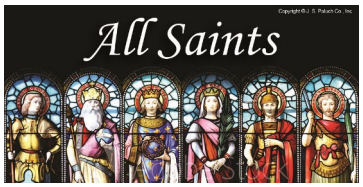
**"Always stay very close to our Lord, present in the tabernacle."**

**Saint John Mary Vianney**

**PLEASE COME — VISIT JESUS**



**Those who love may be sure that none of their acts of love will be lost, nor any of their acts of sincere concern for others, nor any single act of love for God, nor any generous effort, nor any painful endurance. All of these enfold our world like a vital force.**




**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TESTING**
**THE CLASS OF 2025**
***Saturday, December 5, 2020***
Please call the school of your choice for details and time of the testing.

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.

## + MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

***Saturday, October 31 Vigil: All Saint Day***
5:30 Dabros & Wytrwal Fams.,
Zofia & Witold Gadomski, Bruno Nardi,
Domenico Selvaggio, Norine & Donald Smith,
Eleanore Tompis

***Sunday, November 1 - All Saint Day***
9:00 People of the Parish
Gino Leo Fam., & Bruno Fam.,
Rosaria Cenitineo, Jozef Kogut, Manuel Lising,
Helena Mazek, Miklewicz & Niedbala Fams.,
Zdzislaw Osika, Theresia Reger,
Yolanda Sarmiento, Joseph & Mary Sparacino
11:30 Barbara Bronski, Vito Cale, Angelina Francesco,
Hinze & Moriarty Fams.,
Hillard & Michael Michalek, Phil & Philip Saineghi,
Anna Scola, Norine Smith,
Edward & Victoria Wnek

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

***Monday, November 2 - All Souls' Day***
9:00 FOR ALL OF OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED
7:00 FOR ALL OF OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

***Tuesday, November 3 - St. Martin de Porres***
6:30 Catherine Egan Rauch

***Wednesday, November 4 - St. Charles Borromeo***
9:00 Cozzone Family

***Thursday, November 5***
6:30 Purgatorial Society

***Friday, November 6***
9:00 Anna Balice Falco, Frank Masley,
Joanne Santella

***Saturday, November 7***
8:30 Purgatorial Society

***Saturday, November 7 - Vigil:***
***Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***
5:30 John Carbone, Karen Finwall Crichton,
John & Stephanie Gonder, Fr. Fred Tomzik

***Sunday, November 8 - Thirty-Second in Ordinary Time***
9:00 Stephanie & John Gonder, Lou Kosik,
Geraldine Marbach, Michael Vito Parente,
Anna & Mike Parente, Sr.
11:30 People of the Parish
Dominic & Marietta Barone, Domenico Battista,
Leonard Cataldo, George Concialdi & Joe Costa,
Dabros & Wytrwal Fams.,
Zofia & Witold Gadomski, Michael McCaskey,
Hillard & Michael Michalek




## PLEASE PRAY

***For the Sick:*** Antonio Garcia Alvarado, Annabella Amato, Victoria Amelio, Pat Apida , Lawrence Basili, Al Bischof, Jr., Anthony Bongiorno, Julie Bronski, Amber Bruchalski, Helen Bruchalski, Silvana Cecchini, Franca Chiappetta, Susan Curtin, Lorraine Czerwinski, Armenio De Filippis, Diane Divello, Mary Ellen DiVito, Marge Dyson, Danny Eder, Mary Egan, Don Feist, Van Gaetto, Bob & Carol Gasiorek, Patricia Gelfond, Ava Geole, June Grovak, Erika Arquilla Hlavacek, Jeff Hlavacek, John Imburgia, Tim Heider, Florence Jassak, Karen Pavlis Karasawa, John Keating, Barbara Keiner, Allie Lim, Jennifer Lo Forte, Rosario Lo Forte, Ted Manczko, Rose Mary Maratto, Helen Masley, Phyllis McGarrh, Camille Miller, Eugene Michael Miller, Kathleen Minneci, Rich Moellering, Jr., Russ Moskal, Michael J. Muscarello, Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello, Theresa G. Nawara, Gregory Pizza, Diane Rizzuto, Rita Rogers, Lillian Rom, Stephen Rom, Stella Rombotis, Daniel Luciano Ruiz, Frances Salvato, Theresa Samborski, Patricia Schippers, Bernadett Sedlacek, Audris Spencer, Daniel Starzec, 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:*** Judy Bauer

***For the Deceased:***

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

## Offertory Collection

| Weekend of October 24/25 | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Physical Contributions:** | | $ 7,525.50 |
| 5:30 Mass: | $1,402.00 | |
| 9:00 Mass: | $2,240.00 | |
| 11:30 Mass: | $ 967.50 | |
| Mailed In: | $2,916.00 | |
| **Electronic giving:** | | $ 1,253.00 |
| **Total:** | | **$ 8,778.50** |
| **Operating budget requirement:** | | $13,400.00 |

In order to meet our budgeted expenses for this fiscal year, we need to receive $13,400 a week in our offertory collections.

**Deficit/Surplus** **$ 4,621.50**

| October 2020 Running Total | |
|---|---|
| **Cash received in envelopes:** | $ 34,584.42 |
| **Electronic giving:** | $ 8,169.00 |
| **Total:** | $ 42,753.42 |
| **Budgeted amount:** | $ 53,600.00 |
| **Deficit/Surplus** | **$ 10,846.58** |

| Fiscal Year-To-Date Running Total | |
|---|---|
| **Cash received in envelopes:** | $143,695.52 |
| **Electronic giving:** | $ 32,680.00 |
| **Total:** | $176,375.52 |
| **Budgeted amount:** | $227,800.00 |
| **Deficit/Surplus** | **$ 51,424.48** |

As you can see, your continued support during this very challenging and unprecedented time is both critical and essential to maintain and operate all we do here at St. Eugene Parish. Please consider dropping off or mailing your contribution to the rectory, or sign up for electronic giving at Give Central (more information can be found in this week's bulletin). **We are extremely grateful for those of you already generously doing your part to support your Church, and truly we could not be here without you.**

### SAINTS AND SINNERS

The only difference between the saint and the sinner is that every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future. —Oscar Wilde

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

**All Saints (November 1)**

Today we celebrate the saints who live in glory, and the vast number of people who have gone before us in the Christian life as "works in progress." Reading any saint's biography, you quickly become aware that they were persons singularly aware of their faults and sins, their human propensity to miss the mark. Penance is a recurring theme in their lives, and many found a "confessor" who coached them in the spiritual life.

Today, a new form of penance can coach us in our journey, because the setting is an assembly of the faithful. In this form, there is time given for people who wish to confess and be absolved to meet privately with a priest for a few moments. Before the community is dismissed, everyone joins in an act of praise for God's mercy, usually by singing a hymn together. The individual part is not compulsory, and you can certainly participate fully and fruitfully without the individual confession. The joy of this liturgy is itself an impetus to change and to open up more fully to this wonderful gift of our faith. You have already been forgiven, of course. That was accomplished for you on the cross. It is the Christian task to open ourselves up, as did the saints, to the reality of that gift.

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION All Souls' Day (November 2)

This week we have in All Souls' Day a commemoration that is linked to the Halloween customs. The big-spending sugar shock holiday is a long way removed from November second's grateful remembrance of the souls who are hidden from our sight, but alive to Christ. Old pagan superstitions might find us holding our breath when going by the graveyard, whereas others might actually go to the cemetery to tend the family graves, to share good food, and remember dear ones. Nowhere does a culture embrace this day as fully as in Mexico. The "Day of the Dead" is a national holiday that unfolds over three full days.

For three thousand years, the indigenous people of Mexico have been mocking death in an annual festival, and the invading Spaniards were shocked at the spectacle. To the Aztecs, life was a dream, and death was the entry into full life. Skulls were thus a symbol of joy and release from life's sorrows. The missionaries found all this a bit creepy, but they moved the three-day feast from August to synchronize it with the Christian calendar. So today, graves are decorated, altars are built in the home to honor the family dead, children feast on candy skulls, and people dress up in elaborate skeleton outfits. The devout spend hours in the cemetery, and there is a lively sense of the communion of saints, the living and the dead.

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## SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES (1579-1639) November 3

An old illustration pictures Martin de Porres, finger to his lips—"Shhhh!"—as several mice peek out of sacristy vestment drawers, preparing to join a rodent "procession" following him out of church! Martin's rescue of these unwelcome guests, and statues depicting him, broom in hand, feeding a dog, cat, bird, and mouse from the same dish symbolize his life and sanctity. Initially denied entrance by the Dominicans because of his mixed race (Spanish father, Panamanian mother), Martin cherished society's marginalized. For him, menial tasks, lovingly done, were sacred. Great and lowly alike feasted on his charity. Enemies were reconciled by this "poor mulatto" (his self-description), kind even to those whose racism demeaned him. Apprenticed to a surgeon-barber in his youth—thus patron saint of hair stylists and public health providers—Martin dispensed healing and dignity to Lima's poorest, serving in them the Christ he adored for hours in the Blessed Sacrament. By the time he died, all Peru called him Martin the Charitable, a title even those of us who will never be called "saint" might still aspire to.

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### 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.

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November 8, 2020

*"Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God" (1 John 4:7-9).*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

My fellow priests, who so selflessly serve in the Archdiocese of Chicago, surely know God's love, and they freely share that blessing with us all as our spiritual fathers. Their love and guidance are needed today more than ever as we face so much unrest in our world, which brings pain and suffering to so many. As we seek a path forward – free of hunger, disease, poverty and inequality – we look with anxious but hopeful eyes to our parish priests to lead us with courage, with care and with love.

To show our appreciation to our family of priests, we pause this weekend to express gratitude by lending our support through a special second collection. On Saturday, November 7, and Sunday, November 8, we ask you to honor and acknowledge our priests by giving generously to Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA. You may also like to consider naming PRMMA as a beneficiary of your will, in addition to any support you are able to make at this time.

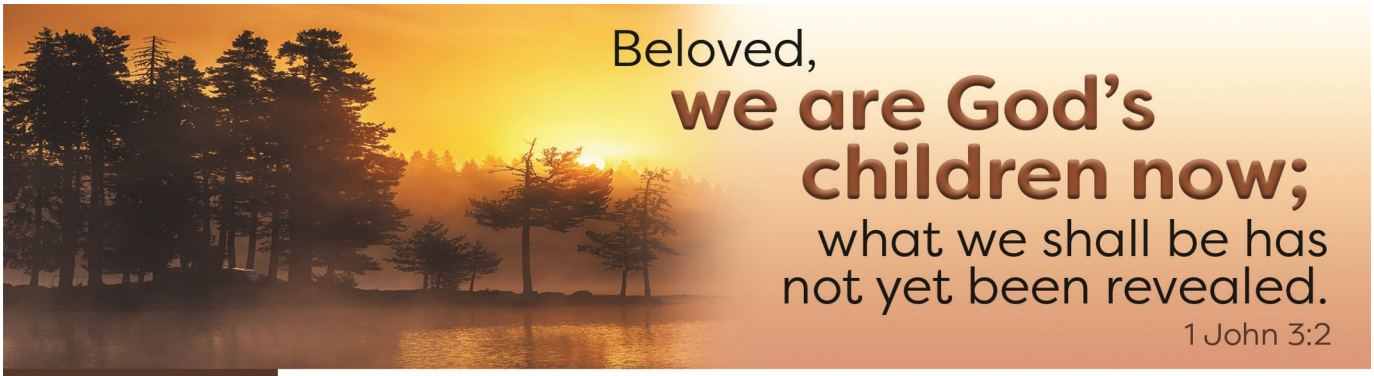
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The active priests of the archdiocese serve throughout Cook and Lake counties by proclaiming the Word of God, celebrating the sacraments and offering a shepherd's care to our faith communities. So many retired priests continue to serve in their own way and have become indispensable resources for our communities. The health and well-being of all our priests is integral to their ability to serve our needs and shepherd our spiritual growth.

Please join me, then, in supporting our priests by making a generous contribution to this weekend's second collection. Let your gift be a sign of gratitude to them and to the Lord for their priestly ministry that benefits us all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Blase Card. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago




November 1, 2020

# Solemnity of All Saints

## FAMILY REUNION

Today we celebrate a glorious family reunion, the solemn feast that gives us a glimpse of all our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone home to God before us. When we quiet ourselves to hear the Word of God today, we recall the mystery of our salvation. We praise the Lord who saves our loved ones who have died and who promises to have mercy on us as well. The reading from Revelation amazes us with its sweeping images of countless souls basking in God's glory. The Responsorial Psalm echoes our own longing to join those saints and look on the face of God. Saint John's letter affirms our deep desire to be with God, providing robust advice about how we may realize our hope: by living purely. The familiar words of Matthew's Beatitudes show the way to purity—and to genuine happiness, now and forever.

## THE MISSION

Successful organizations live by strong mission statements. All Saints' Day reminds the Church of her mission: to know the love of God on earth in order to experience the fullness of God's happiness forever in heaven. The Church herself—and each one of us, her members—can use this celebration to give thanks and to renew our commitment to evangelization. If the heart of Jesus desires to unite all souls in heaven, then we must spend time every day actively praying for and serving God's people. In our words and actions, we can pour Christ's love into the world. We can be the light of the world, reminding everyone that this life is a foretaste of what is to come.

## THE REWARD

God's enemy, Satan, does not want us to think of heaven, prepare for heaven, or long for heaven's peace. Satan wants us to forget about our connection to the Lord and live only for the glory we can find here and now. We feel that hellish pull whenever we grow tired of doing good, especially when no one appreciates or thanks us. We know the temptation to despair when we hear skeptics ridicule believers, especially if we can't point to convincing evidence that God provides for us that there is a life after this one. These shaky, uncomfortable experiences may come to us once in a while, or they may take root in our hearts and burden us for years. This is precisely why we must celebrate All Saints' Day with hearty gladness, because every single blessed soul in heaven is praying for us. The Communion of Saints is real, and the strength that Jesus sends to us through their prayers makes an actual difference in our lives. Just as we pray for one another here on earth, our big brothers and sisters in Christ continue to pray for us, inviting us to know and share the love of God.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Revelation 7:2–4, 9–14
Psalm 24:1bc–2, 3–4ab, 5–6
1 John 3:1–3
Matthew 5:1–12a

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# 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 | | 773/775-6659 |
| RCIA | Angie Cisek | 708/456-1375 |
| Religious Education | Margaret Kinel | 773/763-2237 |
| School Board | | |

Parish Pastoral Council Liaisons

| | |
|---|---|
| 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 | 773/919-6019 |
| Finance Council | Anthony Woldeit | 773/775-6659 |
| Italian Catholic Federation | Anna Rubino | 708/878-9562 |
| Knights of Columbus | | |
| Parish Pastoral Council | Sal Sparacino | 630/768-8375 |
| Simbang Gabi | | |
| St. Joseph Table | Sal Sparacino | 630/768-8375 |
| Young at Hearts Club | Roberta Gols | 773/774-0471 |

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|---|---|
| Stephanie Romeo | 773/484-6057 |
| James Schmitt | 847/287-2446 |
| Steve Tomzik | 708/453-0690 |




## Human Concerns Commission

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Alcoholics Anonymous | Tom G. | 773/456-5326 |
| Annulment Support | Fr. Rich | 773/775-6659 |
| Ministry of Care | Joanna Bischof | 773/775-6659 |
| Respect Life Committee | Terri Swiderski | 708/867-9097 |
| Social Concerns Ministry | Chris Jassak | 773/775-6659 |
| | Joe Kilian | 773/631-0054 |

Parish Pastoral Council Liaisons

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

## Spiritual Life Commission

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Altar Servers | | |
| 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 |

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|---|---|
| Sal Sparacino | 708/457-1583 |
| 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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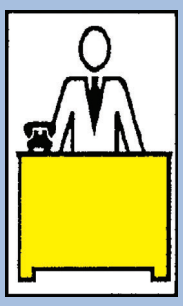

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