St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

The Epiphany of the Lord — January 3, 2021

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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 4:00 PM

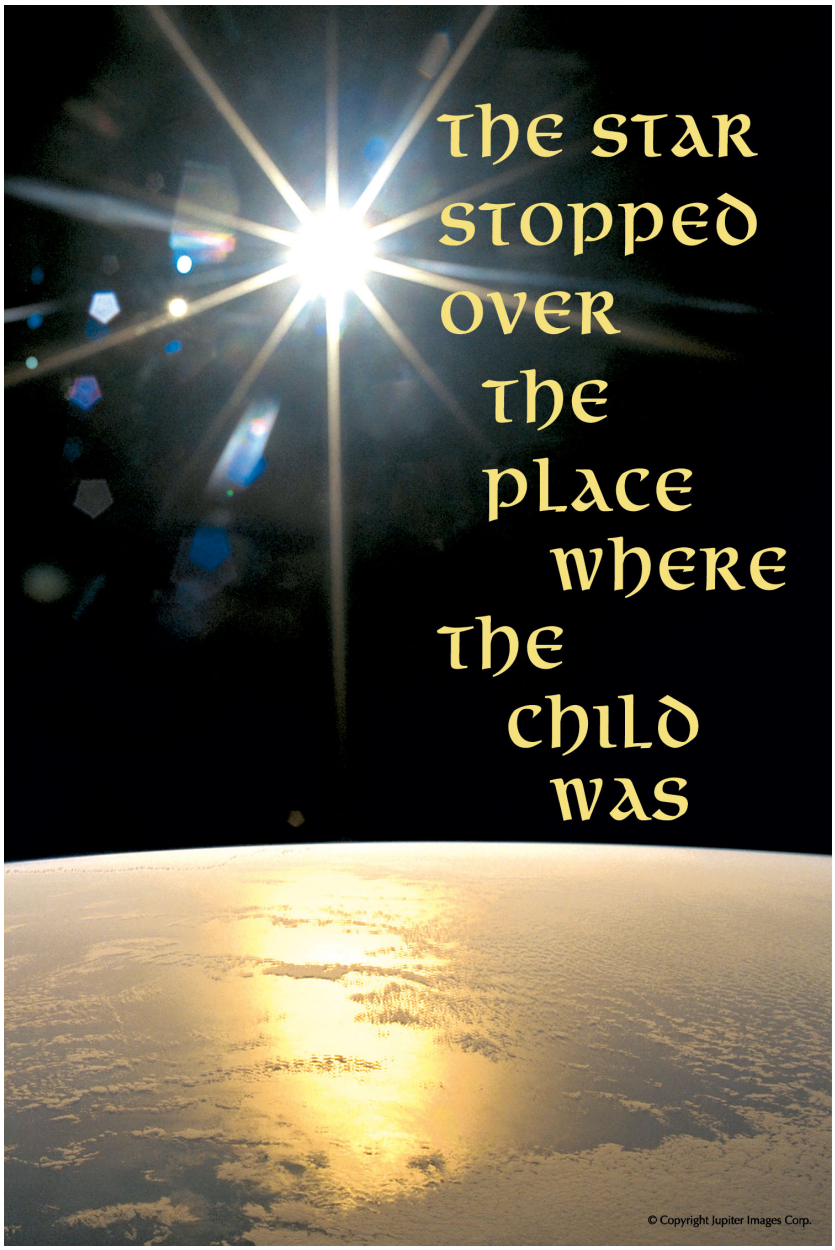
BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1:00 PM

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.



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There are ample parking spaces provided on the north side,
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From the Pastor's Desk…



This weekend our Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This day has been celebrated since the third century in the East and since the fourth century in the West. It is a celebration of the Lord's incarnation as the making known of God's presence among us.



The gospel we hear proclaimed today portrays reason and revelation working closely together to lead us to Christ – a journey that can be completed only by the gift of faith. Using their science, the Magi arrived in Jerusalem. There these "non-Jews" or Gentiles consult the Jewish revelation to determine the route to their goal of finding the Christ-child, for reason alone cannot bring us finally to Christ. But the revealed word in itself seems insufficient as well, since the scribes who gave instruction to the Magi, based on the interpretation of the scriptures, do not make the journey themselves or even with the Magi for that matter. Perhaps Matthew is telling his mixed community of believers, and our own community, that none of us has it all together, but that together we have it all.

As I reflect on this thought I am drawn to look at our own community of faith here at St. Eugene and the gifts each of us bring to the Lord's Table and to each other. As your priest and pastor, I am fully aware of my shortcomings and the things that are lacking in my ability to better shepherd our community of faith. Yet, what is lacking in me does not discourage me, because I am also aware of the unique gifts and talents that are represented here in YOU -- the good people of this parish. As any successful pastor will tell you, it is in the collective recognition and use of the many gifts given us by God that creates a holy people and an effective parish community. It is in the working together with each other that we bring about God's kingdom among us.

Not a day goes by in the life of our parish that I am not reminded of how we are richly blessed because of the shared goodness of the dedicated members of our community. I want to thank everyone in our parish (our parish and school staffs, my brother priests, our resident Verbum Dei Sisters, and parishioners) for helping to make our Christmas season together the wonderful celebration that it has been and continues to be. Great things happen when we work side-by-side and I am always grateful and proud of what we have accomplished and continue to do together here at St. Eugene even in the midst of the pandemic we have all been confronted with.

May 2021 be a year of new opportunities, good health, the beginning of the end of COVID-19 and renewed faith for us all!

RENEW MY CHURCH UPDATE

By now, I suspect everyone in the Archdiocese has heard of RENEW MY CHURCH. This initiative will reshape the Archdiocese and redefine how we experience Church. It organizes parishes into what are called "groupings." As the term suggests, parishes are joined together to develop an experience of shared resources, ministries and worship. At the appointed time, a grouping would become "activated," which means that pastors, parish staffs, leadership bodies, and parishioners earnestly would work together over a period of several months in the hope of joining communities when necessary or, at the very least, actively sharing their gifts with one another. The purpose behind this reorganization is to promote evangelization whereby the gospel message would be brought beyond the confines of a church building in order to gather more people into the church building for prayer and service.

When the phrase RENEW MY CHURCH is mentioned, many people hear in those words: "My parish is going to close." Could that happen? Yes, but only when the painful necessity presents itself because of a greatly diminishing number of worshippers, pastors, financial contributions, and the integrity of the parish buildings. No one should jump to the conclusion that their parish will close; that would be a kind of last resort.

Over the past couple of years the parishes in our deanery have been grouped together in various configurations. Our grouping presently consists of Saint Eugene, St. Monica, Divine Savior and Our Lady Mother of the Church. This arrangement was arrived at through the consensus of the pastors and many others.

Our grouping was originally slated to be activated in 2022 but because of COVID-19 and its effects on many parishes has been moved up one year to 2021. There is certainly much more discussion that will need to take place as any future decisions are made. However, over a year ago I had already begun encouraging some of our ministries and organizations to connect with each other from our grouping parishes such as our R.C.I.A. programs, our Women's Clubs, Knights of Columbus, Parish Mission endeavors, etc. I have been encouraging these relationship building connections because it will help in our working together down the road especially when many of our parishioners will have already been engaged with each other before we officially begin the Renew My Church process. As we look toward the future of the churches and schools in our area, I see nothing but a promising future if we are all willing to work with one another and accept the reality that we all are going to have to be open to new ways of accomplishing this goal. I'd rather we approach our future informed and prepared than afraid. Wouldn't you agree?

Recently I received word from the bishop's office regarding the updated timeline for our participation in the Renew My Church discernment process. It is as follows:

- Orientation to the Discernment & Decisions phase will begin this coming February or March
- The priests in our grouping will have a 3-day leadership preparation in late April or early May

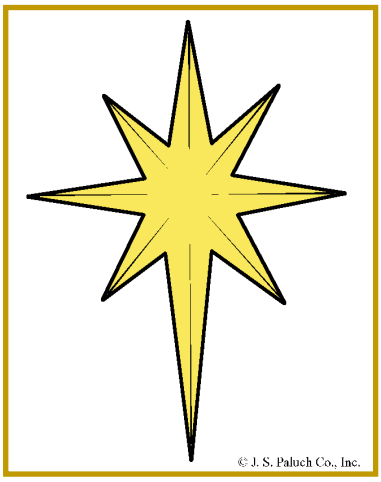
- Each pastor will need to invite 5 leaders from his parish to be part of the "Grouping Feedback and Discernment Team" (GFDT) which will take up the heavy work of discerning parish structural possibilities. This process will likely begin in late May or early June with an initial meeting, a prayer service with Cardinal Cupich, and a half-day retreat. The summer period will be used to visit the other parishes in our grouping before reviewing data and structural scenarios in late August through October or November.
- The Cardinal's decision on the future structures of our parish and school is expected in November of 2021 or January of 2022. Any changes would take effect no later than July 1, 2022, though it is possible some changes could happen before July 1, 2022.

Remember, Renew My Church is all about making disciples, building communities, and inspiring witness of our faith. To most effectively work on those three imperatives, we need a sustainable and viable organizational and facility structure.

More information will be coming our way in the weeks ahead. Stay tuned. In the meantime, have a great week ahead everyone and Happy New Year!

Fr. Rich

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



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 # _____

PROMISE FULFILLED

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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Grant me grace,
O merciful God,
to desire ardently all that is pleasing to you,
to examine it prudently,
to acknowledge it truthfully,
and to accomplish it perfectly.
Magnificat, Vol. 12, No., 6, Pg. 180

PLEASE COME — VISIT JESUS





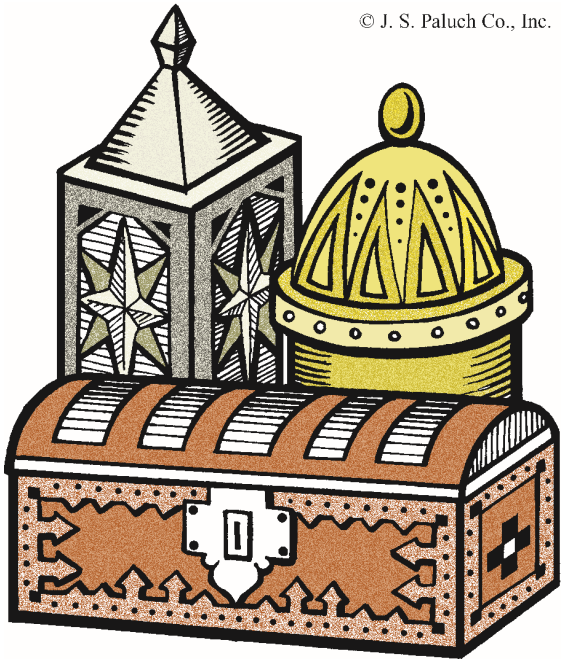
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O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.

William Cullen Bryant

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Offertory Collection

Weekend of December 19-20		
Physical Contributions:		$13,121.50
5:30 Mass:	$ 1,099.00	
9:00 Mass:	$ 1,169.50	
11:30 Mass:	$ 795.00	
Mailed In:	$10,058.80	
Electronic giving:		$ 2,083.00
Total:		**$15,204.50**
Operating budget requirement:		$13,400.00
In order to meet our budgeted expenses for this fiscal year, we need to receive $13,400 a week in our offertory collections.		
Deficit/Surplus		**$ 1,804.50**

December 2020 Running Total	
Cash received in envelopes:	$ 32,918.30
Electronic giving:	$ 6,211.00
Total:	$ 39,129.30
Budgeted amount:	$ 40,200.00
Deficit/Surplus	**$ 1,070.70**

Fiscal Year-To-Date Running Total	
Cash received in envelopes:	$222,296.82
Electronic giving:	$ 47,948.00
Total:	$270,244.82
Budgeted amount:	$335,000.00
Deficit/Surplus	**$ 64,755.18**

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.**

Manager or Magi?

Ever taken an extended car trip? If your family was like most, weeks of preparation were required. Road maps and guidebooks were consulted to ensure maximum fun with minimum inconvenience. Itineraries were made, and revised, half a dozen times before you left the kitchen table. Faced with the vagaries of travel, we strive to manage the future, forearmed with traveler's checks and motel reservations.

Now what if Dad or Mom appeared one day with no maps or guidebooks and simply said, let's get in the car and go where God takes us. Would you climb in ready to be a Magi, or call your local psychiatrist? Would faith or fear win? It's not just a hypothetical question. Each day of our lives we face that same choice. When the morning greets us we have a fresh road to explore, a new trip to take. Will we trust in our plans and preparations, or allow God's grace, power and mystery to act in our lives? If we hold to our rigid schedules, we may feel more secure, but we may also miss the miracles God has in store. Which are you today, manager or magi?



An attitude, not a resolution

This year let's forego formal resolutions and tune up our instincts for being better people, living better lives. Let's start asking, "Who's in trouble?" "To whom do I owe a letter?" "What sick person would appreciate a visit from me?" "How long since I've telephoned a friend?" In other words, to whom can I be of service? Call it an attitude, not a resolution!

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.

PLEASE PRAY

For the Sick: Antonio Garcia Alvarado, Annabella Amato, Victoria Amelio, Pat Apida , Lawrence Basili, Judy Bauer, Anthony Bongiorno, Julie Bronski, Amber Bruchalski, Helen Bruchalski, Silvana Cecchini, Franca Chiappetta, Lorraine Czerwinski, Armenio De Filippis, Diane Divello, Mary Ellen DiVito, Anita Dublanski, Marge Dyson, Danny Eder, Don Feist, Bruno Fondriest, Van Gaetto, Bob & Carol Gasiorek, Patricia Gelfond, Ava Geole, June Grovak, Erika Arquilla Hlavacek, Jeff Hlavacek, 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: Vincent Di Re

For the Deceased: Annette Connolly, Janina Samek, Barbara Walsh, Tadeusz Wozniczka

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

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 - 5 pm, SAT – SUN 9 am - 1 pm



The Epiphany of the Lord

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before long, people will be throwing Mardi Gras beads in the streets of New Orleans—purple, gold, and green. A few will be in on the secret: the colors of the beads are derived from the gifts of the magi. Gold for wealth, purple for power, green for good health. The gifts are also a key to the identity of the Christ Child: the incense for God; the gold for a king; the myrrh, fragrant burial ointment for one who comes to die.

Centuries ago, today's feast bore the heavy burden of celebrating all the manifestations of Christ's identity: the birth of Jesus, the coming of the magi, the baptism of the Lord, the wedding feast at Cana. It was too much for one day. Fortunately the one day has blossomed into a whole season of grateful celebration, stretching behind us into Advent, and ahead of us into the Baptism of the Lord and to Christ's coming again in glory. Tonight, be sure to light the Christmas lights, and gather at the crèche for a favorite carol and a prayer.

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+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, January 2 - Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord
5:30 Maria & Pete Gustino, Walter Gwōzdz, John Kula

Sunday, January 3 - Epiphany of the Lord
9:00 People of the Parish
Helen & Walter Wojtas
11:30 Mario Bartucci, Adele & Albert Campelone, Francesco Esposito, Daniela & Ernisto Palumbo, Norine & Donald Smith

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

Monday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
9:00 Purgatorial Society
Myron Masley, Noreen Smith

Tuesday, January 5 - St. John Neumann
6:30 Walter Geibel, Liv. & Dec'd Mbrs. Gerard Fam.

Wednesday, January 6 - St. André Bessette
9:00 Cristina & Giovanni Greco

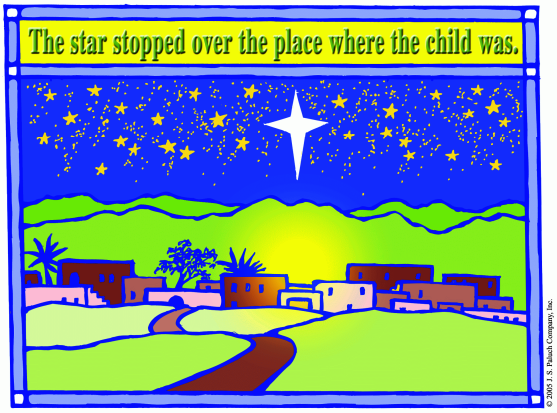
Thursday, January 7 - St. Raymoñd of Penafort
6:30

Friday, January 8
9:00 Clement Grandsart

Saturday, January 9 - Vigil:
The Baptism of the Lord
5:30 Robert Broghammer, Eileen Egan, Lou Kosik, Ignacy Niemczyk

Sunday, January 10 - The Baptism of the Lord
9:00 Walter Geibel, Jane Szorc,
Dec'd Mbrs. Wawronowicz Fam.
11:30 People of the Parish
Amalia & Gennaro Barone,
Elviro & Margaret Barone,
Patricia & Aurora Barone

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



FEAST OF FAITH
The Liturgy of Emmanuel

The assembly has gathered from near and far, on foot, by bus, by car, by subway, singly and by twos and threes: single people, couples, families. Now that movement is ritualized and made visible in the liturgy's entrance procession.

We are not alone on this journey; Christ is with us. The procession is led by the cross, with the image of Christ upon it. Candles, signs of a living presence, are carried around the cross. Candles also accompany the Book of the Gospels, another sign of Emmanuel, God-with-us. The priest presider is likewise a sign of Christ's presence in our assembly; he will act in persona Christi, in the person of Christ, who presides at every Eucharist.

As the procession begins, we stand and sing together in our first act as a community. The joining of our voices begins to turn many into one. The songs we sing range from ancient chants to contemporary hymns, but they have the same purpose, to foster our unity and turn our thoughts to the mysteries we gather to celebrate. We may feel that we can't sing well, but "Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice" (USCCB, Sing to the Lord, 14). —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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	Nate Brown	630/770-3787

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		

Parish Pastoral Council Liaisons

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



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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

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

Parish Pastoral Council Liaisons

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.

MAJOR ADAMCZYK
GHALEB AZROUI
DONALD BELLISARIO
TIMOTHY EMMETT CAROLAN
PATRICK EDWARD DILLON
ZBIGNIEW DUDKOWSKI
KURT FEIEREISEL
MATTHEW SCOTT FORREST
DIRK HALLER
ANDREW HOPKINS
CHRISTOPHER JENKINS
BERNARD EDWARD KUSINSKI
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ANGEL LOPEZ
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KEITH MILLER
MICHAEL MORALES
THOMAS NEUHENGEN
ERIC NORWOOD
ELLIOT O'CLAIRE
VINCENT PAGE
CHAD PRITCHARD
NICHOLAS RANCH
ADAM ROBERTS
HOLLY SCHIPPERS
MICHAEL SCHIPPERS, JR.
SEAN SHERLOCK
SHARON SHERLOCK
PHILLIP R. SIMONSEN

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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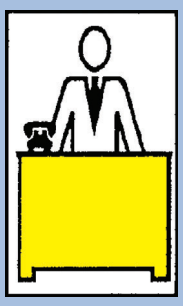
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