St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **July 11, 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:
Saturday at 4:00 PM
Until all are heard

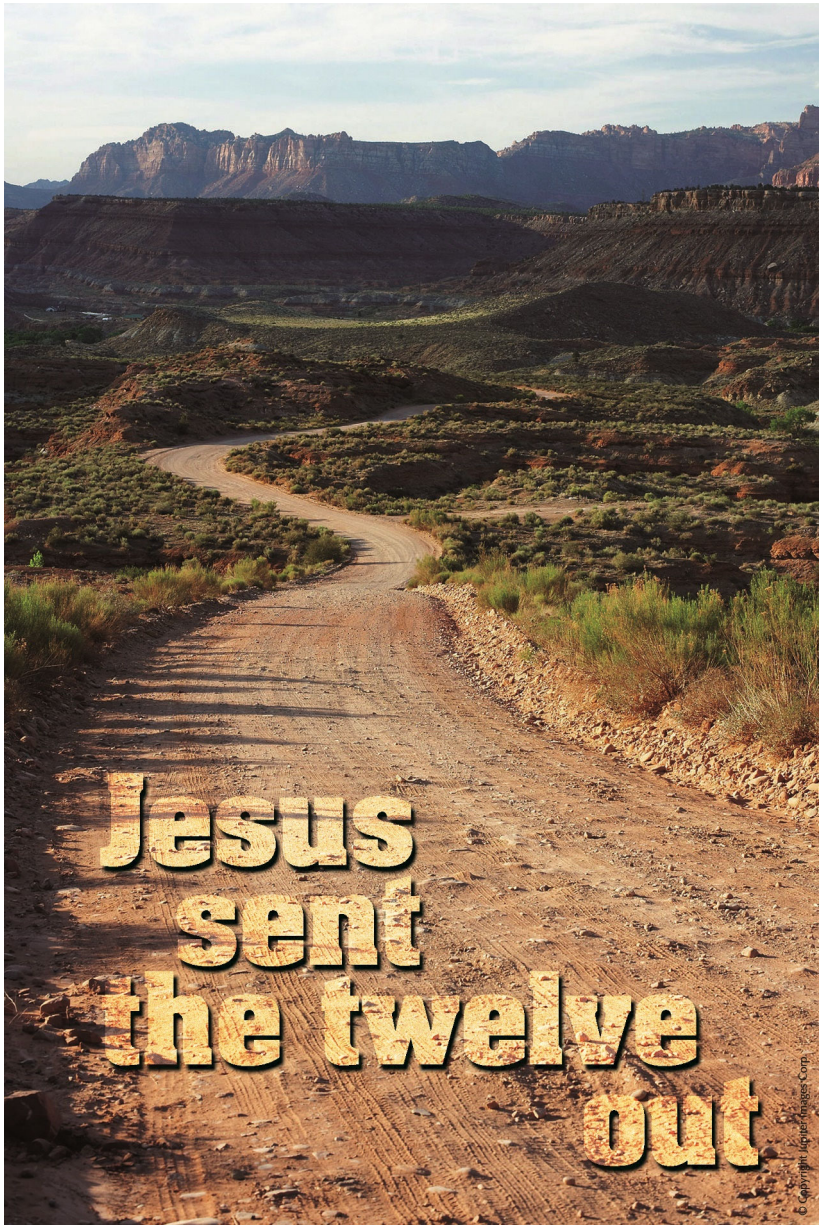
BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd
Sundays at 1:30 PM

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.

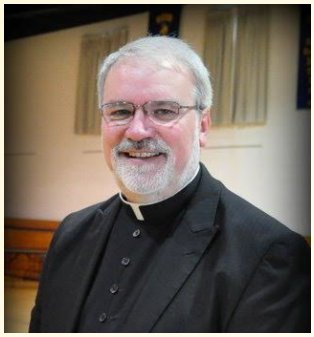


Parish Staff

Rev. Richard M. Yanos, Pastor
Rev. James J. O'Brien, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Jacek A. Dada, Associate Pastor
Rev. Gregory A. Rom, Retired Resident Assistant
Rev. Ed Pacocha, Retired Assistant
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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…

Renew My Church: Creating Vibrant Parish Life

Last week we talked about the importance of renewal and the vision of Renew My Church. Over the past few weeks, the pastors from the parishes in our grouping of St. Eugene, St. Monica, Our Lady Mother of the Church, Divine Savior and St. Rosalie gathered together to begin the process of figuring out the best path forward to a sustainable, vibrant and vital Catholic presence for our entire area. We have invited leaders from each parish to form a Grouping Feedback and Discernment Team (GFDT), made up of the pastor (and associate pastor, if applicable) and five people from each parish. Details on their selection and responsibilities can be found below.



Creating vibrant parishes requires that we evaluate the business structures (how we operate), buildings, facilities, and financial requirements of existing parishes to assess where we can more prudently apply our resources to support and strengthen key ministry leadership roles, programs and activities. Ultimately, we must be good stewards of the gifts we have today to ensure they're able to support the faith lives of Catholics today and in the future.

The GFDT will begin meeting weekly to discuss and prayerfully discern the ministerial and operational strengths and challenges of the parishes and schools within our particular grouping. Eventually the team will provide feedback and information about our grouping for archdiocesan leadership to review and present recommendations to Cardinal Cupich so he can make final decisions regarding potential changes to school and parish structures.

Along the way, there will be opportunities for everyone in our own parish to learn about the details of those conversations, ask questions, and share their own points of view on the strengths and concerns of any potential changes.

Based on the experiences from the first two-thirds of our 100+ groupings that have progressed through the Renew My Church parish grouping process, it is clear that those on the GFDT are called to exercise tremendous leadership through very challenging conversations.

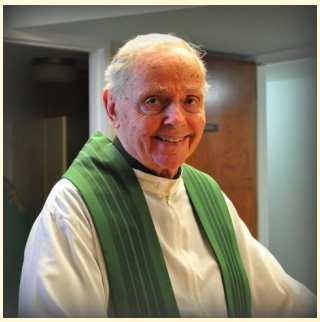
First, the purpose of our GFDT is to draw close to the Lord as a community of believers from across our grouping parishes. We also call upon the Holy Spirit as we prayerfully discern spiritual and structural renewal, or more specifically, models of collaborative parish structures that present the most viable scenarios to effectively carry out the spiritual renewal and mission of the Church in our area.

Second, the discussions the GFDT will have ultimately result in a feedback summary report submitted to the Archdiocese. This feedback will be vital input regarding how our parishes and ultimately, our schools will be structured in the future.

Like you, all those who are part of the team have ideas, concerns, frustrations and hopes about what renewal can look like for our local community in the future. As in the Parable of the Sower, we must be the rich soil where seeds can be sown in order to hear with our ears and understand with our hearts. We must pray that, above all, we allow the Holy Spirit to guide our thoughts, our words and our actions in this important work.

As always, for more information, visit RenewMyChurch.org, or ask me and/or Sal Sparacino, Jackie Gregorio, Cyndi Schu, Tom Swiderski, and Anthony Woldeit, members of our GFDT Team.

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As we all know Fr. Jim O' Brien recently celebrated his 61st Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. What a milestone he has accomplished. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we were not able to have a large gathering of parishioners to commemorate this special occasion as we normally would have. We have recently received word that Fr. Jim will be leaving St. Eugene to take up residence at Presence St. Benedict Nursing and Rehabilitation Center by August 1st. His new address after August 1st will be 6930 W. Touhy Ave. Niles, IL 60714. Here he will be cared for in a much better way than the rectory is able to provide. He will also have the comradery of other retired priests who are also in residence there.

Before he departs us, however, and now that most of the COVID-19 restrictions are behind us, we would like to provide our parish community the opportunity to offer him your best wishes. So, on Saturday, July 24th, Fr. Jim will concelebrate the 5:30 p.m. Mass which will then be followed by a cake and coffee reception in the Shaunessy Center. I invite all in our community to stop by and wish him well. Even if you cannot attend the Mass, please stop by the Shaunessy Center after 6:30 pm on Saturday, July 24th.

Because his new residence is not too far away from our parish, parishioners will have a chance to visit him once he gets settled in after August 1st.

I hope to see as many as possible on July 24th. Please get the word out to as many of your St. Eugene neighbors as possible and anyone who may have known Fr. O'Brien.

Fr. Rich Yanos

Dear Parishioners of Saint Eugene

My name is Fr. Jacek Andrzej Dada, the new associate pastor. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and to tell you about my vocational journey to the priesthood and to the USA .

To begin, I was born in 1966. I am very thankful to the Lord that my mother and father are still living in Poland. My two brothers live with their families in the immediate Chicago area. I am "lucky" enough to be the middle child, so I get to play the balancing act between the two while staying away from trouble.

After I was graced with the call to priesthood, I went to the seminary in the town of Przemysl, South-East Poland, and ordained in 1993. For the last 28 years, I have served in a couple of large parishes, where I worked as an Associate Pastor.

Many of my friends who are priests were being 'recruited' to leave Poland and serve in the parts of the world where there were not enough Catholic priests. Most of my family members, including my brothers, were already living in the Chicago area. I thought that I might like that challenge, so after discerning and praying for the right decision, I answered the call. With the approval of my Bishop from Poland, I moved to the United States in 2000. As my first assignment, I served at St. Daniel the Prophet Parish near Midway Airport for four years.

In April of 2009, I was Incardinated by Cardinal Francis George and accepted as a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese, to which I am committed to serve as long as the Lord will allow me. In 2010, at the request of Cardinal Francis George, I became the pastor of St. Andrew the Apostle parish in Calumet City in the southern suburbs of Chicago. I worked there until 2019. From 2019, I worked as an associate pastor at Saint Francis Borgia in Chicago.

I like classical music as well as Gregorian chant and, of course, all good Christian Contemporary Music. I really like Polish and Italian food. I enjoy traveling to Europe and especially to Tuscany and Umbria in Italy where some of my priest friends work. I'm interested in the liturgy of the Catholic Church as well as theology, especially dogmatic theology. Currently, I'm studying at Franciscan University in Steubenville OH, exploring the subjects of evangelization and catechesis; I hope to graduate next year.

When I first set foot in this parish, I immediately felt that I was going to make this place my next place of worship. I would like to thank those of you that I have already met for warmly welcoming me. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you, working and worshiping with you. I already feel very much at home here at St. Eugene's.

I want to thank Father Richard Yanos for agreeing to be my Pastor for the next few years. I look forward to working with him and Fr. Greg Rom.

I ask you to pray for me so that I may continue to serve our Lord. Know that you are in my prayers. May the Lord continue to bless this parish.

May God bless you all

Fr. Jacek A. Dada



THIS WEEKEND

SECOND COLLECTION
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GOD CHOSE US

Who chose first, God or you? That is the question explored in today's three readings. The second reading, from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, reads almost like a hymn. It praises God for choosing us, for calling us to serve, and for blessing us in our service. Paul makes it clear how honored we are and how special is the call to live as children of God. This is through no doing of our own.

The first reading and the Gospel use prose rather than poetry to describe the same truth: God did the choosing, not us. When the prophet Amos was berated for being a prophet, he retorted that the whole thing wasn't his idea in the first place. Neither did the twelve apostles in today's Gospel ask for their calling. Jesus sent them forth, two by two, to do the work of his kingdom.

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INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION

God loves each one of us
as if there were only one of us.
—St. Augustine



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+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, July 10 - Vigil:
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 Leonardo Cataldo, Lydia Danicel, Dec'd Mbrs. D'Avino & Esposito Fams., Juliet Lim, Hillard & Michael Michalek, Swiderski Fam.

Sunday, July 11 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 People of the Parish
Marianna Krochmal, Michael H. Maddex, Jan & Gertrude Obiedzinski, Maria & Matthais Rempala
11:30 Amalia & Gennaro Barone, Patricia & Aurora Barone, Witold Gadamski & Wytrwal & Dabros Fams., Carmelina Maione, James & Mary Martin, Don Smith

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

Monday, July 12
9:00 Jim Barron, William & Lucille Brown, Russell & Josephine Pantano

Tuesday, July 13 - St. Henry
6:30 Saaby & Minn Fams.

Wednesday, July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha
9:00 Jake Fendley, George Giovannoni, Florence Jassak

Thursday, July 15 - St. Bonaventure
6:30 Purgatorial Society
Liv. & Dec'd Mbrs Gerard Fam.

Friday, July 16 - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
9:00 Joseph & Edith Hoffman, Joan Maier

Saturday, July 17 - Vigil:
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 Francine Aues, Wanda Chwalibog, Hillard & Michael Michalek, Fr. Fred Tomzik

Sunday, July 18 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 People of the Parish
Marianna Krochmal, Mario Lupo, Michael H. Maddex, Theresa Nallon, Maria & Matthais Rempala
11:30 Albert & Angie Barone, Pamela Greco, Jimmy Martin, Martin Family



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Does the scene of the disciples being sent out two by two bring to mind any other scripture? After the flood, Noah opens the door of the ark and sends his passengers out to renew the face of the earth. Certainly, Jesus has the same purpose. The purpose is fulfilled in your communion in the Body of Christ today, and in your being sent from the Eucharist into the world. The sending is so important that our word "Mass" derives from it. In Latin, the last words of worship are Ite, missa est, which means "Go, you are sent." From that, people began to call Catholic worship the missa, or in English, the "Mass." Our English words dismissal, missal, emissary, and mission are all related. We are not sent into the workaday world alone, but in relationship to one another.

Some people have acquired the unhappy habit of leaving worship as soon as they receive Communion and therefore miss the prayer, the dismissal, and the solemn blessing that are essential parts of the Mass. The dismissal is a seal on our Communion and reveals its purpose. Thanks be to God!

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Ordinary, but gifted

We spend most of the liturgical year in Ordinary Time. A strange phrase, but also quite apt. We are in fact ordinary people living ordinary lives as Christians, citizens, family members, workers or bosses; retired, or too ill to do much, or too young to have much expected of us. We are a community of very ordinary people. What do ordinary people do to respond to the call of Jesus, "Come, follow me." In our baptism and in Scripture we all hear that invitation. What does it ask of us? To be sure, not world-shaking sanctity, or public manifestations of special grace. That is for the heroes of faith. No, we are called to be fully ourselves, as God created and gifted us, for others.



Like Jesus's fellow villagers, we risk not recognizing him. An abstract and distant god who doesn't get himself involved in situations is more comfortable. God incarnated Himself: humble, tender, hidden, drawing near to us, living the normality of our daily life.

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



Meaning, or merely a mouthful?

As humans we all know how easy it is to stray from God's will. Sometimes it seems we wander from the path no matter how hard we try. Perhaps that's why Jesus sent His apostles out in society to call people to repent, not just believe. Jesus knew that we can only have peace of soul when we are in harmony with God. In fact the first step in any true believer's relationship with God is repenting. Giving up our will, our sinful ways and taking that long hard road to walk back to Him. Without that, belief is merely a mouthful of words, without any valid meaning. Take a moment to consider your life today. Are you shouting your belief from miles away from God - or kneeling in repentance at His feet?

FEAST OF FAITH

Invitation to the Eucharistic Prayer

After the presider washes his hands, he turns to the people and says, "Pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father." We have brought forward bread and wine, and now we are asked to see in these simple gifts upon the altar a sacrifice offered to God. Our response is rich in theological meaning. "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands." The words point to the unique role of the priest, whose hands, at his ordination, were anointed for just this purpose: that he might "sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifice to God" (Rite of Ordination). We ask God to accept our sacrifice not because it is worthy of God, but simply "for the praise and glory of his name." God does not need our offering, but allows us to give it so that we might grow in holiness. And God, never to be outdone in generosity, gives all that we have given back to us, "for our good and the good of all his Church." This Mass benefits not just those who have gathered, but, in the mysterious economy of grace, the whole Church. In the words of Saint Paul, when one part rejoices, the whole body "share[s] its joy" (1 Corinthians 12:26).

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PLEASE PRAY

For the Sick: Annabella Amato, Pat Apida , Lawrence Basili, Judy Bauer, Anthony Bongiorno, Barbara Brinlee, Julie Bronski, Sandy Chmielewski, Mary Ann Cortese, Susan Curtin, Diane Divello, Anita Dublanski, Marge Dyson, Don Feist, Bruno Fondriest, Bob & Carol Gasiorek, Patricia Gelfond, Erika Arquilla Hlavacek, Jeff Hlavacek, Tim Heider, Karen Pavlis-Karasawa, Leonard Laidlaw, Donna Laterza, Abagail Lim, Allie Lim, Rose Mary Maratto, Helen Masley, Dennis McGuire, Camille Miller, Russ Moskal, Michael J. Muscarello, Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello, Therese Nawara, Rita Rogers, Stephen Rom, Frances Salvato, Patricia Schippers, Bernadett Sedlacek, Daniel Starzec, Emily Steckiewicz, Kevin Stenson, Tom Swiderski, Jr. and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

Newly added to our sick list:

For the Deceased: Carol Ann Rio, Edward Bywalec

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



Offertory Collection

Weekend of July 3-4		
Physical Contributions:		$ 9,714.50
5:30 Mass:	$ 3,667.00	
9:00 Mass:	$ 2,901.50	
11:30 Mass:	$ 1,628.00	
Mailed In:	$ 1,518.00	
Electronic giving:		$ 2,292.00
Total:		**$12,006.50**
Operating budget requirement:		$11,700.00
In order to meet our budgeted expenses for this fiscal year, we need to receive $11,700 a week in our offertory collections.		
Deficit/Surplus		**$ 306.50**

July 2021 Running Total	
Cash received in envelopes:	$ 9,714.50
Electronic giving:	$ 2,292.00
Total:	$ 12,006.50
Budgeted amount:	$ 11,700.00
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Fiscal Year-To-Date Running Total	
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Budgeted amount:	$ 11,700.00
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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.**

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	Rev. Jacek Dada	773/775-6659
RCIA	Rev. Jacek Dada	773/775-6659
Religious Education	Margaret Kinel	773/763-2235
School Board	Nate Brown	630/770-3787

Parish Pastoral Council Liaisons

Rosemary Schu	847/271-8807
Kathy Taylor	773/763-2235
Mary Unger	708/456-4849

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	Steven Tomzik	630/432-2849
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

Parish Pastoral Council Liaisons

Stephanie Romeo	773/484-6057
Steve Tomzik	630/432-2849



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	Rev. Jacek Dada	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 Liaisons

Sal Sparacino	708/457-1583
James Schmitt	847/287-2446

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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MATTHEW CALDERISI
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CHRIS MARCHIORI
DANIEL MEANEY
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MIKE MROSZCZAK
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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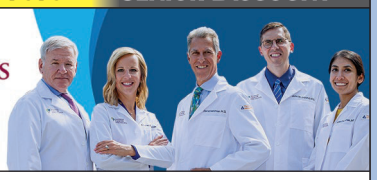
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