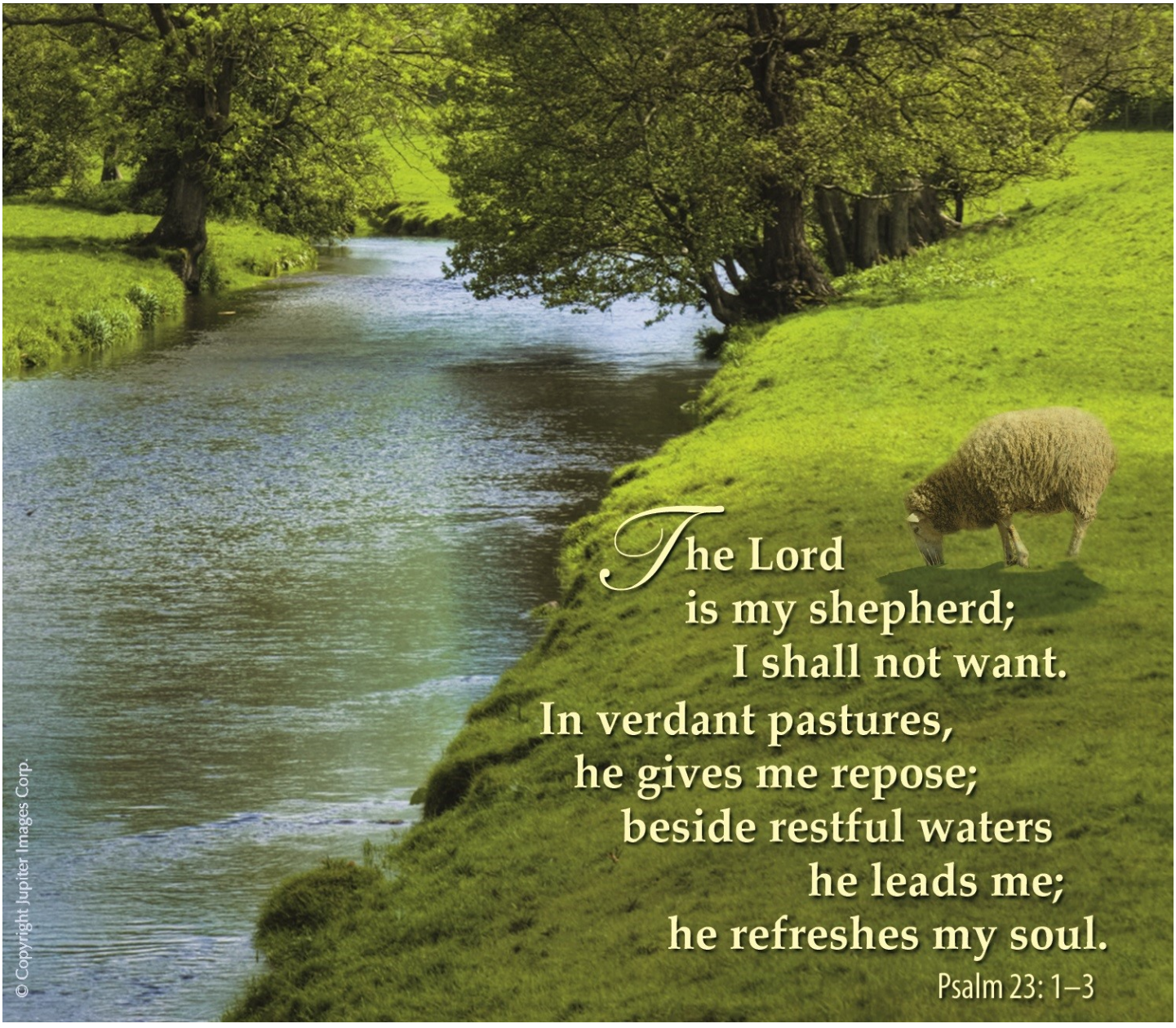
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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary time

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July 9, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In Chicago, in the metro area, and even more widely across our nation, we face a profoundly painful moment in our life together. So many families are grieving the loss of loved ones to violence, and those loved ones include babies and small children. The grief is compounded by the senselessness of the loss. Fear accompanies many of us as we go about our daily lives. We are afraid of becoming a victim of gun violence, or a carjacking, or an assault. And we are afraid not only for ourselves but also for the people we care for.

As we recover from the pandemic and embrace a more familiar way of life, the comfort of normalcy we had hoped for is being spoiled by a menacing violence that threatens all of us.

Understandably, we want this horrifying situation resolved without delay. Government leaders and community activists have offered many ideas, for example: more effective policing, reforming the criminal justice system, stemming the flood of illegal guns, dismantling gangs, investment in historically disadvantaged neighborhoods, strengthening education and shoring up family life. I cannot claim special expertise in all these matters. But as a pastor, I can point to the underlying spiritual crisis that this violent and unstable situation has provoked.

When violence prompts grief, fear, and a loss of hope, as it always does, people feel alienated from one another. On one level, the fractures appear to be along the lines of race, ethnicity, economic class, and political affiliation. But it runs much deeper than that. We seem unable or unwilling to comprehend that we are inextricably connected with each other. Yet we truly are *fratelli tutti, as Pope Francis put it — all brothers and sisters to each other. If we lose that sense of interconnectedness, we also lose our sense of compassion, empathy and responsibility for each other. And that counts as an incalculable spiritual loss, with profound consequences for how we live together as neighbors, as members of the same human family. In this light, I recall the prophetic words of Dr. Martin Luther King in 1964: "We must learn to live together as brothers [and sisters] or perish together as fools." (St. Louis, March 22, 1964)*

The challenge, especially for believers, rests at the very center of the Church's identity. At the beginning of the Second Vatican Council's *Constitution on the Church, we see powerful and defining words: the Church is in the manner of a sacrament, that is, an effective sign of the unity of all humanity in God. If we, the people of God, are to remain faithful to our identity and* our calling, we must respond to the challenge to human solidarity that violence has provoked. At the same time, we can legitimately ask ourselves: What can we do? What difference can we make? How can we bridge the divides that separate us?

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Faith does not give us ready-made solutions to complex problems. Faith does give us hope that with God's help we can move forward, and that we *ought to move forward as best as we can. With that in mind, I want to propose to Catholics and to all people of good will five steps that we can take:*

1. **Ask questions:** Explore our experience and seek understanding, but in asking questions, also be prepared to authentically listen, even when what we are hearing proves painful.
2. **Dialogue:** Seek honest exchanges with people of different backgrounds. No one person or group has all the answers, and when we speak with and listen to those who have experiences and expertise that differs from our own, we begin to move toward understanding. We cultivate empathy.
3. **Pray:** Ask for enlightenment, place struggling people in God's hands, and imagine Jesus walking with us, because he is.
4. **Follow the prompts:** If we truly open ourselves to God and to each other, and if we remain attentive, we will begin to identify where God is leading us. This is discernment.
5. **Stay connected:** The great temptation during a time of crisis is to retreat to what we consider a safe space. In fact, what we most need is to go out of our comfort zones and accompany one another, even when that calls for effort and even some risk.

For people of faith, no matter the severity of the crisis, the last word is trust in God. The stirring words of Psalm 91 have consoled me and strengthened my resolve these days:

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says to the Lord: "My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust."

It is he who will free you from the snare
of the fowler who seeks to destroy you;
he will conceal you with his pinions
and under his wings you will find refuge.
You will not fear the terror of the night
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the plague that prowls in the darkness
nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand fall at your right,
you, it will never approach;
his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

And finally, in the words of Pope Paul VI: "If you want peace, work for justice." God bless you and your loved ones and keep you safe.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

FAREWELL FR. O'BRIEN!

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. There 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, next 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.

A Prayer For "Renew My Church"

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today,
as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us.
In every age and in our own time,
you call to us and say: Renew My Church.
Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us,
and so enable us
to hear you clearly
to listen to each other attentively
to imagine our future boldly
to discern your direction wisely
to persevere in your holy will courageously
to stay together in charity
to surrender our own plans readily
to embrace the greater good
to hand on your gifts to future generations.
May we remain in the holy company of
the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles and all the saints.
May their example and presence
inspire us with patient confidence
in the work of your grace.
We ask this of you who live and reign
with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
forever and ever. Amen



THE DAYS ARE COMING

Separation, isolation, and hostility are terrible things. We are, sadly, too familiar with all of them in our modern life, whether we look at world events or events in our own neighborhoods and families. All three readings today refer to these same sad human conditions.

The prophet Jeremiah describes world conditions as if the people of his time were sheep who had been scattered by poor leadership and corrupt shepherds. But "the days are coming," he assures us (Jeremiah 23:5), when a new shepherd, a just king, will come. We meet that king in the second reading and the Gospel. Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Ephesians that all divisions can now cease in Christ Jesus, who has brought us together through his blood. In Mark's Gospel we see Jesus himself, looking with pity on those searching for him as if they were sheep without a shepherd.

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MISSION

God has created me to do some definite service.
God has committed some work to me which has not been committed to another.
I have a mission.
—John Henry Newman



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mondays in church
4:00 pm- 6:00 pm
with Benediction at 5:45 pm

The saints have experienced no greater delight on earth than that which they enjoyed in the presence of the most holy Sacrament.
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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 # _____

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+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

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

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

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

Monday, July 19
9:00 Capoccia & Minn Fams., Killmer & Min Fams., Stephen O'Donnell

Tuesday, July 20 - St. Apollinaris
6:30 Pamela Heider, Amelita Melendrez, Robert P. Reilly, Jr.

Wednesday, July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi
9:00 Lawrence Grandsart, Sam & Angie Iacovelli, Randy Oberheim,

Thursday, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene
6:30 Clotilde Cozzone, Fox & Minn Fams.

Friday, July 23 - St. Bridget
9:00 Purgatorial Society
Joseph Rossi, Santucci & Minn Fams.

Saturday, July 24 - Vigil:
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 Dennis & Marie Egan, Hillard & Michael Michalek, Mary Sparacino

Sunday, July 25 -
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 Angela Chiavetta, Girgins Fam., Marianna Krochmal, Robert & Eileen Lundgren
11:30 People of the Parish
Dominic & Marietta Barone, Elviro & Margaret Barone, Domenico Battista, Paul Vargas

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" must have been chosen for this summer season by a committee eager for a vacation. For the apostles, the promise of rest was foiled by the needs of the people who discovered their hideaway and pressed them into ministry. Some people do indeed use their vacation for ministry and mission, giving an intensity of service otherwise not possible. For most of us, vacation is a time when we can grow more aware of God's plan, and can renew the bonds of love with family and friends in times of play and leisure.

The disciples learn today that there is no place so out of the way that the life of worship and ministry is disengaged. Giving yourself to summer worship will enrich you, delight you, and give you a sense of the word of God's progress in your heart. In today's world, summer is the time when we are most acutely aware of the beauty of the world. Gratitude and wonder are fertile soils for God's word to take root and prosper. Welcome the visitor today, and resolve that when you travel, you will be faithful to Sunday worship.

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We ask all of our parishioners, if you have a loved one serving in the military, to please contact the rectory office to give us the name of the soldier, so the whole parish can pray for your loved one. A book in the church vestibule is available for inscribing the names of all military personnel. This book will be part of the offertory procession from now until the war is over.

A PRAYER
LORD, HOLD OUR TROOPS IN YOUR LOVING HANDS.
PROTECT THEM AS THEY PROTECT US.
BLESS THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES
FOR THE SELFLESS ACTS THEY PERFORM
FOR US IN OUR TIME OF NEED.
WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF
JESUS OUR LORD AND SAVIOR. AMEN

We pray for our loved ones

who are serving in any branch of the Armed Forces during this time of conflict.

MAJOR ADAMCZYK	CHRISTOPHER JENKINS	ERIC NORWOOD
GHALEB AZROUI	BERNARD EDWARD KUSINSKI	ELLIOT O'CLAIRE
DONALD BELLISARIO	ANTONIO JAMES LIM	VINCENT PAGE
MATTHEW CALDERISI	ANGEL LOPEZ	CHAD PRITCHARD
TIMOTHY EMMETT CAROLAN	PAYNE MANCZKO	NICHOLAS RANCH
PATRICK EDWARD DILLON	CHRIS MARCHIORI	ADAM ROBERTS
ZBIGNIEW DUDKOWSKI	DANIEL MEANEY	HOLLY SCHIPPERS
KURT FEIEREISEL	KEITH MILLER	MICHAEL SCHIPPERS, JR.
MATTHEW SCOTT FORREST	MICHAEL MORALES	SEAN SHERLOCK
DIRK HALLER	MIKE MROSZCZAK	SHARON SHERLOCK
ANDREW HOPKINS	THOMAS NEUHENGEN	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.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Prayer Over the Offerings

In the liturgy of the 1570 Missal, this prayer was called the "secret" prayer. It was "secret" not because its content was mysterious, but because it was prayed in silence by the priest, who only recited the conclusion aloud: . . . per omnia saecula saeculorum. With the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, we again hear these rich prayers spoken aloud. They remind us to prepare ourselves for what is to happen in the Eucharistic Prayer, for it is not only the bread and wine that will be transformed.

The Prayer Over the Offerings is a prayer for transformation, an expression, in a few words, of all that we hope that the liturgy will accomplish in our lives. We ask God to accept the gifts we present, and to change us even as God hallows the bread and wine. As we listen carefully to the Prayer Over the Offerings, we are reminded of what it is that we seek in the Eucharist: to be made holy; to be drawn closer to God; to come to eternal joy, unity, peace, and salvation.

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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: Rev. Michael J. Bowler (former Associate Pastor at St. Eugene), June Grovak, Diane Turkowski

For the Deceased: Vito Chiavetta, Joanne Maxwell

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEKEND OF JULY 10-11

Physical Contributions:		$11,935.58
5:30 Mass:	$ 2,258.00	
9:00 Mass:	$ 2,877.50	
11:30 Mass:	$ 1,752.00	
Mailed In:	$ 5,048.08	
Electronic giving:		$ 2,531.00
Total:		**$14,466.58**
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	$ 2,766.58

JULY 2021 RUNNING TOTAL

Cash received in envelopes:	$ 21,650.08
Electronic giving:	$ 4,823.00
Total:	$ 26,473.08
Budgeted amount:	$ 23,400.00
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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.**

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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	Rev. Jacek Dada	773/775-6659
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School Board	Nate Brown	630/770-3787

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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
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Simbang Gabi		
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Young at Hearts Club	Roberta Gols	773/774-0471

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Human Concerns Commission

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Ministry of Care	Joanna Bischof	773/775-6659
Respect Life Committee	Terri Swiderski	708/867-9097
Social Concerns Ministry	Chris Jassak	773/775-6659
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Betty Urbaszewski/Gebhardt	708/457-0787

Spiritual Life Commission

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Lectors	Lois Feist	773/774-1511
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Liturgy Committee	Angie Cisek	708/456-1375
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