THE VOICE OF
ST. EUGENE
PARISH

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 25, 2021

FAREWELL FR. O'BRIEN!



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.** All are invited in our community to stop by and wish him well for his many years of service at St. Eugene and the Archdiocese of Chicago. Even if you cannot attend the Mass, please stop by the Shaunessy Center after 6:30 pm on Saturday, July 24th.

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From the Pastor's Desk...



Today we celebrate the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. This weekend we also celebrated with Fr. Jim O'Brien as he prepares to make his transition from his beloved St. Eugene Community to Presence St. Benedict Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Niles. Yesterday, Saturday, Fr. O'Brien concelebrated the 5:30 p.m. Mass, gave the homily, and joined many members of our parish community in the Shaunessy Center for a Farewell Coffee and Cake reception. It was a great night in which our community was able to thank him for his many years of service and residency here. We wish him all the best in his new home. What is especially nice is that he will not be so far away so that anyone wishing to visit may easily do so. Thank You Fr. Jim, for your ministry among us.

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Renew My Church: Our Own Discipleship



We have a mission:

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations… Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you and know that I am with you always, until the end of the world" (Mt 28:19-20).

This is the Great Commission that Christ gave His apostles. And He gives us this mission today as something to accomplish together. An important element to achieving our mission is understanding what we're facing today.

In an earlier article, I noted some of the reasons why renewal is needed, not the least of which is a steady decline in faith practices that stretches back decades. There are many issues that people cite as a catalyst for leaving the Church or lapsing in their faith. The pain and suffering of the abuse crisis and failure in leadership amongst some has been reason enough for some to walk away or refrain from (re)entering. There are also the age-old allurements and noon-day devils that cause people to drift away from the faith of their youth. And there are also issues and challenges of a personal nature that only God can see within people's hearts.

But there are also people that leave the Church not because they reject her teachings or doctrines or even because of the scandals – they leave because they want more than what they're experiencing. In some way, they doubt that Jesus is present within their own parish. For those of us who know and love and serve our Lord present in the sacraments, this may be difficult to get our minds or hearts around. But it's a reality for some.

With that in mind, I ask you to consider the following questions: Are you a disciple of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to be His disciple? Is there anything holding you back from following Him more closely? Or from introducing others to Him? What is your relationship with the parish community? How do you

strengthen the larger Catholic community?

It is important to prayerfully discern our own efforts to renew our faith lives and our active participation in the life of the Church. In order to strengthen our larger Catholic community, there are three mission imperatives that guide the efforts of Renew My Church:

Make Disciples
We must reflect on how each of us invites others into a personal encounter and lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ as disciples in His Church.

Build Community
Our parish and school communities today face a number of obstacles to vitality—the parishioner bases of many parishes are very small; the number of school-aged children in areas has decreased; we have fewer priests; many of our parishes are not sustainable to carry on the mission of the Church; and many parishes and schools have deferred maintenance for many years, resulting in unaffordable capital needs.

We must ensure our communities have enough resources to carry out our mission. But we also recognize resourcing alone does not address all our challenges. Parish and school communities that are well-resourced and vibrant today still face significant challenges because of the changes in society. That is why we need a spiritual renewal at the foundation of all we do.

Inspire Witness
In keeping with the urging of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Francis calls the Church to go out into the world as a field hospital to bring healing to a world torn by division, violence, racism, poverty and to promote respect for human dignity and life.

What does this have to do with your personal role in Renew My Church? Take that question to prayer and as Jesus reminds us that "the mustard seed is the smallest of all plants yet the largest bush when full grown" so, too, will He give you a clear role in the renewal of His Church.

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.

For the past few weeks our St. Eugene Grouping Team has been attending Mass at our neighboring parishes to gain a greater understanding and knowledge of each of these parishes. After each of the Masses we also receive an in-depth tour of the parish buildings, facilities, and grounds. All of this is to help us better understand the uniqueness, giftedness, and scope of each of our Grouping parishes. This weekend (today) the members of all the teams will be at the 11:30 Mass here at St. Eugene's and will then tour our parish grounds and facilities. We have much to be proud of as well as much to offer as we look toward whatever the future may hold for us all. Please take the time to welcome our neighboring parish visitors this weekend if you are at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

Fr. Rich Yanos

ONE LORD, ONE FAITH

Do you suppose the authors of the four Gospels were aware of today's first reading from the second book of Kings? Of course they were. The prophet Elisha fed a hundred men with twenty barley loaves in order to prove God's power. This same miracle, now multiplied by more people fed by fewer loaves, is attributed to Jesus in all four Gospels. In today's passage from John we even have the detail that the loaves were barley, reminding every pious Jew of that miracle that Elisha worked. Yet Jesus went into hiding when they wanted to make him king. It is the passage from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians that gives us the reason for this. The power of Jesus comes from God. It is not meant merely to feed us, or to provide one group with a king. There is one Lord, one faith, one God and Father of all who works through Jesus Christ and through us all.

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SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR OUR SHARING PARISH

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION (ICF)

Branch 274

Wednesday, August 4 - 7:00 pm

Shaunessy Center

All are welcome!

Please, direct your questions to:

Anna Rubino 708/878-9562,

Joe Parrillo 773/991-6911, or

Marisa Daniele 773/920-0498

Angela Forgione 773/654-8452



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Saint John XXIII

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July 25



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If you are married to a Catholic or are marrying a Catholic, and are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, come and join us. If you have been Baptized but did not make your Communion or Confirmation we can help with that.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the a process by which one enters the Catholic Church through prayer, study, and discussion.

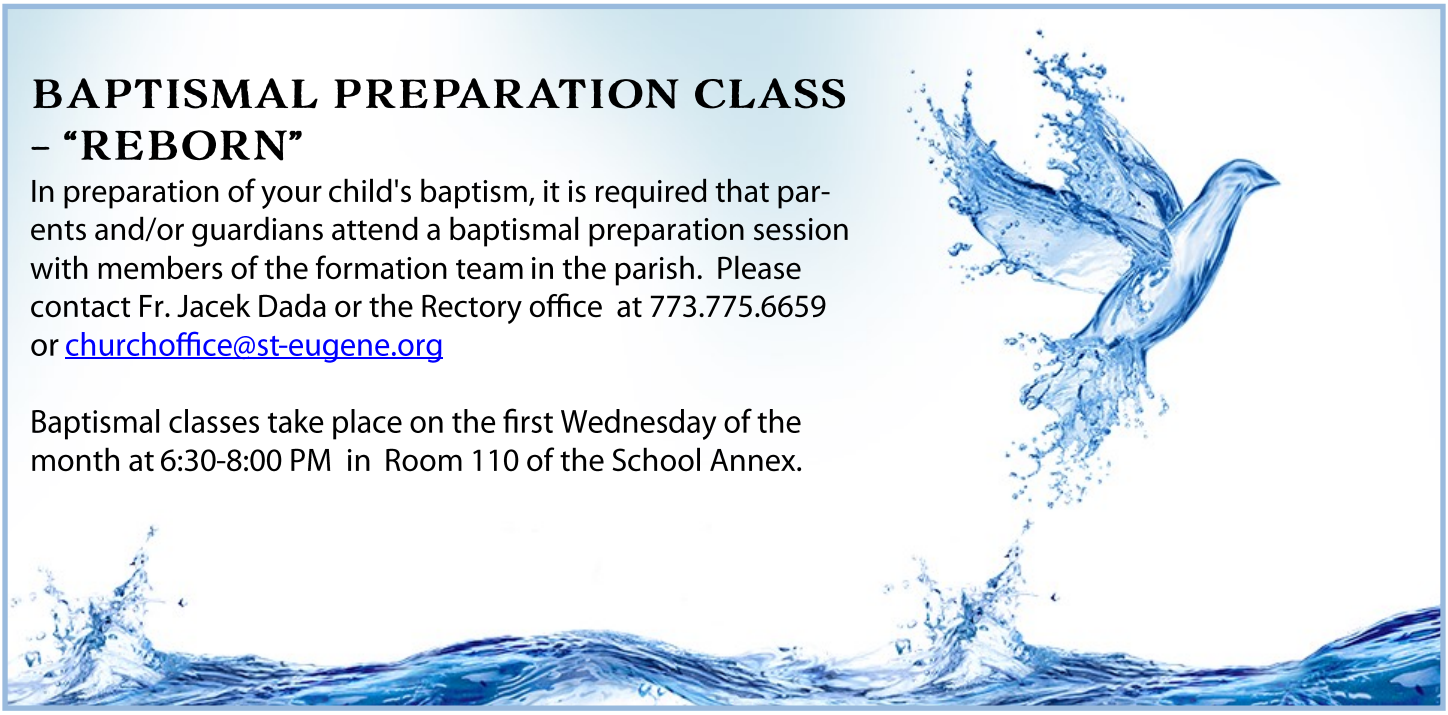
We will meet on Thursdays after Labor Day in Room 110 of the School Annex Annex from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

If you have any questions please contact Fr. Jacek Dada or Angie Cisek or call the Rectory 773.775.6659

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS – "REBORN"

In preparation of your child's baptism, it is required that parents and/or guardians attend a baptismal preparation session with members of the formation team in the parish. Please contact Fr. Jacek Dada or the Rectory office at 773.775.6659 or churchoffice@st-eugene.org

Baptismal classes take place on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30-8:00 PM in Room 110 of the School Annex.



Baptism



Salvatore David Alaimo

Baptism



Sophie Love Ingratta

Baptism



Samantha Maria Rodriguez



FAREWELL
FR. JAMES J. O'BRIEN!

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.

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

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

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

Monday, July 26 - St. Joachim & St. Anne
9:00 Brocar & Minn Fams., Rosaria Centineo, Florence Jassak, Patricia Zmijewski

Tuesday, July 27
6:30 Robert Cisek, Cruz & Minn Fams.

Wednesday, July 28
9:00 Dorothy & Elmer Chanski, Celia Carbone, Ed & Jackie Kenney, Bernadett Sedlacek

Thursday, July 29 - St. Martha
6:30 Purgatorial Society
Lincoln & Minn Fams.

Friday, July 30 - St. Peter Chrysologus
9:00 Richard Drichaus, Giselda & Nancy

Saturday, July 31 - Vigil:
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 Andrew P. Bujdasz, Marie & Dennis Egan, Charles E. Petti, Hillard & Michael Michalek, Frank Scalise

Sunday, August 1 -
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 People of the Parish
Robert Cisek, Marianna Krochmal, Helen & Walter Wojtas
11:30 Ralph & Margaret Barone, Adele & Albert Campelone, Ken Paetsch, Lucy & Bill Shields

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The feeding of the five thousand (and more) by the seaside is certainly the most famous of picnics. The miracle of the loaves reminds us of the earlier miracle of the wine at Cana. Like the Cana miracle, this one begins with human initiative as the small child responds to the hunger of the crowd by offering a seemingly meager gift. What could be more appropriate for deep summer than a Gospel account of a joyful picnic with Jesus and the generosity of a child at the center?

The coming month of August has always been a time for delight in the bounty of the earth, for picnics by the sea, dinner under the stars, for porch and rooftop, for parks and beaches, and enjoying the best of local crops. August's festivals of Transfiguration and Assumption have long given Christians the best of excuses for feasting on the abundance of summer: corn, tomatoes, pesto, bowls of fresh fruit. Picnics are a sign of the welcome table of God: always room for one more, always plenty to share, always a place of laughter and story-telling and always speaking to us of our deepest longings. Don't let August pass by without a picnic! —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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, June Grovak, 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, Emily Steckiewicz, Kevin Stenson, Tom Swiderski, Jr. , Diane Turkowski and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

Newly added to our sick list: Joan Walsh

For the Deceased: Rev. Michael J. Bowler (former Associate Pastor at St. Eugene), Frances Chiappeta, Ursula Perchal, Daniel Starzec

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEKEND OF JULY 17-18

Physical Contributions:		$ 8,412.00
5:30 Mass:	$ 1,984.00	
9:00 Mass:	$ 2,956.50	
11:30 Mass:	$ 1,458.00	
Mailed In:	$ 2,013.50	
Electronic giving:		$ 2,485.00
Total:		**$10,897.00**
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	**$ 803.00**

JULY 2021 RUNNING TOTAL

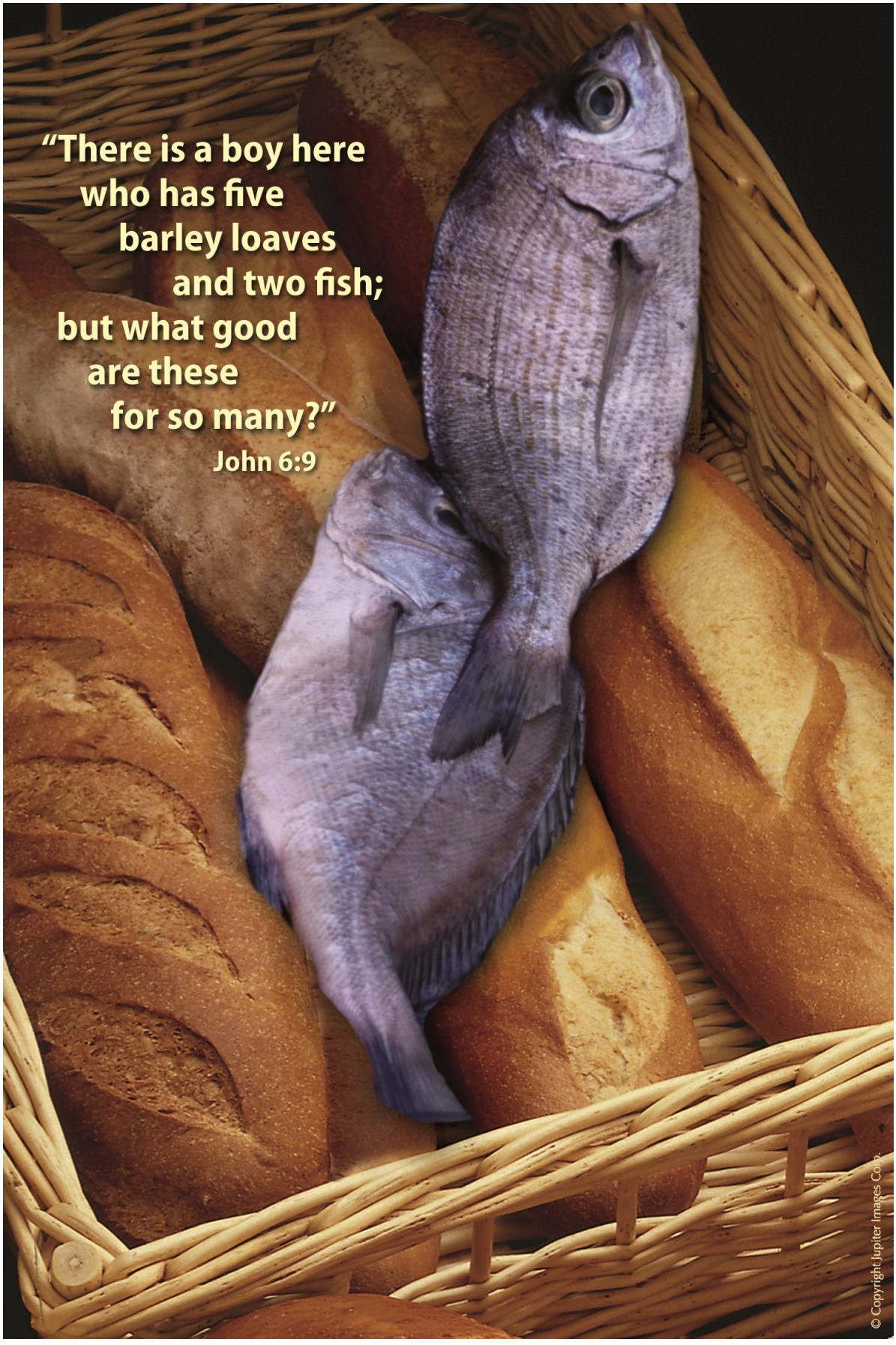
Cash received in envelopes:	$ 30,062.08
Electronic giving:	$ 7,308.00
Total:	$ 37,370.08
Budgeted amount:	$ 35,100.00
Deficit/Surplus	**$ 2,270.08**

FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE RUNNING TOTAL

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Electronic giving:	$ 7,308.00
Total:	$ 37,370.08
Budgeted amount:	$ 35,100.00
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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.**

DONATE


"There is a boy here
who has five
barley loaves
and two fish;
but what good
are these
for so many?"
John 6:9
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You are cordially invited to join the Ministry of Prayer.

What is the Ministry of Prayer?

Volunteers in this ministry pray daily for the needs of the church, community, and world. The goal of this ministry is to provide us with the opportunity to pray "together while apart." Although this ministry was originally directed to those who are homebound, it has expanded to include any of us who would like to pray as a group, even though we never formally get together, using the prayer intentions provided for us, while in our favorite place to pray. The prayers can be as simple as an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be, a decade of the rosary, a simple conversation with Our Lord, or it could be taking a few minutes to meditate on the prayer intention. Whatever prayer method is used is the best prayer.

If you would like to join the Ministry of Prayer, simply fill out the form below and you will receive the prayer intentions for the month of August. There is no fee; there are no meetings to attend. Every three months, you will receive the prayer intentions for the next 3 months. All you are asked to do is to pray for the intention of that day — that's it! There is power in prayer, especially when we pray together — even if we are all in our own homes! Won't you join us?

Please fill in the form below; drop it off at the rectory office; drop it in the collection basket; mail it in; or email the information to us.

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Name: _____

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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.

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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.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Preface Dialogue

"Lift up your hearts." "We lift them up to the Lord." "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." "It is right to give him thanks and praise." With this ancient dialogue we enter the Eucharistic Prayer, the heart of the Mass. These venerable words have been part of the Christian liturgy almost from the beginning—by the time of Hippolytus of Rome (c. 215) they were already fixed in the liturgy.

Several times during the Mass the priest has invited us to pray. There is something different here. We are invited to be "lifted up," to ascend, to climb the Lord's mountain, as it were, to go to a new place for this most solemn part of the Mass. And we are invited to a new frame of mind, a sense of joy, of focused dedication: our hearts must not be cast down, but lifted up, and lifted to the Lord. Why? Because we are going to give thanks—we are going to "eucharist!" It is right and just that we do this.

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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
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

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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

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Sunday Masses
Saturday: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Weekday Masses
M/W/F: 9:00 AM
Tu/Th: 6:30 AM
First Saturday: 8:30 AM

Baptisms
1st & 3rd Sundays at 1:30 PM in Church. Preparation classes are held the first Wednesday of the month in Rm. 110.

weddings
Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance for Registered parishioners

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Until all are heard

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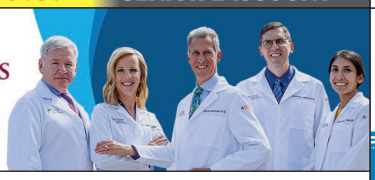
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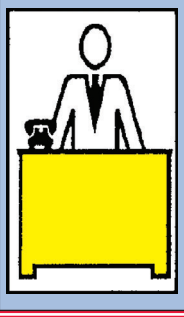
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