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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 26, 2021

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*Jesus said to his parents,*
*"Why were you looking for me?*
*Did you not know that I*
*must be in my Father's house?"*

*Luke 2:49*

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# From the Pastor's Desk...



On behalf of our entire staff, as we celebrate the Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you, our parish members, as well as all of your family and friends who have joined us for this year's Christmas liturgies, a truly happy, holy and peaceful Christmas season spent with your loved ones. For those who have lost significant others in your life, I pray that the memories you hold of good times spent with each other may be a source of comfort and peace.

There are so many individuals who do so much for our parish that many times go unnoticed or unnamed. In a special way I would like to personally thank my brother priests, fellow staff members, our school principal and faculty, who also happen to be our religious education catechists, parish secretaries, maintenance personnel, Liturgy and Environment and Art Committee members, our Parish Pastoral Council Commission and ministry heads and members, sacristans, musicians and all others who enable our parish to run as smoothly, efficiently and effectively as it does in the service of those who grace us with their presence. Merry Christmas to you all and my sincerest thanks for all that you do.

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This past Saturday and throughout the Christmas Season, we as Christians continue to celebrate the great event of Christ's birth. There were among us many family members, friends, and relatives of our parish members. There was also the return of many in our parish who join us only a few times during the year. To each of you I say welcome! And we are glad that you were and are here with us. The journey of faith is not an easy one. I encourage you to open your hearts and to accept the invitation of taking another look at your faith and its practice in the context of the larger Christian community that gathers weekly here at St. Eugene. Perhaps this might mean looking at your church from a different perspective. Maybe it might mean asking yourself what **you** can better do to bring about Christ's presence among us, rather than solely expecting the Church to do this for you. After all, WE, together, are Christ's Body, the Church here on earth.

Talk to any fully participating and worshipping member here at St. Eugene and they will tell you of the great gift Church membership is to them.

I also want to express my gratitude to all in our parish for instilling something so important in me. HOPE! This, in fact, was one of the significant themes of the past Advent Season. Your willingness to take on the daily challenges of parish life, your enthusiasm and desire to meet the growing needs of our community, and the time, energy and support you give to not only our parish, but to one another, gives me and our staff reason to keep on looking toward a brighter future for our parish. I have always believed in the old adage that a parish and church is what we are willing to make it, and how much we are willing to give of ourselves to better serve God's people. We are truly blessed here at St. Eugene's as we see all the great things God is accomplishing here through our community, one person at a time. Thank you for helping me and the great majority of us here to continue to be hope-filled.

I look forward to seeing all of you and your families at our many Masses in the weeks ahead. Please note that our New Year's Mass schedule is slightly different than regular weekends.

**Please be aware that there will not be a usual 5:30 p.m. Mass of anticipation for the Feast of the Holy Family on Saturday night, December 25th - Christmas Day.**

Mass times for Feast of the Holy Family on Sunday, December 26th will be: 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass on Friday, December 31st will be at 9:00 a.m.

On Friday night, December 31st, the Mass of Anticipation for the Solemnity of Mary will be at 4:00 p.m.

Our New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (a Holy Day of Obligation) Mass will be at 10:00 a.m.

On behalf of our entire staff here at St. Eugene, I want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas Season and a peaceful New Year.

*Fr. Rich*

**THIS WEEKEND**

**QUEEN OF HEARTS**
**RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE**
**AFTER ALL MASSES**
**IN REAR VESTIBULE**

**SECOND COLLECTION**

St. Eugene
School Support Fund

## EARLY PRINTING OF OUR BULLETIN

Bulletin of
January 1/2
has gone to the printer.

## FAMILY LIFE

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the "en-flesh-ment" of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus' mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God's intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.

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# Christmas 2021




## Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass: Friday, December 24 - 9:00 am

**Christmas Eve,** Friday, December 24 - 3:00 pm (Family Liturgy), 5:00 pm, 9:30 pm (Christmas carols begin), 10:00 pm (the Mass of Midnight)

**Christmas Day,** Saturday, December 25 - 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:30 am

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**Feast of the Holy Family:** Saturday, December 25 — NO 5:30 PM VIGIL MASS
Sunday, December 26 - 9:00 am and 11:30 am

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Weekday Mass: Friday, December 31, 2021 - 9:00 am

**New Year's Eve,** Friday, December 31, 2021 - 4:00 pm (Mass of Anticipation)

**New Year's Day,** Mary, Mother of God (a Holy Day of Obligation)
Saturday, January 1, 2022 - 10:00 am (Community Mass)

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**Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**

Saturday, January 1, 2022 - 5:30 pm (Mass of Anticipation)

Sunday, January 2, 2022 - 9:00 am and 11:30 am

## OPLATKI

Christmas Wafers

Oplatki will be available beginning December 1 for a donation of $3.00 at church and at the rectory office (during regular office hours).

There are 4 wafers per envelope.

## Rectory Hours

Mon - Fri: 9 am - 5 pm
(closed for lunch, 11:30-12:30 pm)
Sat & Sun: 9 am - 1 pm
The rectory will be closed Christmas weekend.

**The rectory will close at noon on New Year's Eve and be closed on New Year's Day.**

# Renew My Church:

## Divine Providence and Waiting on the Holy Spirit

Our Grouping Feedback & Discernment Team presented to the Executive Committee of the Renew My Church Commission last week. It was a very good discussion about the local realities of our parishes and communities.



**Next Steps**

1. The Executive Committee will form a recommendation for the full Renew My Church Commission.

2. The Commission will convene and discuss the recommendation, ensuring that the Grouping Team's feedback and the foundational principals for structural viability and vitality have been fully considered.

3. Per Canon Law (i.e., Church law), the Commission forwards the recommendation to the Presbyteral Council (an elected body of priests) for their consultation with Cardinal Cupich.

4. The Cardinal will discuss the recommendation with the Presbyteral Council and after this consultation, the Cardinal will make a final decision.

5. We expect to learn of the Cardinal's decision in late January. As more details emerge specific to timing, we will share that with everyone.

What are we to do as we wait? When we feel that so much hangs in the balance? When we are uncertain as our Lord calls us to step out onto the water and meet Him? St. Paul tells us very directly: **"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." (1 Th 5: 16-17)**

Pray for Cardinal Cupich, our bishops, the Presbyteral Council, Our Lady Mother of the Church, Divine Savior, St. Eugene, St. Monica and St. Rosalie, and the lay faithful who are leading the work of renewal within our archdiocese.

Keep in mind that this is only the beginning of the renewal process for our parish. Once the decision has been made, we enter into the next phases of Renew My Church: Organizational Transition and Building the New Reality – phases which focus on structural and spiritual renewal within our parish. And remember that no matter what the future holds, our Lord already holds us. We are instruments of His grace and He will use us to make disciples, build communities, and inspire witness.

As always, for more information, visit RenewMyChurch.org, or ask me or any of the members of our Grouping Team. They are: Anthony Woldeit, Jackie Gregorio, Sal Sparacino, Tom Swiderski, and Cyndi Schu.

**ST. EUGENE ADULT CHOIR**
**Choir practice takes place every Wednesday, at 7pm**
Please meet Lydia,
our Director of Music,
at the organ in church at 7pm.
We will sing at the 11:30 am Mass.
Everyone is welcome to sing with us.!!!

## UNITED STATES CATHOLIC CATECHISM FOR ADULTS

Soon, this important religious education tool will be available here for "$10 –off" - for $20. This catechism is a help to fulfill Canon Law: *"Lay persons are bound to acquire knowledge of Christian doctrine..."* (CIC 229) This duty is also phrased: *"to continue to study Catholic teaching."*
(questions? Contact Fr. Greg Rom)

## ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF), Branch 274 will be having a very important meeting on **Wednesday, January 5th at 7:00 pm in the Shaunessy Center.** Everyone is welcome to attend. We need all interested individuals and current members to attend. We hope that you will consider joining us.

Please, direct your questions to:

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| | Anna Rubino | 798/878-9562 |
| | Joe Parrillo | 773/991-6911 |
| | Maria Daniele | 773/920-0498 |
| or | Angela Forgione | 773/654-8452 |

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**St. Eugene Church, Chicago**



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

**"God so loved the world that He gave His Only-Begotten Son, in order that everyone who believes in Him might have eternal life."**
**Gospel of John**
**Taken from the Magnificat, Vol. 13 No. 13**

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# SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

| Mass | Celebrant | Lectors | Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist | Altar Servers |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Friday<br>December 31<br>Vigil:<br>Solemnity of Mary,<br>Holy Mother of God<br>4:00 PM | Fr. Greg Rom | Pat Wagner | Lois Feist - B<br>Mary Egan - C<br>Pat Brown - O | To be determined |
| Saturday<br>January 1<br>Solemnity of Mary,<br>Holy Mother of God<br>10:00 AM | Fr. Jacek Dada | Patrick Menconi | Josephine Nardi - B<br>Marcia Pollowy - C<br>Glory Bermas - O | To be determined |

| Mass<br>January 1 & 2 | Celebrant | Lectors | Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist | Altar Servers |
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| Saturday<br>Vigil:<br>Epiphany<br>of the Lord<br>5:30 PM | Fr. Ed Pacocha | John Mrosczcak | Manny Lim - B<br>Carrie Lim - C<br>Lois Feist - O | To be determined |
| Sunday<br>Epiphany<br>of the Lord<br>9:00 AM | Fr. Greg Rom | Christine Bobka | Mary Egan - B<br>Glory Bermas - C<br>Tracy Crivlare - O | To be determined |
| Sunday<br>Epiphany<br>of the Lord<br>11:30 AM | Fr. Jacek Dada | Pat Brown | John Mroszczak - B<br>Lisa Vasich - C<br>Pat Paetsch - O | To be determined |

# WEDDINGS 2021



Anna Marie Avino & Bradley A. Karkula - March 20, 2021
Teresa Helene Cecchini & Anthony DiPiazza - April 24, 2021
Michelle M. Griffith & Thomas P. Sheehan, Jr. - June 5, 2021
Marites Cagaoan Woods & Daniel Joseph Kopf - June 12, 2021
Monika Scieszka & Matthew Joseph Frankowski - June 26, 2021
Daniela Marisa Pugliese & Cody Falhaber - September 4, 2021
Kelly Ann McKay & Mark R. Rogina - September 11, 2021



May God Bless You
on your birthday!



FATHER JAMES J. O'BRIEN
December 29



**FIRST SATURDAY**
**NOVENA TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

Saturday, January 1, 2022, is the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God and the 1st Saturday of the month. Mass is at 10:00 am and our novena to our Blessed Mother will start at 9:30 am. All are invited to attend.




## LEGACY PLANNING

During this most holy season, rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As stewards of our faith, please continue his good work on earth by considering a gift through your individual retirement account (IRA) in support of our Church.

If your family's needs are being met, you may wish to include our parish as a beneficiary. You can contact your IRA administrator and ask for change of beneficiary forms to include St. Eugene Parish as a recipient of your good stewardship.

For more information, please contact our Parish Business Manager, Anthony Woldeit by phone at 773-775-6659 or email at awoldeit@st-eugene.org *or contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org*




## PLEASE PRAY

***For the Sick:*** Annabella Amato, Ralph J. Amelio, Victoria Amelio, Pat Apida , Lawrence Basili, Judy Bauer, Al Bischof, Jr. , Anthony Bongiorno, Tod Bourgart, Julie Bronski, Mary Ann Cortese, Susan & Tom Curtin, Patricia Dignam, Anita Dublanski, Marge Dyson, Fr. Dan Fallon, Don Feist, Bruno Fondriest, Bob & Carol Gasiorek, Patricia Gelfond, Wayne Greco, June Grovak , Erika Arquilla Hlavacek, Jeff Hlavacek, Tim Heider, Karen Pavlis-Karasawa, Leonard Laidlaw, Donna Laterza, Abagail Lim, Allie Lim, Rose Mary Maratto, Camille Miller, Russ Moskal, Michael J. Muscarello, Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello, Therese G. Nawara, John O'Malley, Ryan Pemberton, Kay Phelan, Rita Rogers, Stephen Rom, Frances Salvato, Patricia Schippers, Bob Schu, Bernadett Sedlacek, Andrea Shurte, Emily Steckiewicz, Kevin Stenson, Bonnie Veth, Joan Walsh, and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

***Newly added to our sick list:*** Rita Kopf, Louis Mika

***For the Deceased:*** Edward B. Brandt

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

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 +

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

***Friday, December 24 - Vigil of Christmas***

3:00 Carmela & Franceso Esposito, George Meier

5:00 Sam Cortese, Coleman Newell & Tommy Barnes, Charles Petti, Phil & Phillip Saineghi

10:00 Leonardo Cataldo, John Kula, Janus & Haj Fams., Angeline Komperda, Liv. & Dec'd Mbrs Lutfy & Dahir Fams.

***Saturday, December 25 - Nativity of the Lord***

7:30 Teri Kolaski, Hillard & Michael Michalek, Liv. & Dec'd Mbrs Feist & Mikulski Fams.

9:00 Michael & Josephine Magnine, Aniela & Franciszek Mietus, Giosina & Attilio Turano, Emidio & Elvira Spinelli,

11:30 Francesco & Ninfa Balistreri, Walter Caban, Witold Gadomski & Witold Dabros, Kula Fam., Michael Vito Parente, Anna Scola,

***Sunday, December 26 -***
***The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph***

9:00 People of the Parish
Tony Barone, Helena Mazek, Wally Miller, Fred Rogers & Roy Tufts, Steve Szabo, Patricia Zmijewski

11:30 Andrew P. Bujdasz, Agnieszka Chabura, Stanislaw & Franciszka Chabura, Ernesto & Domenica Fiorente, Angelina Francisco, Joseph Miklewicz, Joseph & Anna Wilk, Wiktoria Wilk



***Monday, December 27 - St. John***

9:00 Len Kucharski, Bennie Martin, Mark Mucek, Oravel & Ducal Fams.,

***Tuesday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents***

6:30 Ted Blasiak, James Grisoland, Phil & Phillip Saineghi

***Wednesday, December 29 - St. Thomas Becket***

9:00 Dominic & Maria Di Re, Dorothy & Elmer Chanski, John Masley, Carmen B. Melendrez

***Thursday, December 30***

6:30 Ackerman & Brain Fams. Michael Savino

***Friday, December 31 - St. Sylvester***

9:00 Bernice Cwiklik, Ludwik & Agnes Komperda, Eugene Kosla, Hillard & Michael Michalek

***Friday, December 31 - Vigil:***
***Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God***

4:00 pm

***Saturday, January 1 -***
***Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God***

10:00 am Janus & Haj Fams.

***Saturday, January 1 - Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord***

5:30 Jan Mikulski

***Sunday, January 2 - Epiphany of the Lord***

9:00 Helena Mazek, Bautista & Mindler Fams., Glordenia San Buenaventura, Special Int. Vita Stermetz, Syslo & Ledger Fams.

11:30 Anthony Barone, Dominic & Marietta Barone, Leonardo Cataldo, Cristina & Giovanni Greco

### Parishioner Contact Update for <u>currently registered</u> 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 # _____

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**
**O God, who were pleased to give us**
**the shining example of the Holy Family,**
**graciously grant that we may imitate them**
**in practicing the virtues of family life**
**and in the bonds of charity,**
**and so, in the joy of your house,**
**delight one day in eternal rewards.**
**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,**
**who lives and reigns with you**
**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**
**God, for ever and ever.**

**Reflection question:**
**How can I imitate the Holy Family this week?**

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# PARISHIONERS, NEIGHBORING PARISH MEMBERS, ALONG WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON OUR UPCOMING TRIP TO:

# OBERAMMERGAU AND "THE PASSION PLAY"

## With visits to Croatia, Slovenia, Italy and the Alps

I just wanted to let you all know that we are definitely going to Oberammergau to experience the "Passion Play" in July of 2022 – next year; July 15 – 25, 2022 to be exact. I am so happy that the majority of all those previously signed up for this trip held their reservations. For this reason, we have an almost full trip. There are only 14 spots left to fill. I want to give all in our community an opportunity to experience this once-every-ten-years experience. If you would like a copy of the full brochure for our Oberammergau trip please fill out the form below and get it back to me and I will gladly send you and/or your travelling companion a copy. To hold your spot for this trip simply send in the Reservation form on page two of the brochure with the required deposit.

If anyone would like more information on this trip that will be taking us to Austria, Croatia, Slovenia, Italy and the Alps, feel free to give me a call at St. Eugene's at 773-775-6659 or email me at ryanos@st-eugene.org and I'll be happy to answer any of your questions.

I have been asked by many of you if I will be rescheduling our Italy trip to Rome and Sicily as well as the Holy Land Trip. And the answer is YES. These are always destinations that fill up quickly and are very popular. If you or anyone you know might be interested in going to either of these places send me an email or give me a call to let me know.

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**NAME:** _____

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/___/ Yes, I'm interested in the **Sicily & Rome Trip** /___/ Yes, I'm interested in the **Holy Land & Jordan Trip**

/___/ Yes, I'm interested in the **2022 Egypt & Nile River Trip**

**Return to:** Fr. Rich Yanos 7958 W. Foster Ave. Chicago, IL 60656 773-775-6659

*Fr. Rich Yanos*

# Offertory Collection

## Weekend of December 11-12

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| **Physical Contributions:** | $10.070.50 |
| 5:30 Mass: | $ 1,610.00 |
| 9:00 Mass: | $ 2,796.50 |
| 11:30 Mass: | $ 3,717.00 |
| Mailed In: | $ 1,947.00 |
| **Electronic giving:** | $ 1,905.00 |
| **Total:** | **$11,975.50** |
| **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.

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| **Deficit/Surplus** | **$ 275.50** |

## December 2021 Running Total

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| **Cash received in envelopes:** | $ 21,639.85 |
| **Electronic giving:** | $ 5,032.00 |
| **Total:** | $ 26,671.85 |
| **Budgeted amount:** | $ 23,400.00 |
| **Deficit/Surplus** | **$ 3,271.85** |

## Fiscal Year-To-Date Running Total

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|---|---|
| **Cash received in envelopes:** | $230,378.81 |
| **Electronic giving:** | $ 52,405.00 |
| **Total:** | $282,783.81 |
| **Budgeted amount:** | $280,800.00 |
| **Deficit/Surplus** | **$ 1,983.81** |

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

# November second Collection totals

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| **Campaign for Human Develop.** | $ 3,442.00 |
| Physical: | $3,127.00 |
| Online: | $ 315.00 |
| **Christmas Flowers:** | $ 100.00 |
| Physical: | $ 100.00 |
| Online: | $ 0.00 |
| **School Support:** | $ 1,398.00 |
| Physical: | $1,228.00 |
| Online: | $ 170.00 |
| **Sharing Parish (St. Benedict):** | $ 1,126.81 |
| Physical: | $1,011.81 |
| Online: | $ 115.00 |
| **Social Concerns:** | $ 2,728.00 |
| Physical: | $2,373.00 |
| Online: | $ 355.00 |
| **Misc. Arch Collections** | $ 700.00 |
| Physical: | $ 159.00 |
| Online: | $ 541.00 |

## Notes from the Business Manager:

Thank you all for your generous support of St. Eugene Parish not only for our regular Sunday collection, but all of the second collections as well. In an effort to increase transparency, we will now provide you with monthly reports detailing the contributions for the second collections we take up. I know the various groups and ministries that receive your donations are extremely thankful for your support.

Feel free to call or email anytime.

Anthony J. Woldeit
awoldeit@st-eugene.org
773-775-6659 x102

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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| 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 |
| JAMES VINCENT DEGRAZIA | CHRIS MARCHIORI | ADAM ROBERTS |
| PATRICK EDWARD DILLON | DANIEL MEANEY | JOSEPH SAINEGHI, JR. |
| ZBIGNIEW DUDKOWSKI | KEITH MILLER | HOLLY SCHIPPERS |
| KURT FEIEREISEL | MICHAEL MORALES | MICHAEL SCHIPPERS, JR. |
| MATTHEW SCOTT FORREST | MIKE MROSZCZAK | SEAN SHERLOCK |
| DIRK HALLER | THOMAS NEUHENGEN | SHARON SHERLOCK |
| ANDREW HOPKINS | | 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.**

Christmas Day (December 25) **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?" The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of "midnight" predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration: John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you're officially late!

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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

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|---|---|
| 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 Adults Group | Stephanie Romeo | 773/484-6057 |
| Young at Hearts Club | Roberta Gols | 773/774-0471 |

Parish Pastoral Council Liaisons

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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 |

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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 | 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

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

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## Parish Staff

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| Rev. Richard M. Yanos, Pastor | x112 | ryanos@st-eugene.org |
| Rev. Jacek A. Dada, Associate Pastor | x116 | jdada@st-eugene.org |
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| Rev. Gregory A. Rom, Retired Resident Assistant | x114 | grom@archchicago.org |
| Rev. Ed Pacocha, Retired Assistant | | |
| Mr. Anthony J. Woldeit, Business Manager | x102 | awoldeit@st-eugene.org |
| Mrs. Margaret Kinel, Principal | x118 | mkinel@st-eugene.org |
| Ms. Lydia Hilado, Director of Music & Communications | x109 | lhilado@st-eugene.org |
| Mr. Vincent Hilado, Assistant Director of Music | | vhilado@st-eugene.org |
| Mrs. Barbara Meier, Bulletin Editor | | barbara@st-eugene.org |
| Mrs. Joanna Bischof, Mrs. Angie Cisek, Mrs. Lois Feist, Ms. Christine Jassak, Mrs. Rita Kopf, Mrs. Terri Swiderski, Mrs. Patricia Wagner, Receptionists | | churchoffice@st-eugene.org |

## 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 1:00 PM in Church. Preparation classes are held the first Wednesday of the month in Rm. 110. Registration required.

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

## Confessions
Saturdays 4:00 PM
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## Parishioners
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## your will
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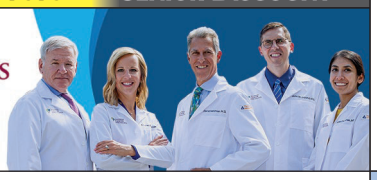
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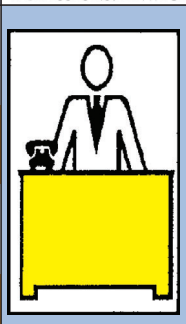
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