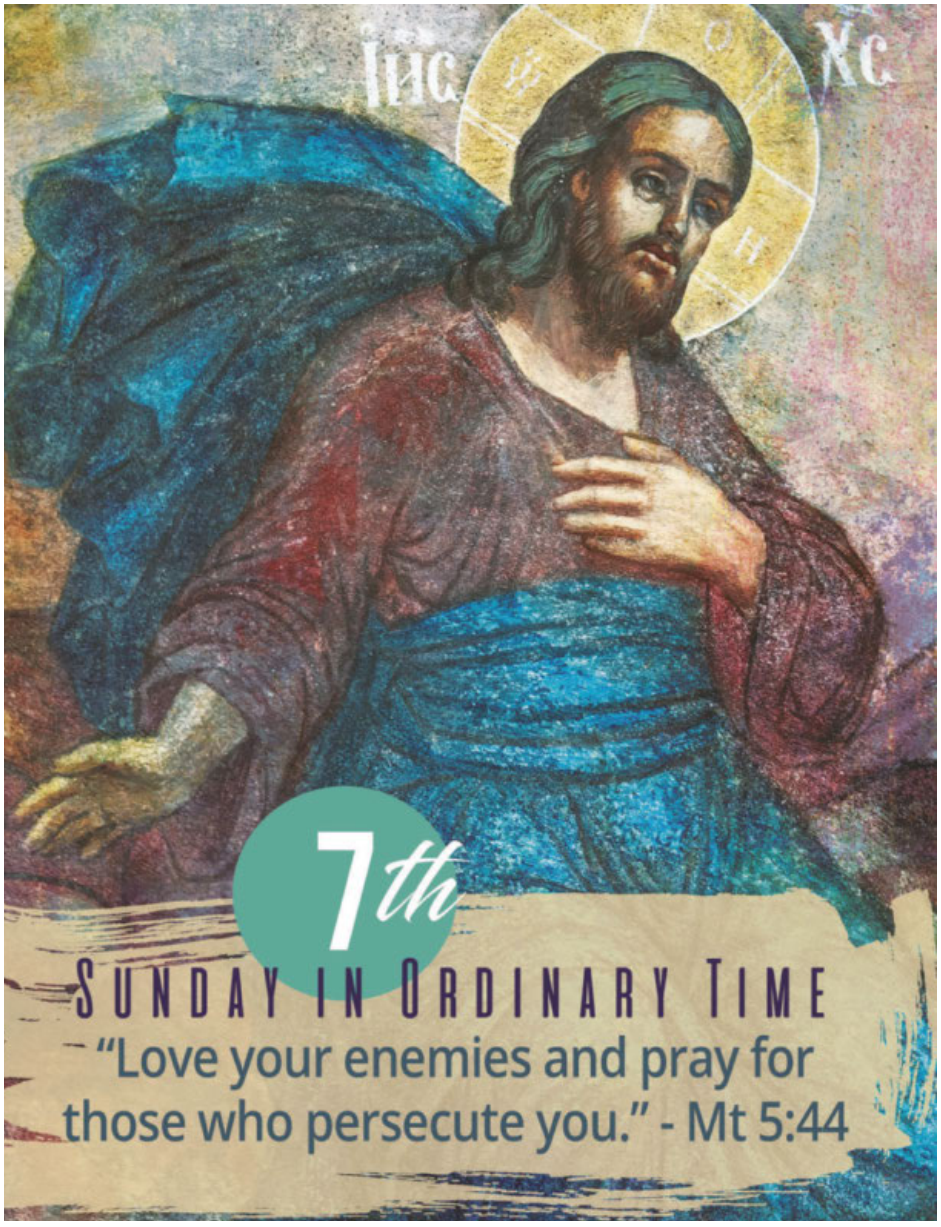
Queen of Peace

Welcome!

We, the Catholic community of Queen of Peace Parish, centered in the Eucharist, strive to grow in our faith and our relationship with God as a welcoming people, working for peace and justice through service to others.



February 19th, 2023

OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

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Ph. (773) 625-3369

Rectory Office Hours:
Monday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Masses:

Tuesday:	7:00 am
Thursday:	7:00 am
Sunday:	10:00 am

ST. EUGENE CHURCH

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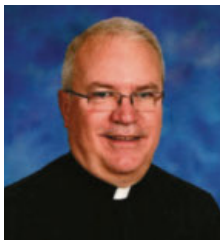
Masses:

Monday:	9:00 am
Wednesday:	9:00 am
Friday:	9:00 am
Saturday:	8:30 am
Confessions	4:00 pm
Sunday Vigil Mass:	5:00 pm
Sunday:	8:30 am
	11:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday:	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Benediction:	5:45 pm

From the desk of



Father Rich Yanos

Today we celebrate the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. This coming Wednesday will be Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Season of Lent. Please be sure to save a copy of the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter Schedule of Masses and Services that can be found in today's bulletin. There will also be a copy mailed to each of our registered households in the next couple of weeks.

LENTEN GUIDELINES

It's hard to believe that in just a few days we will begin the season of Lent. The following are the main guidelines we as Catholics follow as we enter this holy season.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this may only take one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

The special Pascal fast and abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer the Church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All the faithful and catechumens should undertake the serious practice of these three traditions. Failure to observe individual days of penance is not considered serious, but failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious.

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I invite you to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials you should have received in the mail. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection: It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments. Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services. The theme of this year's campaign is: **"Walking on the Road with Jesus."**

The pledge procedure involves all parish members being asked to make a pledge. Every parish has also been given a required annual goal to achieve. This goal is based on 7% of the previous fiscal year's total ordinary operating revenue. For us at Queen of Peace Parish the amount this year that we are required to raise is $89,127.00. (Note that it is larger than in the past since our total is now based on our three parishes that have now become one).

If contributions exceed this goal our parish will receive a rebate from those donated funds.

After much discussion, we feel that with the size of our registered membership and with the support of the goodness and generosity of our community of Queen of Peace we could more than pass this goal as you have so generously shown us in the past few years. The incentive for all in our parish to participate and do your part in helping us pass this goal is that Queen of Peace Parish will be able to keep 100% of every dollar we raise over our set goal. If there was ever a time that your parish could use these "extra" dollars, it would certainly be now. As your pastor I am sincerely asking and encouraging each of you to do your very best to support this Annual Catholic Appeal as you are able.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. If you did not receive your pledge envelope in the mail, they are available at all the doors of our churches. Please fill one out and send it in or you can drop it in the next few weeks' collection baskets. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online at annualcatholicappeal.com. If you do, be sure to identify yourself as a Queen of Peace parish member so that our parish receives credit for your pledge.

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The 2024 Mass Book is now open and available for the addition of your special mass requests throughout the year. Beginning with the first Saturday in January of 2024 – a little less than a year from now, we will be moving our Saturday Evening Mass that is currently at 5:00 p.m. to an earlier time of 4:30 p.m. It was our intention to make this change this past November with the other Mass time changes, however, because of the 2023 weddings that were already scheduled we were unable to do so. With the opening of the 2024 Mass Book, we will now be able to make this change.

Please remember that there are some days when individual Mass Intentions will not be available such as All Soul's Day, Mother's Day, and Father's Day. On these days we will have only one Mass Intention that will be for all our deceased loved ones (All Soul's Day) as well as all our living and deceased mothers and fathers (Mother's Day and Father's Day). There will be an opportunity, however, to include the names of your own personal deceased loved ones for All Soul's Day and for your individual living and deceased mothers, fathers, grandmothers, and grandfathers, etc. for Mother's Day and Father's Day on the special envelopes that will provided in your monthly offering envelopes. These names, when submitted to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket, will then be printed on special pages in our parish bulletin as well as kept on our altar throughout the year.

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The "Little Black Books" are once again available for your personal spiritual and prayer life during Lent. In the gathering spaces and at the doors of our churches this weekend you can pick up a copy to carry with you in your purse, car, pocket, etc. Please use these informative books to spend just six minutes a day in personal meditation/reflection and as your traveling companion for the season of Lent and Holy Week. Enjoy them!

Fr. Rich Yanos



Lent & Easter 2023



Ash Wednesday - February 22

7:00 am - OLMC Mass with Distribution of the Ashes
9:00 am - SE Mass with Distribution of the Ashes
12:00 pm - OLMC Liturgy of the Word Service with Distribution of the Ashes
4:00 pm - SE Liturgy of the Word Service with Distribution of the Ashes
7:00 pm - SE Mass with Distribution of the Ashes



Stations of the Cross

Fridays at SE Church - 7 pm (Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Good Friday, April 7 at 3 pm **SE & OLMC**

Living Stations of the Cross

Fridays at SE Church - 2:15 pm (Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 24, 31)



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at SE Church - 4:00 pm (Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1)
Parish Reconciliation Service, Tuesday, March 28 at SE - 7 pm
No Confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday, April 8

St. Joseph`s Day Mass

Monday, March 20 SE at 7:00 pm



St. Joseph`s Day Table

Saturday, March 18 SE
1st Seating: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
2nd Seating: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Admission by tickets only.

Fish Fry (at SE)

Friday, Feb. 24,
March 3, 24 & 31
from 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Please see bulletin for details.

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday
Saturday, April 1 5:00 pm **SE** (Mass of anticipation)
Sunday, April 2 8:30 am & 11:30 am **SE**
10:00 am **OLMC**



The Triduum Services

Holy Thursday, April 6
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 pm **SE**



Good Friday, April 7
Stations of the Cross - 3:00 pm **SE & OLMC**
Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 7:30 pm **SE**



Holy Saturday, April 8
Blessing of Easter Baskets - 1:00 pm **SE & OLMC**
Easter Vigil Mass - 7:30 pm **SE**



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday, April 9 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 11:30 am **SE**
9:00 am & 11:00 am **OLMC**



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 18, 2023

5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church

Charlotte Bader, Chester Dziaduch,
Elmer & Grace Frelka, Wayne Greco,
Spec. Int. for Bill Heneghan,
Spec. Int. for John &Therese Heneghan,
Helen Kocar & Fr. Fred Tomzik,
Wladyslaw Kozak, Arthur Russo, Helen & Walter Wojtas

Sunday, February 19, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish
Poor Souls in Purgatory & John
Int. for Mark Frackiel, Helena Mazek,
Martha & Alex Wrobel

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Leon & Miguela C. Aspi 50th Wedd. Anniv.,
Rosa Abbinanti, Mario Agosta,
Elaine & Edward Banka, Patrick & Eileen Casey,
Healing for Fr. Dan Fallon, Raymond & Betty Feret,
Virginia Franceschi, Olympia Frantzis,
Thomas Harvey, Sr., Katerina Hoog,
Jean & Ronald Jacobson,
Louis & Connie Kalinowski,
Wanda & Joe Klebek, Ellen Kost,
Catherine Leszczynski & Family,
Romeo Nanto, Anna & Vito Nardulli,
Donato Parente, Pietro Pisello, Stefania Rebacz,
Edward, Sr., Gloria, Edward, Jr., Rodakowski,
Ken Schnotala, Julia & Dominic DeCarlo, Martha Zanotti

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Giuseppe Castronovo, Juan Diaz,
Francesca Di Salvo, Giuseppe Marsillo,
Spec. Int. for Vickie Hawke, Cosmo Martelli

Monday, February 20, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Purgatorial Society
Armando Abdon, Sr., Lawrence & Mary Csuk,
Rev. Eugene Durkin, Charles & Agnus Frey,
Luigi Masellis, Mike Masellis, Anna Miller,
Giuseppe Oliveri, Tom Scianna,
Katie Szpinalski, Martha Zanotti

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Healing & good health for Sister Monika,
Chris Hunsinger,
Anna Nardulli,
Gemma Michelini Welsch

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 - Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Wieslawa Karczmarczyk

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Giacomo Giovannielli, Steve Glover,
Joseph & Arlene Iberl,
McShea & Bruzzinni Fam



12:00 pm Liturgy of the Word **OLMC**

4:00 pm Liturgy of the Word **SE**

7:00 pm Mass at **SE**

Wieslawa Karczmarczyk, Antoni Gumkowski

Thursday, February 23, 2022

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Donna Broder, Healing & good health for Sister Monika,
Erika Stempfle –17th Death Anniversary

Friday, February 24, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Helen Block, Juan Diaz,
Maria & Franciszek Koziol,
Dorothy Liacone, Mundelein Class of 1945,
Martha Zanotti

Saturday, February 25, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene

Jude & Minn Fams., Joseph Kromelis,
Beatrice Langendorf

Saturday, February 26, 2023

5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church

Tessie Cabal, Joseph Cwiklik, Juan Diaz,
Elmer & Grace Frelka, Angeline Komperda,
Faustine Noronha, Gary Serpico, Frederick Tomzik

Sunday, February 26, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Jan & Stanislawa Bazula, Ted Fornek,
Raymond & Edie Gale, Helena Mazek,
Maria & Matthias Rempala, Martha & Alex Wrobel

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Mario Agosta, Ann Finland, Edith Girardi,
Jozef & Frances Miszaszek, Anna Nardulli,
Pietro Pisello, Mr. & Mrs. Waterstradt & Family,
Josef Subsits, Calogera & Caterina Vivacqua,
Bill Wire, Nicola Troiano, Salvatore Camiliere,
Joe Magyar, Wieslawa Karczmarczyk, Antoni Gumkowski
Janet Benanti, Ray Tenuta, Alex Zemont,

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish, Frank Solak, Teofil Cabaj,
Richard Oberheim, James W. DeCastris,
Rodelio Ochoa, Jesus Vitug

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Ash Wednesday February 22	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
7:00 am - OLMC Mass with Distribution of the Ashes	Rev. Jacek Dada	M. Walsh - C & Ashes		N. Mosk - 1st A. Jasinska - 2nd
9:00 am - SE Mass with Distribution of the Ashes	Rev. Rich Yanos	L. Feist - WB J. Pomis - B I. Rog - C C. Bobka - O T. Crivlare - WO & Ashes		School Lector
12:00 PM - OLMC LITURGY OF THE WORD SERVICE WITH Distribution of the Ashes	Deacon Chris Virruso			R. Catalano - 1st, ashes T. Kaisling - 2nd, ashes M. Walsh - ashes
4:00 PM - SE LITURGY OF THE WORD SERVICE WITH Distribution of the Ashes	Rev. Ed Pacocha	XXX - WB F. Klus - B XXX - C T. Swiderski - O C. Bobka - WO & Ashes		T. Swiderski
7:00 pm - SE Mass with Distribution of the Ashes	Rev. Greg Rom	XXX - WB P. Paetsch - B M. Holder - C M. Egan - O D. Duszynski - WO		S. Sparacino
Saturday, 2 / 25 5 pm - St. Eugene	Rev. Jacek Dada	C. Lim - WB F. Klus - B M. Lim - C D. Sulimowski - O T. Swiderski - WO	V. Cedillo C. Marrinan L. Notardonto J. Ramirez	T. Swiderski
Sunday, 2 / 26 8:30 am - St. Eugene	Rev. Ed Pacocha	J. Kolaski - WB C. Mikucki - B I. Rog - C C. Hill - O P. Draniczarek - WO	E. Burzawa L. Parrillo-Hall A. EK S. Rodriguez	M. Egan
Sunday, 2/ 26 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Greg Rom Deacon Chris Virruso	G. Henderson - C R. Catalano - T	D. Flynn T. Molas G. Pilch J. Pilch	J. Molas - 1st K. Kelch - 2nd
Sunday, 2 / 26 11:30 am - St. Eugene	Rev. Jacek Dada	L. Feist - WB C. Paulini - B J. Mroszczak - C R. Sparacino -O J. Nardi - WO	A. Tekampe D. Luna A. Boccia F. Craven	S. Sparacino

ASH WEDNESDAY

LENT BEGINS

WHAT IS LENT?

The *40-day period* from Ash Wednesday and before Easter Sunday. It is marked by praying, fasting, abstinence, and other acts of penance.

PRAYING | FASTING | ABSTINENCE



WHAT IS FASTING?



One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?



Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

DAYS OF FAST?

Ash Wednesday | Good Friday

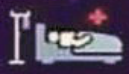
DAYS OF ABSTINENCE?

Ash Wednesday | All Fridays of Lent | Good Friday

WHO ARE REQUIRED?

Catholics from age <18 to 59>



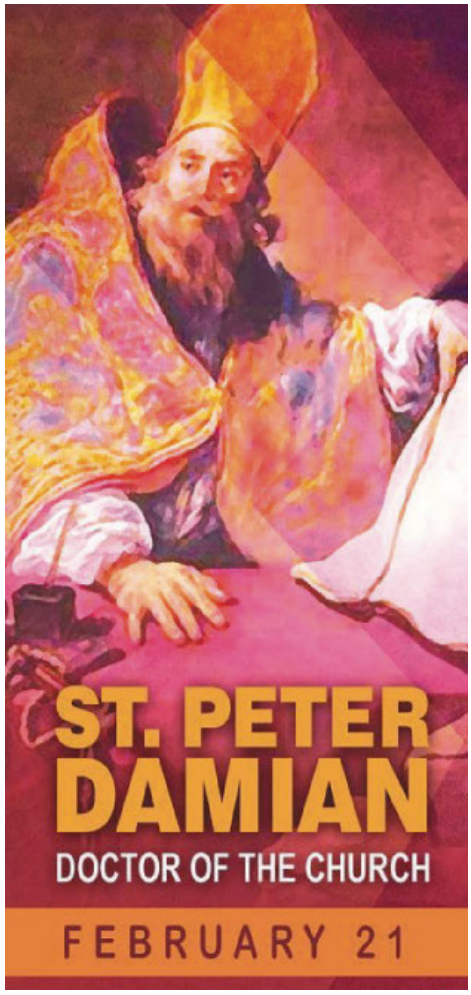


The sick are excused from fasting

WHO ARE REQUIRED?

Mandatory for everyone older than 14 years old

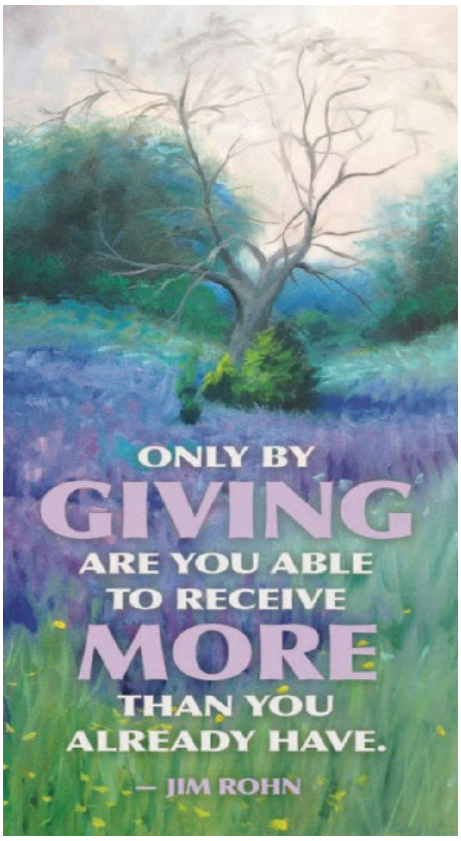




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VOCATIONS EVENTS

Do you think you might have a calling?

Fr. Tim Monahan, Vocations Director, wants to connect with you.

High school men are invited:
Quigley Discerners event, Feb. 25

College men are invited:
Seminary Sprint in Mundelein, Mar. 10–11

Scan for details and sign up!

We pray for our loved ones who are serving in any branch of the Armed Forces during this time of conflict.

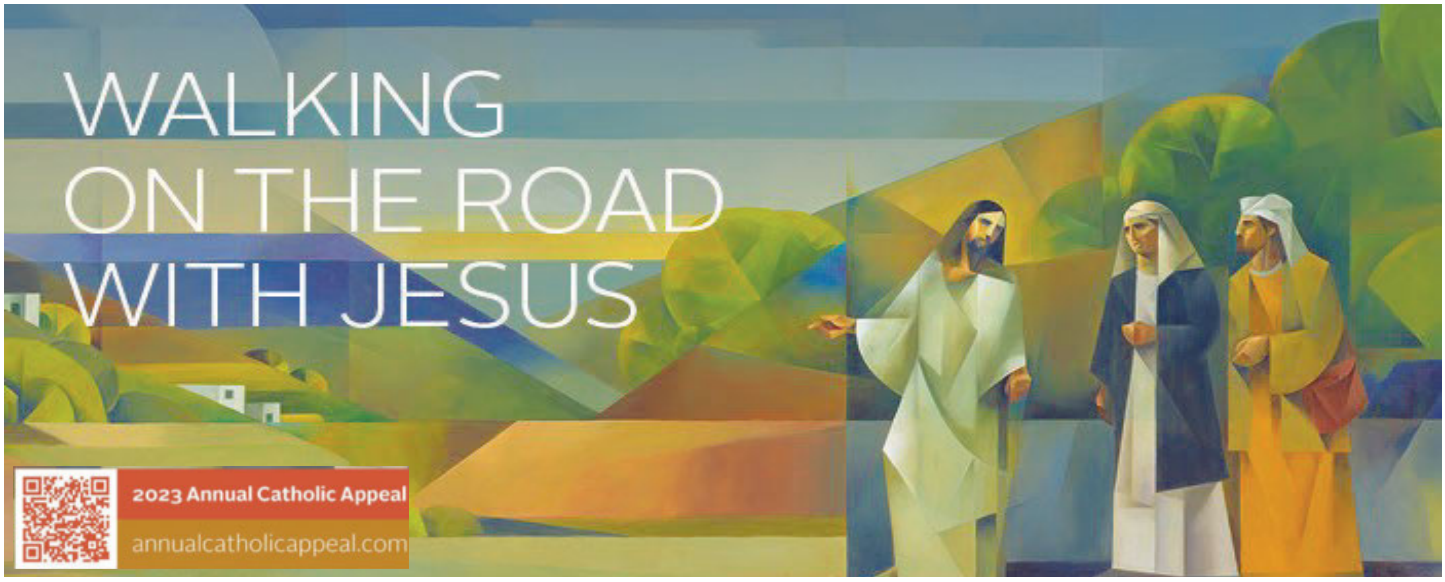


Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families
for the selfless acts they perform for us
in our time of need. We ask this in the
name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen

Major Adamczyk
Joseph Antosh, Jr.
Ghaleb Azroui
Donald Bellisario
Matthew Calderisi
Timothy Emmett Carolan
Melissa Rose Cortese
James Vincent Degrazia
Patrick Edward Dillon
Zbigniew Dudkowski
Kurt Feiereisel
Matthew Scott Forrest
Dirk Haller
Andrew Hopkins
Christopher Jenkins
Bernard Edward Kusinski
Antonio James Lim
Payne Manczko
Chris Marchiori
Daniel Meaney
Keith Miller
Michael Morales
Mike Mroszczak
Thomas Neuhengen
Eric Norwood
Elliott O'Claire
Vincent Page
Chad Pritchard
Nicholas Ranch
Adam Roberts
Joseph Saineghi, Jr.
Holly Schippers
Michael Schippers, Jr.
Sean Sherlock
Sharon Sherlock
Phillip R. Simonsen
Tony Strzalka
Dominic John Guerrieri, Jr.

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.
Also, please call the rectory when your loved one returns home.

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.



Queen of Peace Parish

Invites you to Our St. Joseph Table



Date: Saturday, March 18, 2023

Where: The Shaunessy Center, 5220 N. Canfield

1st Seating: 3-5pm
2nd Seating: 6-7:30pm

Admission by tickets only. Seating is limited for each session.

Tickets available : at St. Eugene Church Rectory Office during regular office hours.
And after weekend Masses starting February 25th at SE.

Donation: Adults - $10
Children 4 to 14 - $5
Children 3 and under - Free

A traditional meatless St. Joseph's Dinner, featuring a variety of pasta, fish, side dishes, pizza and desserts, with all proceeds from the event are supporting our Social Concerns Ministry, which benefit many people in our community who are struggling. The table blessing will be at the start of each seating.

Dried Goods:	Ditalini	Cans/Jars/Bottles:	Crushed Tomatoes
	Farfalle		Olive Oil
	Spaghetti		Artichokes Hearts
			Black Olives
Beverages	Juice (any kind)		Italian dressing
	Coffee (regular and decaf)		
	Wine		
	Bottled water		

The following items are needed for the creation of the Saint Joseph's Table:

Other Perishables Homemade breads and desserts . Your favorite dish and favorite recipes are welcome.

- Drop off at the Shaunessy Center after 3:30PM on Friday, March 17 or 11:00AM Saturday, March 18
- Any business wishing to sponsor the St. Joseph Table, contact any committee member or the rectory.

Thank you for your generosity!

For More Information Contact:

Sal Sparacino – 630.768.8375 Russell Sparacino – 708.557.5059

Donations may be brought to the rectory. For pick-up call the rectory or committee member.

Rosary Guild

This week's Rosary intention is for Pope Francis and his February prayer intention, parishes. "We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need." Rosary Guild members pray at least one Rosary for the weekly intention. If you would like to be a part of the Rosary Guild, please contact the rectory office.

Living Rosary

Living Rosary members pray a decade of the Rosary every day for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and in honor of the patron of the Living Rosary, Saint Philomena. If you would like to pray a decade of the Rosary each day, please reach out to the rectory office.



Blood Pressure Screening will take place in the Narthex after the Masses as listed below.



- Our Lady, Mother of the Church after 10:00 am Mass - March 12th
- St. Eugene before/after 5pm Mass - February 11th and March 11th
- St. Eugene after 8:30am and 11:30am Mass - March 12th

Please stop by and learn more about your heart health.

The Friendship Club will be meeting on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, at 11:00** for our Mardi Gras Party.
Please feel free to wear your green, gold, and purple outfits and beads to celebrate if you want.
Our lunch will be a pulled pork sandwich with potato salad and a delicious dessert.
Our dessert and prizes will be provided by our speaker from Oak Street Health.
After lunch we will play Bingo. Hope to see you all there.

Parishioners Gus & Irene Jachym celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on February 2nd.



BULLETIN REQUEST

Bulletin Submissions:

Due Friday by noon, one week prior to publication. Please call the parish office for the holiday schedule. Thank you.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



St. Eugene Church

Mondays

4 - 6 pm.

Benediction at 5:45 pm

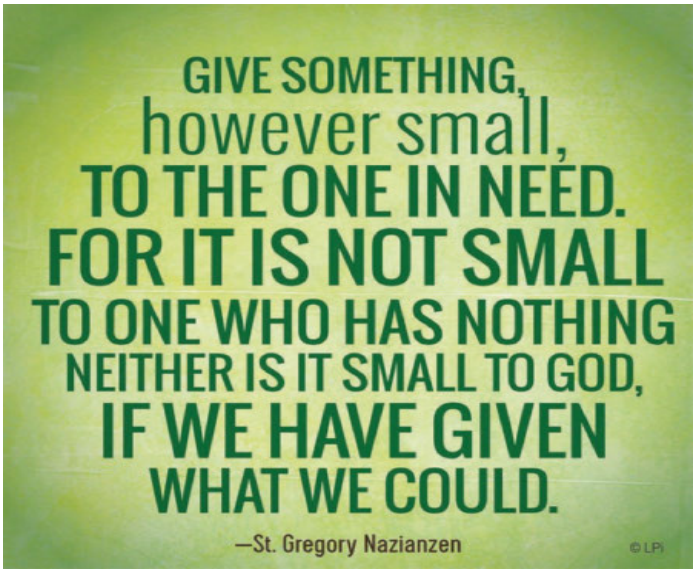
PARISH SUPPORT

February 11 - 12, 2023

5:00 SE	$2,938.00
8:30 SE	$2,449.50
10:00 OLMC	$3,302.00
11:30 SE	$2,176.00
Mail SE	$8,845.00
Total Physical	$19,710.50
GC DS	$521.02
CG OLMC	$160.00
GC SE	$3,804.00
Total Online	$4,485.02
Grand Total	$24,195.52

Please continue your contribution
in the usual way,
until we finalize the merger of the databases
And electronic giving accounts.

Also, if you are registered parishioner of OLMC,
DS or St. Eugene Church
you don`t need to re-register.
Thank you for your support!



Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

† Teresa D'Astice

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



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Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Saint Eugene's Shaunessy Center



The Knights of Columbus Father Breen Council 1899 is hosting its first fish fry for Queen of Peace Parish.

We will be serving various fried and baked fish along with delicious side dishes.
You may dine in or take out. Please come and keep this great Catholic Lenten tradition going which was initiated by our brother knights, Council 14008 from many years ago.

2023 Fish Fry Dine In and To Go Menu

February 24, March 3, 24, 31 4:30 to 7:00 Fridays

Cod Dinner

2 pieces of battered fried cod served with French fries, coleslaw, bread and butter, and tartar sauce
$14.00 adult **$7.00 child** (12 and under - 1 piece of fish).

Shrimp Dinner

½ lb. breaded popcorn shrimp served with French fries, coleslaw, bread and butter, and cocktail sauce
$13.00 adult **$7.00 child** (12 and under).

Tilapia Dinner

1 piece baked tilapia served with roasted potatoes, coleslaw, bread and butter, and lemon slice
$12.00 adult **$7.00 child** (12 and under).

On the Side

Cheese Pizza by the slice - **$3**
Soup of the Day by the bowl **- $4**
Cod, Tilapia, piece - $4.00 for each piece
½ lb. Shrimp basket with cocktail sauce- $6 French Fries or Roasted **Potatoes** - $3
Mozzarella Cheese Sticks (6) with marinara sauce- $4.00
Beverage (Coke, Diet, Sprite, or Water) - $1
Coffee included with all meals
Dessert - $1

Take-out orders available on the dates above from 4:30 to 7 PM

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast - February 12, 2023

















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YOUNG ADULTS

Lenten Book Discussions:

Jesus of Nazareth: From the Baptism of Jordan to the Transfiguration and Jesus of Nazareth:
Holy Week: From the Entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection
By Pope Benedict XVI

After discussing Pope Benedict XVI's book, Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives, in December for Advent, the **Queen of Peace Parish Young Adults Group** will continue to discuss the other books in Pope Benedict XVI's series in honor of Lent. The other books examine Jesus' adult life, beginning with his baptism in the Jordan River to the Resurrection. No need to have attended The Infancy Narratives event in December!

The book discussions will be held approximately once a week on Thursdays during Lent (February 23, March 2, March 9, March 23, and March 30) at 8:00 PM.

We will meet virtually on Google Meets.

The specific reading schedule and Google Visit https://www.facebook.com/StEugeneYoungAdultsGroup for the most current information or email us with any questions at youngadults@st-eugene.org

March 9
Jesus of Nazareth, Chapters 7-10
(The Message of the Parables through Jesus Declares His Identity).
To join the video meeting, click this link:
https://meet.google.com/vdq-vsmv-nxc
Otherwise, to join by phone, dial +1 281-301-1168 and enter this PIN: 598 353 652#

March 23
Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week, Chapters 1- 5
(Entrance of Jerusalem through the Last Supper)
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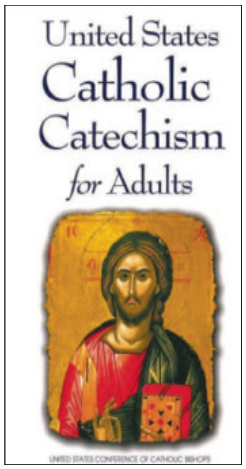
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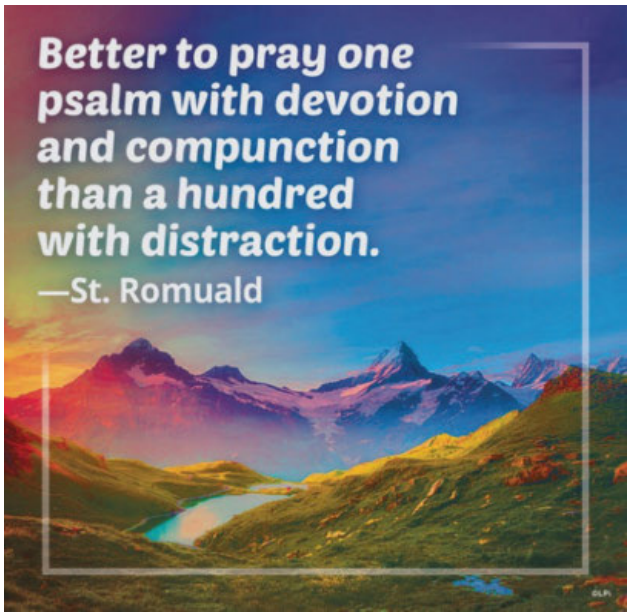
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Readings for the week of February 19, 2023

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20 6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: **"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you."** An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate?

How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just loved poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. "What is unusual about that?" asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him.

When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, while they were doing it. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death. Real love is unusual.

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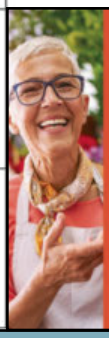
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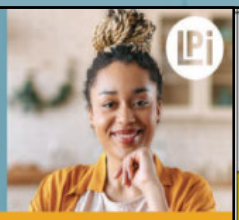
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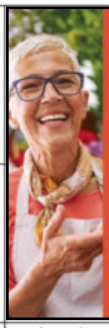
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