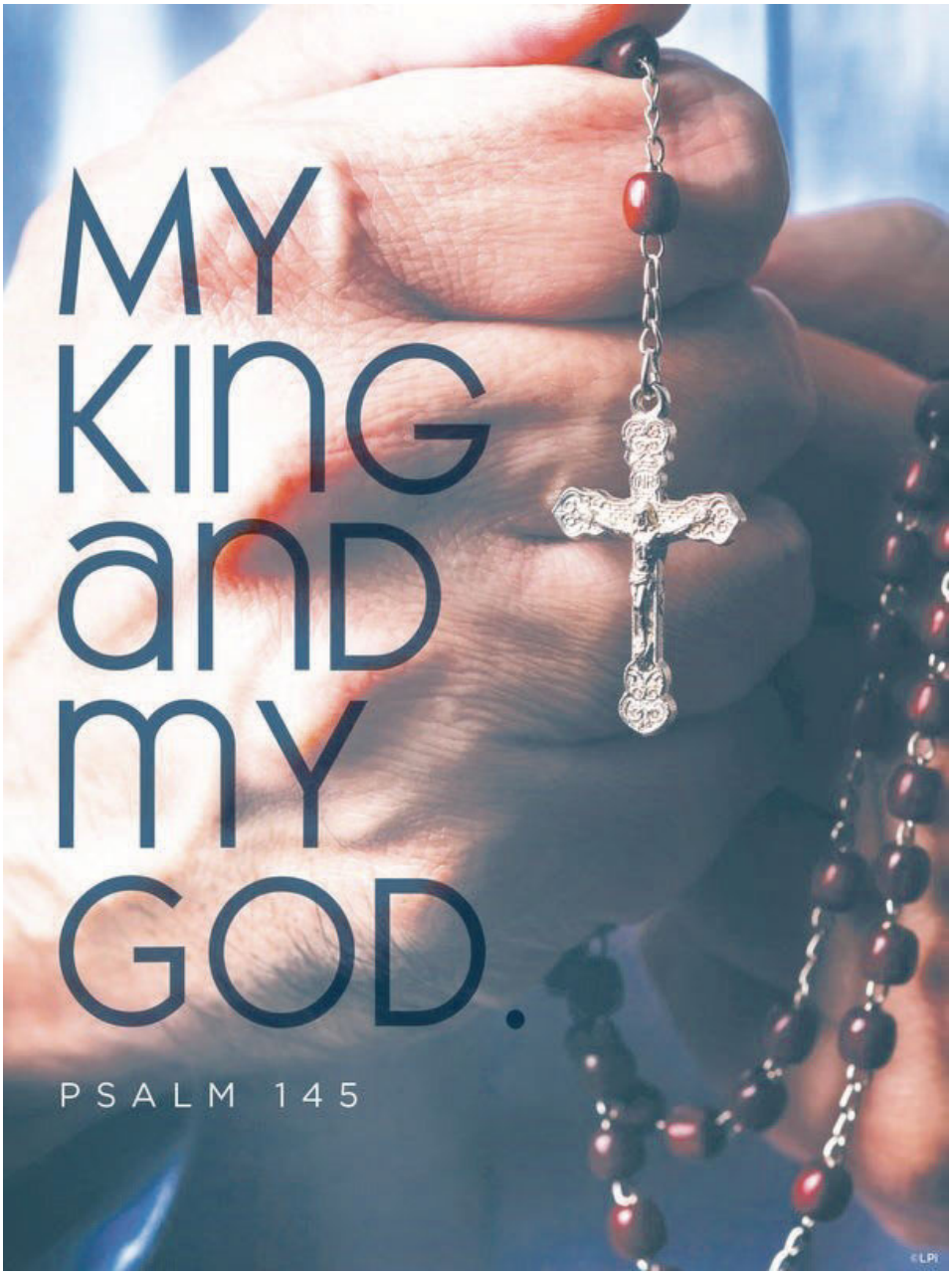
Queen of Peace

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.



OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

8747 W. Lawrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60656
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

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Mon.- Thur.:	9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday:	9:00 am - 1:00 pm

MASSES:

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

July 9th, 2023 I 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



From the desk of Father Rich Yanos

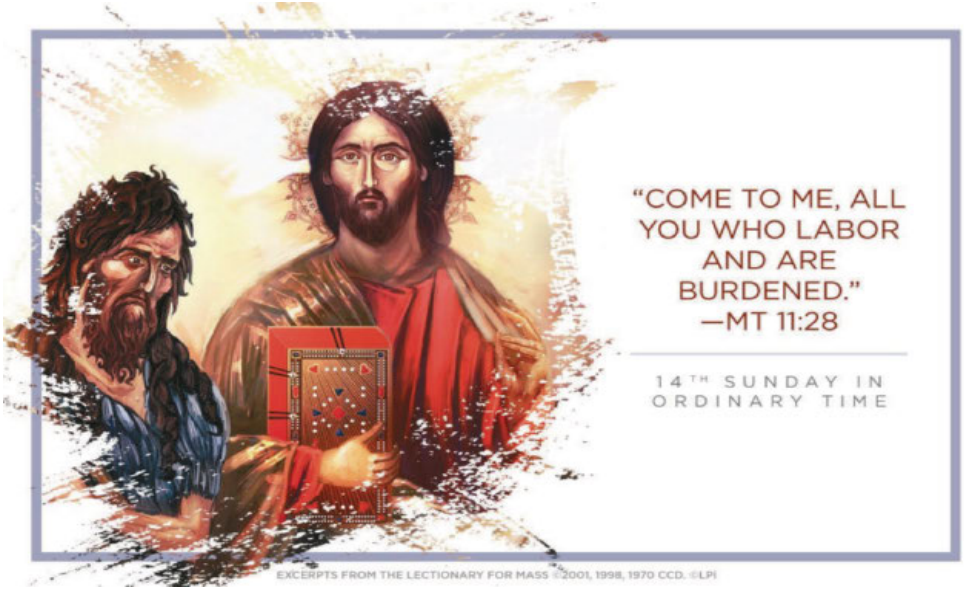
Dear Queen of Peace Family,

Thank you for taking the time this past Lent to complete the Disciple Maker Index survey. 160 parishioners, which accounts for about 11% of the parish, shared their input on several aspects of faith and community life here at Queen of Peace Parish As you will recall, the survey asked questions about each parishioner's own journey of discipleship and how the parish and the pastor are doing to support you along the way.

Our Unification Team leaders, parish staff, and I will take the next few months to review and interpret the results and develop a comprehensive report on what was collectively shared. Following that initial assessment, we will then identify actions to address specific areas of growth – whether it be across the parish or for me, personally, as your pastor.

I am grateful for everyone in our parish for what you have contributed through this survey. It is clear to me that we, as a community of faith, are hungry to grow closer to our Lord and to assist one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. I look forward to sharing more in the coming months and working with all of you to continue renewing our local Church and our beloved Queen of Peace Parish.

Fr. Rich Yanos



Liturgical Ministries



Help Needed for Liturgical Ministers

Have you ever considered serving the Church as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.
This role is extremely important for the celebration of the Eucharist.
This ministry puts you at the center of the Church's life.

Currently, we need 5 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
at every Sunday Mass except for the third Sunday of every month at the 5PM Mass
when there is a Celebrant and a Deacon. Anytime there are multiple Priests and/or Deacons,
they take precedence over any Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.
Our greatest need for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
is at the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday. This means that our current Ministers
at 11:30 Mass must get scheduled more frequently.

If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion,
please fill out the information below and drop in the Sunday collection basket or return
to the parish office. I will call you to give you additional information and answer any questions
you may have to make your decision.

Name _____ **Phone #**_____

Address: _____

(City) **(Zip Code)**

Email address:

_____

Coordinator of Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Lois Feist

Mass Intentions for Queen of Peace Parish



SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023

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

Tadeusz & Sophie Bachula 50th Wedd. Anniv.
Lottie Barr, Ralph & Virginia Conenna,
Bernice & Joe Cwiklik, Elmer & Grace Frelka,
Wayne J. Greco

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023 - QUEEN OF PEACE FEAST DAY

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish
Rosaria Centineo, Jan & Gertruda Obiedzinski,
Genowefa Pawula,
Maria & Matthias Rempala,
Janet Toton, Alex & Martha Wrobel

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

George Capps, Jr., John Catanese, Franca DeFonte,
Ralphy & Ralph Ferri, Steve & Jeanne Karabin,
Dec'd Mbrs of Kot & Feret Fams., Angela Lepore,
Pietro Pisello, Jozef Rebacz, Wanda Rzepka

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Domenico Battista, Nicholas Calabrese,
Hillard (Mike) Michalek, Michael Michalek,
Michael Vito Parente, Lucyna Piechowicz,
Marlene Pinske, Giuseppe Randazzo,
Phil Saineghi, Phillip Saineghi

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Purgatorial Society
Armando Abdon, Sr., John & Gloria Bernardi,
Dolores Firlotte, S.I. Rita Rogers

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023

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

S.I. for Nicole, Matthew & Damian

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Juan Diaz, Bill Kovacic, Joseph John Marsillo,
Vince & Mary Ann Nowaczyk,
Wright & Northlake Fams.

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023

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

Giuseppe Marsillo, Teodora Martelli, Jack Schneider
Rosemary Misiolek, Harriet Swider,
Rev. Charles J. Kouba, Tony Welninski—2nd death Anniv.

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Aurora Barone,
Rick & Judy DeFelice,
Roberta Finland,
Regan & Porfirio Fams.,
Martha & Alex Wrobel

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Clyde Cooper,
Jupe & Minn Fams.

2:00 pm Wedding:

Vincent Joseph Cullotta & Pamela Irene Nehrke

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023

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

Joseph Cortese,
Elmer & Grace Frelka,
Judith Shepherd, Frederick Tomzik,
Concetta Tumminello

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Nicholas Calabrese,
Ted & Jean Fornek,
Maria & Salvatore Tenuta,
Dorothy & George Thierman

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

George Capps, Joe Cozzone,
Esther Dorgan,
Maria Fosco, Nicola Fosco,
Zaharias, Efrosyni & Petroula Fountas,
Elizabeth Giradi,
Pietro Pisello, Stefania Rebacz,
Anthony Seminaro

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish
Nick Caldarulo, Dominic Cullotta,
Krzysztof Dabros,
Dec'd Mbrs D'Agostino & D'Avino Fams.,
George & Pearl Giovannoni,
Hillard (Mike) Michalek, Michael Michalek,
Giuseppe Randazzo,
Thomas Scianna

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
Major 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.

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 7 / 15 **5 pm - St. Eugene**	Rev. Rich Yanos Deacon Chris Virruso Preaches	D. Sulimowski - WB T. Swiderski - B Priest & Deacon - C M. Meo - O M. Pollowy - WO	B. Janus K. Barr	A. Cisek
Sunday, 7 / 16 **8:30 am - St. Eugene**	Rev. Rich Yanos	M. Cozzo - WB J. Cardella - B M. Unger - C P. Draniczarek - O D. Duszynski - WO	B. Rog A. Coleman	C. Bobka
Sunday, 7 / 16 **10:00 am - OLMC**	Rev. Greg Rom Deacon Chris Virruso Preaches	N. Divinagracia - C M. Walsh	D. Flynn G. Pilch J. Pilch	J. Colon - 1st N. Ringelstein - 2nd
Sunday, 7 / 16 **11:30 am - St. Eugene**	Rev. Ed Pacocha	P. Tomzik - WB M. Tomzik - B P. Paetsch - C F. Pacia - O O. Giacalone - WO	S. Kerr D. Olson M. Maddex	C. Giacalone

Devotions at Queen of Peace Parish



The Rosary is prayed before Mass Monday through Saturday, along with prayers for our Holy Father, the prayer to St. Michael, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The Mother of Perpetual Help devotion is prayed on Tuesdays after the 7 a.m. Mass. A devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is prayed on First Saturdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. People also pray on their own one or more Rosaries each week for a weekly intention, forming the Rosary Guild. This week's intention is for peace on earth, as this Sunday, July 9th, is a feast of the Queen of Peace. To be a part of the Rosary Guild, please reach out to the rectory office. Members include:

Emily A.	Evelyn K.	Mary M.	Stefania P.
Lori G.	Terri K.	Ted M.	Jean R.
James H.	Gilda M.	Josephine N.	Shirley S.
John I.	Lonnie M.	Emilie P.	Milabelle T.

The Living Rosary is where people pray a Mystery or Mysteries of the Rosary every day for the triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart, and in honor of St. Philomena, the Living Rosary's patron. To sign up to pray the first Glorious Mystery, the Resurrection, please contact the rectory office.

Joyful Mysteries
Annunciation—Ted M.
Visitation—Barb R.
Nativity—Josephine N.
Presentation—Karen R.
Finding in the Temple—Mary M.

Luminous Mysteries
Baptism of Jesus—Barb R.
Wedding at Cana—Mary M.
Kingdom of God at Hand—Ted M.
Transfiguration—Emily A.
Institution of Eucharist—Emily A.

Sorrowful Mysteries
Agony in the Garden—Jean R.
Scourging at the Pillar—Jean R.
Crowning with Thorns—Mary M.
Carrying of the Cross—Ted M.
Crucifixion—Demi S.



Prayer for Peace by Pope Saint John Paul II

Mary, Queen of Peace,
save us all who have so much trust in you,
from wars, hatred, and oppression.
Make us all learn to live in peace
and educate ourselves for peace,
do what is demanded by justice
and respect the rights of every person
so that peace may be firmly established.

Amen.

Prayer for the Canonization of Venerable Augustus Tolton

Who Died on July 9, 1897

O God, we give you thanks for your servant and priest, Father Augustus Tolton, who labored among us in times of contradiction, times that were both beautiful and paradoxical. His ministry helped lay the foundation for a truly Catholic gathering in faith in our time. We stand in the shadow of his ministry. May his life continue to inspire us and imbue us with that confidence and hope that will forge a new evangelization for the Church we love.

Father in Heaven, Father Tolton's suffering service sheds light upon our sorrows; we see them through the prism of your Son's passion and death. If it be your Will, O God, glorify your servant, Father Tolton, by granting the favor I now request through his intercession (mention your request) so that all may know the goodness of this priest whose memory looms large in the Church he loved.

Complete what you have begun in us that we might work for the fulfillment of your kingdom. Not to us the glory, but glory to you O God, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are our God, living and reigning forever and ever.
Amen.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Congratulations to all of the couples married in 1973, who are celebrating 50 years of marriage this year! The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60654.

To register, go to
https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding





1ST WEDDING BANNS
Mark F. Cardish & Brittney D. Garcia

2ND WEDDING BANNS
Thomas Stewart Stoll, Jr. & Kelly Marie Taylor

3rd WEDDING BANNS
Vincent Joseph Cullotta & Pamela Irene Nehrke



Thirsting for God?

Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in another Christian tradition, who is thirsting for what it means to be Catholic? Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation & Communion? They may be thirsting too!



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

More info: Fr. Jacek at jdada@st-eugene.org or please call 773.775.6659 ext. 108

BIBLE STUDY

When was the last time that you have had a talk with our Lord? Or when was the last time that you have picked up the Bible to read? This is an invitation for all **Queen of Peace** parishioners to join us for an hour or so to pray, to read and discuss the coming Sunday readings, and any other questions about our faith that we find interesting. At different times we can find subjects that arouse our interest, such as, the Sacraments, or Beatitudes, and taking apart a prayer so we can really understand what it is that Jesus want us to know.

My name is Frank Lizak and I have been coordinating the Bible Group for the last 10 years. When Divine Savior Parish closed, our group missed a couple weeks. But it did not take long for us to find each other, and a room in the Eisenhower Public Library where we have been having our meetings. The good news is that we have acquired room 110 at St. Eugene School for Wednesday mornings from 10:00 thru 12:00 starting May third. I hope that all will take advantage of dropping in to see what we do. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to send me an email at fjlizak@comcast.net.We always leave with something new to think about.

Now Enrolling Preschool – 8th Grade for the 2023-2024 School Year

Discover the St. Eugene Difference!

Please Call 773-763-2235 or Visit Our Website at www.steugene-school.org to Schedule a Tour and Find Out More Information.

Kids Corner

Prayer

Jesus, I thank you for helping me when I'm tired.

Mission for the Week

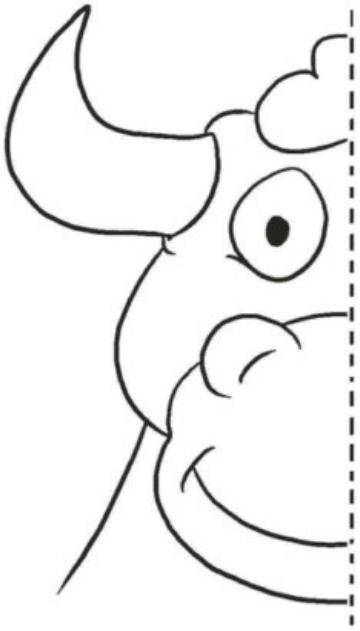
Look for someone who is alone on the playground, and ask her to play.

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus knows that you can get tired. Doing your best in school is hard work. You also may feel tired, sad, or left out on the playground. Whenever you start to feel tired, remember that Jesus is with you. Learn from Jesus. Follow his example. Be honest. Be kind. Help others do the right thing. Jesus will help you.

Now color the picture!

Complete the picture of this ox.







Donation information not available. It will be reflected in the next available bulletin.

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

Thank you for your support!



Eucharistic Adoration
St. Eugene Church
Mondays 4-6pm.
Benediction at 5:45pm



Queen Of Hearts Raffle Tickets

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Footballmania Tickets

Available After All Masses
In Rear Vestibule
(Tickets are Also Available
In SE Rectory Office)

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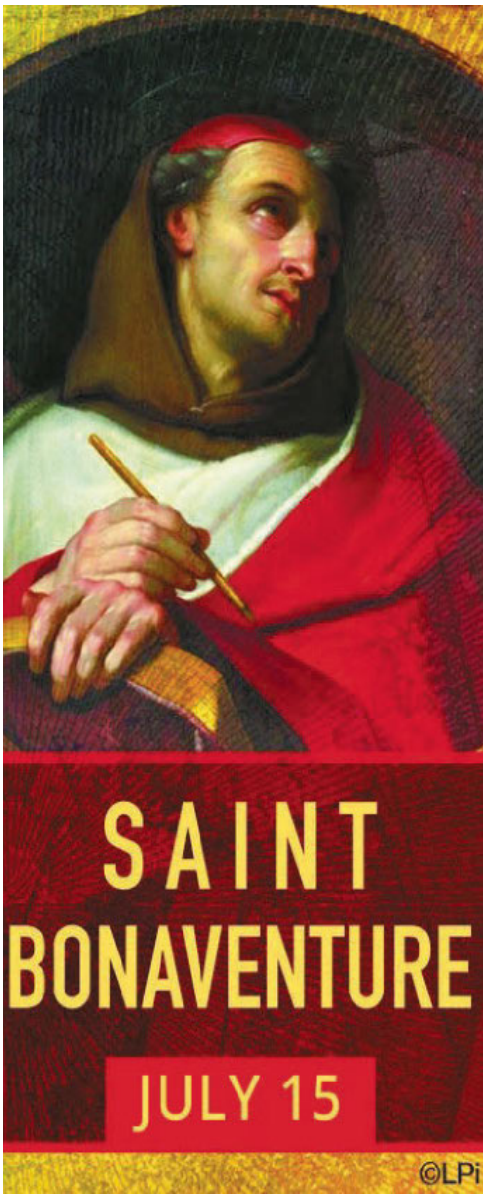
Second Collection

St. Eulalia our Sharing Parish

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Second Collection Next Weekend

St. Eugene School Support



Feast of St. Bonaventure

Do you ever get stuck with the tough jobs? It's well known that the Franciscan Order was incredibly influential throughout history. But one of the most challenging times for a new movement is surviving the death of the founder. Bonaventure joined the Franciscan Order almost two decades after the passing of St. Francis. Initially, the young man's theological insights earned him a prime faculty position at the University of Paris. More than his academic skill, however, he was known for his deep devotion to Christ. He was elected the General Minister of the Franciscan Order, right in the thick of controversies. Some friars had conflicting views of how to interpret St. Francis' poverty as the order grew. Others started a new heresy, saying that the Franciscan Order began a new era of the Holy Spirit, replacing the era of Jesus and the authority of the Church. St. Bonaventure weathered these crises with grace, restructuring the order when necessary and offering a more organized perspective on the insights of St. Francis.

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, the Divine Chaplet; it can be 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 upcoming month. 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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip code: _____

Telephone # _____

NOTES FROM THE PARISH NURSE..

Happy and Healthy Summer to All!

I'd like to share some important information with you about the Medicaid Redetermination Process which is happening for Medicaid enrollees. Illinois medical agencies are currently attempting to contact all members in order to verify eligibility. Prior to the Covid-19 era, members were verified yearly to be eligible to receive Medicaid benefits. The US Bureau of Statistics reported that at the peak of COVID, 5.4 million workers lost their health insurance due to layoffs. These persons were then enrolled into Medicaid for health insurance coverage. Now that the public health emergency for Covid has been lifted, all Medicaid enrollees need to again prove their eligibility status.

For those currently enrolled in Medicaid, It is important to make sure that your *contact information is up to date (address and phone number) with the state in order to receive these notifications, especially for participants that have recently changed addresses.*

If you would like some assistance in determining what benefits or programs you may qualify for, you can contact Advocatia, an Ascension community partner, for a free confidential screening of your eligibility for Medicaid benefits. Advocatia can assist with Medicaid, Healthcare Marketplace, CHIP, SNAP, and Adult Healthcare Immigration Assistance eligibility.

Contact Information for Advocatia Web: 312help.com

Text "312" to 312-586-9711

or Call 312-584-1212 for assistance.

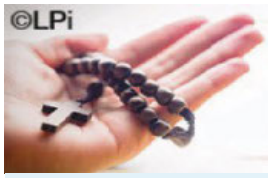
Hope this information was helpful.

Peace,

Terri, RN

Faith Community Nurse

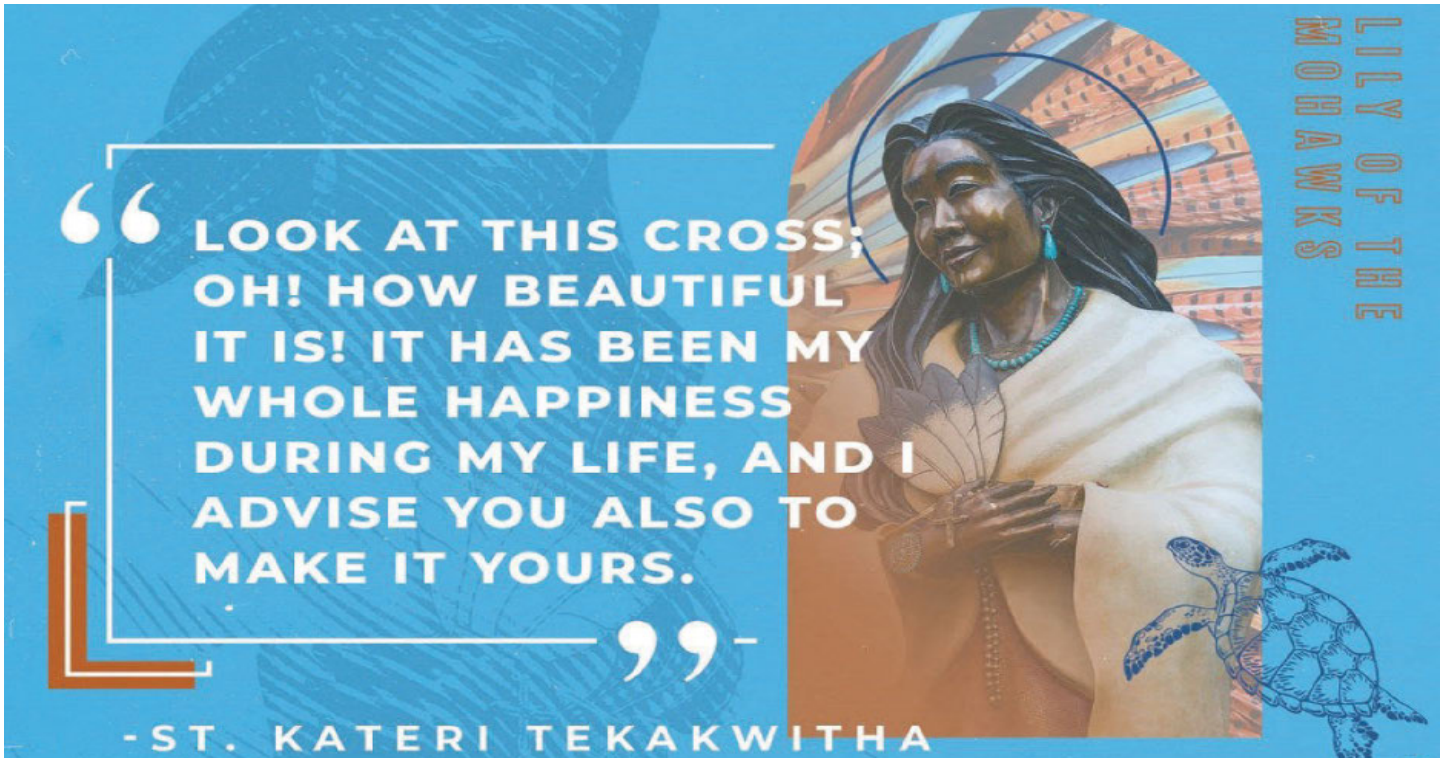




PRAYER REQUESTS

Lord God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that You restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. We thank You and praise You through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Pat Apida
Annabella Amato
Ralph J. Amelio
Victoria Amelio
Patricia & Lawrence Basili
A. & V. Bischof
Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence
Anthony Bongiorno
Johnmar Castillo
Gracie Carey
Karen Cazolas
Mary Ciliak
Joseph F. Coglianese
Mark Corrado
Sharon Crowley
Susan Curtin
Angela & Rocco D'Alessandro
Joseph Duna
Don Feist
Barbara Fandrey
Bob & Carol Gasiorek
Patricia Gelfond
Jeff Herden
Renee Holm
Terry Katz
Mary T. Keating
Arthur Kopeck
Thomas Landeck
Rose Mary Maratto
Pam & Mickey Margelewski
Stanisław Mazek
Azucena Melendrez
Dolores Michalek
Linda Morton
Jean Muglia
Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello
Michael J. Muscarello
Rodney Niewinski
Joe Notaro
Joey Notaro
Anthony Notaro
Catherine O'Hara
Karen Palvis - Karasawa
Anthony Parisi
Kay Phelan
Joe Portenlanger
Rita Rogers
Diane Rizzuto
Pat Schippers
Shirley Schindler
Peter Schroeder
Robert Shelton
Dolores Scorza
Maria Slomski
Daniel Staniec
Emily Steckiewicz
Lavergne Suchor
Bob Schu
Tom Szczech
Dave Tudron
Dolores Wilk



Divine Savior's Marian Shrine, Now known as the Queen of Peace Statue, Will be coming to a new location!

The Unification Committee has approved the relocation of the beautiful Marian Shrine, from the campus of Divine Savior, to Saint Eugene's Church. The shrine was erected by the parishioners in 1987, and was ironically named the Queen of Peace, the name of our new parish. It is fitting that she is moved to the new location.

The Queen of Peace is an 8' stainless steel sculpture weighing 1,200 pounds. The brick base that she sits on cannot be moved and will need to be reconstructed. 3G Construction has been hired to move the statue and replicate the base. The owners of 3G Construction are long-time active parishioners. The statue will be placed in a prominent place along Foster Ave.

We are asking for your financial support for the success of this project. Our goal is to raise $30,000 which will cover the relocation cost, build a new base, beautify the landscape around the statue, and include lighting and benches.

Will you be able to donate to this project?



Here are ways to contribute:

- Complete the tear off sheet below and Place in an envelope with the Sunday collection.
- Donate online thru Give Central – Click on the Relocation of Statue link;
- Mail the form below in or drop off a check to the parish office.

As we move into the future, we are certain that the Blessed Mother, the Queen of Peace, will reign in our hearts and in her new location as we unite under her mantle.



Questions?

Contact Ralph Cantal at 708-453-5303,

Domenica Duszynski 773-213-3629

Lonnie Muehlfelder 773-895-4553

Name: _____

Donation Amount: _____ Church Envelope #_____

Please indicate on your check that the donation is for the "Queen of Peace" Sculpture

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

A Ballad of Flesh and Spirit

"My yoke is easy and my burden is light," says the man hanging from a cross. And if we only went on what we see with our eyes — flesh driven through by nails and sword, swollen from beating and inches from expiration — it would seem like a joke.

I'll tell you something we all know: this life on earth is hard. It's either too long or it's too short. It's frequently painful. It's riddled with problems that seem to make no sense. It is, as Dickens wrote, "made of ever so many partings welded together."

But it's also shockingly, senselessly beautiful. It is full of physical experiences of love, joy, and peace that are so powerful they leave you breathless.

It is both these things — good and bad, hard and wonderful, just as we are both body and soul, spirit and flesh.

No one knows the Father except the Son, who entered into our bodily existence to free us from enslavement to it. No one knows the Son except the Father, and the means by which they know one another — the love passing between them, the Third Person himself — has been shared with us, has made its dwelling within us through baptism.

"Brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh."
— Romans 8:12

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

Readings for the week of July 9, 2023

Sunday:
Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Monday:
Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday:
Gn 32:23-33/ Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, and 15/ Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday:
Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday:
Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday:
Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday:
Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday:
Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/ Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Do you ever feel restless? I certainly do. Daily tasks and challenges, but also the more basic demand of simply existing — sooner or later, this can all feel crushing and tire us out.

Which is why Jesus' words are such stunningly good news: "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). How vastly weird that this man speaks as though he is capable of giving us the deep repose we desire. Is his claim the height of absurd grandiosity? No, because next he immediately proclaims that he is "meek and humble of heart." We here touch a mystery: Jesus is capable of giving us rest because he is the one who forever reposes in the heart of God the Father. He is "yoked" to the Father in his divinity. But he is humbly "yoked" to us, sharing in our humanity.

The good news, my fellow tired-out friends: we don't have to despair in our burdens and exhaustion, no matter how heavy they feel. This week, join me in opening our hearts to hear him say to us, "Come! I will give you rest." We come to him in the Church, Eucharist, the Scriptures, prayer, in the poor. There he will give us rest.

— Father John Muir

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

- Mt 11:28-30

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The prophet Zechariah saw the future king of Israel restoring both the land and the people, bringing peace and justice to all the nations. How might you help build toward this promised future?

Second Reading

Paul speaks of the power of the Spirit living in those who believe in Jesus. When have you felt or experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?

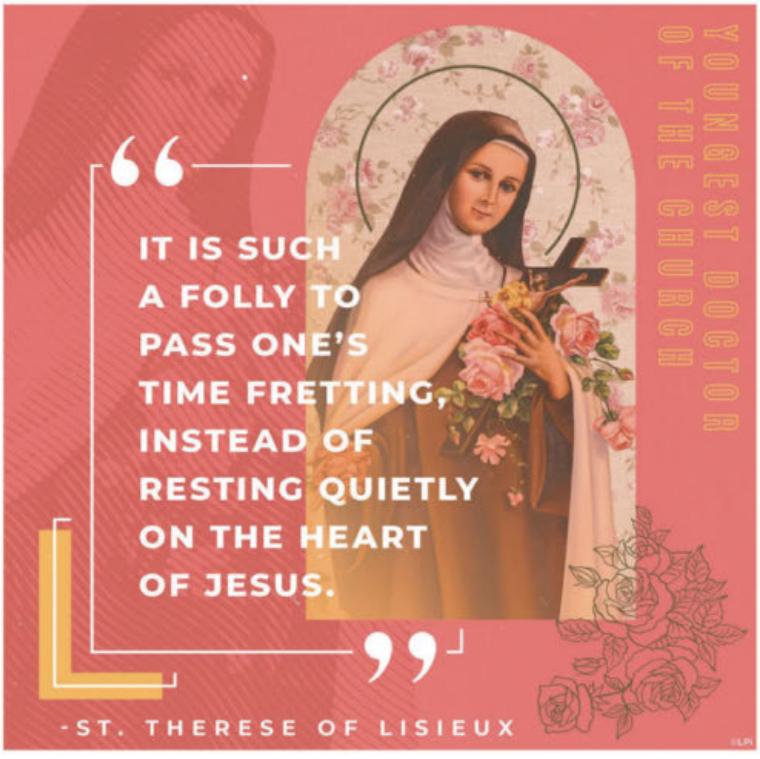
Gospel Reading

Jesus invites all who are burdened and laboring to find "rest" in him. What burdens do you or your family need lifted from your life?



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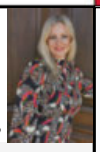
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