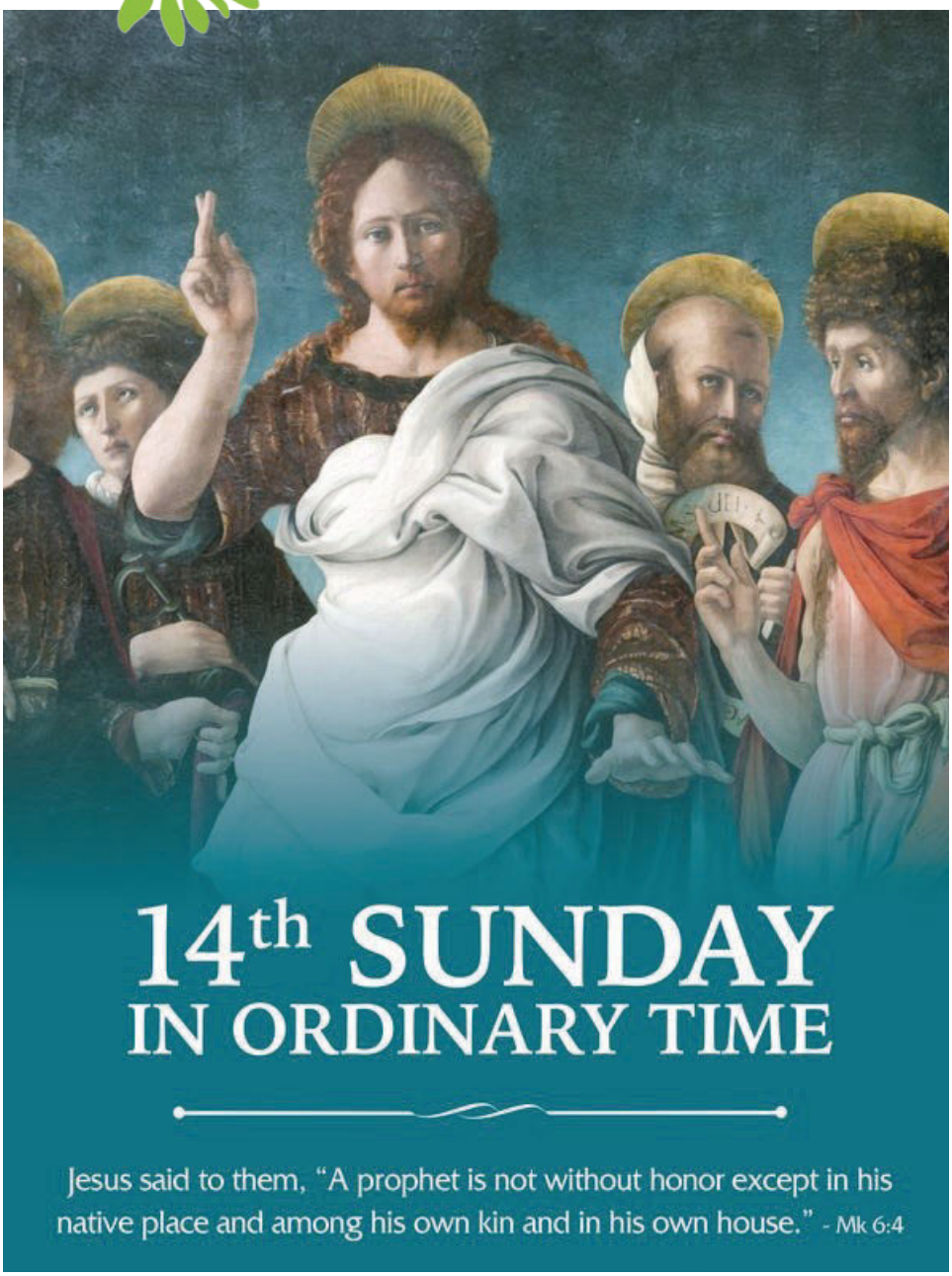
Queen of Peace Parish

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.



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Sunday Vigil Mass:	4:30 pm
Sunday:	8:30 am
	11:30 am

CONFESSIONS 3:30 pm on Saturday

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

July 7, 2024

From the desk of Fr. Rich



Today we celebrate the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Our first Scripture reading describes the call of the prophet Ezekiel. He was a Jewish priest who was deported to Babylon at the time of the exile. He is called to proclaim God's word to those who are exiled with him. God warns him that this will not be an easy task.

In the passage just preceding today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he described some of his spiritual visions and revelations. But in today's passage, he chooses not to boast of these, but rather to talk about how God has worked through him despite his weaknesses.

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Happy 2nd Anniversary to all in our Queen of Peace Parish family! Believe it or not it was two years ago this week that the merging of our three parishes of Divine Savior, Our Lady Mother of the Church and St. Eugene took place on July 1st, 2022. I thought it would be interesting to look back at what I wrote in my bulletin column two years ago this weekend.

"To all in our parishes of Divine Savior, Our Lady Mother of the Church and St. Eugene…this weekend begins a new chapter in the history of our newly uniting parish. Welcome aboard! The days, weeks and months ahead will be filled with much activity, new information and hopefully new opportunities for growth, renewed hope, and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and one another. I so look forward to participating and sharing in this new journey with us all. I hope you do as well. There may be mistakes made along the way, but hopefully we can learn something about ourselves as we pick ourselves up and recover from them. Rather than being frightened, fearful and afraid of what is to come I pray that we look to our future together with openness, anticipation, honesty, excitement, and enthusiasm. As I have said so many times before, with the Lord at our side we can move mountains together. Today, we begin this journey as we take our first steps!"

Well, it's now been two years, and we are all still here. To be honest with you I am so pleased and proud of the transition and progress we have made working with one another in bringing our three parishes together. It certainly hasn't been easy but little by little, one step at a time, we move forward in our understanding and appreciation of one another and all that is yet to be discovered and experienced. I thank you all for your cooperation and willingness to make this journey together.

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This weekend we will be having the Annual Summer Missionary Appeal. Our speaker will be Fr. Rafael Makori, a diocesan priest working as the Director of Missions. The Mission cause that you will be asked to support will be for the work and ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Musoma in Tanzania, East Africa. Fr. Rafael will be inviting all in our community to assist in his special mission request for your help in the formation of Seminarians. As he shared, these are our future priests, not only in Africa, but also for the universal Church anywhere in the world. Currently his diocese has 50 major Seminarians. The cost of educating one seminarian is about $1,000 a year. And these young men are spending 7 years in the seminary for training until they are ordained to the Priesthood. Whatever financial and prayerful assistance you can offer would be most appreciated.
The 2nd Collection taken up today will be, then, for the Annual Summer Mission Appeal that will support the dedicated ministry of those working in the missionary territory of the Diocese of Musoma in Tanzania. Please be generous.

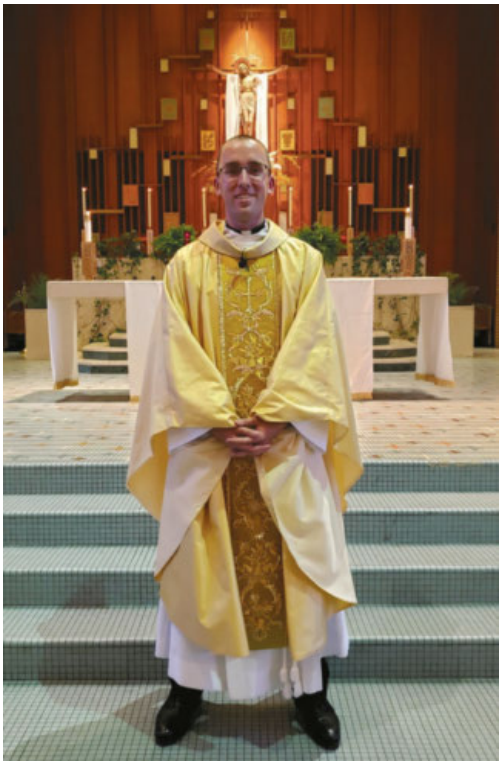
Finally, I want to share some very good news for our parish. After two years of the pastor filling this role, we now have a new Operation's Director. Her name is Lisa Keeney. She will be, for all practical purposes, taking over the operation of our parish. With the implementation of the Renew My Church process, he former position of Business Managers for parishes have given way to the new position of Operation's Directors. As you might imagine much more work and involvement in the workings of the parish now fall on their shoulders. I am so grateful that Lisa is here among us. Over time you will all have a chance to meet her. So, we are doubly blessed this week as we also welcome our new Associate Pastor, Fr. Robert Carlton.

Hope you're having a great summer everyone!

Fr. Rich Yanos

Welcome Fr. Robert

Fr. Robert Carlton was ordained in May of 2019 by Cardinal Cupich for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Originally from Evanston, he attended Loyola Academy for high school and then Georgetown University in Washington DC.



Following college, he served in the Navy for four years as a surface warfare officer on two ships in Florida where he was also on the US Navy running team.

After that, he taught high school English and theology for five years at Fordham Prep in New York, where he was also an assistant coach on the cross country and track teams.

He entered Mundelein Seminary for the Chicago Archdiocese in the fall of 2014. In addition to completing the academic program, he coached track and taught religion at Carmel High School, tutored at St. Martin de Porres High School in Waukegan, was a hospital chaplain for a summer at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles and completed a summer language immersion at the Working Boys Center in Quito, Ecuador.

After ordination, he has served as the associate pastor at St. John Brebeuf in Niles, Immaculate Conception in Chicago and in Oak Park and has also worked as the Catholic chaplain at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Chicago.

At IC, Fr. Carlton was a coach for the football, basketball and track teams. Fr. Carlton is an avid runner and cyclist and a reader of biographies.

He is very excited about being back in Norwood Park and the opportunity to work with and get to know the people at Queen of Peace parish.

QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH - MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 6, 2024

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Lottie Barr
- Mr. & Mrs. Frank Giambalvo
- Josephine Pecora
- Giuseppe Scalise
- Helen & Walter Wojtas

Sunday, July 7, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Robert J. Brun
- Giacoma & Maria Daniello
- Lucille Gutowski
- John Kula
- Mazur Family
- Genowefa Pawula
- Lawrence Porada
- Janet Toton
- Wawronowicz Family
- Wincenty & Adela Dmochowski

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- Bronislawa & Stanley Baka
- Elaine Banka
- John Cantanese
- Ralph Ferri
- Pietro Pisello
- Debbie Puhala
- Edward Rebacz
- Jadwiga Harriet Swider
- Helena Swieton
- Nicola Troiano
- S.I. Lavergne Suchor - Birthday Blessings

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- People of the Parish
- Laura Mazza
- S.I. For Nicole, Matthew & Damian
- Wieslawa Karczmarczyk
- Antoni Gumkowski

Monday, July 8, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Juliusz Dmochowski
- Jude & Minn Families
- Jean Muglia

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- Wincenty & Adela Dmochowski
- Rev. Dan Fallon
- Jude & Minn Fams.
- S.I. Rita Rogers
- Canonization of Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton
- Josephine Zima—Month's Mind

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Lydia G. Dancel
- S.I. For Matthew, Nicole, Damian & Michael

Thursday, July 11, 2024

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- Rosaria Centineo,
- Maria Karczmarczyk
- Catherine Leszczynski & Family
- Deceased Members of the TRIP Program

Friday, July 12, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Joseph John Marsillo
- Lily Nowicki
- Tony Parisi
- S.I. Elzbieta Radzik - Blessing

Saturday, July 13, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Anthony & Aurora Barone
- Giuseppe Marsillo
- Teodora Martelli

Saturday, July 13, 2024

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Juan Diaz
- Don Feist
- Mary Jane Fritza
- Wayne J. Greco
- Myron Masley
- Jean & Nick Mazzocchi
- Tom & Josephine Szczech
- Elizabeth Viola

Sunday, July 14, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Robert J. Brun
- Robert Finland 37th Death Anniv.
- Antonina & Jozef Krol
- Mika Family
- Martha Wrobel

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- Judy Biala
- Zaharias, Efrosyni & Petroula Fountas
- Paul Kunach
- Pietro Pisello
- Jozef Rebacz
- Francesco & Rosina Ruffolo
- Evelyn Rzepka
- Wanda Rzepka
- Helena Swieton
- S.I. For Mary & Deacon Ted Marszalek

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Sr. Joan Buckett BVM
- Dominic Cullotta
- Deceased Members of the D'Avino & Esposito Families
- Pearl & George Giovannoni
- Erika Arquilla Hlavacek
- Antonino La Marca
- Bishop John Raymond Manz
- Hillard Michalek, Michael Michalek
- Kenneth Van Spankeren, Sr.

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday,07/13 4:30 pm - SE	Rev. Robert Carlton	F. Klus - WB L. Feist - B J. Gebhardt - C M. Meo - O J. Horn - WO M.B. Glynn - Cup B B. Gebhardt - Cup O		P. Brown
Sunday, 07/14 8:30 am - SE	Rev. Ed Pacocha	B. Czubek - WB M. Cozzo - B P. Draniczarek - C B. Ndiwe - O G. Bermas - WO Cup B - J. Kolaski Cup O - I. Rog		M. Egan
Sunday, 07/14 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Rich Yanos Deacon Chris Viruso TC	R. Molas - AB M. Walsh - AC M. Marszalek - TB N. Mosk - TB	D. Flynn G. Pilch J. Pilch	C. Capps - 1st P. Peterson - 2nd
Sunday, 07/14 11:30 am - SE	Rev. Greg Rom	D. Hernandez - WB A. Mroszczak - B J. Mroszczak - C F. Pacia - O M. Zurek - WO B. Berggren - Cup B U. Pawlowski - Cup O		J. Mroszczak

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Eugene Church

Mondays 4 – 6 pm.

Benediction at 5:45 pm





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
Peter Badagliacca
Patricia & Lawrence Basili
Judy Bauer
Ludwika Bialo
Bronislaw Bialo
A. & V. Bischof
Gabriella Bongiorno
Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence
Johnmar Castillo
Gracie Carey
Karen Cazolas
Mary Ciliak
Mark Corrado
Sharon Crowley
Susan Curtin
Angela & Rocco D'Alessandro
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Joseph Duna
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Tony Fiore
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Harry Gelardi
Patricia Gelfond
Susan Hennessy
Jeff Herden
Renee Holm
Ryszard Jablonski
Terry Katz
Arthur Kopeck
Harry Krawczyk
Thomas Landeck
James LaPietra
Abagail Lim
Allie Lim
Frank Lizak
Rose Mary Maratto
Mickey Margelewski
Stanisław Mazek
Azucena & Jazmine Melendrez
Lena Menconi
Dolores Michalek
Patrick Misciniscinski
Linda Morton
Norman Mosk
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Michael J. Muscarello
Joey Notaro
Anthony Notaro
Victtoria Nudo
Rev. James J. O'Brien
Donie Odulio
Catherine O'Hara
Blanca Pacia
Camille Pavlis
Karen Pavlis - Karasawa
Kay Phelan
Rita Rogers
Bill Ruhl
Diane Rizzuto
Pat Schippers
Shirley Schindler
Peter Schroeder
Robert Shelton
Dolores Scorza
Maria Slomski
Daniel Staniec
Emily Steckiewicz
Rachael Stowe
Mae Stryker
Lavergne Suchor
Bob Schu
Tom Szczech
Dave Tudron
Paul Tscherwenka
Ernesto Vergara
Dolores Wilk

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
Matthew Calderisi
Timothy Emmett Carolan
Melissa Rose Cortese
James Vincent Degrazia
Patrick Edward Dillon
Zbigniew Dudkowski
Matthew Scott Forrest
Dominic John Guerrieri, Jr.
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Sharon Sherlock
Phillip R. Simonsen
Tony Strzalka

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Summer Mission Appeal
(This Weekend –July 6 & 7 at Queen of Peace Parish)

This weekend our Parish is participating in the Annual Summer Mission Appeal.

This mission request is for the Diocese of Musoma Tanzania. The Catholic Diocese of Musoma is located between the two famous landmarks: Lake Victoria and the Serengeti National Park, a home of millions of wild animals…

Every year the US Bishops are inviting missionaries from other mission countries to share their experiences in ministry and ask for your support for their pastoral projects. This year, the Diocese of Musoma in Northern Tanzania has been invited to share their Pastoral experience with you.

Christian ministry in many parts of Africa is facing several pastoral challenges including: the global economic imbalance and a great rise of the power of modernization…

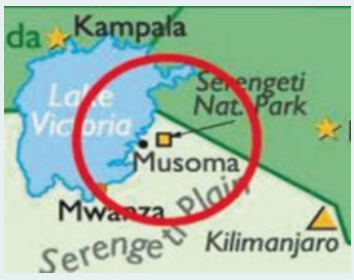
In spite of the challenges, however, the future of the Church in many parts of Africa is still promising. Christianity is growing fast in many parts of Africa. While in other parts of the world there is a declining number of Priests, and Bishops talk about the uncertain future of the Parishes, the story of Tanzania is different. We never close Churches but we lack financial resources to construct new Churches, new seminaries and new convents. The Catholic Church is doing well in self-sufficiency in personnel. We have a growing number of Christians and many vocations to priesthood.

Currently, the diocese of Musoma is running several Pastoral Projects including the Formation of seminarians, religious education, Formation of catechists, Youth Education, Healthcare projects, and other evangelization projects.

This special mission request to you is for the formation of Seminarians. These are our future Priests, not only for Africa, but also for the universal Church anywhere in the world. Currently, our diocese has 50 major Seminarians. The cost of educating one seminarian is about $ 1000 a year. And these young people are spending 7 years in the Seminary for training until they are ordained to Priesthood. We are seeking some support for the formation of our future Priests.

Please be generous in supporting this most worthy cause.

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The Catholic Diocese of Musoma in Tanzania is located between two famous landmarks: Lake Victoria, the second largest fresh water lake in the world (after Lake Superior) and the Serengeti National Park, a home of millions of wild animals

Together we can make the difference!

Rosary Prayer for Peace in the World - June 25, 2025 - Thank you for praying with us.















Rosary July 9th at Queen of Peace Statue

A feast for the Queen of Peace is Tuesday, July 9, and at 7 p.m., please come to the outdoor Queen of Peace statue at St. Eugene to pray the Rosary for peace in the world. You may bring a lawn chair.

In the early 1500s, a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child and an olive branch was given by a groom to his bride. The statue was passed down to a grandson who became a Capuchin Franciscan, and was called Our Lady of Peace. On July 9, 1657, the statue was moved to a new and larger chapel. Pope Alexander VII set July 9 as the date Capuchins could celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Peace. During the French Revolution, the Capuchins had to leave their monastery, and took the Our Lady of Peace statue with them. After the Revolution, the statue was given to Fr. Pierre Coudrin. He and Mother Henriette Aymer de Chevalerie co-founded the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and of the Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar for priests, brothers, and sisters. Fr. Coudrin gave the statue to Mother Aymer, who put it in the convent chapel in May 1806, and Our Lady of Peace became the patron of the Congregation. Priests from the Congregation began going to Hawai'i in the 1820s, and built the first Catholic church there, Our Lady of Peace. Saint Damien of Molokai was a priest from the Congregation. On July 9, 1906, to celebrate 100 years in the convent chapel, the statue was crowned by the Archbishop of Paris, becoming Our Lady, Queen of Peace. She is the patron of the Diocese of Honolulu. Her feast is January 24 in Hawai'i, and in some churches in the United States.

OCIA NEWS…..formerly RCIA

Thank you to all our parishioners for your prayers for our two young men who have been fully initiated into the Catholic faith. Brandon Rodrigeuz received the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation on the Easter Vigil at St. Eugene Church on March 30, 2024.

Bert Payne, who was already baptized, had his marriage blessed and received his First Communion on April 27, 2024 at St. Eugene Church. He received the sacrament of Confirmation, along with 200 other confirmands, on May 20 at the Basilica of Queen of All Saints.

Please keep them in your prayers as they continue forging their relationship with Jesus.







OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

BECOMING CATHOLIC — OCIA (FORMERLY RCIA)
ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church. OCIA can also be a method for Catholics to complete their reception of the initiation sacraments. The manual used in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults states that the rite is designed for adults "who after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God." The manual also states when speaking about those in the process "By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time receive the sacraments fruitfully."

WHO IS OCIA FOR?

- Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith
- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

With the gift of Jesus' Precious Blood on the Cross and in the Eucharist, let us reflect on the freedom given to us through our Baptism into him — to be heirs of the promise and liberated from sin. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way by which persons become "citizens of the Kingdom" through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Inquiry sessions are ongoing. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 773-775-6660



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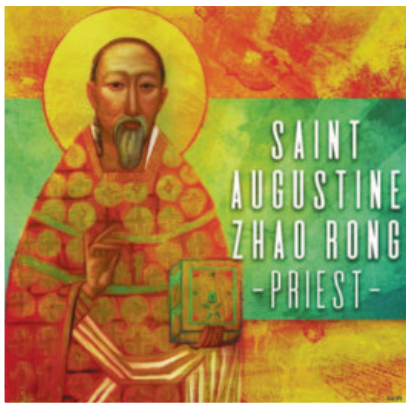
Bible Study

Wednesday in St. Eugene School room 110
from 10:00 to 12:00.
Questions or comments please feel free to email Frank at fjlizak@comcast.net.
Hope to see you there!

The Friendship Club

Happy 100th Birthday
to our First Member and Honorary Member of the Friendship Club
LAVERGNE SUCHOR
July 7th

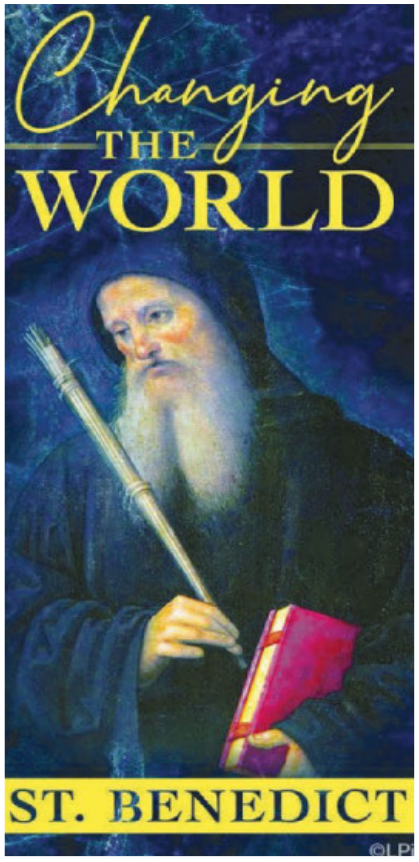






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Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

† Robert William Schu

May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.







GARDEN MINISTRY

Many of us have small gardens during the summer.
Soon at a date to be announced,
we will have collections of some of our produce.
Our collections will be donated to St. Eulalia-Quinn Center,
our sharing parish, for the food ministry program.

No garden?
No problem, just buy some produce at your local store to donate.
In order to have an idea who will be participating,
can you email if you are interested in participating and will be donating?

Thank you,
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Living Rosary

People pray a decade of the Rosary each day for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity, and in honor of the patron of the Living Rosary, Saint Philomena, completing all twenty decades of the Rosary.

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.
Proclaim the Kingdom - 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.

Glorious Mysteries
Resurrection - Lita J.
Ascension - Marsha G.
Descent of Holy Spirit - Camille C.
Assumption of Mary - Camille C.
Coronation of Mary - Camille C.

Rosaries for the Formation of Seminarians in the Diocese of Musoma

This weekend is the annual Summer Mission Appeal. Our mission request is to help with the formation of seminarians in the Diocese of Musoma in Tanzania, and so this is our Rosary intention. Rosary Guild members pray at least one Rosary for the weekly intention, and include Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Lita J., Evelyn K., Terri K., Gilda M., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Demi S., Shirley S., and Milabelle T.



Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them.
- Mk 6:4-5

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The Lord encourages Ezekiel to be courageous in his role as a prophet, regardless of the response of the Israelites. Can you think of a time when you had to be courageous in facing uncertainty?

Second Reading:

Paul learned a "thorn in his flesh" that was given to him to teach him that God's grace alone should be sufficient for his ministry. What are some obstacles in your life you have had to overcome?

Gospel:

We hear how the villagers of Nazareth were "offended" by Jesus and lacked faith in him. How do you support family or friends who have been hurt by others?



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD!
And whether they heed or resist
— for they are a rebellious house —
they shall know that a prophet has been among them. (Ez 2:4-5)

Psalm:
Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy. (Ps 123)

Second Reading:
I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.
(2 Cor 12:9)

Gospel:
"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place
and among his own kin and in his own house." (Mk 6:4)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

When Jesus taught in the synagogue of his native place, he didn't fit the image of the Messiah the people expected. They dismissed him. Let's learn from their example and remember that God often comes to us in forms that are surprising — even challenging.

Observances for the week of July 7, 2024

Sunday:	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday:	St. Benedict, Abbot
Saturday:	St. Henry
Next Sunday:	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Born to a noble family in Florence, St. Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi (1566–1607), has been called the "ecstatic saint" or "The Passion Flower of the Eucharist," because of the trance-like state, or ecstasy, she entered after receiving Holy Communion.

Prayer for Truth

Dear Lord,
Your prophets were those who spoke Your Truth.
Help me to be a speaker of truth as well, one who reminds of Your love, encourages the lowly, and points ever more deeply to You.
Amen.

Readings for the week of July 7, 2024

Sunday:
Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/
2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday:
Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday:
Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday:
Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday:
Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/
Mt 10:7-15

Friday:
Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday:
Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday:
Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I watched a bunch of YouTube videos on how to optimize willpower in the face of weakness. The message was: do not accept your weakness. Crush it. Dominate it. In one video, however, at the end of a rant by a willpower coach, the muscular stoic admitted, "You'll never actually get what you want, no matter how hard you try." Amazingly, he admitted that willpower alone is not sufficient for us weak-willed humans.

What does God want us to do with our weaknesses, if crushing them with willpower won't work? For example, what should I do with my tendency to arrogance and self-isolation? Or my procrastination? Or my intellectual and physical limitations? Or my selfishness?

The counter-intuitive answer is clear in this week's words from St Paul, "**I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me** (2 Cor. 12:9)." Boast of our weaknesses? Paul isn't promoting weak-mindedness or laziness. Rather, he perceives that Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses but because of them. Boasting of our weakness means claiming human will is not all we have. It means turning to God whenever we feel weak, which–let's face it–is almost all the time. When we do, we learn to love our weaknesses, because it's there that we meet the strength of Christ. This week, I challenge us to find ways to boast not in willpower but in weakness.

— Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

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A Prophet and His Native Place

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place." It could be the slogan of high school reunions everywhere.

I speak from experience — I didn't go to my high school reunion, but I do live in the same area in which I grew up. Ghosts from the past lurk in every grocery aisle and gas station. Former classmates fill my prescriptions at the pharmacy. I am always sure to see an old teacher or two at the Fourth of July parade.

If my teenage self knew that this was her future, she would be horrified. She wanted to grow up and move away, not because she didn't like living in this town, but because she wanted to reinvent herself. And you can't reinvent yourself in your native place. In your hometown, you'll always be exactly what you are — no more, no less.

The same was true for Jesus, who was probably the only person actually worthy of admiration at his high school reunion. When he returned to his native place, he was what he had always been — God and man, Messiah, miracle-worker. This is not something he became, it was always within him.

But the people of Nazareth cannot accept it. Why?

Well, probably for the same reason that I wanted to reinvent myself when I was 16. We don't often see anything worth venerating in the "right now" of our lives. We think happiness is a promotion or a pay bump away. We think we'll finally be holy when we find the time to take that silent retreat. We think we will be beautiful when we lose ten pounds.

The Nazarenes lived with God right under their noses, and they didn't realize it. So, when he came in all his greatness, the dissonance was too much to bear, and they rejected him. They didn't want that God — the one they had dismissed or overlooked or ignored. They wanted a different one. A shinier one. One that didn't look like the "right now" of their lives.

But that's where God is, folks. He's in the right now, and nowhere else. He's waiting there for you, with all the happiness, holiness, and beauty your life needs.

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."
— Mark 6:4

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

In Year B, we hear primarily from the Gospel of Mark. Since each Evangelist has a unique perspective, what are the key issues that Mark addresses in his Gospel?

Answer:

Gospels are a particular faith community's reflection on Jesus. Each Gospel's author reflected that community's faith in Jesus. Jesus' message is made relevant to the community's situation and context. Mark was the first Gospel to be written. When Matthew and Luke wrote theirs, they imitated and adapted Mark for their communities.

Mark's Gospel seems to be addressed to a faith community undergoing turmoil, rejection, and persecution—forces that threaten to overwhelm them. This provides the context around which Mark fashions the story of Jesus. He presents Jesus as the One sent by God to confront the forces of evil. That is the good news of Jesus.

Jesus' struggle with the demonic forces leads to confrontation, rejection, outright opposition, and a conspiracy to do away with him. Realizing this, Jesus is not deterred. Rather Jesus calls for total faith in God who helps us to overcome the forces of evil. Suffering and even death seem to be the consequences of this struggle. Yet, that is not the end. The one who suffers for the sake of others, the suffering servant, will be the one through whom redemption and salvation will come to all. For Mark, this is what discipleship demands and what true faith in God can and will accomplish. See if you can detect these themes as you read Mark's Gospel.

Kids Corner

Prayer

Dear God, help me to listen to you and to accept the help that you want to give me. Amen.

Mission for the Week

Read today's Gospel with your family. Talk about ways that people sometimes turn Jesus away. Pray together, asking God to keep you close to Jesus.

Sharing the Gospel

Have you ever felt left out? Jesus did. In today's Gospel, Jesus visited his relatives and old friends. These were the people he grew up with, the people who knew him the best. All of a sudden Jesus was not acting like he used to. They heard that Jesus was healing people, raising people from the dead, and telling evil spirits to leave. Jesus was even teaching about God's kingdom, like he really knew what he was talking about! Well, Jesus' old friends and neighbors did not like it one bit. How sad for them. God's own Son wanted to help them, but they didn't want it.

Now color the picture!

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

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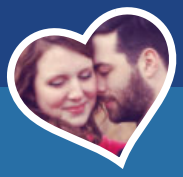
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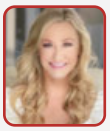
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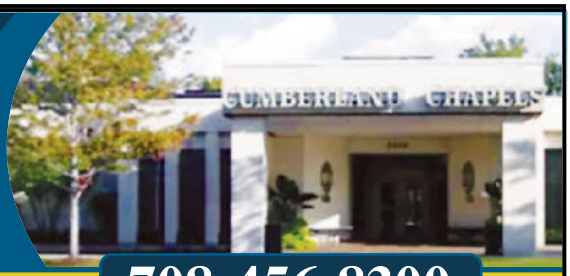
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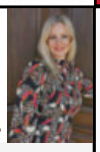
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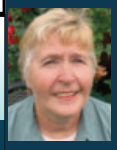
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