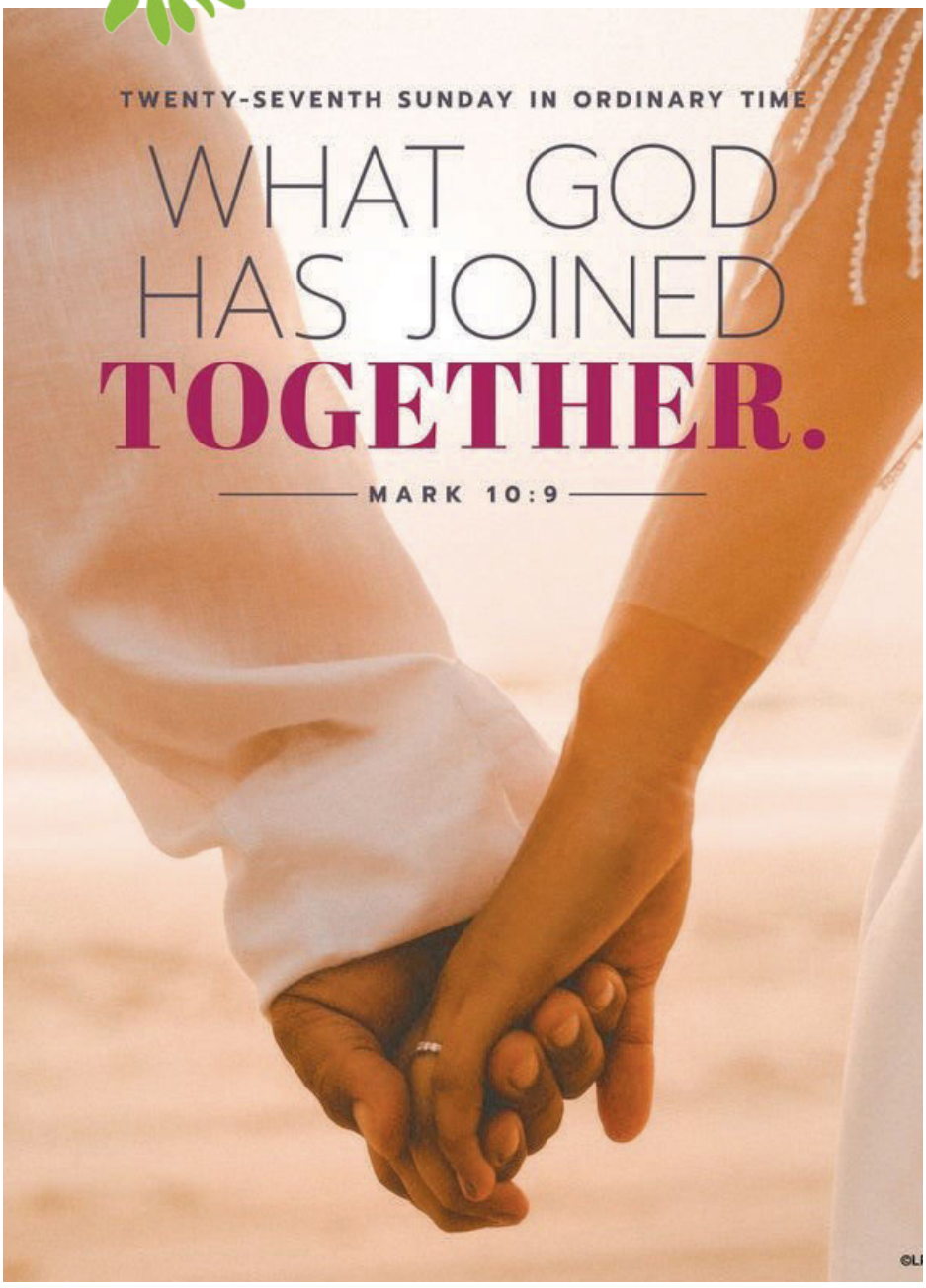
Queen of Peace Parish

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.



OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

8747 W. Lawrence Avenue
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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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Monday:	9:00 am
Wednesday:	9:00 am
Friday:	9:00 am
Saturday:	8:30 am
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

October 6, 2024



Today we celebrate the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The first 11 chapters of Genesis have very little historical foundation, but they teach religious truths in parable form. In Chapter One and Chapter Two, there are two quite different accounts of creation. Today we hear a part of the second account.

Today and for the next six Sundays, our second reading will come from the Letter to the Hebrews. The section from which today's passage is taken is perhaps the New Testament's most profound commentary on the implications of Jesus becoming a human being.

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On the first weekend in October our Church traditionally celebrates Respect Life Sunday.

Respect Life Sunday is an opportunity for each of us to re-examine the ways in which we respond to the precious gift of human life, in all its forms from conception until natural death. There are so many complexities that surround the many "life issues" that we are faced with each day. The decisions we make both personally and collectively about these "life issues" all have ramifications. That is why the Church in her infinite wisdom will always look to protect the dignity and sanctity of human life… whether it be coming to the protection and defense of the defenseless fetus, caring for the increasingly aging senior population, taking a definitive stance on birth control, encouraging natural family planning, or helping us to understand all the ramifications of stem cell research, etc.…

I want to encourage everyone in our parish to use this upcoming Respect Life Sunday as an opportunity to learn more about what we as Catholics believe about respecting life in all its forms, and more importantly, why we teach and believe and hold firm to our convictions about the protection and preservation of human life.

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As you know, October is also the month of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This year his feast day fell this past Friday, October 4th. It is also the day we traditionally bless our pets. To make it easier for more people to participate in this event, we will be having our annual pet blessing, today, Sunday, October 6th at 3:00 p.m. on the area in front of the main entrance to the church at the St. Eugene Campus. This blessing of our beloved pets has been a tradition for many, many years in parishes throughout the world. For this reason, all in our parish are encouraged to bring their pets (small, medium, or large, fish, animal or fowl, walking, crawling, or hopping) to the area in front of the entrance of church on Sunday (today), October 6th. All pets are welcome. Please join your parish family in keeping this beautiful tradition as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi here at Queen of Peace Parish.

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Just a reminder that you are invited celebrate the 20th anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration here at St. Eugene Church/Queen of Peace Parish this Monday, October 7th. Adoration will start at 4:00 p.m. The Holy Hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by Benediction at 7:15 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be presented this night in the monstrance blessed by St. Pope John Paul II. There will also be panel banners on display describing many of the Eucharistic Miracles that have taken place throughout the world. Following Benediction there will be a pizza and beverage reception in the church vestibule. All are invited to join us for this special evening

Fr. Rich Yanos

Mary Marszalek
received the Christifideles Award
Sunday, Sep. 29 at Holy Name Cathedral!





It's time to Celebrate!

All are cordially invited to help celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration at St. Eugene Church (Queen of Peace Parish)
7958 W. Foster Ave.; Chicago, IL 60656
773/775-6659

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on
Monday, October 7, 2024, from 4:00 pm
featuring the monstrance
blessed by St. Pope John Paul II.
Holy Hour will start at 6:30 pm
followed by Benediction at 7:15 pm

Panels describing Eucharistic Miracles will be available for viewing.
Come join us for prayer and pizza.

Remembering Eileen Jacques



THE GOOD SAMARITAN RECOGNIZED THE DIGNITY IN THE OTHER AND CARED FOR HIS LIFE.

LUKE 10:25-37

LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON



QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH - MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 5, 2024
8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Living & Dec'd Mbrs of Cortese Family
Adela Dmochowska
Rollye James
Roseann Salvadori

Saturday, October 5, 2024
4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church
Calogero Abbinanti
Marliss Costanza
Sr. Ann Patrice Dorr
Frank & Gerri Peora
Bob Schu
Gregory Smits
Wright & Lincoln Families

Sunday, October 6, 2024
8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Robert J. Brun
Frances B. Bruno
Donald Denis Cordova
Sr. Alice Rogers O. S. F.
Jozef Wawronowicz, Jr.

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
People of the Parish
John Catanese
Joe DeCarlo
Pam Margelewski
Michael J. Nardulli—B-Day
Pietro Pisello
Debbie Puhala
Edward Rebacz
Jadwiga Harriett Swider
Nicolo Troiano

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Colomba Lupo
Francesca & Antonino Lupo
Laura Mazza, Joseph & Anna Wilk

Monday, October 7, 2024
9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Joanna Bischof
Richard P. Issel PHd
Peg & Beth Rogers
S.I. Rita Rigers
Frederick Tomzik

Tuesday, October 8, 2024
7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Bill & Catherine Aiken
Catherine DeChatelet & Family
Michele Dudek
Helen Lavalle
Linda & Jack McMicken
Pat Sarich

Wednesday, October 9, 2024
9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Jeff Stalpart
John & Rollye James

Thursday, October 10, 2024
7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Juan Diaz, Brigida D`Andrea
Mary O'Regan
S.I. Jean Rogers

Friday, October 11, 2024
9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Armando Abdon
Sr., Louisa S. Dellota

Saturday, October 12, 2024
8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Fred Panfil

10:00 am Confirmation at St. Eugene

Saturday, October 12, 2024
4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church
Berenice Cwiklik
Virginia Florkiewicz
Wayne J. Greco
John Kula
Rev. Fred Tomzik
Helen & Walter Wojtas

Sunday, October 13, 2024
8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Robert J. Brun
Koziara & Kozial Families
Ursula Kucharski
John Kula
Tony Parisi

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Florencio Aspi
Giacomo & Maria Daniello
Donato Parente
Deacon Andy Pecson
Pietro Pisello
Margaret Power
Jozef Rebacz
Catherine Sepe
Diane Shuksta & Family

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
People of the Parish
Anthony & Aurora Barone
Pearl & George Giovannoni
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek
Sophie & Edward Latocha
Bronislawa & Jozef Piton
Candida Serino, Giuseppe Rinaudo

3:00 pm Wedding at St. Eugene Church
Siobhan Mischke & Michael Zdrojkowski

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 10/12 4:30 PM - SE	Rev. Ed Pacocha	L. Feist - WB M. Pollowy - B Celebrant / J. Horn - C R. Sparacino - O N. Noronha - WO D. Sulimowski - O S. Sparacino – Cup O	C. Wallace A. Ek Q. Sznura	A. Cisek
Sunday, 10/13 8:30 AM - SE	Rev. Greg Rom	M. Lim - WB R. Kennedy - B Celebrant / J. Kolaski - C B. Ndiwe - O C. Mikucki - WO C. Lim - Cup B J. Nardi - Cip O	E. Hesnan L. Solis B. Villena	J. Imburgia
Sunday, 10/13 10:00 AM - OLMC	Rev. Rich Yanos	G. Henderson - AB M. Walsh - AC R. Catalano - TB N. Mosk - TB	D. Flynn G. Pilch J. Pilch	P. Vega - 1st J. Colon - 2nd
Sunday, 10/13 11:30 AM - SE	Rev. Robert Carlton	P. Tomzik - WB M. Tomzik - B Celebrant / M. Holder - C F. Pacia - O D. Hernandez - WO B. Berggren - Cup B M. Zurek - Cup O	AJ Orlando M. Clancy B. Rog A. Coleman	C. Giacalone

Family Mass 8th grade September 8, 2024








LIVING ROSARY

Pray a decade of the Rosary daily 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. Please reach out to the parish office if you would like to sign up to pray a decade of the Rosary each day.

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 RESPECT LIFE

October is Respect Life Month, and this first Sunday of October is Respect Life Sunday. Please pray at least one Rosary this week for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death, along with Rosary Guild members 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., and Shirley S.

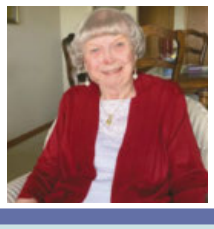
QUEEN OF PEACE SHRINES OF REMEMBRANCE

All Souls' Day, Saturday, November 2, is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Queen of Peace Parish will have Shrines of Remembrance of our beloved dead in the sanctuary at each worship site. Please bring pictures of your deceased loved ones, and place them on the tables in the gathering space the weekend of October 26-27. For all pictures, please place a sticker or tag with your name, address, and phone number on the back of each picture. These pictures may be picked up the weekend of November 23-24.



THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Happy 100th Birthday
to our Honorary Member
of The Friendship Club
MARIE NOEL - September 13th



THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club will be meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 11:00.
This will be our Oktoberfest Party.
Our lunch will be Bratwurst, German Potato Salad,
and Birthday Cake for Dessert.
We will be celebrating our Honorary Member
Marie Noel's 100th Birthday.
Our speaker will be Julie O'Hara from Chestnut Square at The Glen.
After lunch, Bingo will be played. Hope to see you there.

ALL SOULS' DAY

QUEEN OF PEACE MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, AT 8:30 A.M.

ST. EUGENE CHURCH

On All Souls' Day, the Church commemorates and intercedes for those who have died. We invite the entire parish to remember our dearly departed, especially those who have died in the past year.

Your loved ones who have been buried from Queen of Peace Parish since last November will have their names inscribed in the Book of the Dead, which will be placed in front of the altar for this Mass.

We will honor the dead in a special way at the Mass of Remembrance on Saturday, November 2. If you would like to have the name of your loved one read at the Mass, please fill out the form below and return it to the parish office, or drop it in the collection basket, no later than Friday, October 25.

Please PRINT legibly the name or names of the people you would like remembered so the name or names can be read accurately. In the gathering space before Mass, each family may pick up a carnation so that during the Mass, when the name or names of their deceased loved ones are being read, they may bring the carnation up to a vase in the sanctuary.

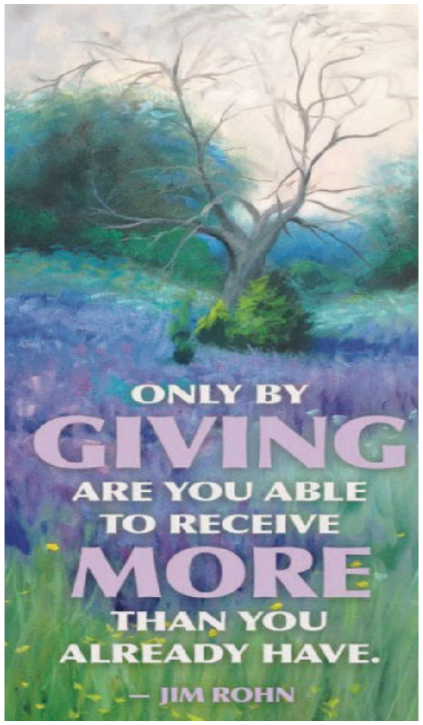
The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed before Mass, and after Mass, there is a First Saturday Devotion.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

4:30pm SE	$ 3,466.00
8:30am SE	$ 3,204.50
10:00am OLMC	$ 2,233.00
11:30am SE	$ 1,874.00
Mail	$ 1,860.00
Total Physical	**$ 12,637.50**
Online Collection	$ 1,845.01
Grand Total	**$ 14,482.51**
School Support	$ 2,026.00





Knights of Columbus
Pancake Breakfast
St. Eugene Shaunessy Center
7:30 - 11:00 am

Pet Blessing
Main entrance of
St. Eugene Church
3:00 pm

SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 6
Parish Repairs & Maintenance

October 20
World Mission

October 27
School Support

Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

† Michael Lynch
† Rocco D'Alessandro
† Ursula Kucharski
† Dr. James 'Doc' Bergman
† Lawrence Gross

May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.





ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
St. Eugene Church

Mondays 4 - 6 pm. Benediction at 5:45 pm.



Bulletin Submissions:

Bulletin requests must be sent two weeks prior to the desired bulletin weekend to mgeurtsen@archchicago.org
We reserve the right to edit. Submissions will be placed in the bulletin if space allows and pending administration approval.
Please call the parish office for the holiday schedule. *Thank you.*

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Come join us to make a difference in peoples lives, We crochet shawls, lap robes, baby blankets, crosses and even scarves and hats when there is a need.
If interested we meet the first and third Wednesday of every month.
Any questions please reach out to Pam at 773-685-7586 or 773-848-4586.

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!

Queen of Peace Magnets

Please support our fundraiser by purchasing the beautiful magnet at minimum donation of $5.
Magnets are available at our Rectory office during regular office hours.



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
Don Bellisario
Ludwika Bialo
Bronislaw Bialo
A. & V. Bischof
Gabriella Bongiorno
Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence
Johnmar Castillo
Gracie Carey
Karen Cazolas
Mary Ciliak
Mark Corrado
Jacqueline Connoly
Sharon Crowley
Susan Curtin
Angela & Rocco D'Alessandro
John Dahlquist
Joseph Duna
Carol Fijalkiewicz
Tony Fiore
Bob Gasiorek
Harry Gelardi
Patricia Gelfond
Susan Hennessy
Jeff Herden
Renee Holm
Ryszard Jablonski
Terry Katz
Arthur Kopeck
Harry Krawczyk
Ursula Kucharski
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
Michael C. Muscarello
Michael J. Muscarello
John Nelson
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
Jackie Pomis
Rita Rogers
Jean Rogers
Bill Ruhl
Lorraine & Tom Ryan
Diane Rizzuto
Luis A. Sanchez
Pat Schippers
Shirley Schindler
Peter Schroeder
Robert Shelton
Dolores Scorza
Maria Slomski
Daniel Staniec
Emily Steckiewicz
Rachael Stowe
Mae Stryker
Lavergne Suchor
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.
Major Dirk Haller
Andrew Hopkins
Christopher Jenkins
Bernard Edward Kusinski
Lt. Radoslaw Korzeniak
Antonio James Lim
Payne Manczko
Chris Marchiori
Daniel McLenighan
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

Medjugorje and the Treasures of the Adriatic



12 Days - April 21st to May 2nd, 2025 with Fr. Rich Yanos

All in our parish along with your family and/or friends are welcome to join us on our next adventure that will be taking us to the beautiful coastline of the Adriatic Sea. As we meander along the magnificent Adriatic shoreline will be touring the countries of Slovenia, Croatia, and Bosnia-Herzegovina. In these beautiful places we will be visiting the cities of Dubrovnik, Trogir, Split, Zadar, Zagreb, and Ljubljana. We will also be spending time at Lake Bled, the open -air museum at Kumrovec, Plitvice Lakes and most especially a highlight of this trip – Medjugorje (where the Blessed Virgin has appeared in apparitions to six of the cities local children). You don't want to miss this trip!

We will be having an open informational meeting on Tuesday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall at Our Lady, Mother of the Church (8747 W. Lawrence Ave, Chicago, IL 60656. Enter from behind the church`s south parking lot). If you would like to hear more about this trip or might like to sign up please join us at the meeting with our travel agent. If you have any questions please call Fr. Rich at 773-775-6659.

If you would like your own brochure you can fill out the form below and return it to me and I will be sure to get you a copy with our complete itinerary and cost. These trips are filled in the order in which people sign up. I would love to have you join us along with your family and friends. If you are definitely planning on joining us, I would encourage you to get your RSVP form in as soon as possible as this trip is likely to draw a lot of interest and fill up early.

BROCHURE REQUEST FORM - PLEASE RETURN TO: FR. RICH YANOS, 7958 W. FOSTER AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60656

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____ **Phone:** _____


Thanksgiving
FOOD COLLECTION
26-27 Oct 2024
Collections will take place at both Queen of Peace campuses (St. Eugene's and Our Lady Mother of the Church).
LIST OF THINGS WE NEED:
Jiffy Cornbread Mix
Cans of Fruit - peaches, mixed fruit, pears, etc.)
Boxes of Stuffing Mix
Cake Mixes
Cans of Frosting
Brownie Mix
Gravy Packages
Canned Pumpkin
Cereal (Hot and Cold) - Large Boxes and Individual Sized
These items will be sent to New Hope Community Food Pantry
Thank you in advance for your concern and help!
Social Concerns Ministry


Dinner & Dance
October 19th, 2024
25th Aniversary Celebration of Verbum Dei Community in Chicago - US
Place:
St Eugene Shaunessy Center
5220 N Canfield Av.
Chicago, Ill 60656
Time:
6 pm to Midnight
Cost:
$60
More Info:
English: Sister Ann Marie 224-280-8395
Spanish: Sister Milagros 224-280-8394
Polish: Sister Kasia 224-280-8396
verbum dei


JOIN US ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
HALLOWEEN
8
BINGO
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM
PLAY BEGINS AT 6:30 PM
$25 FOR 8 GAMES
OVER $1000 IN CASH PRIZES
SPECIAL RAFFLES
BYOB & CONCESSIONS
All proceeds go to St. Eugene Students • Must be 18 to play • 7930 W. Foster Ave, Chicago
We reserve the right to reduce prize amounts due to low attendance.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
That is why a man leaves his father and mother
and clings to his wife,
and the two of them become one flesh. (Gn 2:24)

Psalm:
May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. (Ps 128)

Second Reading:
He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated
all have one origin. (Heb 9:11)

Gospel:
"Therefore what God has joined together,
no human being must separate." (Mk 10:9)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

To follow Jesus, we must cast off all illusions of importance and wisdom. We must embrace our own smallness, rejoice in our own weakness. In doing that, we become like true children, and discover the saving strength of our God.

Observances for the week of October 6, 2024

Sunday:	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday:	St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
Friday:	St. John XXIII, Pope
Next Sunday:	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 –1917) dreamed of being a missionary. She first served Italian immigrant populations, from New York to Chicago, and across the U.S. She is the first United States citizen to be canonized and is the Universal Patron of Immigrants.

Prayer for Marriage

God, pour Your blessings upon those You have called to marriage. Strengthen the bonds of their unions. May Your love be revealed in the ways they cherish and support each other, in good times and bad, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health. Amen.

Readings for the week of October 6, 2024

Sunday:
Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/
Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday:
Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday:
Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday:
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday:
Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/
Lk 11:5-13

Friday:
Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday:
Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday:
Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/
Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a young pastor years ago, I met with a middle-aged couple who had been divorced and civilly remarried. They were frustrated that an annulment had to precede a Church marriage. Sympathizing with their plight, I promised to walk with them along their journey. Once as we sat in my office, the man said to me, "Why is the Church so difficult on marriage?" I replied, "Actually, Jesus' teaching is what's difficult." He furrowed his brow and asked what I meant.

We opened the Bible and together read today's gospel passage from Mark 10:12 in which Jesus says, **"Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery with her..."** My two friends sat in silent astonishment. Surely Jesus understands the complexities of human life and sexual love. The words hung thick and heavy in the air. How could the merciful Lord be so seemingly unrealistic in his expectations, especially with so much divorce and remarriage in our world?

I didn't know what to say. So, we kept reading. Next, Jesus says, **"Let the children come to me."** The innocence of children allows them to receive and give love, to trust unconditionally, to believe in love that endures. Most children aren't yet jaded by statistics, broken hearts, or dysfunctional relationships. Children remind us of the world to come. The couple and I began to talk about child-like trust in Jesus and his teaching, and we continued to move forward. When it comes to the Church's demanding teaching on marriage, it's best to approach it as trusting children, whatever situations in which we find ourselves.

— Father John Muir

Queen of Peace Parish

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churchoffice@st-eugene.org

Please contact the St. Eugene Church Rectory Office for:
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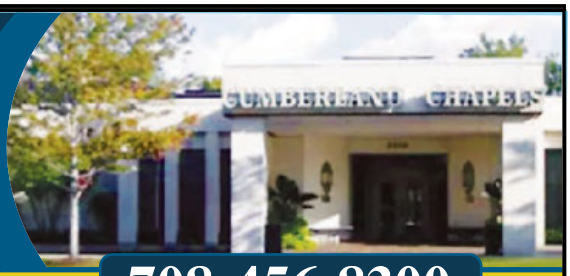


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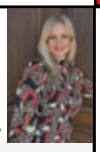
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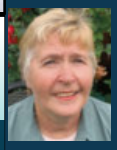


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