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

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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

ST. EUGENE CHURCH

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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:	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

November 3, 2024



From the desk of Fr. Rich

Today we celebrate the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The events in today's reading from Deuteronomy take place as the Israelites are camped on the shore of the Jordan River ready to enter the Promised Land. In a lengthy farewell speech, Moses stresses that they are to remain faithful to the Lord after they have settled in their new land. The final words of this passage are especially dear to Jewish people who recite them several times a day, attach them to their doorposts, and wear them on their person.

There were daily sacrifices of animals in the Jerusalem temple. These were offered by many priests who, when they died, were replaced by others. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews contrasts this with Jesus whose one sacrifice on the cross was for all people of all times.

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By now all in our parish have come to know and hopefully appreciate the ministry and presence of having a deacon serving our community. We actually have two deacons, Deacon Chris Virruso and Deacon Ted Marszalek, (husband of Mary Marszalek) who for the past many years has been homebound, rendering him unable to fulfill his active parish ministry. Recently, however, I had a conversation with Deacon Chris at which time he shared with me that he has reached the age and place in his life that he needs and desires to embrace retirement. For the past 38 years Chris has faithfully served the Church as an ordained minister, and now, at 86 years old has decided its time to take a break to enjoy his family and his life with however many more years God gives him. As much as I will miss his humor and ministerial presence among us, I shared with him that I fully understand his future plans. For this reason, Deacon Chris will be celebrating his last "official" Mass with us on the weekend of November 16-17. He will be preaching at the 4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Eugene on Saturday, Nov. 16 and at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church on Nov. 17. After the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Nov. 17th, there will be a farewell reception in his honor at Our Lady, Mother of the Church, that all in our parish community are invited to and encouraged to attend.

The following is a message from Deacon Chris Virruso himself that he wanted to share with us all:

My dear treasured Queen of Peace Parish Family. Born from the Divine Savior, St. Eugene and Our Lady, Mother of the Church Parish families. After many months of prayer and reflection I have arrived at this conclusion. The time has arrived when I step back from my Diaconal Ministry and the responsibilities that come with it.

I am not a spring chicken. I am not as strong as I need to be. Sometimes I forget things! But I have no complaints! Because God is always with me, encouraging me, protecting me, and teaching me. I am so blessed that he found me worthy to serve him in a way I could never have imagined for this Sicilian Guy!

Jesus in all his glory has helped all of us see him in one another and to discover the blessings of generosity who cross the threshold of our lives. I am truly grateful to all of you who have given me so much love to have been your Deacon! -- 28 of the past 38 years at Our Lady, Mother of the Church and a couple of years at St. Eugene and the remaining 10 years with the families of St. William Parish.

Today, I announce my retirement from the Diaconate and my parish duties. Just to chill out and to give thanks to God for all he has given me. My prayers and blessings will always continue in what I do for the Lord and all of you.

Deacon Chris Virruso

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The week of November 3-9 is National Vocation Awareness Week. This time offers us an opportunity to reflect on how each of us has a vocation, and to instill in our young people a sense that God is calling them to join in Christ's work of salvation. It is within that general sense of vocation that we help all in the Church to grow in an appreciation that God is calling the disciples of Jesus either to married or single life, ordained ministry or consecrated life.

I ask all in our parish to pray for a culture of vocations in the Church, particularly as we ask the Lord to raise up those who will give their lives to service in the Church as priests, deacons, or religious. We need these future leaders in the Church, those who will minister to generations to come.

The following is a prayer for vocations that I ask you to say as we remind ourselves of our responsibility to promote vocations by inviting the next generation of women and men to consider consecrated life and ordained ministry.

DISCERNMENT PRAYER

God of boundless love and mercy,
you never cease to call women and men
to serve you and their brothers and sisters.
Raise up in your Church today:
faithful and generous men as ordained priests and deacons,
prayerful and committed women and men in consecrated life,
loving and faithful couples for the sacrament of marriage,
ready and willing individuals for the dedicated single life.
In the Body of Christ, give each of us
the willingness to invite others to hear your call
and the readiness to support and encourage those who answer that call.
We lift this prayer to you through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

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This Tuesday, November 5th is Election Day and as I am writing this article, I pray that if you haven't voted already, you will be participating in our right and privilege to vote on this day.

Fr. Rich Yanos



QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH - MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 2, 2024 - All Souls' Day

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

For all the Faithful Departed

Saturday, November 2, 2024

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church

Maria Rosa Concialoli
Stephanie & John & Jerry Gonder
Deceased Members: Mom, Dad, & Brothers Gonder
H.O.C. Club Members
Angeline Komperda
Matt & Adeline Wojcik
Jeffrey Wrobel - B-Day Remembrance

Sunday, November 3, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish
Mr. Joseph Aocardi
Robert J. Brun
Francis & Ed Bruno
Koziara & Kozial Families
Ursula Kucharski
Mazur Family
Joseph & Mary Sparacino

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

Charles Bastian - 54th Death Anniversary
John Catanese
Richard & Virginia Kavalauskas
Stanislawa Kurda
Deceased Members of the Friendship Club
Josephine Nardulli - Anniversary
Michael L. Nardulli - Birthday
Pietro Pisello
Debbie Puhala
Edward Rebacz
Nicola Troiano

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Juan Diaz
Margaret, Grace & Charles Bastian
Adam Cegielski - 9 years Death Anniversary
Tom Evangelou
Boleslaw Grabowski & Family
Chester Kolakowski & Family
Genowefa Lapinski & Family
Colomba Lupo
Gerry Papish
Antoni Wondolowski & Family

Monday, November 4, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Kristine & Casey Perez Martin Family
Efren & Melba Perez
Pietro Pisello
Paulina & Andrzej Rogalinski
Stefan Rogalinski, Zofia Rogalinski

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

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

Roman Godlewski

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Imre Hollosi & Linda Hollosi
Michael Lynch
Frank Masley
Roseann Salvadori
S.I. for Family

Thursday, November 7, 2024

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

S.I. Matthew, Mike, Nicole & Damian and family

Friday, November 8, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Rossana Barnett, Rico De Lara, Joan Herrmann
Ebenezzer Villasauta

Saturday, November 9, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

S.I. Brendan McCoy - Good Health

Saturday, November 9, 2024

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish
Angela, David Jr. & Loretta Brichetto
Mary Catherine Graves, Joe LaBarbera
Sam Lodolce, Adele, Eleanor & Marie Pastorino
Donna Schmidt, Helen & Walter Wojtas

Sunday, November 10, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Antonina & Jozef, Dr. James Bergman
Michael Black
Robert J. Brun, Wayne Greco
Ursula Kucharski, Mazur Family,

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

George & Olga Gianno, Laurel Hook,
Marcia Juszynski
Florian Mackowski
Donato Parente
Pietro Pisello
Czeslawa Placzek
Jozef Rebacz, Jadwiga Harriet Swider
Mike & Adriana Tunzi

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Terry Allen - 10th Anniversary
Vito & Rosaria Anzalone
Anthony & Aurora Barone
Phyllis & Arthur Bastian
Pearl & George Giovannoni
Antonino & Francesca LaBarbera
Joe LaBarbera, Jene & Marie LaBarbera
Marcella & Tadeusz Marszalek
Gerry Papish

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 11/09 4:30 PM - SE	Rev. Ed Pacocha	T. Crivlare - WB L. Feist - B Celebrant/S. Sparacino - C R. Sparacino - O J. Noronha - WO D. Sulimowski - Cup B M. Pollowy - Cup O	C. Wallace A. EK Q. Sznura	A. Cisek
Sunday, 11/10 8:30 AM - SE	Rev. Rich Yanos Dcn. Chris Virruso	B. Czubek - WB D. Duszynski - B Celebrant/P. Draniczarek -C B. Ndiwe - O G. Fornek - WO R. Kennedy - Cup B J. Fornek - Cup O	E. Hesnan L. Sois B. Villena	M. Egan
Sunday, 11/10 10:00 AM - OLMC	Rev. Robert Carlton	E. Aspi - AB M. D'Alessandro - AC P. Vega - TB M. Walsh - TB M. Marszalek - TC	D. Flynn G. Pilch J. Pilch	C. Roldan - 1st N. Mosk - 2nd
Sunday, 11/10 11:30 AM - SE	Rev. Greg Rom	C. Paulini - WB T. Moore - B Celebrant/M. Holder - C F. Pacia - O C. Giacalone - WO U. Pawlowski - Cup B P. Paetsch - Cup O	AJ Orlando M. Clancy B. Rog A. Coleman	P. Wagner

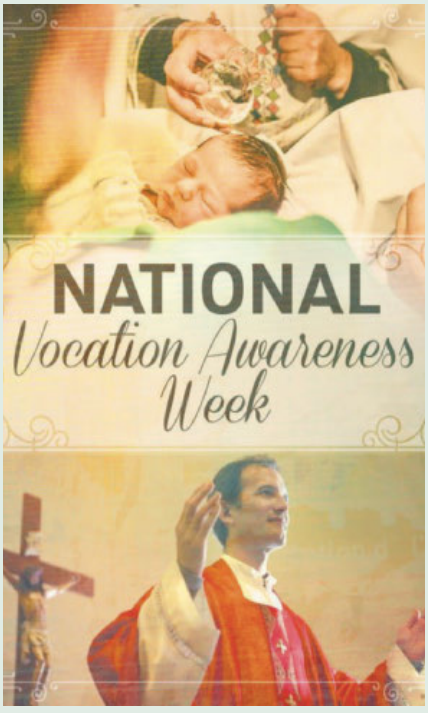
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In the Body of Christ, give each of us
the willingness to invite others to hear your call
and the readiness to support and encourage those who answer that call.
We lift this prayer to you through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

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Rev. Timothy Monahan, Vocation Director
tmonahan@archchicago.org





George Martell, Archdiocese of Boston

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 3-9, 2024

FATHER RYAN STAWAISZ

HEROIC SERVICE IN HIS FINAL DAYS

Shortly before his ordination, Ryan Stawaisz received a devastating cancer diagnosis—his second one after successfully beating cancer as a junior in college.

Despite his diagnosis, Fr. Ryan began his priestly ministry at Prince of Peace in Houston in 2019. Just two years later, on June 21, 2021, the young priest passed away, leaving a lasting impact on his parishioners, many of whom attested to his tremendous witness.



The new film "Love God's Will" tells the heroic story of Fr. Ryan Stawaisz's selfless ministry through the eyes of his family, friends, and fellow priests.

Palomita Films, palomitafilms.com

Those who knew Fr. Ryan were deeply touched by his selfless ministry, even in his final days as a priest—so much so that he has inspired a film about his life.

His brother Ross Stawaisz says he hopes Fr. Ryan's story will show the "need to stand up for some things. You need to live your life in a way that emulates Christ."

Fr. Ryan's mother, Susan Stawaisz, said she has heard from several cancer patients on how the movie has touched them: "I feel like anybody who's gone through any kind of suffering can relate to offering up your suffering and suffering heroically."

Read the feature story about Fr. Ryan and his family at catholicnewsagency.com


Gallery Bruno

SERRA SPONSORS 50 ORDERS

Above, an army of young sisters from the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary process into the National Eucharistic Congress. They are members of one of the fastest-growing religious communities in the U.S., with a large presence in Miami.

In the months leading up to the National Eucharistic Congress, Serra International raised more than $150,000 to sponsor the presence of more than 50 religious communities.

"It was amazing to walk through the convention hall and see hundreds of young sisters," said one attendee. "Just seeing their joy and vibrant smiles gave me a lot of hope for the future of the Church!"

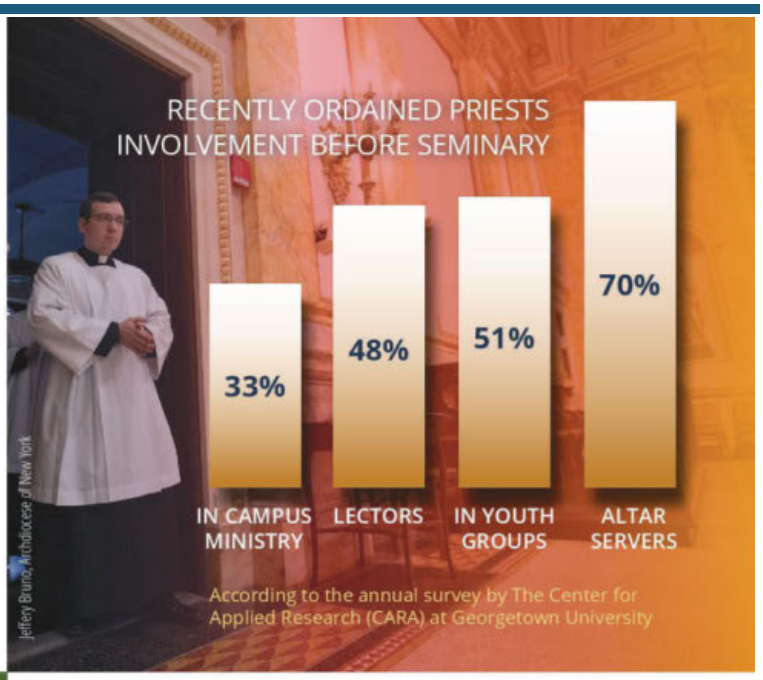
RECENTLY ORDAINED PRIESTS

ORIGINS *of* PRIESTHOOD

Pope Francis has emphasized that seminarians must be "men of communion" who arise organically from the communities they serve, then return after seminary to minister even more profoundly.

That vision is slowly becoming a reality in the U.S., with most of the priests ordained in 2024 reporting active involvement in their parishes and schools.

According to CARA's recent study of men ordained in 2024, the average age at which they first considered the priesthood was 16. Between 32% and 42% went to a Catholic elementary school, high school, or college. About 60% obtained college degrees before seminary, and 70% had full-time work experience. A full 75% reported regularly participating in Eucharistic Adoration before entering priestly formation.

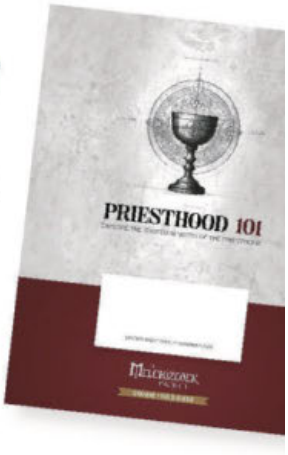




SMALL GROUPS

DEEP DISCERNMENT

The Melchizedek Project, a long-standing program that starts priesthood discernment groups for young men, was re-launched this summer with a new format. It's now easier to start and run the group, with robust leader training and excellent videos that spark discussion. Want to help your parish priest start a group? Sign up for training at melchizedekproject.com



FATHER-SON SEMINARY TRIP

"I dream of a day when young men enter seminary, not *looking* for a father, but having been *brought* by their fathers," said Deacon James Keating of Omaha, who is renowned for his work in priestly formation.

About 45% of seminarians say they were discouraged by a friend or family member from considering the priesthood. And while some parents are tentatively open to the idea, many aren't thrilled about it.

But a real revival of a "vocations culture" requires that parents actively encourage their sons and daughters to seriously consider priesthood and religious life. Think about it this way: just as you would take your teen son to visit prospective colleges, why not try to arrange a visit to a seminary?





Sunday, October 27, 2024

4:30pm SE	$ 3,319.00
8:30am SE	$ 3,216.00
10:00am OLMC	$ 1,712.00
11:30am SE	$ 2,274.00
Mail	$ 1,562.00
Total Physical	**$ 12,083.00**
Online Collection	$ 2,200.01
Grand Total	**$ 14,283.01**
School Support	$1,954.00





Second Collections

November 1
All Saint's Day
November 2
All Souls' Day Mass
Remembrance
November 3
Social Concerns / Food Pantry

Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

† Queen of Peace Parish
Deceased Parishioners

May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.



Friendship Club Halloween Party





Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Eugene Church

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





Bulletin Submissions:

Bulletin requests must be sent 2 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.





Pancake BREAKFAST

November 3rd 7:30am-11:00am

ST. EUGENE CHURCH
SHAUNESSY CENTER

This is a MORE THAN A PANCAKE BREAKFAST.
Menu includes:

All you can eat Pancakes, French toast,
single servings of scrambled eggs,
hash browns, sausage, baked apples
and surprise specials of the day

Coffee, tea, milk and orange juice.

Suggested Donation is
$10-Adults,
$7-Children 5-12
Children under 5 are free.

(Additional Donations are Appreciated)

Interested in Joining the Knights of Columbus?
Please contact JOE MARLEY
AT 708-702-2726 OR MARLEY-J@COMCAST.NET



Medjugorje
and the Treasures of the Adriatic
12 days
April 21 - May 2, 2025

Please contact Fr. Rich
at 773-775-6659
for more information
or to request a brochure.









QUEEN OF PEACE GIVING TREE 2024

Dear Parishioners,

Santa needs our help! Our Giving Tree will give gifts to the children of Our Lady of Angels Catholic School. This year we will begin giving out the names of Children at **St. Eugene Church** starting:

- **Saturday, November 16th** before and after the 5:00 pm Mass
- **Sunday, November 17th** before and after the 8:30 am and 11:30 am Masses.
- **Saturday, November 23rd** before and after the 5:00 pm Mass
- **Sunday, November 24th** before and after the 8:30 am and 11:30 am Masses.

Our Lady Mother of the Church:

- **Sunday, November 17th** before and after the 10:00 am Mass
- **Sunday, November 24th** before and after the 10:00 am Mass

Volunteers are needed for the dates listed above to pass out names! Please call Lonnie at 773-895-4553.

Remember All gifts are to be brought in Unwrapped, preferably in a gift bag **by Sunday, December 1st, 2024**

All donations of gift bags, ribbon and tissue paper would be much appreciated.
Companies or Individuals who would like to donate board games and Sports equipment are welcome to do so!
Call me if you have any questions or would like to volunteer!

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity, Lonnie Muehlfelder - 773-895-4553

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.

As we celebrate All Saints Day, and recall those "living witnesses" of the joy and peace that living the Catholic life can bring, let us ask for the saints' intercession for those who are thinking about finding out more about the Church. If someone you know wants to know more about the Church, contact the Parish Office at 773-775-6660 or Fr. Carlton at rcarlton@archchicago.org for any questions.

Rosaries for the Election and Afterwards

All are invited to pray a Rosary or Patriotic Rosary for our election this Tuesday, November 5th, and for after the election. In the Patriotic Rosary, before each Hail Mary in the five decades, pray for one of the 50 states and their people, so that all 50 states and the people are covered. The first decade is also for the Presidency, the second decade is also for the Supreme Court, the third decade is also for Congress, the fourth decade is also for the Governors, and the fifth decade is also for county and municipal offices. Thank you to all who pray a Rosary or Patriotic Rosary, including the 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.

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.

Living Rosary

Pray a decade or more 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 Saint Philomena, the patron of the Living Rosary. If you would like to sign up to pray a decade of the Rosary, please contact the parish office.

ELECTION 2024

Weigh Your Conscience Before Casting Your Ballot

On November 5th, 2024, all Americans eligible to vote will have the opportunity to shape our form of government for the next 2 years and beyond. In the midst of the commotion surrounding elections, especially presidential races, it is worth taking time to reflect on how fortunate we are to live in a country where we are able to choose our leaders.

Before casting our ballot, we have the obligation to reflect on the issues affecting our state and our nation. To help guide us on the particular issues of concern to the Catholic Church, we offer the following as a reminder.

Millions of dollars are spent trying to influence how you will cast your ballot, so it is up to each of us to both form and inform our conscience by recalling the heart of the Gospel and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

What do we mean when we refer to "conscience?"

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil. It bears witness to the authority of truth in reference to the supreme Good which the human person is drawn, and it welcomes the commandments. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking." (1777)

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has re-issued its document, ***Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship***, which may be found at:
https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf

This note will not tell you who to vote for, but it will help you to reflect on the issues and the person that can best promote the common good for each office. **We ask that you keep in mind the following questions that stem from the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching.**

- ✓ Does the Candidate work to protect sacred human life from conception to natural death? Does the candidate oppose abortion, physician-assisted suicide, human cloning and racism? These are all evils that must be guarded against and avoided.
- ✓ Does the candidate care for God's creation? Does the candidate support policies that protect the planet and understand the importance of our stewardship of the Earth?
- ✓ Does the candidate recognize traditional marriage and family as the central social institutions that must be supported?
- ✓ Does the candidate recognize that every person has a fundamental right to life and to those things required for human decency, including food, water, shelter, employment and healthcare?
- ✓ Does the candidate embrace all those in greatest need who deserve our preferential concerns, such as children, the disabled, the elderly, refugees, the unemployed and the poor?
- ✓ Does the candidate recognize policies that promote basic rights for workers, such as fair wages, workplace safety, collective bargaining, and the right to private property and economic initiatives?
- ✓ Does the candidate recognize that whatever our national, racial, ethnic or ideological differences, we are all our brothers' and sisters' keepers? We must all work to create unity through dialogue and a civil discourse that is respectful to others.

Catholic Conference of Illinois

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
"Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God,
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your strength." (Dt 6:5)

Psalm:
I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

Second Reading:
But Jesus, because he remains forever,
has a priesthood that does not pass away. (Heb 7:24)

Gospel:
"The second is this:
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
There is no other commandment greater than [this]." (Mk 12:31)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

Christ tells us that we must love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength. Live that love loudly. Hold nothing back. Give God all you have.

Observances for the week of November 3, 2024

Sunday:	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week
Monday:	St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Tuesday:	Election Day
Friday:	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Next Sunday:	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Venerable Marthe Robin (1902-1981) was a French layperson and mystic who was paralyzed as a young adult and survived for thirty years on the Eucharist alone, unable to take any other nourishment. She is the foundress of the Foyers of Charity.

Prayer for Vocations

For our married couples, strengthen their covenant.
For our religious sisters, surround them with Your love.
For our priests, support them as they guide.
For our parents, sustain them in Your grace.
For our religious brothers, draw them nearer to You.
For our consecrated singles, be everything they need.
For those discerning, be with them as they journey.

Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 3, 2024

Sunday:
Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/
Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday:
Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday:
Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday:
Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday:
Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

Friday:
Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday:
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Next Sunday:
1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/
Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



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In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, **"And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?'"** Jesus' brief but all-encompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with **"all your mind."** Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement — just like an accomplished debater.

How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let's commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth.

— Father John Muir

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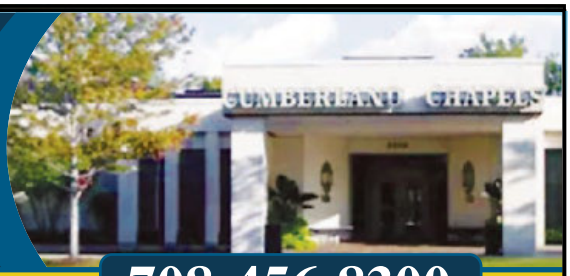


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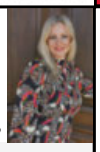
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