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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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:
Monday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

MASSES:

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

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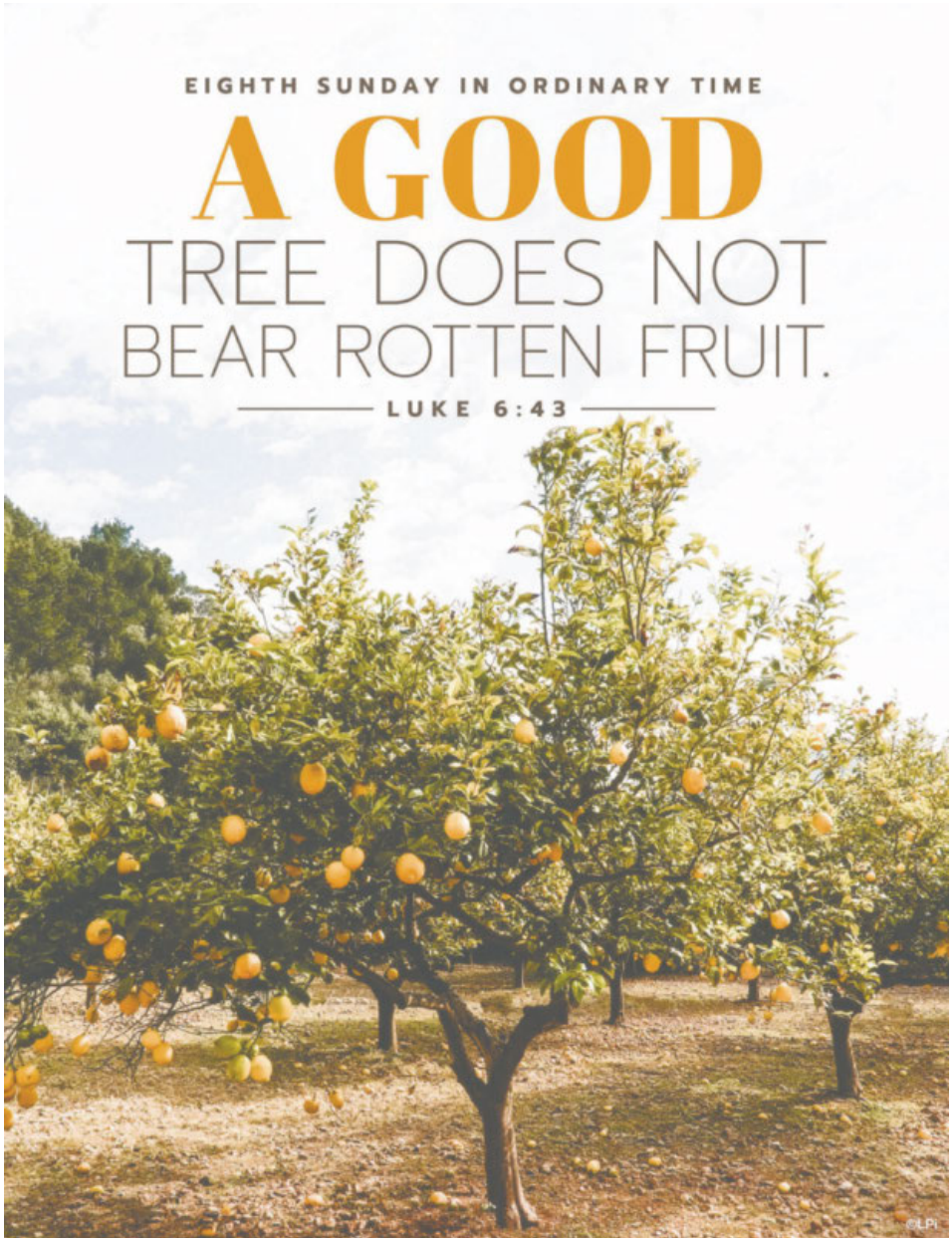
Mon.- Thur.:	9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday:	9:00 am - 1:00 pm

MASSES:

Monday:	9:00 am
Wednesday:	9:00 am
Friday:	9:00 am
Saturday:	8:30 am
Sunday Vigil Mass:	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



March 2, 2025



FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

Today we celebrate the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. It is a loose collection of wise sayings dealing with various concerns in the life of a believer. In today's selection, we hear Sirach's thoughts about how speech is the measure of a person.

Our second reading today is the last of our seven weeks of readings from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. In recent weeks, we have heard Paul addressing the Corinthian converts' questions about life after death. Paul ends his teaching on the resurrection with this hymn of triumph over death.

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Today is our Follow-Up Weekend for the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. Many thanks to all those who have already made their contributions to this most worthy cause. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The new Annual Catholic Appeal theme, "Together we bring hope," is an important theme as we prayerfully consider our support for the Appeal but also important for embracing the life that the Lord wants us to live. Each pledge makes a difference! All parish communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response. To make your gift, you can pick up a pledge envelope in the gathering spaces and at the doors of each of our worship spaces, fill them out and be sure to write in our parish name of Queen of Peace on the appropriate line. You can either mail your gift in or drop it the collection basket at any of our Masses. You can also make your gift online at annualcatholicappeal.com.

LENTEN GUIDELINES

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

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

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

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

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

QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH

Many parishioners regularly share with me how much they enjoy and appreciate the "Little Books" of Advent, Lent, and Easter. These books have made such a positive impact here in our parish that we have once again purchased the Lenten "Little Black Books" for your personal spiritual and prayer life during the upcoming Lenten season. In the gathering space and at all the exit doors of the church this weekend you can pick up a copy to carry with you in your purse, car, pocket, etc. We ask that you take one per family. This will allow for as many as possible to receive them. You can use these informative books to spend just six minutes a day in personal meditation/ reflection and as your traveling companion for the season of Lent and Holy Week. Enjoy them!

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Our Parish Communal Lenten Reconciliation Service with individual confessions will take place here at St. Eugene Church on Tuesday, April 8th, at 7:00 p.m. I invite you to join us in receiving the healing power of Jesus and the gift of God's grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please plan on joining your parish community on Tuesday, April 8th as you make your personal preparations for Holy Week and Easter. No confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday, April 19th.

Just a reminder that Stations of the Cross will be prayed at St. Eugene Church every Friday throughout Lent at 7:00 p.m. On Good Friday, however, the traditional Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m. This year, Stations of the Cross will also be prayed walking the streets of Norridge beginning and ending at Our Lady, Mother of the Church at 1:30 p.m. on Good Friday as well. The Norridge police department will assist in guiding this walk safely for everyone. All are welcome to participate.

Just a reminder that this coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Our Mass and Liturgy of the Word Service times, and their locations can be found in today's bulletin or in the mailing all registered parish members should have received by now.

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Finally, I'd like to invite all in our parish as well as your family and/or friends to join us (today), Sunday, March 2nd at 3:00 p.m. in the Hayes Center of Our Lady, Mother of the Church for a very interesting and informational meeting highlighting our upcoming Christmas Markets Tour. Our travel agent along with myself will be there to share many of the highlights of this exciting adventure. For those who have never travelled with us before I can promise you a great time. If you are a person who would like to travel but would never go to Europe or elsewhere on your own, this would be the perfect opportunity to join a welcoming group such as ours and to experience this beautiful world of ours. Please know that you do not need to be a parishioner to join us. If you have friends or other family members that might be interested in hearing more about this trip, please invite them to join us. A trip of this nature usually fills up quickly as many have already signed up. I look forward to seeing all who might be interested later today, (Sunday) at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady, Mother of the Church's parish hall. Please enter from the south side parking lot.

Fr. Rich Yanos



QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH - MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 1, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Aleksander Dmochowski
- Patty Gomez - In Thanksgiving
- S.I. Konrad Sniezek

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church
- People of the Parish
- Albert Barski
- Lety Bumanglag
- Arthur Russo
- Jarek Szczepaniak

Sunday, March 2, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Stanislawa & Jan Bazula
- Antonio DiBrita
- Lenore Fang
- Joseph Sparacino

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- Josephine & Andrea Corollo
- John Catanese
- Salvatore & Maria Catanese
- Tony Jachym
- Laslo Pustay
- Edward Rebacz
- Lorraine Ryan
- John Stuckel
- Nicola Troiano
- Chris Hunsinger

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Stanislaw & Franciszka Chabura
- Hillard Mike Michalek
- Michael Michalek
- Saree Morley
- Rodelio Ochoa - 4th Anniversary
- S.I. Blessings for the Rodriguez Family
- Mirno Della Santina

Monday, March 3, 2025

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Msgr. Thomas Jordan
- Saaby & Brickman Families

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

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

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 - ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- S.I. for Nicole
- Debbie Brewer



9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Zorica Stefanovska - B-Day Remembrance
- S.I. for Matthew, Damian & Nicole

7:00pm Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Rubio & Lekarczyk Families
- S.I. In Thanksgiving

Thursday, March 6, 2025

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- Bishop Conway
- Kathleen "Kay" Phelan

Friday, March 7, 2025

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- S.I. For the Family

Saturday, March 8, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Jude & Minn Famlies
- Harriet Mucek - B-Day Remembrance

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Mark Caban
- Wayne J. Greco
- Bernice Hujar
- Catalina Guieb
- Mary Varga - B-Day Remembrance

Sunday, March 9, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- People of the Parish
- Cornell & Keen Families
- Mazur Family
- Joseph Portenlanger
- Maria & Matthias Rempala
- Rybak & Wright Families

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- George Case - B-Day Remembrance
- Gaetna & Filip Catanese
- Salvatore Ciaccio
- Rev. Dan Fallon - 1st Death Anniversary
- Bill & Marty Hogan
- Joseph Jachym
- Linda & Jack McMicken
- Angelo & Giulia Parente
- George Pecora
- Jozef & Stefania Rebacz

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Kolakowski Family
- Diodatto E. & Ilde Iannotta
- Giuseppa Leo
- Rocco E. & Carmela Savaiano

Lent & Easter 2025

Ash Wednesday - March 5

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

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at SE - 7 pm on March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11 and on Good Friday, April 18 at 3 pm.
Walk with the Cross Stations - Beginning & Ending at **OLMC** – Good Friday, April 18 at 1:30pm
Living Stations of the Cross - Fridays at SE - 2:15 pm. March 7, 21, 28 & April 4, 11.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at SE - 3:30 pm (March 8,15,22,29, April 5, 12)
Parish Reconciliation Service, Tuesday, April 8 at **SE** Church - 7 pm
No Confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday, April 19.

Lenten Dinner offerings

St. Joseph`s Day Mass - Wednesday, March 19 SE - 9 am & 7:00 pm
St. Joseph's Day Table - Saturday, March 22 SE **1st Seating:** 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
2nd Seating: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Admission by Tickets only
Meatless Dinner (at OLMC) - April 4 from 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Fish Fry (at SE) - Friday, April 11 from 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Please see the bulletin for details.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 12	4:30 pm **SE** (Mass of anticipation)
Sunday, April 13	8:30 am & 11:30 am **SE**
	10:00 am **OLMC**

The Triduum Services
Holy Thursday, April 17 Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm **SE**

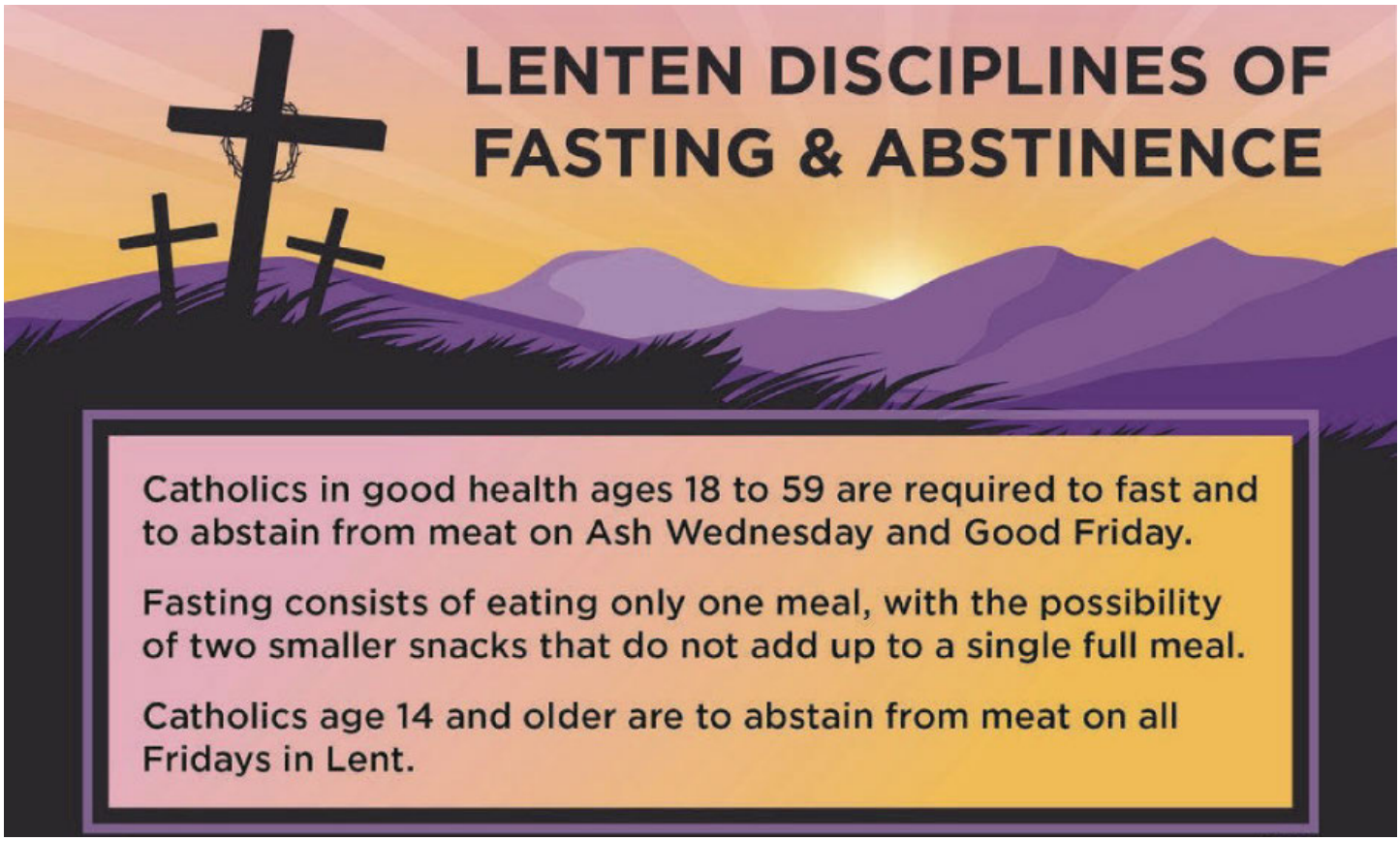
Good Friday, April 18
Walk with the Cross Stations - Beginning & Ending at **OLMC** – Good Friday, April 18 at 1:30pm
Stations of the Cross - 3:00 pm **SE**
Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 7:00 pm **SE**

Holy Saturday, April 19
Blessing of Easter Baskets - 1:00 pm **SE**
Easter Vigil Mass - 7:00 pm **SE**

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 20	7:30 am, 9:00 am & 11:30 am **SE**
	9:00 am & 11:00 am **OLMC**

Ash Wednesday March 5, 2025	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
OLMC - Holy Mass 7:00 am	Rev. Jacek Dada	M. Marszalek - AC (Ashes AB) M. Walsh - TB (Ashes TB) P. Vega - TC (Ashes TB)		N. Mosk - 1st T. Kaisling - 2nd
SE - Holy Mass 9:00 am	Rev. Rich Yanos	L. Feist - WB M.B. Glynn - B Celebrant / M. Unger - C R. Sparacino - O G. Bermas - WO		S. Sparacino
OLMC - 12:00pm Word Service & Ashes Only	Rev. Greg Rom			W. Kaczmarczyk - 1st (Ashes AB) L. Muehlfelder - 2nd R. Catalano (Ashes TB) M. Marszalek (Ashes TB
SE - 4:00pm Word Service & Ashes Only	Rev. Robert Carlton	F. Klus - WB L. Feist - B Celebrant / OPEN—C OPEN - O OPEN - WO		P. Brown
SE - Holy Mass 7:00pm	Rev. Robert Carlton	OPEN - WB P. Paetsch - B Celebrant / C. Bobka - C C. Giacalone - O OPEN - WO		M. Egan



Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 03/08 4:30 PM - SE	Rev. Jacek Dada	T. Crivlare - WB L. Feist - B Celebrant / D. Sulimowski - C C. Bobka - O J. Gebhardt - WO R. Cantal - Cup B B. Gebhardt - Cup O	Leo Parrillo-Hall Amelia Wilson Sonia Kanski	A. Cisek
Sunday, 03/09 8:30 AM - SE	Rev. Greg Rom	J. Pomis - WB J. Nardi - B Celebrant / J. Fornek - C G. Fornek - O B. Ndiwe - WO J. Kolaski - Cup B P. Draniczarek - Cup O	Angelo Boccia Martin Marrinan Isabel Francis	I. Rog
Sunday, 03/09 10:00 AM - OLMC	Rev. Rich Yanos	N. Mosk - AB C. Capps - AC M. Marszalek - TB M. Walsh - TB P. Peterson - TC	G. Pilch J. Pilch	E. Kohnke - 1st G. Henderson - 2nd
Sunday, 03/09 11:30 AM - SE	Rev. Robert Carlton	D. Hernandez - WB U. Pawlowski - Cup B Celebrant /C. Giacalone - C M. Holder - O A. Mroszczak - WO P. Paetsch - Cup B J. Mroszczak - Cup O	Chloe Brown Brynn Brennan Carolyn Eichinger	School Lector

Lenten Service Event

St. Eugene Church

Saturday, March 8, 12:00 PM-2:00 PM

Join the Queen of Peace Parish Young Adults Group and other parishioners for a parish-wide service event that will benefit Queen of Peace Parish. The event will be held on Saturday, March 8 at St. Eugene Church at noon.

We will help take down the Christmas lights that were put up outside around St. Eugene Church and help tidy up the Parish after the holidays. We will meet outside the main entrance by the rear vestibule. Light refreshments will be served. Help give back and meet other parishioners in the process! All parishioners are welcome to attend.

To assist with logistics, advance registration is greatly appreciated. Please register by emailing youngadults@st-eugene.org.



Not-Quite-Valentine's-Day Supper for 450 at the Quinn Center

On Tuesday, February 11, 94 families, representing 450+/- people, received bagged suppers at St. Eulalia's Quinn Center. Of that group, 75 families also received bags of groceries -- groceries provided by and packed by Queen of Peace parishioners and volunteers.

Thanks to better weather, February's numbers were a little higher than January's. Our January distribution day was bitterly cold, but winter weather isn't the only challenge facing the Maywood community right now. In an uncertain political climate, some members of our Hispanic population are opting to stay home and keep a low profile; sadly, they don't feel comfortable coming out to take advantage of the Food Pantry's resources.

Regardless, we'll be there again in March, as the Corporal Works of Mercy say, "to feed the hungry." Sunday, March 9 will be our next bagging session. We will meet in the Quinn Center parking lot at 1:45 p.m. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Jan Magnuson at jan7744@comcast.net or at 312-806-7210.

Even if you can't be there in person, your prayers and financial support are crucial to continuing this ministry. Please be as generous as you can in the bi-monthly blue envelopes for Social Concerns/Food Pantry. You **do** make a difference in people's lives!



Please Make Your Gift to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

TOGETHER WE BRING HOPE

Many families in our parish should have received the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries of the parishes and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers us an opportunity to join with others and affirm that "together we bring hope." In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish. For example, As we consider God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude in using and sharing those gifts. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give what you can to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Rosaries and More

The Rosary Guild intention this week is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, "…that God will give strength to those who serve and send relief to those who suffer." Please pray at least one Rosary for this intention, 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.

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed before Mass Monday through Saturday.

The Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion is prayed after Mass on Tuesday.



In the Living Rosary, a decade of the Rosary is prayed each day for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity, and in honor of the Living Rosary's patron, Saint Philomena.

Joyful Mysteries	Luminous Mysteries	Sorrowful Mysteries	Glorious Mysteries
Annunciation - Ted M.	Baptism of Jesus - Barb R.	Agony in the Garden - Jean R.	Resurrection - Lita J.
Visitation - Barb R.	Wedding at Cana - Mary M.	Scourging at the Pillar - Jean R.	Ascension - Marsha G.
Nativity - Josephine N.	Proclaim the Kingdom - Ted M.	Crowning with Thorns - Mary M.	Descent of Holy Spirit - Camille C.
Presentation - Karen R.	Transfiguration - Emily A.	Carrying of the Cross - Ted M.	Assumption of Mary - Camille C.
Finding in the Temple - Mary M.	Institution of Eucharist - Emily A.	Crucifixion - Demi S.	Coronation of Mary - Camille C.

Queen of Peace Parish



St. Joseph's Table

Saturday, March 22nd, 2025

1st Seating - 2:30pm - 4:30pm
2nd Seating - 5:30pm - 7:30pm

St. Eugene Church Worship Site
Shaunessy Center 5220 N. Canfield at Foster Ave

Admission by tickets only, seating is limited for each session.
Tickets on sale at the Rectory Office & www.St-Eugene.org

Donation: Adults - $15, Children age 4-14 - $5, Children 3y.o. and under - Free

The Queen of Peace Parish St. Joseph's Table Committee would like to invite you to consider volunteering at the St. Joseph's Table.
The St. Joseph's Table is a parish event that honors St. Joseph by raising funds for charity by serving traditional non-meat foods to the public and selling bakery items from the St. Joseph's display table.

Event: The St. Joseph's Table will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, 2025, with setup on Friday, March 21st.

Donations: of homemade bread, desserts and your favorite dish are welcome.

For More Information Contact:

Russell Sparacino 708.557.5059
Sal Sparacino 630.768.8375
Parish Office 773.775.6659



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

4:30pm SE	$ 4,211.50
8:30am SE	$ 2,394.00
10:00am OLMC	$ 2,406.00
11:30am SE	$ 3,052.00
Mail	$ 521.00
Total Physical	**$ 12,584.50**
Online Collection	$ 2,832.01
Grand Total	**$ 15,416.51**
School Support	$ 1,904.00





Volunteers are needed to help decorate for Lent at Our Lady, Mother of the Church, after the 7:00am Mass on Tuesday, **March 4th.** If you are able to help please meet in Our Lady, Mother of the Church at 8:00am.



SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 2
Follow –up weekend for Annual Catholic Appeal
March 5
Ash Wednesday
Central & Eastern Europe
March 9
Sacred Heart / St. Eulalia Sharing
March 16
School Support
March 23
Easter Flowers

Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

† Mary Madelyn Wilch
† Albert Bischof
† Giuseppe Centineo
† Gilda Morelli
† Cirilo Crespo
† Carmella Mistretta



May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.

In Lent, Fr. Carlton will lead a three-part series on the basics of Ignatian Spirituality for anyone interested. The dates will be March 11, March 18 and March 25 at 7pm. Please email Fr. Carlton at rcarlton@archchicago.org if interested. The series will be cancelled if there is not enough interest.



The next event for the youth group is the annual morning working at Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg on Saturday, March 8 from 9—11am.

Please email Fr. Carlton if interested or check the parish website or Facebook page for information on how to register.



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!

Knights of Columbus

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Joe Marley at 708-702-2726 Marley-j@comcast.net

Friendship Club

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 11am at OLMC. For more information about upcoming meetings or with any other questions, please contact Debra at dltimmreck@gmail.com or by calling 773-398-4472

Save the Date

Parish Mission - May 4-6, 2025
Location: OLMC
Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.

THE CHRISTMAS MARKETS IN AUSTRIA

Including visits to Salzburg, Oberndorf, Mondsee (the Sound of Music), St. Wolfgang, Swarovski Crystal Worlds, Bolzano (Italy), Innsbruck, Seefeld and more!

9 Days – November 30 – December 8, 2025

I'm writing you at this time to invite you to join us and to experience a venue unlike we've ever done before – the Christkindl Markets of Austria, more commonly known as the Christmas Markets of Europe. If you might be looking for a totally different and immersive experience to get you in the holiday spirit this will be the trip to do it. These Christmas markets are typically held during the Advent season, the month leading up to Christmas. Each one has its own unique character and traditions. There are large ones and small ones that can be found on the mountainside or seaside. But what they all share is a next-level Christmas experience.

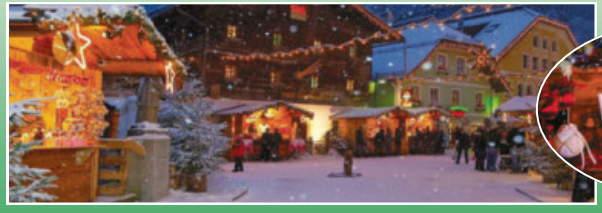
For years I have been asked to offer one of these trips but never did. I thought now would be the time because I have heard so many positive reviews and experiences from those who have done them. These pop-up festivals plunge visitors from all over the world into a storybook world of medieval town squares bathed in twinkling lights and festive decorations. Stalls line the square selling locally handmade crafts and unique gifts along with local food and drink specialties. People crowd the cobblestone streets to enjoy yuletide traditions and entertainment that harkens back to an earlier era.

This trip meets the desire of some of our previous travelers who requested a shorter trip and a less expensive one. For this reason, it is only 9 days rather than our usual 12-13 trip. We will be departing on November 30th (after Thanksgiving) and returning on December 8th, 2025! (getting everyone back home in plenty of time to take care of all your Christmas activities). As was mentioned earlier, these "Christmas Markets" are held during the Advent season which is why these dates have been chosen.

Brochures for this trip are available at both parish offices and in the kiosks in the gathering spaces of St. Eugene and Our Lady, Mother of the Church. Please take one to see if you might be interested. If so, or even, if not, we will be having an Informational Meeting about this "Christmas Markets in Austria" trip on Sunday, March 2nd (today) at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady, Mother of the Church Campus located at 8747 W. Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, IL 60656. The Meeting will be held in the Hayes Center. Please Park in the south parking lot, which is behind/in back of the church. There you will find the entrance door for the Hayes Center and our meeting. All are welcome to join us!

I look forward to seeing you if you might want to hear more about this exciting and different kind of trip.

Fr. Rich Yanos









SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE



RESTORE THE CHURCH BUILD THE FUTURE

Decades ago, the bishops of the United States established a program to aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and help it rebuild after decades of communist oppression. The program is funded by an annual collection taken up in dioceses across the United States. That response continues today, even as the rebuilding Church faces the new challenges of war and the mass migration of refugees.

From the beginning of the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and the subsequent war, the Catholic Church has vigorously responded to the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe by offering shelter, food, medicine, and necessities—as well as spiritual support and comfort—to displaced persons and other war victims. Among those leading this charitable response are the consecrated religious sisters and brothers of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Whether by providing shelter and basic necessities to internally displaced persons who have fled their homes for safety in other regions of the country, or by helping priests provide pastoral and humanitarian support in areas where the fighting is most heavy, these sisters and brothers have truly showed Christ's mercy to those most in need.

For them, the human suffering of war is compounded by the unique challenges that wartime conditions present for them as consecrated religious. Questions of how religious communities balance ministry to the needy with the sisters and brothers' needs to live their vows of prayer and community under such extraordinary circumstances require thoughtful responses.

Aided by funding from the collection, the Patriarchal Curia of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church gathered sisters, brothers, and their superiors for the spiritual renewal of a pilgrimage as well as formation sessions to address the challenges facing their communities. Your support for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is a vital way for you to make a tangible difference in the lives of Catholics in Ukraine and more than 25 other countries in Central and Eastern Europe.

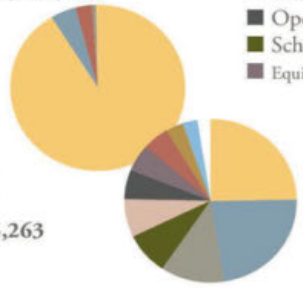
More information about the collection and the range of projects it supports can be found at *www.usccb.org/ccee*.

2023 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

Total Number of Grants Approved: 329
Total Amount Approved: $8,755,833

EXPENSES

Grants and Donations	90.60%
Program Costs	5.19%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	3.23%
Administrative Expenses	0.97%
Total Expenses	**$9,665,263**



PROGRAM AREA	GRANTS	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Construction	60	$2,201,384	25.14%
Emergency*	7	$1,890,000	21.59%
Evangelization	82	$1,346,352	15.38%
Operational Support	31	$720,215	8.23%
Scholarships	67	$573,407	6.55%
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Readings for the week of March 2, 2025

Sunday:
Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/
1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday:
Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday:
Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/
Mk 10:28-31

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

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

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

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

Next Sunday:
Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
(see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord's words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, **"For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles"** (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the "figs" and "grapes" of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let's recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer and service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray *and* serve fruitfully...with minimal quarreling.

— Father John Muir

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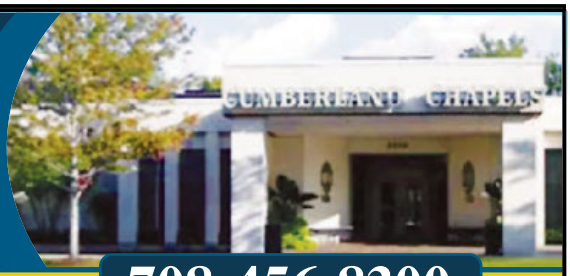
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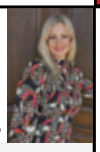
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