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
Chicago, IL 60656

MASSES:

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

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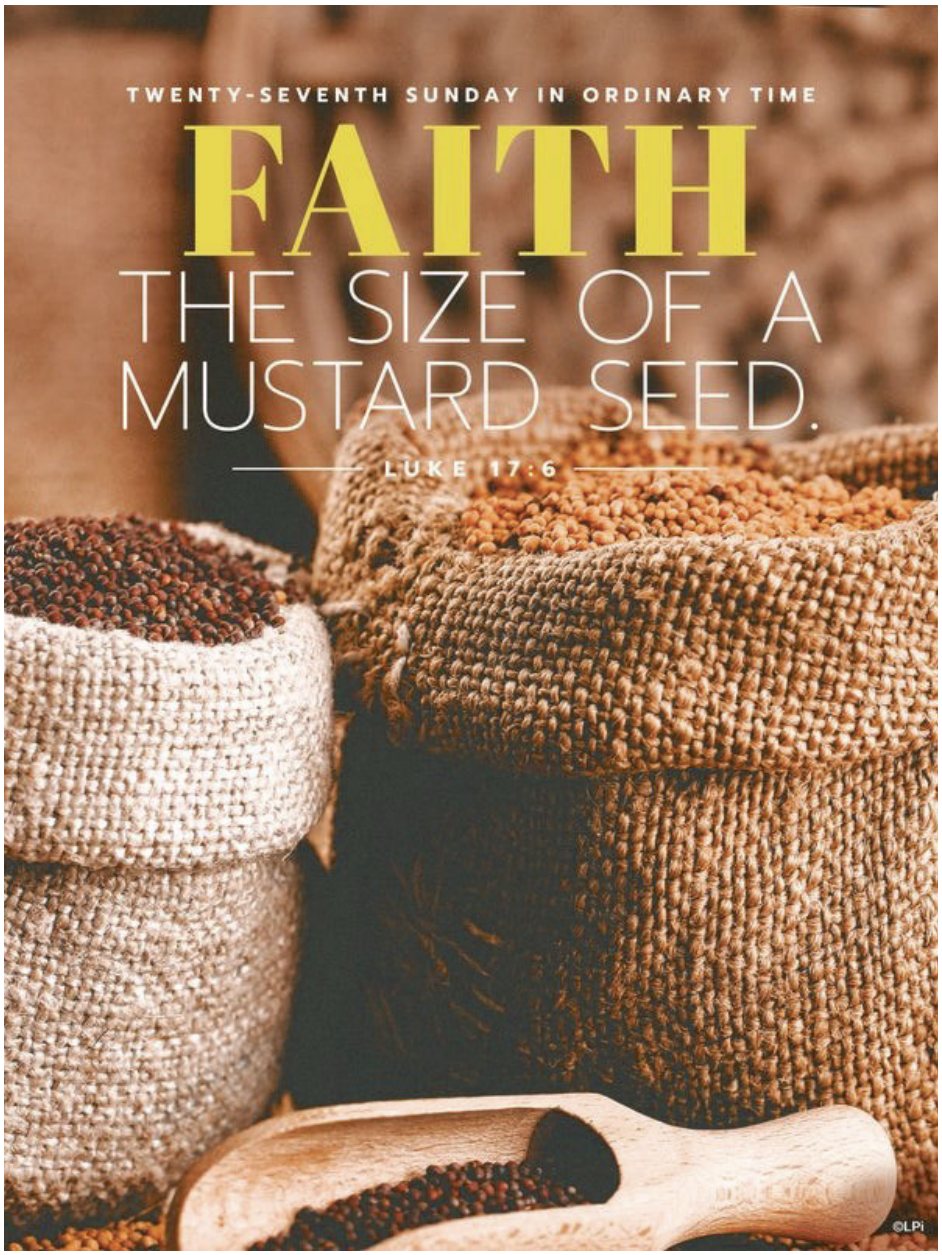
MASSES:

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



October 5, 2025



FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

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

Our first reading today is taken from one of the smaller books of the Bible –the book of the prophet Habakkuk. He was a contemporary of Jeremiah and preached at a time when Babylon (modern-day Iraq) threatened to destroy Jerusalem. Today's passage is a dialogue between the prophet and the Lord.

Although the author attributes the second letter to Timothy to St. Paul, it was probably written by someone else, as much as 30 years after Paul's death. This was acceptable practice at the time. One important theme of this letter is the need to be faithful to the Gospel and not to be swayed by false teachings.

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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 every 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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Next weekend, we will be taking up the collection that all the parishes in our Archdiocese have been asked to do – for all those suffering in Gaza. This was the collection we were supposed to take up a few weeks ago, but could not because we already had a second collection that weekend. As a result of this horrible war going on there, so many innocent victims (including those who belong to Christian communities) are facing violence, dire living conditions, and hunger.

It saddens me to see the faces and the bodies of young children and adults suffering from malnutrition. In many ways, we can feel helpless in addressing and responding to this complex story that involves international players. But there is a way we can respond and help. Two very reliable agencies of the Catholic Church are already there providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and psychological care for the sick, malnourished, and wounded. They are the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

Please offer your support as best you can next

weekend. Whatever you can give will go far to alleviate the suffering of our brothers and sisters in the Middle East.

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As I have been visiting other parishes in and around our area, as well as in other states here in the United States, I have been noticing something that I first thought was different, but then began to realize how practical it was. What I am referring to is QR codes that were fastened to each pew in many churches that quickly enabled anyone with a smartphone or iPad to pull up on their devices a direct and secure way to offer their financial support to their parish. I tried it and was amazed at how easy it was to make a contribution using their QR code.

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For this reason, I have been wanting this modern technology to be available here at our Queen of Peace Parish. In this week's bulletin on the financial page, you will find our new QR code that will enable you to support our parish through the regular Sunday and Holy Day Collections, as well as all our Second Collections via your smartphone. By using this code, you will be taken to Give Central, the company we use for our online giving and support. Eventually, this code will be found in our pews for easy access while everyone is attending services. Many thanks to Marsha, our parish Office Manager, for creating the code and to our Operations Director, Lisa, for getting it out for public use.

Lastly, if you might be curious or interested in hearing about all the details of our upcoming trip to Poland, we will be having a relaxing and enjoyable informational Meeting that all are invited to attend on Tuesday, October 14th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady, Mother of the Church's parish hall. The entrance to the parish hall is off the back (south) parking lot behind the church. All are welcome! Feel free to pass the word about this trip and invite your family and/or friends to join you for what I promise will be an educational and fun-filled experience. Because there are so many parishioners in our parish that may be of Polish descent, I thought it might be nice to have an opportunity to learn more about the beautiful country of Poland and to perhaps discover something more about your Polish heritage.

Hoping you can join us! Like our upcoming Christmas Markets Tour to Austria, which filled up very early, this trip has the potential to do the same. So, sign up early if you want to reserve your spot.

Wishing you all a great week!

Fr. Rich Yanos



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 4, 2025
8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
S.I. For Family
4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Eugene Church
People of the Parish
Calogero Abbinanti - Death Anniversary
Starr Ballog
Sr. Mary Ann Patrice Dorr
John Masley
Carol Olita
Frank Pecora
John L. Samborski
Gregory Smits
Frederick Tomzik
Sunday, October 5, 2025
8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Richard DiVito
Zofia Dobosz - 10th Death Anniversary
Raymond Plaza
10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Bill & Catherine Aiken
Maria Carrozza
John Catanese
Adela & Wincenty Dmochowski
Joseph Mandile
Pam Margelewski - 2nd Death Anniversary
Linda & Jack McMicken
Michael J. Nardulli - Birthday Remembrance
Edward Rebacz
Nicola Troiano
11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Maria Isabel "Pinky" Cloa
Al Delgado - 5 Year Death Anniversary
Charlie Kirk & Family
Hella Malatia
Aldrico Melicor
Miklewicz & Krzak Families
Vincent & Mary Ann Nowaczyk
Felipe B. San Diego
Monday, October 6, 2025
9:00 am Mass St. Eugene Church
Irine Abdon
Regan & Medinger Families
Lucille Wiertel
Tuesday, October 7, 2025
7:00 am Mass Our Lady, Mother of the Church
S.I. For Peg Rogers
S.I. For Rita Rogers
Juan Diaz
Michele Dudek
Richard P. Issel
Pat Sarich
Wednesday, October 8, 2025
9:00 am Mass St. Eugene Church
Charles Dressner
Helen Lavelle
Mary-Jo Savino
S.I. For Matthew and His Friends
Thursday, October 9, 2025
7:00 am Mass Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Andre Fort - Birthday Blessings
S.I. For Matthew & His Friends
Friday, October 10, 2025
9:00 am Mass St. Eugene Church
Bernice Cwiklik
Louisa S. Dellota
Deacon Andy Pecson - 23rd Death Anniversary
S.I. For Matthew & His Friends
Saturday, October 11, 2025
8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Souls in Purgatory
S.I. For Matthew & His Friends
Rev. Thomas Schwab - 15th Death Anniversary
Szczech & Black Families
10:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church - Confirmation
4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Eugene Church
Carmella Carrozza
Maria Carrozza
Jack Dahlquist
Joan & Jack Dahlquist
Theresa Millonzi
Gilda Morelli
Rachele Ricchio
Darlene Wass
Helen & Walter Wojtas
Irma Wolfe
Sunday, October 12, 2025
8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
People of the Parish
David Brichetto, Sr.
Loretta Brichetto
Robert Brichetto
Joseph & Renee Cardella - 40th Wedding Anniv. Blessing
Antonio Di Brita
Wayne J. Greco & Bernice Hujar
Killmer & Joshi Families
John Kula - Death Anniversary
Fred Panfil
10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Florencio Aspi
Ralph & Virginia Conenna
Frank & Julia Kot
Anna & Andrzej Lizak
Donato Parente
Deacon Andy Pecson
Jozef & Stefania Rebacz
Reba & Walter Ryder
Tom Szczech
11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
S.I. For Matthew & His Friends
Pearl & George Giovannoni
Janet Grande
Jesse Jacobs
John Kula - Death Anniversary
Hillard Mike Michalek
Michael Michalek
Marcella Mooney
Mary Lou Oberheim
Zbigniew Sikorski

	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 10/11 4:30 PM St. Eugene	Rev. Rich Yanos	C. Lim - WB M. Pollowy - B Celebrant/D. Sulimowski - C R. Sparacino - O M. Meo - WO M. Lim - Cup B S. Sparacino - Cup O	I. Francis W Francis A. Mc Govern	J. Magnuson
Sunday, 10/12 8:30 am St. Eugene	Rev. Jacek Dada	B. Ndiwe - WB R. Kennedy - B Celebrant / J. Kolaski - C G. Fornek - O J. Nardi - WO I. Rog - Cup B J. Fornek - Cup O	M. Silverberg C. Wallace M. Wallace	M. Egan
Sunday, 10/12 10:00 am OLMC	Rev. Robert Carlton	J. Jesiolowski - T N. Mosk - T Celebrant / C. Capps - C D. Sese - Cup T E. Aspi - Cup A	G. Pilch J. Pilch	L. Muehlfelder - 1st E. Kohnke - 2nd
Sunday, 10/12 11:30 am St. Eugene	Rev. Greg Rom	C. Paulini - WB T. Moore - B Celebrant / M. Holder - C F. Pacia - O U. Pawlowski - WO M. Zurek - Cup B J. Mroszczak - Cup O	M. Clancy C. Rodriguez C. Brown	C. Giacalone

JOIN THE TEAM BEHIND THE SCREENS



We're looking for volunteers to assist the Music Ministry by running the tablet that controls the projection screens at the St. Eugene Church worship site.

Help is needed at each Mass:
- Saturday, 4:30 PM
- Sunday, 8:30 AM
- Sunday, 11:30 AM

Training will be provided—no experience necessary! If you're interested, please email Lydia for more information lhilado@st-eugene.org.



Respect Life Sunday and Month - Virtual Baby Bottle Drive

There are two pro-life centers that help women and their unborn babies. Aid for Women was founded October 6, 1978 in the living room of Deacon Thomas Bresler, from Holy Cross Catholic Church in Deerfield, along with Nancy Corbett, Penny Crowley, Mary Kraychy, and Mona Lucas. They have eight pregnancy care centers and two maternity homes in the archdiocese of Chicago, and dioceses of Rockford and Belleville. Their main office is: Aid for Women, 8 S Michigan Ave Ste 1418 Chicago IL 60603

Deacon Conrad and Linda Wojnar founded Des Plaines Pro Life in 1983, distributing information about the injustice of abortion. Then in July 1984, they founded The Women's Center on the north side of Chicago, and it is now called The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. They have three counseling offices, two material goods resource centers, and a mobile ultrasound unit. Go to https://gotwc.org/donate Click the button "Donate Baby Bottles." Scroll down to Other, and when you enter your card information, you may write Queen of Peace in the comment section. Their main office is: The Women's Center, 5116 N Cicero Ave Chicago IL 60630

Rosaries for Respect Life

On this Respect Life Sunday, and Respect Life Month, this week's Rosary intention of the Rosary Guild is to pray at least one Rosary for respect for life from conception until natural death. All are invited to pray a Rosary for this intention. Rosary Guild members are Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Lita J., Evelyn K., Terri K., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Demi S., and Shirley S.

Living Rosary

The Living Rosary is where 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 also in honor of Saint Philomena, the patron of the Living Rosary.

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.



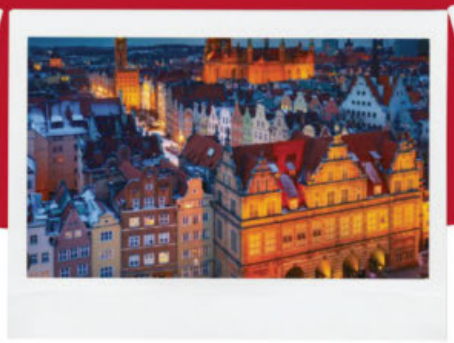
Join us on our next adventure as we visit some of

POLAND'S JEWELS



June 21 - July 2, 2026







We will be having an informational meeting for this trip on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 - 7pm at Our Lady, Mother of the Church, 8747 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, IL 60656.

The entrance to the parish hall is off the back parking lot behind the church. All are welcome! Feel free to pass the word about this trip and invite your family or friends to join you for what I promise will be an educational and fun-filled experience. Hoping you can join us! If you can't make the meeting but still want to join us simply send in your reservation form contained in the brochure to hold your spot.

Fr. Rich Yanos

For more information please email: ryanos@st-eugene.org

It's hard to believe that we are starting to plan for next year's June 21 – July 2, 2026, travel adventure. After speaking to quite a few people about where they would like to go next year it was decided that we would be headed to visit "POLAND'S JEWELS". Because a trip of this nature has the potential to fill up, I'd like to let you know early about the destinations and places we will be visiting on this tour. We will be flying from Chicago to the city of Gdansk in northern Poland on the Baltic Sea. This twelve-day trip will take us through the beautiful countryside of Poland from the north heading all the way to the south.

If you would like a copy of the brochure you can now pick up a copy in the brochure racks at either of our churches or you can email me at ryanos@st-eugene.org and I'll be glad to send or email you a copy.

This trip will also be filled with free time for exploring on your own in a beautiful and relaxing environment.



SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

4:30pm SE	$2,932.00
8:30am SE	$2,732.50
10:00am OLMC	$3,132.00
11:30am SE	$2,036.00
Mail	$1,206.00
Total Physical	**$12,038.50**
Online Collection	$2,402.01
Grand Total	**14,440.51**
Seminary Educational Fund	$4,167.50

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This week's at
Our Lady, Mother of the Church



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SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 5
Repair & Maintenance

October 12
Special Collection for Gaza

October 26
School Support

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

† Marilyn Stastny
† Geraldine Greco
† Catherine Giglio
† Janet Gomoluch



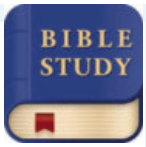
May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.

Religious Education Program

Please call St. Eugene School at (773)763-2235 to register.

Visit www.parishesonline.com to subscribe to our parish bulletin

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!



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.

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

The 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 by calling 773-398-4472 or email at dltimmreck@gmail.com

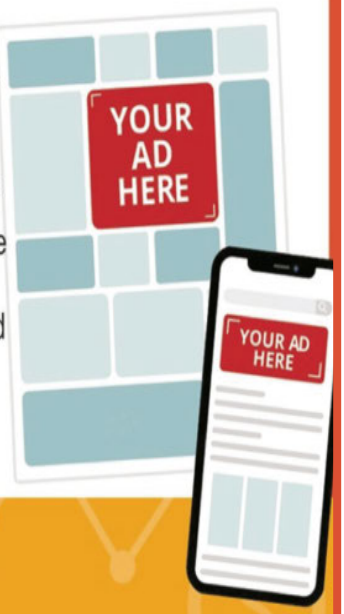
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Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

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Mark Olech
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Halloween Bingo
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

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

Children under 18 are not permitted to attend.

All proceeds go to St. Eugene Students 🎃 Must be 18 to play 🎃 7930 W. Foster Ave, Chicago

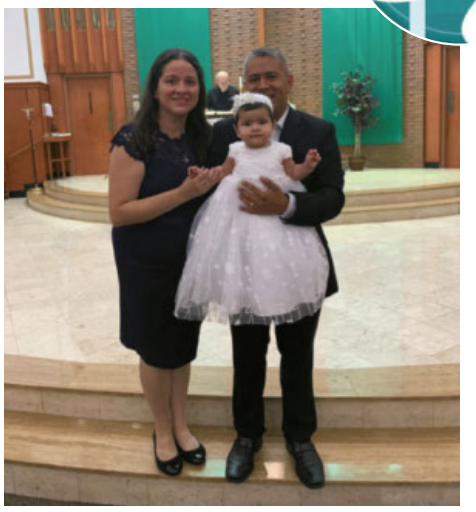
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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH – A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND HEALING

Why Awareness Matters

Breast cancer affects one in eight women during their lifetime, and while it is more common in women, men can be affected too. Early detection through mammograms, self-exams, and regular check-ups can save lives. When found early, breast cancer is highly treatable. As the Catholic Bishops stated in Part One #3, of the Ethical and Religious Directives for Health Care Services, "in accord with its mission, Catholic health care should distinguish itself by service to and advocacy for those people whose social condition puts them at the margins of our society and makes them particularly vulnerable to discrimination: the poor; the uninsured and the underinsured; children and the unborn; single parents; the elderly; those with incurable diseases and chemical dependencies; racial minorities; immigrants and refugees." This call to service and advocacy is especially important when we consider breast cancer. Research shows that Black women are 40 percent more likely to die from breast cancer than White women. Latina and Samoan women are also more likely to die from the disease despite having a lower incidence of the disease compared to white women.

Ways We Can Help

Pray for those currently battling breast cancer, survivors, caregivers, and families.

Encourage loved ones to schedule screenings and practice healthy lifestyles.

A Word of Hope

To those walking through diagnosis or treatment, you are not alone. Your church family is here to stand beside you in faith, love, and prayer. “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit” (Psalm 34:18).

American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Screening Guidelines:

Ages 40 to 44: Women may choose to begin annual mammograms if they wish

Ages 45 to 54: Annual mammograms are recommended

Ages 55 and older: Mammograms every 2 years, or continue yearly if desired

Continue screening if a woman is in good health and expected to live 10+ more years Resources:
Illinois Breast & Cervical Cancer Program:
https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/life-stages- populations/womens-health-services/ibccp.html
American Cancer Society & Breast Cancer: https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/breast- cancer.html

Faith Nyong, RN
Faith Community Nurse/Holistic RN

Feeding the Hungry Goes On

Bags of groceries were once again distributed at St. Eulalia’s Quinn Center on Tuesday, September 9. On this beautiful evening, 96 bags of groceries were distributed. Bagged suppers were also distributed to 112 families (roughly 475 people) at the same time.

The previous Sunday, a great team of Queen of Peace volunteers had assembled to pack 125 bags of groceries. Some of those volunteers were new, participating in their first bagging session. And we are delighted to have them! Thank you!

Every Tuesday evening, the Quinn Center provides meals -- sometimes bagged suppers, sometimes complete hot meals served in their hall. Occasionally, they also have fresh produce to share. Their goal is simply to feed the hungry and build community.



When you use your bi-monthly blue “Social Concerns – Food Pantry” envelopes, you are playing a significant part in that outreach. In a world that seems increasingly cold and callous, you’re telling those people that you care. (Remember, contributions in the pink “Catholic Community of St. Eulalia” envelopes go directly to St. Eulalia/Sacred Heart parish for the support of the parish itself. Just as in our homes and parish, utilities and maintenance costs are never-ending.) Father Marvin and staffs of the parish and the Quinn Center are very vocal in expressing their appreciation for your support.

The bagging session for October will be held on Sunday, October 12 – same time, same place! 1:45 in the Quinn Center parking lot. If you would like more information or would like to join us, you can contact Jan Magnuson at jan7744@comcast.net or at 312-806-7210.

Knights of Columbus

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



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 for Adults
$7 for Children 5-12
Children under 5 are free.
(Additional Donations are Appreciated)

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Sunday, October 19th
7:30am - 11:00am

St. Eugene Church
Shaunessy Center

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If you are Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact:

Joe Marley – 708-702-2726

Marley-j@comcast.net

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
The rash one has no integrity;
but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hb 2:4)

Psalm:
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:
For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control. (2 Tm 1:7)

Gospel:
"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'
and it would obey you." (Lk 17:6)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

The Apostles beg Jesus for increased faith, but they don't really want faith. They want a magical feeling of certainty that requires no effort. Real faith must grow and sprout roots in fertile soil. Real faith requires attention and work. Are we willing to work?

Observances for the week of October 5, 2025

Sunday:	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
Monday:	St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
Tuesday:	Our Lady of the Rosary
Thursday:	St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
Saturday:	St. John XXIII, Pope
Next Sunday:	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

This popular phrase is an affirmation of God's faithfulness amidst the trials of life, a theme that is presented again and again in Scripture: come what may, God will be with us.

Prayer to Respect Life

Dear God,
Help us to hear Your voice,
especially when You speak on behalf of the voiceless,
the overlooked, and the forgotten.
Keep our ears attuned, and work through us in a way that loves, blesses, assures, supports, and strengthens LIFE.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 5, 2025

Sunday:
Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday:
Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday:
Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday:
Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday:
Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 11:5-13

Friday:
Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday:
Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday:
2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/
2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A priest friend of mine received a call from a family whose elderly mother was dying. Within thirty minutes, he was at her bedside, offering the consolation of the sacraments, anointing her with the oil of the sick, and commending her soul to God. She passed not long after, and for months, her family spoke of their deep gratitude for his presence. When I phoned him to commend his faithful ministry, he simply said, "I was just doing my job."

His words brought to mind Jesus' teaching this week in Luke 17:10: **"So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"** In a world that often seeks recognition and applause, the Lord invites us into a different mindset — one of humble service. The priest did not see his response as extraordinary; he saw it as a grace to fulfill his vocation.

How tempting it is to seek affirmation for doing what I ought to do! Yet Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is not about grandstanding but about quiet faithfulness. It is enough to have served. It is enough to have loved. It is enough to be grateful that we were given the chance to do our duty in the first place. Whether in priesthood, parenthood, or any vocation, what peace-soaked freedom there is in simply doing what is asked of us. No more, no less. Jesus, that is how you quietly love us.

— Father John Muir

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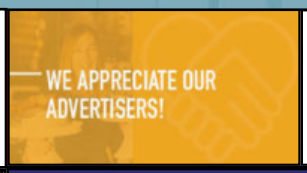
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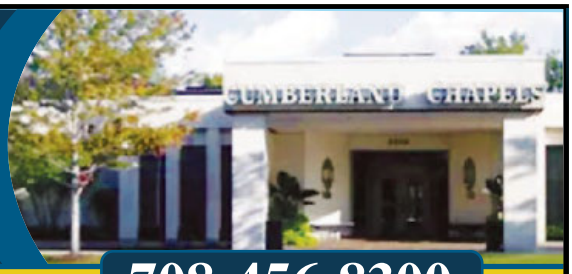


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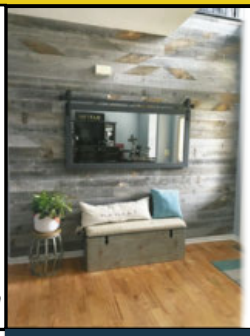
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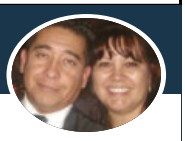
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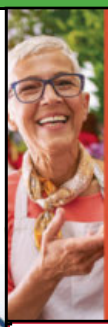


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