QUEEN OF PEACE

CATHOLIC PARISH

FEBRUARY 1, 2026 | 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

OUR WORSHIP SITES:

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

St. Eugene Church

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Rectory Office Hours

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

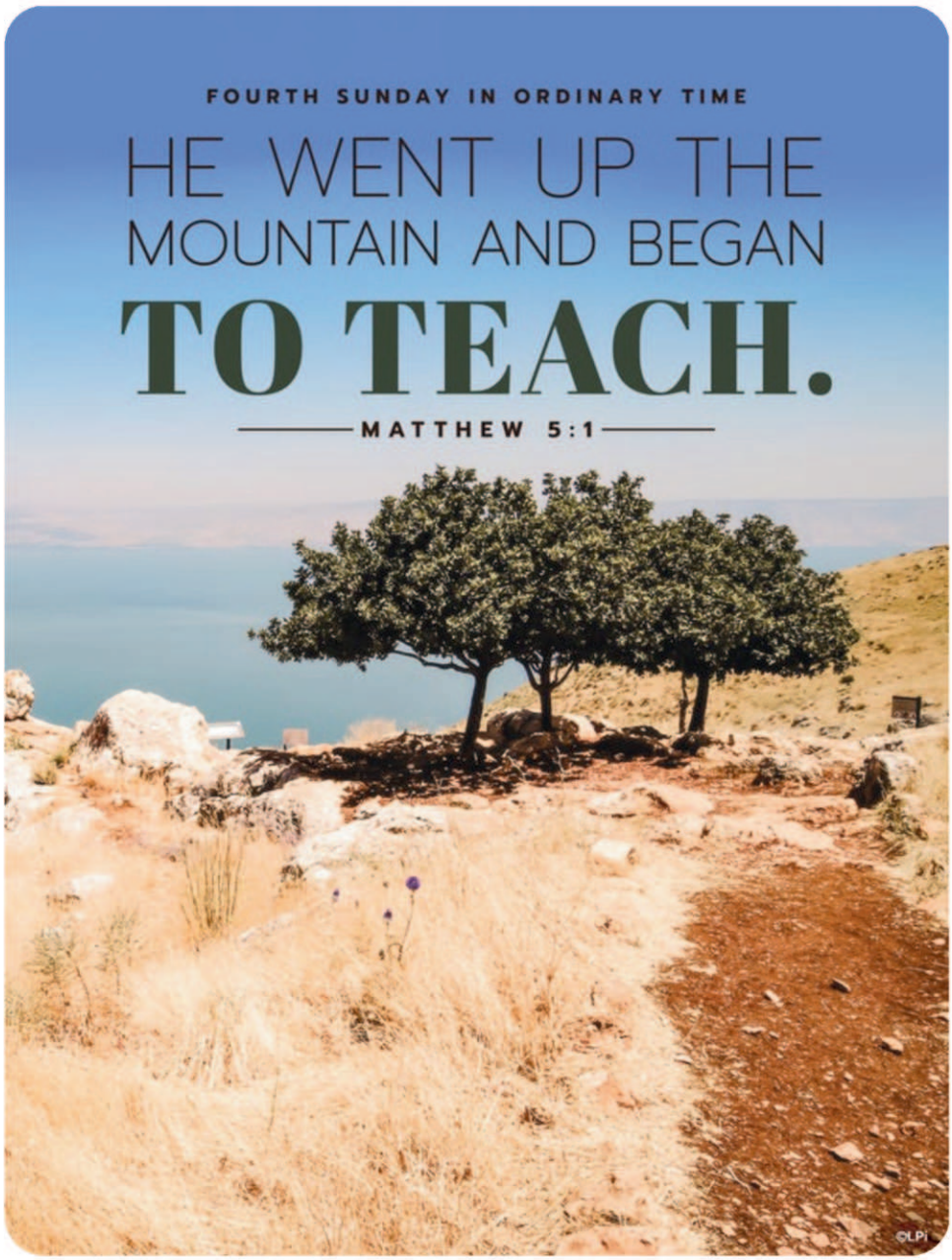
Masses

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



OUR MISSION

We, the Catholic community of Queen of Peace Parish, centered in the Eucharist, strive to grow in our faith and our relationship with God as a welcoming people, working for peace and justice through service to others.

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
St. Eugene Church
Mondays 4 - 6 pm.
Benediction at 5:45 pm.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE
In order to fully partake in the Mass, the Priest should be the last one in and the first one out.

Dress Appropriately ~ remember, you are in God's house.



FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

This weekend we celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Zephaniah was a prophet who lived 700 years before Christ. These were bad times for Israel, marked by idolatry and unfaithfulness to the law. In today's passage, we will hear the prophet call the people to become part of a remnant, that is, a select few who would carry their holy tradition into future generations.

The majority of early Christians were of the lower class. When Paul left the Greek city of Corinth (a major seaport of the ancient world), he was succeeded by Appollos, who was apparently a more polished preacher. Paul grew concerned that the Corinthian Christians were becoming more captivated with oratory than withy the heart of the Gospel message.

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It is with great sadness that I am informing all in our parish community of the passing of Fr. Ed Pacocha. He left us on January 24th. As you know he has been dealing with many health issues over the past year. In particular, with a form of prostate cancer that had effected his bladder. It has been over a year now since he had been assisting here with Mass. Fr. Ed was well loved here at Queen of Peace and it was just great to have him around. He also loved being here with all of us and was so willing to help whenever and wherever he could. As many of you know Fr. Ed was previously pastor of St. Cornelius Parish before he came on board here as one of our retired assistants. This past Saturday we celebrated his funeral Mass. He will truly be missed by many. Please pray for the repose of his soul as well as for his family. Fr. Ed was only three weeks shy of his 90th birthday. One of the comments parishioners would always make about him was how spry he was for his age and how quickly he bounced around the sanctuary when he walked. That was certainly a truism about him. May he rest in peace.

Many families in our parish will be receiving or perhaps have already received the Annual Catholic Appeal request mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts and support. Please return your response as soon as possible. The theme of this year's Annual Catholic Appeal is "Together We Bring Light". This year our targeted goal is $80,560.00 which is based on 7% of last year's offertory income.



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, Appeal funds support the training and formation of our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of Care.

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. I want to once again congratulate and thank all of you who supported the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. Because of your generosity last year, you enabled our parish to surpass its assigned goal and receive a rebate of almost $5,000! - which has helped us to pay for some of the enormous bills we have had with repairing or replacing our failing heating and air-conditioning systems at both Our Lady, Mother of the Church and St. Eugene Church and School facilities. Thank you all!

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 generously to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal.

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I know it's hard to believe but Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent is now only 2 ½ weeks away. You should all be receiving my Lenten/Easter letter letting you know of our Masses and Services from Ash Wednesday through Easter this year. Please post this schedule when you receive it so that you will have easy access to it.

Have a great week everyone!

Fr. Rich Yanos

QUEEN of PEACE PARISH

Parish Social & Ministry Fair

Open House

Come learn about the many ministries and discover ways to get involved, serve, and grow in faith. Enjoy fellowship and share pizza with our parish community.

When: **Friday, February 20, 2026**
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Where: **Our Lady, Mother of the Church**
8747 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago
Hayes Center (Enter through back door)

What: **FREE entrance & pizza will be served**
50/50 Raffle

Sponsored by the Parish Pastoral Council

Interested in Becoming Catholic?



OCIA - ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS.

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.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT 773-775-6660 OR FR. CARLTON AT RCARLTON@ARCHCHICAGO.ORG.

ROSARIES FOR ALL IN THE CONSECRATED LIFE



The World Day for Consecrated Life, on February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, is celebrated in parishes this weekend. Please pray at least one Rosary this week for all who have made commitments in the Consecrated Life, especially the Verbum Dei Sisters. Rosary Guild members include 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. If you would like to become a member of the Rosary Guild, please contact the parish office.

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 Saint Philomena, who is the patron of the Living Rosary. To sign up to pray a decade of the Rosary daily, please reach out to the parish office.

Joyful Mysteries:
Annunciation - Ted M.
Visitation - Barb R.
Nativity - Josephine N.
Presentation - Karen R.
Finding the Temple - Mary M.

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.

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.

Glorious Mysteries
Resurrection, Lita J.
Ascension, Marsha G.
Descent of Spirit, Mary M.
Assumption, Mary M.
Coronation, Mary M.



06 • PRAY FOR THE SICK



Pat Apida
Annabella Amato
Ralph J. Amelio & Victoria Amelio
Peter Badagliacca
Patricia Basili
Judy Bauer
Don Bellisario
Ronald Bertolini
Ludwika Bialo
Bronislaw Bialo
V. Bischof
Gabriella Bongiorno
Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence
Johnmar Castillo
Gracie Carey
Karen Cazolas
Mary Ciliak
Mark Corrado
Camile Conrick
Jacqueline Connoly
Sharon Crowley
Susan Curtin
Angela D'Alessandro
Joseph Duna
Priscilla Fedoruk
Kurt Feiereisel
Scott Feiereisel
Carol Fijalkiewicz
Matthew Fijalkiewicz
Tony Fiore
Rich Garcia
Bob Gasiorek
Harry Gelardi
Patricia Gelfond
Evelina A. Habacon-Hilado
Claudia Heiberger
Susan Hennessy
Jeff Herden
Bonnie Herden
Renee Holm
Terry Katz
Arthur Kopeck
Harry Krawczyk
Thomas Landeck
James LaPietra
Abagail Lim
Allie Lim
Frank Lizak
Liam Logan
Rose Mary Maratto
Mickey Margelewski
Dcn. Ted Marszalek
Stanisław Mazek
Azucena Melendrez
Lena Menconi
Dolores Michalek
Judy Mitrenga
Linda Morton
Norman Mosk
Michael J. Muscarello
John Nelson
Joan Nicosia
Joey Notaro
Anthony Notaro
Lola & Belle Nuccio Twins
Rev. James J. O'Brien
Donie Odulio
Catherine O'Hara
Catherine O'Keefe
Blanca Pacia
Camille Pavlis
Karen Pavlis-Karasawa
Kevin Pemberton
Jackie Pomis
Maria Pulice
Rita Rogers
Jean Rogers
Bill Ruhl
Tom Ryan
Diane Rizzuto
Luis A. Sanchez
Pat Schippers
Shirley Schindler
Dolores Scorza
Peter Schroeder
Robert Shelton
Maria Slomski
Anita Sison
Daniel Staniec
Emily Steckiewicz
Sharon Stipta
Rachael Stowe
Mae Stryker
Lavergne Suchor
Dave Tudron
Paul Tscherwenka
Ernesto Vergara
Jack Wagner
Nancy Wesclitz
Dolores Wilk



STEWARDSHIP

01/25/2026

4:30pm SE	$2,405.00
8:30am SE	$1,035.50
10:00am OLMC	$1,534.00
11:30am SE	$3,145.00
Online Collection	$3,477.01
Sunday Total	**$11,596.51**
Latin America	$1,816.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

You can scan QR code to go directly to GiveCentral and support our Parish.

SCAN ME

SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 8
Social Concerns
February 15
Repair & Maintenance
February 18
Ash Wednesday
February 22
School Support

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January 31st & February 1st

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Benefit Seminarian and Novice Nuns.

ONE BAR $2.00 THREE BARS $5.00

Thank you for your support.



MEN'S RETREAT

GOSPEL PARABLES AND THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

All men of the parish are invited to attend a Jesuit silent retreat at the Bellarmine Retreat House in Barrington, IL. Arrive Friday evening March 6 between 4-6 PM and depart Sunday March 8 between 12 to 2PM. The retreat includes daily Mass, several presentations, communal prayers, six delicious meals, confession or conversation with a spiritual director and the opportunity to rest while reflecting on your spiritual life. For more information, including suggested donations and carpooling , please contact Ralph Cantal , 708-362-0631 or rcantal@earthlink.net







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08 • MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 31, 2026
8:30 am Mass at SE Church
Jude & Minn Families
C. Richard Alexander
James F. Gibbons
Nancy N. Parente
4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SE Church
People of the Parish
Bernice Hujar
Angeline Komperda - B-Day Remembrance
Mark Mucek
Rev. Ed Pacocha
Donato Donald Parente
Regina Podwysocka
Sunday, February 1, 2026
8:30 am Mass at SE Church
People of the Parish
Stanislawa & Jan Bazula
Silvio Carfo
Mazur Family
Leokadia Miklewicz
Eugene Kosla
Jan & Teofila Ryndak
Antonio DiBrita - 7 year Anniversary
10:00 am Mass at OLMC Church
Gus & Irene Jachym - 63rd Wedd. Anniv.
Maria Carrozza
Cosme Castor
Tadeusz & Maria Knurek
Stefania & Jan Kulon
Alice Maestranzi
Zofia & Czeslaw Pilch
Edward Rebacz
Dotty Sokol
11:30 am Mass SE Church
Anna Battista, Salvatore Alaimo
Teresa Casey
Luigina & Pasquale Cesario
Augustino Dolan
S.I. For Evelina Habacon-Hilado-Healing & Blessings
Joe Lesnau
Bernice Padewski
Donato Donald Parente
Monday, February 2, 2026
9:00 am Mass SE Church
Angeline Serpico
S.I. For Matt
Tuesday, February 3, 2026
7:00 am Mass OLMC Church
Luigina & Pasquale Cesario
Augustino Femminella
Ann M. Finland
Kenneth J. Rogers
Viola B. Thompson
S.I. For Matt

Wednesday, February 4, 2026
9:00 am Mass SE Church
S.I. Birthday Blessings for Matthew
Thursday, February 5, 2026
7:00 am Mass at SE Church
Souls in Purgatory, Juan Diaz
S.I. For Matt
Friday, February 6, 2026
9:00 am Mass at SE Church
Marie F. Alexander, Mary C. Finland
Ken Rogers, S.I. For Rita Rogers
S.I. For Matt, Patty Jean Samp
Saturday, February 7, 2026
8:30 am Mass at SE Church
Dorina DiCristofano, Ersilia Mancini
S.I. For Konrad Sniezek
S.I. For Matt
4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SE Church
Edward Dziaduch
Dec'd Members of McGuire & Egan Families
Joseph Portenlanger
Stanley & Frances Purchla
Frances P. Reilly
Tom Szczech, Jr.
James Urbaszewski, Walter & Helen Wojtas
Sunday, February 8, 2026
8:30 am Mass at SE Church
People of the Parish
S.I. For Evelina Habacon-Hilado -Healing & Blessings
Max Kogut
Mazur Family
S.I. For Matt
S.I. For Mike & Nicole J.
10:00 am Mass at OLMC Church
Maria Carrozza
Joseph Ciaccio
Salvatore Ciaccio
Eileen Gaede
Jozef & Stefania Rebacz
Eileen Sullivan
Ida Vitaro
Filippo Conte
John Nicosia
John Catanese
11:30 am Mass SE Church
People of the Parish
Wieslawa & Stanislaw Niemczyk-45th Wedd. Anniv.
Bridget Byrne
Brunetto & Cecilia Brunetto & Family
Teresa Casey
Sarah Thompson
Barbara & Edmund Zarzycki



OUR MILITARY PARISHIONERS

Major Adamczyk
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
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Daniel Meaney
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Mike Mroszczak
Thomas Neuhengen
Eric Norwood
Vincent Page
Jasmine Poffenbarger
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Nicholas Ranch
Adam Roberts
Joseph Saineghi, Jr.
Holly Schippers
Michael Schippers, Jr.
Sean Sherlock
Sharon Sherlock
Phillip R. Simonsen
Tony Strzalka
Anthony Vanhanselaere

IN OUR HEARTS

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

† Joseph & Nancy McNiff
† Rev. Edwin (Ed) Pacocha
† Bice Di Lollo
† Ronald E. Hectus
† John Nicosia
† Raffaela Loizzo
† Victoria Chrabasz



	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 02/07 4:30 PM - SE	Rev. Greg Rom	C. Lim - WB R. Sparacino - B Celebrant / R. Cantal M.B. Glynn - O M. Meo - WO M. Lim - Cup B M. Pollowy - Cup O	C. Wallace M. Wallace S. Wallace	L. Olen
Sunday, 02/08 8:30 am - SE	Rev. Jacek Dada	B. Ndiwe - WB R. Kennedy - B Celebrant / J. Kolaski - C G. Fornek - O C. Mikucki - WO J. Nardi - Cup B J. Fornek - Cup O	B. Villena A. Czubek	M. Egan
Sunday, 02/08 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Robert Carlton	R. Molas - T T. Molas - T Celebrant / D. Calabro - C J. Villanueva—Cup T D. Sese—Cup A	G. Pilch J. Pilch	G. Henderson—1st reading J. Molas—2nd reading
Sunday, 02/08 11:30 am - SE	Rev. Rich Yanos	L. Feist - WB S. Sparacino - B Celebrant / M. Holder - C F. Pacia - O U. Pawlowski - WO P. Paetsch - Cup B M. Zurek - Cup O	N. Labek C. Brown C. Brown	C. Giacalone

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Please contact St. Eugene School at 773-763-2235 for information about our Religious Education Program or go to school website and click on Religious Education Tab to read or register your child.



PLEASE CONTACT THE RECTORY OFFICE FOR:

- Information about Sacraments of Baptism (Parents requesting Baptism for their child at Queen of Peace must be registered and active members of the Parish), Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Funerals.
- Rite of Christian Initiation (OCIA)
- Request sacramental records such as baptism, confirmation, marriage, or other certificates.
- To register as a new parishioner.
- To schedule a Mass intention.
- Make a donation or set up financial support options
- Get general information like office hours, event schedules, or directions to the church facilities.



ST. EUGENE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Mission Statement
St. Eugene School prepares and inspires students to achieve their full potential and lead meaningful lives, grounded in the teachings of our Catholic faith.

Vision
To be celebrated as a school where we recognize and celebrate the uniqueness of each child, which is affirmed through our instructional strategies, methods, and materials utilized to promote the continuous academic, spiritual, moral, emotional, and physical development of the whole child.

SCHOOL ADDRESS
7930 W. Foster Ave.
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SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Margaret Kinel

www.steugene-school.org



Pray with the Pope

The Archdiocese of Chicago is participating in the global "Pray with the Pope" campaign, a worldwide prayer initiative that invites all to join Pope Leo XIV in monthly prayer intentions. Launched through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, the "Pray with the Pope" campaign will foster a deeper spiritual communion through digital connection and shared, contemplative prayer. Throughout 2026, the monthly prayer intentions will address themes that speak directly to the realities facing families, communities, and nations. The January prayer intention focuses on praying with the Word of God, encouraging individuals and communities to encounter Christ more deeply through Scripture and allowing God's Word to shape daily life and decision-making.

VERBUM DEI SISTERS

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We are Verbum Dei, a Catholic Missionary Community in Chicago. We bear the Living Word of God through the charism of prayer and preaching. Our world is evolving so fast that there is an urgency to respond according to the needs of all walks of life. We provide the space for people to have a personal Encounter with Jesus Christ through the School of the Word, retreats and other initiatives. Our very diverse groups: English, Polish, Hispanic and Filipino communities, are very welcoming and will suit your spiritual needs. You'll never walk alone wherever you are. The Verbum Dei Missionary Family can be found in many parts of the world. We act on a global scale, but we respond on a local scale!
Come and be part of this wonderful adventure!

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

MEET OUR OCIA CLASS



Kaley is a full-time student who is seeking to deepen her spiritual connection with God and embrace the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. Through this journey, she hopes to strengthen her faith and become more fully a part of the Church community.



My name is **Shirley Calderon**, I am a Special Education Paraprofessional for a Middle School. I am seeking to become a Catholic and receive all my sacraments because every time I have stepped into a Catholic Church, I felt as though I had come home. The sacraments, the communion of saints, the beauty of the liturgy, and above all, God's love—these were not human inventions, but divine gifts. For the first time, my faith touched every part of me: my mind, my soul, my body, and my heart. The restless searching had ended. Every time I knelt for prayer I knew I had found what my heart had been searching for."



My name is **Jeremiah Romanzi** and I am a senior in high school. I joined OCIA class to complete the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. Also, for a better understanding of Catholic teachings, and a connection to Jesus and the Catholic Church.

My name is **MyTram Swartz.** I am the mom of Samantha and Brandon Swartz who attend St Eugene School. I am a Vietnamese refugee, then a military brat and am presently a flight attendant. I have lived in five countries and on the East and West Coasts.I am now settled in the Midwest for my 25 year career at a major USA airline. I wish to continue my life's journey with Faith to follow Christ, have salvation through Baptism and envelop myself in the Catholic community.



Hello, my name is **Samantha Swartz.** I am in seventh grade. I have been in St. Eugene School for almost 7 years, but have never been baptized. I want to become Catholic to grow my faith in God and finally be part of the Catholic community and receive all the sacraments.

My name is **Brandon Swartz**. I am 12 years old and have attended St. Eugene School from Pre-K to 6th grade currently. I was raised in Chicago. I am seeking conversion to Catholicism to be a faithful Christian. As I experience this long journey, I think I will be better with Baptism.



My name is **Elan Banistean**. I was baptized here at St. Eugene's, but I never received any proper Catholic education until my time at St. Patrick's High School, where I learned who God truly is and how important He is to our lives. This has provided me with the proper motivation to join the OCIA program and complete my journey as a Catholic by receiving my remaining sacraments.

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.



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

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



Bible Study

Please join us on Wednesdays in St. Eugene School-room 110 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Questions or comments please feel free to email Frank at fjlizak@comcast.net
Hope to see you there!



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.

2025 Contribution Statements Requests

Please fill out a form and drop it with your offering during Sunday Mass.
You can also call parish office if you would like to have 2025 Contribution Statement mailed to you. Please tell us your name, donation envelope number ,and address. We will not be mailing out contribution statements unless they are requested. With truly grateful hearts, we thank you for your faithful & generous support of our parish!

2025 Year-End Charitable Donations Statement Request

Please PRINT your First and Last Name_____

Phone number_____email: _____

Address_____

Envelope ID # _____ _____

Please send me my statement - check One: fax email mail I will pick up myself



ST. JOSEPH COMMITTEE



The St. Joseph Committee sponsors two events: a Mass on St. Joseph's Day and a St. Joseph's Table.

The St. Joseph's Table is a community event that honors St. Joseph by raising funds for charity. Traditionally non-meat foods are served to the public for which a donation is accepted, and bakery items are sold from the St. Joseph display table.

The St. Joseph's Day Mass is a special evening Mass and the traditional blessed St. Joseph Bread and St. Joseph Prayer Cards being distributed after the Mass during a small reception in the church vestibule.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

All meetings are held in the Shaunessy Center Meeting Room at 7:00PM on the following dates:

- **Wed., February 4, 2026**
- **Tues., February 25, 2026**
- **Wed., March 11, 2026**
- **Wed., March 25, 2026**

CONTACT PERSONS:

Russell Sparacino
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EVENT

The St. Joseph's Table will be on Saturday, March 21st, with setup on Friday, March 20th. The St. Joseph's Day Mass will be on Thursday, March 19th, at 7:00 pm.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Full Committee member, help with planning and acquiring donations.
Event Volunteers (March 20th and 21st), help with set up, take down, food serving and packaging, kitchen duties, clean up and greeters.

DONATIONS

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

ST. BLAISE | FEBRUARY 3

ABOUT ST. BLAISE

St. Blaise is a bishop and martyr who lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time, Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast the church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. He is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints revered as healers. He is the patron saint of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading.

BLESSING OF THE THROAT

On February 3, the Feast Day of St. Blaise, the Church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats with candles.

St. Blaise said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. The candles (blessed on Candlemas Feb. 2) are crossed against the throat, and the following prayer is said:

"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

QUEEN OF PEACE BLESSING OF THE THROATS:

Individual blessing of the throats at the end of the Mass on Tuesday , February 3rd and general blessing of the throats on Saturday, January 31st at 4:30pm Mass, and on all February 1st Sunday Masses.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman (LPI)

Mini reflection: How similar we all are in sin. How similar we all are in potential. How different we look to the world. And yet, how wondrous it is that we are all offered the same hope: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven."

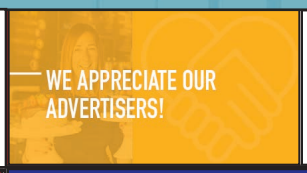
What Stays the Same

Somewhere, there is a monk whose life is very quiet and who devotes long hours to prayer. And somewhere there is a nun, cloistered in a life of contemplation, who speaks very little except to God.
Somewhere, there is a father whose days are filled with noise, who hasn't finished a Rosary in years because he keeps falling asleep. Somewhere there is a mother whose voice is weak with giving direction and offering counsel.
Somewhere, there is a teenage girl with much to say, but few people to listen — fewer, at least, than she would like.

Somewhere there is a woman who holds a positive pregnancy test in one hand and a phone in the other, and somewhere there is a man on the other end of that phone who waits for her to speak.
In the Beatitudes, Jesus utilizes a literary device called anaphora. Both as a reader and a writer, I love anaphora. It's a clean, unfussy way to communicate a point. By repeating the same word or phrase at the beginning of successive clauses, you're basically saying the same thing over and over again, just a little bit differently each time. Those small differences tease at your audience's brain, gently highlighting the consistencies.
Discipleship is a lot like anaphora. It's the differences — those little aberrations from person to person, life to life — that so beautifully illustrate what remains the same across the broad spectrum of what it means to live out the Beatitudes.
Me. You. The monk. The nun. The father. The mother. The lonely girl. The man and woman who decided their own future without realizing it. How similar we all are in sin. How similar we all are in potential. How different we look to the world.
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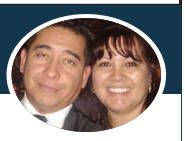
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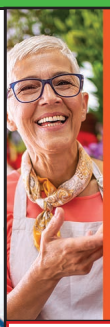
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