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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

Today we celebrate the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
When today's passage from the book of Isaiah was written, the Jewish people had been held in exile by Babylon for more than 40 years. Cyrus, the king of neighboring Persia, was preparing to invade Babylon. The prophet sees Cyrus, a pagan king, as an instrument of God. Through this military victory, God will free his people and allow them to return home.
Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians is the earliest of all New Testament writings, coming only about 20 years after the Resurrection of Jesus. Today's reading gives us the letter's opening words. In just five verses, we hear reference to God the Father, the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and also to faith, hope and love. It indicates how quickly these essentials of our faith became part of our Christian tradition.

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World Mission Sunday was established by Pope Pius XI in 1926. This 100th anniversary is an opportunity to celebrate with renewed missionary zeal. Last year, Pope Leo XIV appealed to us, "Please help me help missionaries everywhere." That's what World Missionary Sunday is all about: helping Pope Leo care for the 1,130 missionary dioceses and territories under his supervision.
Our prayers and support will be a great help in bringing the Gospel of God's love to everyone. The second collection we take up today helps extend the Church's evangelizing work to missionary areas where the Gospel is being proclaimed for the first time, as well as to places where the Church is too young, persecuted or poor to sustain herself. Thank you for responding to Pope Leo's renewed call to help him support missionaries to the ends of the earth!

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This weekend, our 8th grade students received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Receiving this sacrament completes their initiation as members of the faith community into the Church. We congratulate them and their families as they now make this transition from being initiated into our faith and church life to a deeper and fuller relationship with Christ and his Church. Our hope and our prayer as the

faith community of Queen of Peace is that this celebration will be the beginning of a life-long venture of deepening, strengthening, and appreciating the relationship our Lord, Jesus Christ, wants with each of us as we are called to help build up the Body of Christ that is His Church. Congratulations and best wishes to all the Confirmands and their families!

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All Soul's Day, November 2nd, is only two weeks away. On this day we commemorate all the faithful departed. This year we will once again have Shrines of Remembrance of our beloved dead in the sanctuary at each of our worship sites. Please bring pictures of your deceased loved ones and place them on the tables in the gathering space on the weekend of October 24 and 25. For all pictures, please place a sticker or tag with your name, address and phone number on the back of each picture. The pictures may be picked up in the gathering space on the weekend of November 21 and 22.

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For the past couple of months our parish pastoral council members have been working diligently behind the scenes preparing for our upcoming Parish Gala Event entitled, **"ALL IS BRIGHT"** that will be held on Saturday night, December 5th, at the Fountain Blue on Mannheim Road in Des Plaines beginning at 6:30 p.m. We're planning on starting the evening with our 4:30 p.m. Mass that evening.
There is so much that we as a parish have to give thanks for and it has been so long since we have celebrated who we are in this way. I know it seems a bit early, but I just want to get the word out and encourage all in our parish to consider supporting this event by your presence and celebrating with your fellow parishioners by getting your tickets early. I believe we are limited to only 200 guests for this event. With the size of our parish I'm hoping we will have a full house. Tickets are $125.00. The committee felt this was a reasonable contribution for an unforgettable evening of faith, fellowship, and fine dining as well as supporting the mission of our parish. With all the improvements that have been going on in the school and parish over the past few years, the Council felt we should not just have a needed fundraiser but also make it an enjoyable evening for everyone. So, let's all get together and make this an evening where **"ALL IS BRIGHT"**. Tickets for tables of 10 can be purchased and are already being reserved. Purchasing a table of 10 enables you to choose who will be sitting at your table. Tickets can be purchased online using the QR Code found on the page in the bulletin, at the parish office, and soon after all the masses in the vestibules. Remember…all are welcome! So, invite your family and friends as well. Looking forward to spending a fun and enjoyable evening with you all!

Fr. Rich Yanos

