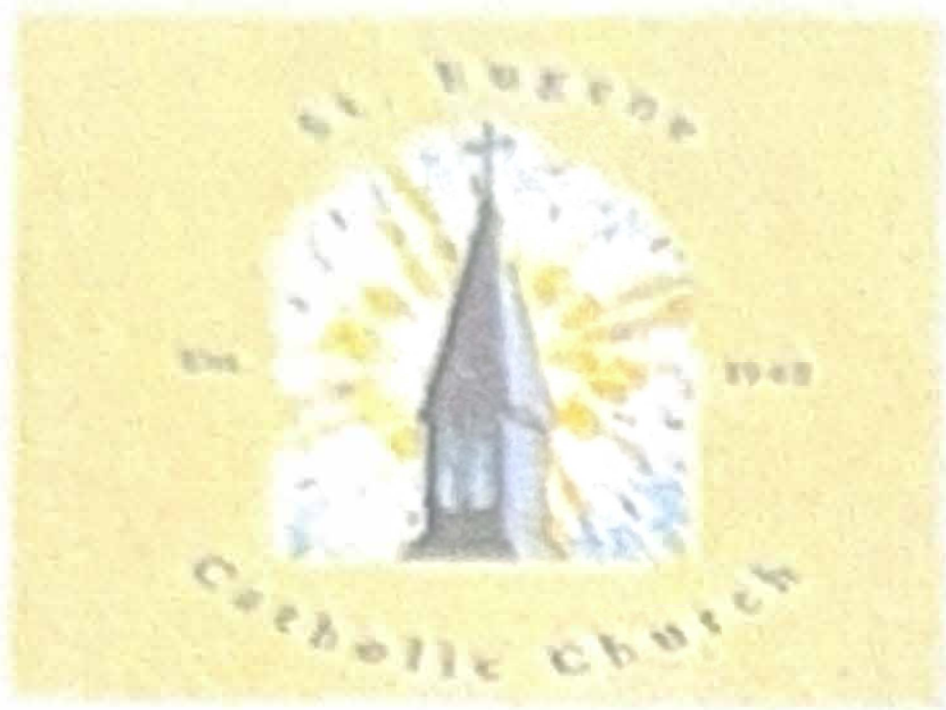




Saint Eugene Catholic Church
608 Lions Club Road ~ PO Box 188 ~ Wendell, NC 27591

Pastor's Office

October 27, 2025

Dear Saint Eugene Family,

As I reflect on my time as your pastor, I am enormously grateful for this community's devotion to our faith, the real concern and compassion that parishioners hold for one another, and the desire to help others in our community. I am reminded that gratitude is at the heart of generosity.

When we talk about generosity, we often put it in the context of stewardship in the form of time, talent, and treasure. We are all stewards of God's gifts and have a co-responsibility to use them to steward our church for today and the future.

In effort to save over \$16000, the Parish Finance Council and I decided not to pay for the use of the service and products provided by "Our Sunday Visitor" (OSV). With generosity in mind, this letter aims to introduce an **Increased Offertory Program**. To meet our goals, we must work intentionally. We have two specific requests: first, for those who do not currently contribute, kindly begin doing so; second, we ask all parishioners to try and prayerfully increase the amount given in the offertory collection each week. You are not asked to contribute more than you can afford. We do, however, request that you prioritize your contribution to the Church. This priority should be included in your own family budget.

Talking about finances is never pleasant. Each of you understands the difficult decisions that must be made in budgeting for your home. Your faith home is the same. In making this request for increased giving, we hope to raise your awareness of the issue of regular parish giving while also bringing your attention to the parish's heavy financial burden caused by maintaining parish programs and buildings.

I am very appreciative of your support and encouragement not only to me but to our neighbors in Christ who live in our community. I can assure you that, with His help, I will continue to do my best to serve you gratefully and effectively. If you have any detailed questions, kindly contact our Finance Council Chairperson, Vincent ("Vinny") Parisi, email vparisi77@gmail.com or cell phone (352) 397-5986.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Frederic M. Mizengo, CICM
Pastor

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