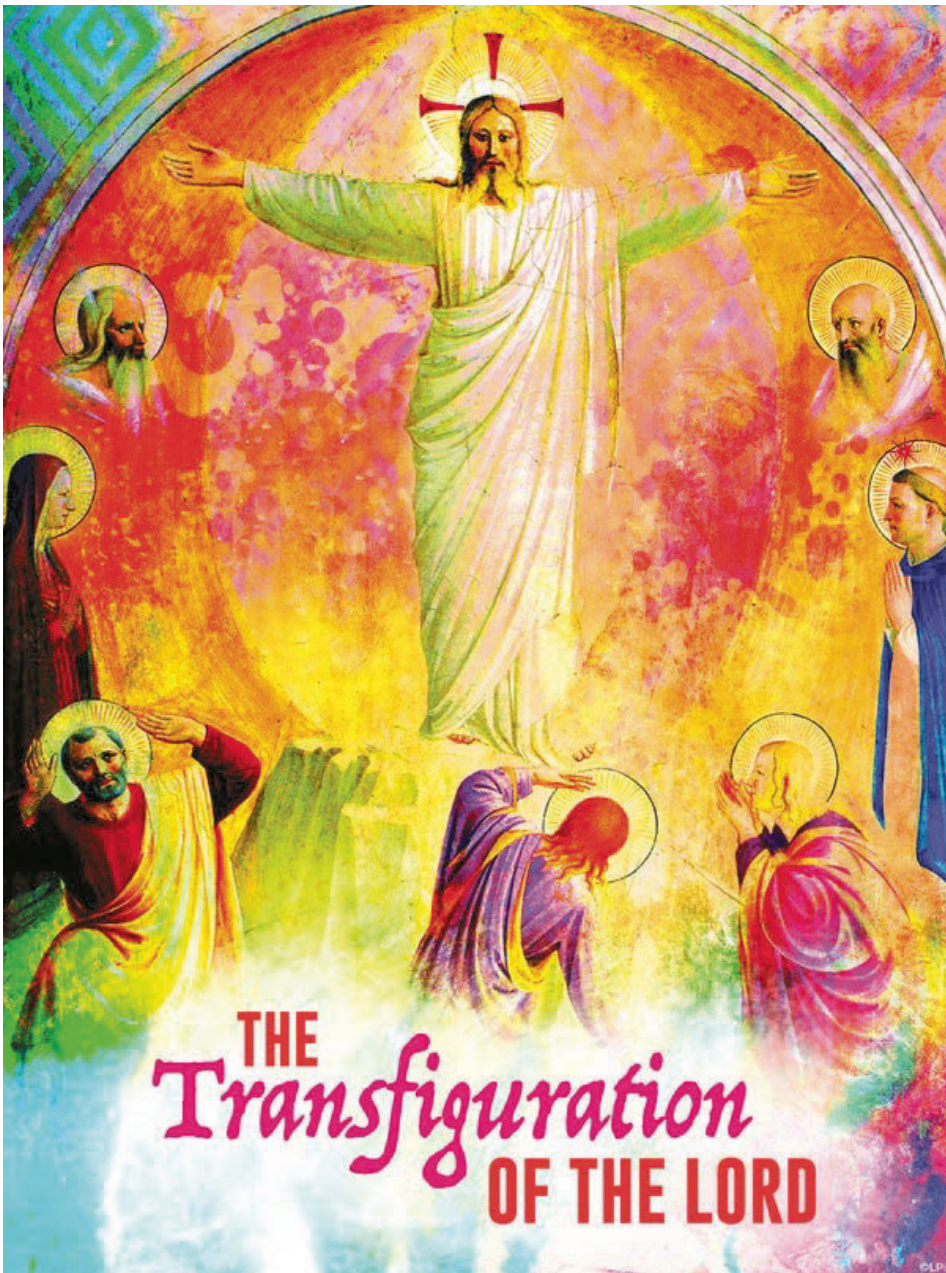


Queen of Peace

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.



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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Wednesday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 8:30 am

Sunday Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am

11:30 am

CONFESSIONS 4:00 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Benediction: 5:45 pm

August 6th, 2023 | The Transfiguration of The Lord



From the desk of Father Rich Yanos

As a practicing Catholic, priest and pastor I find myself often disheartened by the lack of attention so many who identify themselves as “Catholics” are giving to the living out and practicing of our Catholic faith. Today we sadly find ourselves amid a society and culture that continues to deemphasize the religious practice of our faith but rather emphasizes a more secularist approach to life in general. I am reminded of the old adage that said, “We reap what we sow in life”. I don’t think I have ever felt this to be truer in our world and in our church today. Let me share a few examples of what I see on a daily/weekly basis... Growing up in the not-too-distant past, we were always taught that going to Mass on Sunday, gathering around the Lord’s table with the fellow believers/members of our parish community was something we did because it was God’s desire for his people to “Keep Holy the Sabbath Day”. It was also a clear interpretation of this “Commandment” that down through the centuries Protestant, Jewish and Catholic communities gathered with each other on their respective Sabbath Days to give praise and worship to God. What has happened, then, that so many who profess to be Christian no longer feel it is important or necessary to gather once a week in their churches with their fellow believers?

On a regular basis we meet with couples who have chosen to celebrate their marriage here in our churches when, in fact, attending Mass is not at all a part of their lived experience. As the pastor of our community of faith I am regularly requested to fill out paperwork testifying to the active membership of parishioners who have been asked to be godparents for baptism and/or sponsors for the confirmation of their relatives and friends when in fact they hardly ever, if ever, go to church, let alone offer their financial support as good stewards to the parish that they hope and trust (and sometimes even demand) will be there for them when they need us. In good conscience I find it very difficult to sign my name attesting to something as important as living and practicing our Catholic faith for those who are not. This is especially true when it comes to the important role of sponsors and godparents. I suppose I would even question why anyone who is not living the life of faith Jesus Christ and our Church calls us to would even accept such a significant spiritual role in the life of a child, teenager, or adult. I am even more amazed when parents who do not go to church, or pray with their family, or practice our Catholic faith would even embrace baptism for their children when the promise they will be making on the day of their child’s baptism is to be the best of teachers to their child(ren) in the ways of our Catholic faith. However, I am always hopeful that after attending baptismal preparation and celebrating the Sacrament itself our parents will be touched by God’s grace to see the awesome responsibility that is theirs in growing together as a Christian family.

It seems we live in a time and a place in our history and culture where giving God an hour of our week seems to be an inconvenience and obviously not on the priority list of so many. What concerns me even more is what is being taught to our children (the next generation of our church – the future of our church) who are being taught that it is OK to not go to church, it is OK to leave Mass as the Body and Blood of Christ is being distributed, it is OK to walk out of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass before the Presider and Ministers exit the church. I think we all know that children learn primarily not from what they are told but rather from the example they are given and shown by their teachers, who in these very important formative years are their parents. I often wonder how it makes God feel to see this lack of respect toward the gift of the Eucharist he gave us. I suppose it would be like how we might feel if we provided a lavish dinner for our family, friends, or neighbors and when we cleared the dishes to go and prepare dessert, we came back to an empty dining room table because everyone had left without a thank you or even a good-bye. Imagine that? How would you feel if you were the host? I know how I would feel!

I beg all in our community to not look at attending Mass or going to church as an obligation, or something we are forced into doing, or even as a commandment given to us by God Himself (although this, in and of itself, should be all we need to want to celebrate the Lord's Day) but rather as an opportunity to give thanks to God (for just one hour a week) for all that we are blessed with – our freedom, our families, our friendships, our jobs, our homes, our country, our fiancé's, our gifts and talents, our very lives! When going to Mass is seen this way – as an opportunity to give THANKS to God for all he has blessed us with, it changes everything and provides a very powerful motivation to get ourselves and our kids out of bed on a Sunday morning. It really does! Try to instill this way of thinking into your children's hearts. But before that can happen, we'll need to believe it ourselves.

Please pass these thoughts on to anyone you may know that might need to be reminded of the great gift of faith and relationship with our Lord that we have been given and invited into as well as the importance of praying with each other and sharing in the Eucharist weekly.

A pastor, like good parents, is often required to address issues that some in the family do not necessarily want to hear but are necessary for the good of the whole family. That's how I feel about what I needed to say today. When these issues are reflected upon and addressed, we will become stronger as a family of faith here at Queen of Peace.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

Fr. Rich Yanos



Mass Intentions for Queen of Peace Parish



Saturday, August 5, 2023

5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church

Estela Espino, Don Feist,
Elmer & Grace Frelka,
Barbara Hinze, Hillard (Mike) Michalek,
Michael Michalek, Mario Ricchio,
Kenneth Van Spankeren

Sunday, August 6, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish
Nicholas Calabrese, Ronald Feiereisel,
Giacomo Giovannelli, Leonardo Lopez,
Lucyna Piechowicz, Fred Joseph Toms III,
Janet Toton

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

John Catanese, Franca De Fonte,
Angela Lepore,
Steve, Angeline & Donald Lesniak,
Joseph Mandile,
Pietro Pisello, Edward Rebacz,
Rosemary Taylor,
Nicola Troiano, Palmina & Frank Vitone

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Antonio Affatato,
Gina & Concetta Castellese,
Giorgio & Maria Castellese,
Alexander Hyrc,
Dolores A. Jedd, Maria Serritella

Monday, August 7, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Juan Diaz, Bruno Janus,
Killmer & Ewing Fams.,
Mariano & Regina Lising,
Anthony Stellato,
Barb Talarico

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

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

Rita Eckstedt, Mariano & Regina Lising,
Dorothy Tabor

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Purgatorial Society
Maria & George Concialdi, Jude & Minn Fams.,
Bill & Cathy Palmer, Angeline Santella

Thursday, August 10, 2023

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

Friday, August 11, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Armando Abdon Sr., Brain & Gonzalez Fams.,
John Kentalla, Fred Rogers, S.I. Rita Rogers

Saturday, August 12, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene

Castiglia & Chillemi Fams., Andrew G. Lanza

Saturday, August 12, 2023

5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church

Taire & Jerry Jurek 45 Wed. Anniv.,
Bishop Edwin Conway, Elmer & Grace Frelka,
Wayne J. Greco, Clara Jurek, Hillard (Mike) Michalek,
Michael Michalek, Lily Nowicki, Joseph Pecora,
Eugene Slomski, S.I. Maria Slomski,
S.I. Mark Slomski,
Jose Manuel Villalba - 2nd Anniv. of death

Sunday, August 13, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Nicholas Calabrese, Ted & Jean Fornek, John Kula,
Julia Maria Rivera, Dorothy & George Thiermann

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Nancie Brabec, Rita Eckstedt,
Walter & Marianne Feret, Donato Parente,
Pietro Pisello, Jozef Rebacz, Donald Santo,
Dorothy Tabor, Duane Thurber,
S.I. Matthew, Nicole & Damian & Fam.

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish
Carol Foley,
George & Pearl Giovannoni,
Rosauro Lising, Myron Masley, Dominic Nardi,
Marlene Pinske, Phillip Saineghi & Phil Saineghi,
Fr. Fred Tomzik

We pray for our loved ones who are serving in any branch of the Armed Forces during this time of conflict.



Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen

Major Adamczyk
Joseph Antosh, Jr.
Ghaleb Azroui
Donald Bellisario
Matthew Calderisi
Timothy Emmett Carolan
Melissa Rose Cortese
James Vincent Degrazia
Patrick Edward Dillon
Zbigniew Dudkowski
Kurt Feiereisel
Matthew Scott Forrest
Major Dirk Haller

Andrew Hopkins
Christopher Jenkins
Bernard Edward Kusinski
Antonio James Lim
Payne Manczko
Chris Marchiori
Daniel Meaney
Keith Miller
Michael Morales
Mike Mroszczak
Thomas Neuhengen
Eric Norwood
Elliott O'Claire

Vincent Page
Chad Pritchard
Nicholas Ranch
Adam Roberts
Joseph Saineghi, Jr.
Holly Schippers
Michael Schippers, Jr.
Sean Sherlock
Sharon Sherlock
Phillip R. Simonsen
Tony Strzalka
Dominic John Guerrieri, Jr.

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 08 / 12 5 pm - St. Eugene	Rev. Jacek Dada	M. Lim - WB C. Lim - B R. Sparacino - C MB Glynn - O J. Horn - WO		S. Sparacino
Sunday, 08 / 13 8:30 am - St. Eugene	Rev. Greg Rom	I. Rog - WB D. Duszynski - B J. Cardella - C G. Bermas - O M. Unger - WO		C. Mikucki
Sunday, 08 / 13 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Richard Yanos Deacon Chris Virruso	M. Marszalek - C G. Henderson - T		L. Muehlfelder - 1wst C. Roldan — 2nd
Sunday, 08 / 13 11:30 am - St. Eugene	Rev. Ed Pacocha	T. Moore - WB J. Nardi - B F. Pacia - C O. Giacalone - O P. Paetsch - WO		C. Giacalone

Rosaries for Peace

This Sunday, August 6, is the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, and Wednesday, August 9, is the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki. Every year from August 6 to 15, the Church in Japan has Ten Days of Prayer for Peace. In Archbishop José H. Gomez's statement three years ago on the 75th anniversary of the bombings, he wrote, "We ask our Blessed Mother Mary, the Queen of Peace, to pray for the human family, and for each one of us. Remembering the violence and injustice of the past, may we commit ourselves to being peacemakers as Jesus Christ calls us to be. Let us always seek the path of peace and seek alternatives to the use of war as a way to settle differences between nations and peoples." The Rosary Guild's intention this week is for peace. To be a member, along with the members listed below, please contact the rectory office.



Emily A.
Lori G.
James H.
John I.

Evelyn K.
Terri K.
Gilda M.
Lonnie M.

Mary M.
Ted M.
Josephine N.
Emilie P.

Stefania P.
Jean R.
Shirley S.
Milabelle T.

August, the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Pray a decade of the Rosary daily for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and in honor of Saint Philomena, the patron of the Living Rosary, whose memorial is this Friday, August 11. Blessed Pauline Jaricot, the founder of the Living Rosary, received healing through the intercession of Saint Philomena. To sign up to pray one of the Glorious Mysteries daily, please contact the rectory office.

Joyful Mysteries

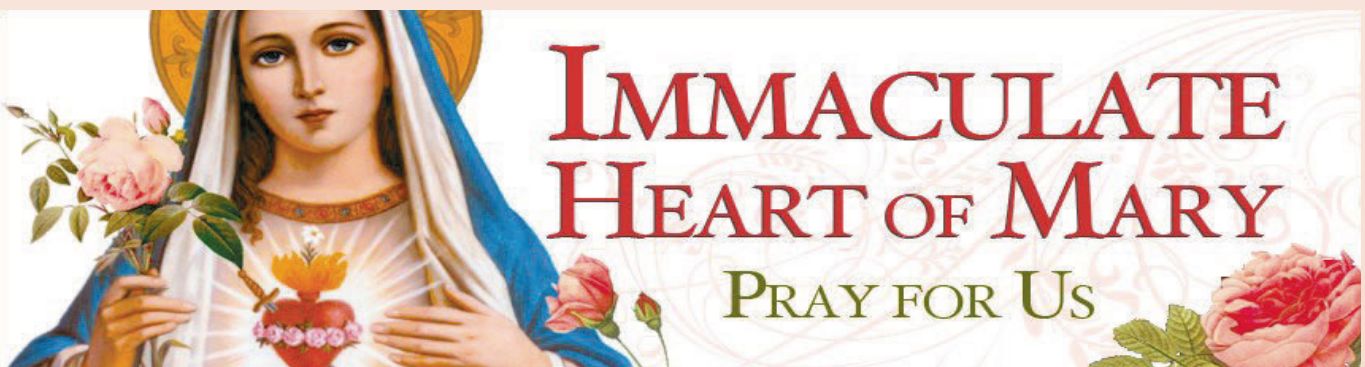
Annunciation – Ted M.
Visitation – Barb R.
Nativity – Josephine N.
Presentation – Karen R.
Finding in the Temple – Mary M.

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.

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.



ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US ON OUR UPCOMING NORWAY & SWEDEN TRIP 12 DAYS... JULY 28 - AUGUST 8, 2024



A little less than a year from now our next adventure will be taking us to Scandinavia. We will be touring the countries of Norway and Sweden. Some of the places we will be visiting are Bergen, Stalheim, Sognefjord, Flam, Borgund, Lillehammer, Oslo, Karlstad, and Stockholm among others. This promises to be an exciting getaway. I'm letting everyone here at our parish of Queen of Peace know about this trip early in case you might want to get on the list to receive the trip brochure before I send it out to my larger mailing list. If you might want to join us simply fill out the form below and drop it off at the parish office or even in the collection basket on the weekend and I'll be sure to get you a copy of the brochure as soon as they are printed. These trips are filled in the order in which people sign up. I would love to have you join us along with your family, friends and /or fellow parishioners. We will of course, be having an Informational Meeting about this trip soon.

Whether you have been to Norway and Sweden before or not, no tour of these beautiful countries is ever the same. Sharing this experience with your family, friends and/or fellow parishioners helps to make it that much more enjoyable as we always have so much to talk about and share at the end of each of our days of sightseeing and touring. This trip is likely to draw a lot of interest and is sure to fill up quickly, so if you would like a brochure or even think you might be interested in joining us next July be sure to get your reservation in early.

BROCHURE REQUEST FORM - RETURN TO: **FR. RICH YANOS, 7958 W. Foster Ave., Chicago, IL 60656**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Phone: _____



The Bible Group has less than two months of meetings under our belt.

One of our earliest things that we did was to discuss the Our Father.

The only prayer that we received from Jesus himself.

Did you know that there are seven petitions, the first three petitions are about God and the other four are about us.

“PRAY IN ORDER TO BELIEVE, BELIEVE IN ORDER TO PRAY”

This would take too much time and space from the bulletin to explain it here. However, we are always searching, praying and talking about what God wants us to learn. We are always happy to see new faces.

I hope that all will take advantage of dropping in to see what the group is about.

We meet every Wednesday in St. Eugene School room 110 from 10:00 to 12:00.

If anybody has any questions or comments please feel free to email Frank at fjizak@comcast.net.

Thirsting for God?

Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in another Christian tradition, who is thirsting for what it means to be Catholic? Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation & Communion? They may be thirsting too!



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is a process by which one enters the Catholic Church through prayer, study, and discussion.

More info: Fr. Jacek at jdada@st-eugene.org or please call 773.775.6659 ext. 108

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Help Needed for Liturgical Ministers

Have you ever considered serving the Church as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. This role is extremely important for the celebration of the Eucharist. This ministry puts you at the center of the Church's life.

Currently, we need 5 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at every Sunday Mass except for the third Sunday of every month at the 5PM Mass when there is a Celebrant and a Deacon. Anytime there are multiple Priests and/or Deacons, they take precedence over any Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Our greatest need for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is at the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday. This means that our current Ministers at 11:30 Mass must get scheduled more frequently.

If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please fill out the information below and drop in the Sunday collection basket or return to the parish office. I will call you to give you additional information and answer any questions you may have to make your decision.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____
(City) (Zip Code)

Email address: _____

Coordinator of Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Lois Feist



Sunday, July 30

5:00 SE	\$2,931.66
8:30 SE	\$2,813.00
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OLMC	\$2,253.00
11:30 SE	\$2,548.50

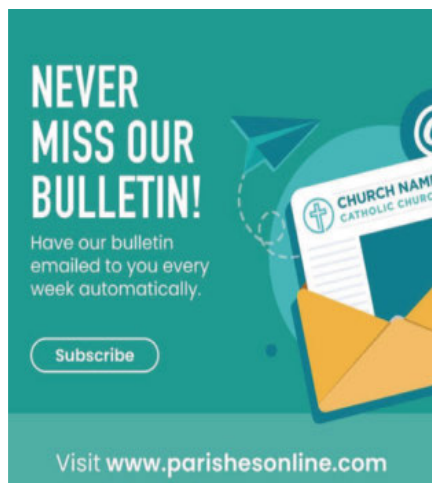
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GC DS	\$451.01
GC OLMC	\$153.30
GC SE	\$1,511.00
Total Online	\$2,115.31

Grand Total **\$12,661.47**

Please continue your contribution in the usual way, until we finalize the merger of the databases and electronic giving accounts.

Thank you for your support!



Queen Of Hearts Raffle Tickets & Footballmania Tickets

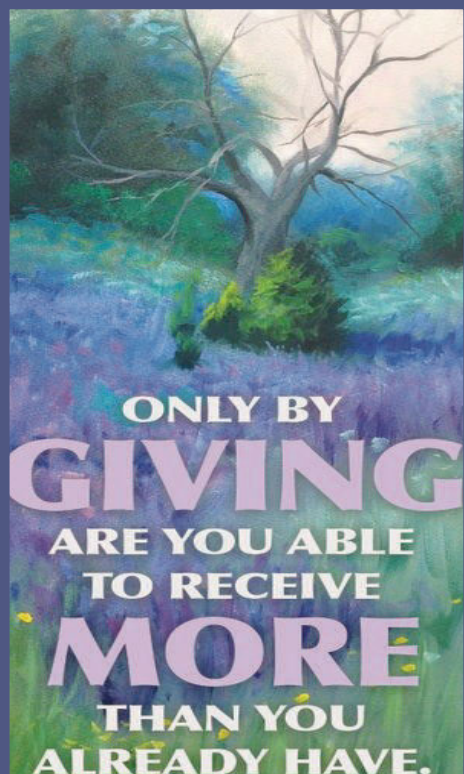
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In Rear Vestibule
(Tickets are Also Available
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Our Sharing Parish St. Eulalia



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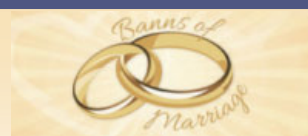
Please call
the parish office
for the holiday schedule.

Thank you.

Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

† Jeanette Buerger
† Thomas Hanlon

May the souls of the faithful
rest in peace.



1st Wedding Banns

Ula Monique Salus &
Michael Joseph Randazzo



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS "BELONGING"

The new baptismal class: BELONGING.

Baptism in the Family of God seeks to provide you with an opportunity to encounter Jesus and his Church as you prepare for your child's baptism.

You will learn what it means to be a child of God and discover that the Church is your family, a place where you belong.

In preparation for your child's baptism, we ask parents or guardians to attend a baptismal preparation session.

Please contact Fr. Jacek Dada or the Rectory office.

Baptismal classes are taking place on the first Wednesday of August from 6:30-8:00pm - Rm. 110 annex.

Queen of Peace Service Day Event

Join the Queen of Peace Young Adults Group on Saturday, August 12, for a summer service event.

We will help clean the flower beds and other outdoor areas around the Parish.

We will meet outside the Shaunessy Center (5220 N. Canfield, corner of Foster Ave. and Canfield Ave.) at 9:00 AM and then break into small groups to perform the work. Light refreshments will be provided.

This will be a great opportunity to enjoy the summer weather and help give back!

For more information or questions, visit www.facebook.com/StEugeneYoungAdultsGroup or email youngadults@st-eugene.org.

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

St. Eugene Church

Mondays 4 - 6 pm. Benediction at 5:45 pm





SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

St. Eulalia's Parish, our sharing parish is in need of school supplies for the parish students. The Quinn Center is part of the parish which provides numerous activities and programs for children. Currently, they have a summer youth enrichment program for over 140 participants. During the year, they also have an extensive tutoring program. The school supplies will be used at the Quinn Center but also given to students for their own use at their schools. Can you help provide some new supplies? Our drive will be from the weekend of August 12 to the weekend of August 20. Boxes will be provided at Our Lady Mother of the Church and at St. Eugene for the supplies.

The suggested supplies needed are:

backpacks
notebooks
colored pencils
glue sticks
markers

pencils
folders
crayons
scissors
pens

If you have any questions, please email at lizakfam@aol.com.
Thank you for your generosity.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Lord God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that You restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. We thank You and praise You through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Pat Apida
Annabella Amato
Ralph J. Amelio
Victoria Amelio
Patricia & Lawrence Basili
A. & V. Bischof
Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence
Anthony Bongiorno
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Mark Corrado
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Angela & Rocco D'Alessandro
Joseph Duna
1Barbara Fandrey
Tony Fiore
Bob & Carol Gasiosek
Patricia Gelfond
Jeff Herden

Renee Holm
Terry Katz
Mary T. Keating
Arthur Kopeck
Thomas Landeck
Abigail Lim
Allie Lim
Rose Mary Maratto
Pam & Mickey Margelewski
Stanisław Mazek
Azucena Melendrez
Dolores Michalek
Patrick Misciniscinski
Linda Morton
Jean Muglia
Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello
Michael J. Muscarello
Rodney Niewinski
Joe Notaro
Joey Notaro
Anthony Notaro
Victoria Nudo
Donie Odulio

Catherine O'Hara
Karen Pavlis - Karasawa
Anthony Parisi
Kay Phelan
Joe Portenlanger
Rita Rogers
Diane Rizzuto
Pat Schippers
Shirley Schindler
Peter Schroeder
Robert Shelton
Dolores Scorza
Maria Slomski
Daniel Staniec
Emily Steckiewicz
Rachael Stowe
Mae Stryker
Lavergne Suchor
Bob Schu
Tom Szczech
Dave Tudron
Dolores Wilk



Queen of Peace Marian Devotions

Queen of Peace Marian Devotions

Every First Saturday there is a devotion to Mary after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Eugene Church.

The Mother of Perpetual Help devotion is prayed on Tuesday after the 7 a.m. Mass at OLMC.

The Rosary is prayed before Mass Monday through Saturday.

People also pray on their own at least one Rosary for a weekly intention, forming the Rosary Guild.

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

His clothing was bright as snow,
and the hair on his head as white as wool;
his throne was flames of fire,
with wheels of burning fire. (Dn 7:9)

Psalm:

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.
(Ps 97)

Second Reading:

When that unique declaration came to him from the
majestic glory,
"This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well
pleased."

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven
while we were with him on the holy mountain.
(2 Pt 1:17-18)

Gospel:

And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun
and his clothes became white as light. (Mt 17:2)

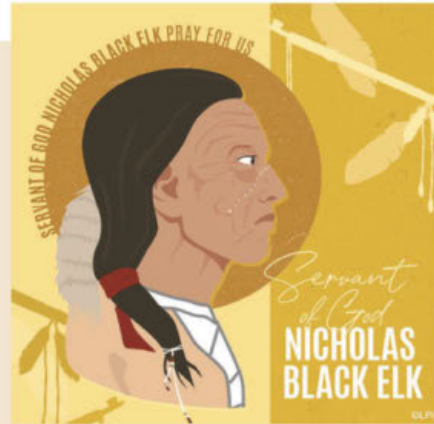
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of
Man has been raised from the dead," Jesus told his
disciples. Why keep such an amazing thing as the
Transfiguration a secret? Because the world wasn't
ready for the end of the story yet. Sometimes, the
glory only makes sense after the trials.

Observances for the week of August 6, 2023

- Sunday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord
Monday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions,
Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Tuesday: St. Dominic, Priest
Wednesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,
Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Friday: St. Clare, Virgin
Saturday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk was a
Lakota convert to Catholicism at the turn
of the 19th century. He led hundreds to
Christ while also helping his community
preserve their Lakota traditions. He's
remembered fondly as a catechist, healer,
and cultural leader.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, Great Spirit!

Behold us, who stand before You, singing
our song of thanksgiving for Servant
of God, Nicholas Black Elk. Faithfully
he walked the Sacred Red Road and
generously witnessed the Good News of
our Lord Jesus Christ among the Native
American People. We humbly ask You to
hear the prayers we plead through his
intercession. We ask Holy Mother Church
to recognize his sanctity by acknowledging
his presence among the company of Saints
as one to imitate in his zeal for the Gospel.
Open our hearts to also recognize the
Risen Christ in other cultures and peoples,
to Your glory and honor. Nicholas Black
Elk, Servant of God, Pray for us!

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/please-keep-the-canonization-cause-in-your-prayers/>)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023 | THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Transfigured

We have all had moments when we seem to get a glimpse of Heaven.

For me, they come with the sacraments: in the pew following my First Communion, kneeling before the bishop as he sealed my forehead with oil at my Confirmation, standing opposite my husband on our wedding day, cradling my newborns as the priest poured holy water over their little foreheads, claiming them for Christ.

Moments when the veil between this world and the one to come is pulled away, and our hearts cry out: "Lord, it is good we are here."

Like Peter at the Transfiguration, we desperately wish the feeling would last forever. We want to hang onto the certainty, the confidence and the joy that radiates from our souls. We want to spend forever looking upon the transfigured face of Christ.

But we are not in heaven yet. We raise our eyes, seeing only this world before us, the words of Jesus ringing in our ears: "Rise, and do not be afraid."

"His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed." — Daniel 7:14

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Question:

Why do Parishes Offer Special Masses like Thanksgiving and Memorial Day, even though they're not Holy Days of Obligation? Am I obligated to attend?

Answer:

Out of respect for the various civil celebrations that take place during the year, many dioceses and parishes will host special Masses. However, while it is always worthwhile to come together to worship as a community, Catholics are not obligated to attend these celebrations. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, the only times that we are obligated to participate in celebrations of the Eucharist are on Sundays and holy days of obligation:

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023 | THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

Sunday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday:

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Friday:

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— Father John Muir

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