

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.

**BLESSED
ARE
THOSE
WHO
FEAR
THE
LORD.**

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OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

MASSES:

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

ST. EUGENE CHURCH

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MASSES:

Monday: 9:00 am
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

November 19th, 2023



From the desk of
Father Rich Yanos

This coming Thursday, November 23rd, is Thanksgiving Day. As is our tradition, we will be having Mass at 9:00 a.m. on that day. (not the usual time of 7:00 a.m.) Please note that this year our Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady Mother of the Church and not at St. Eugene Church. Because we have two worship sites and Thursday morning's Mass is held at Our Lady Mother of the Church, we will gather there this Thanksgiving. If you have not yet gone to our neighboring worship site, please try it out. This will be the only Mass celebrated on Thanksgiving when we will gather as a parish family to give thanks to God for all His blessings in our lives and nation.

I truly encourage all in our parish to join us for this special Mass, even if this has not been your practice in the past. What better way to start off this national holiday than to gather around the Lord's Table before we come together later in the day to celebrate with family and friends. And if this will not be the case for you, let us be your family on Thanksgiving morning. So, pop the turkey in the oven and plan on joining us around the Lord's Table with your Queen of Peace family this Thursday.

This weekend our 2nd collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, which for over 50 years has helped to address the root causes of poverty here in Cook and Lake Counties. Your generosity is greatly appreciated as we work together to sow tangible seeds of hope in marginalized communities. Donations can also be made at CCHDchicago.org. Thank you for your continued support.

Fr. Rich Yanos



Happy Thanksgiving

Queen of Peace Parishioners

**This Thanksgiving,
we are reminded of
just how grateful we are
for you.**

Mass Intentions for Queen of Peace Parish



Saturday, November 11, 2023

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

Armando Abdon, Sr., Elmer & Grace Frelka,
Wayne Greco, Hillard (Mike) Michalek,
Michael Michalek,
Bill Haj & Jorgo Stefanovski,
Nick & Jean Mazzocchi, Judith Shepherd,
Tom & Josephine Szczech.

Sunday, November 12, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish,
Robert J. Brun, Ted & Jean Fornek,
Jude & Minn Fams.,
Eugene Majewski,
Int. for Anthony Pawula,
Jozef Pawula,
Maria Raineri,
Dorothy & George Thiermann,
Janet Toton.

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

George Capps, Jr.,
Franca De Fonte,
George & Olga Gianno,
Laurel Hook, Marcia Juszynski,
Angela Lepore, Fred Nuccio- Anniversary,
Pietro Pisello,
Czeslawa Placzek,
Jozef Rebacz.

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Terry Allen, Domenico & Anna Battista,
Marge Dyson,
George & Pearl Giovannoni,
Jim & Mary Ellen Graziano,
Aleksander Hyrc,
Michael Vito Parente,
Mike Sr. & Anna Parente,
Phillip Saineghi, Phil Saineghi.

Monday, November 20, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Jude & Minn Fams,
Daniel & Mary Jane Romito,
Ralph Pucci, Purgatorial Society.

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

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

All Deceased Members and Friends of
Gumkowski, Dmochowski, Pietrzykowski,
Godlewski, Mac and Karczmarczyk Families

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Katarzyna Cabaj,
Giacomo Giovannielli - 1st death Anniversary
Vincent A. Nardi - B-day Remembrance,
Frank & Tillie Seidl, Jerome Wrobel

Thursday, November 23, 2023 - Thanksgiving

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

In Thanksgiving for Family & Friends
S.I. For Matthew, Nicole, Michael and Damian
S.I. For Deacon Ted & Mary Marszalek

Friday, November 24, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Juan Diaz, Don Feist, Mary LaPietra,
Andrew & Elfreda Lombardi, Irene Potocki

Saturday, November 25, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Pam & Tim Heider, Kent & Graves Fams.,
Julian Mucek, Kenneth Van Spankeren, Sr.

Saturday, November 25, 2023

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

Andrew J. Bujdasz, Harold Bader,
Joseph & Bernice Cwiklik, Don Feist,
Elmer & Grace Frelka, Angeline Komperda,
Colomba Lupo, Hillard (Mike) Michalek,
Michael Michalek, Joseph Portenlanger

Sunday, November 26, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Theresa M. Bruckhauser, John & Pauline Culllota,
M/M Vincee & Vikkie Grisi, People of the Parish,
M/M Toni & Geraldina Manzi, Joseph Portenlanger,
Mazur Fam., Elinor Porada, Wright & Grove Fams.

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

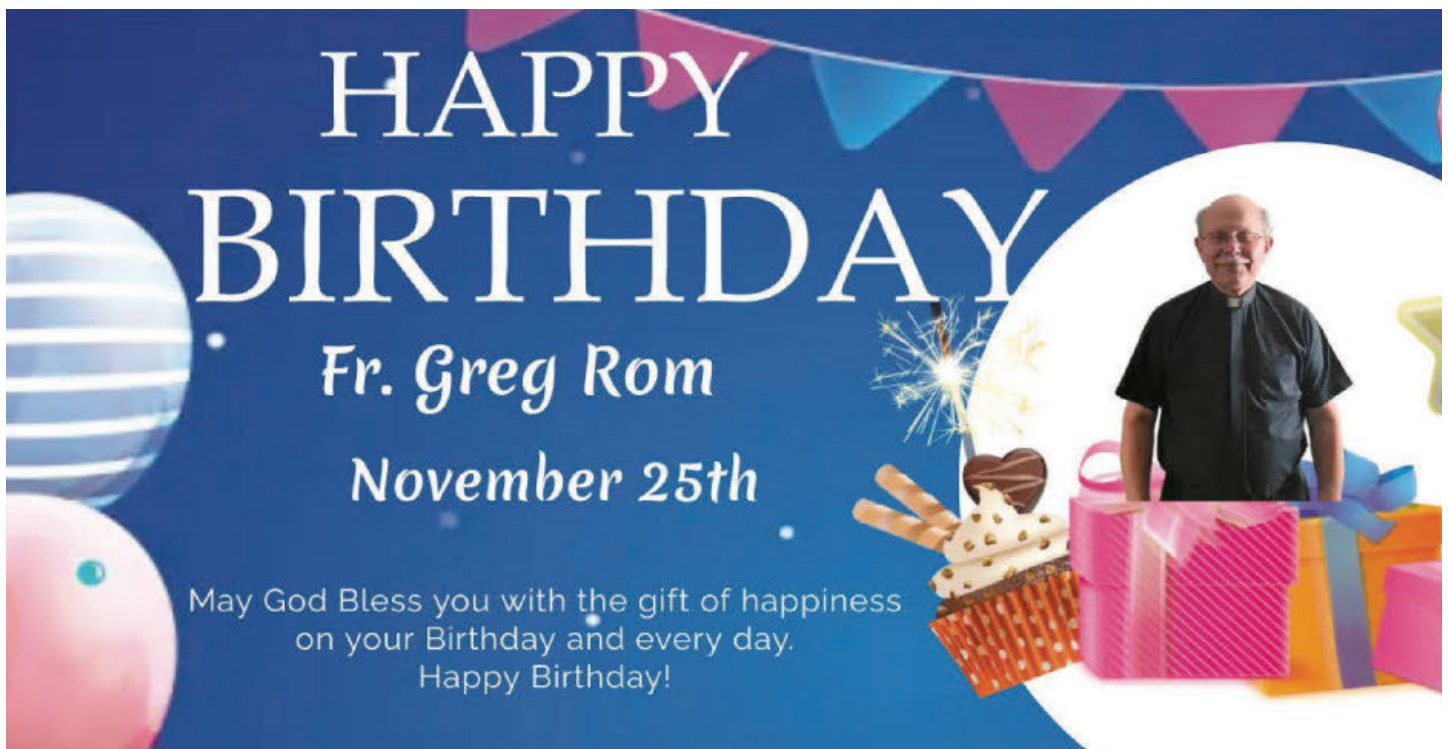
Panfilo Balita Castor, Allan Boesh,
Luisa Cardamone, Vincent J. Evola,
Pietro Pisello, Maria Murphy Sanchez,
Special Int. Nicole,
Nicola Troiano, Calogera Caterina Vivacqua,
Jeffrey Wrobel - 2nd Anniversary of Death

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Albert J. Brun,
Clemente & Bambina Cozzone,
Alfonso & Maria DiVito, Kathleen Gillespie,
Jeremiah Kennelly, Stefania Mroczkowski,
Donato Donald Parente,
Matteo Rainieri,
Judith Shepherd, Ines Di Iorio

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

DATE	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
THANKSGIVING THURSDAY, 11 / 23 9:00 AM OLMC	Rev. Rich Yanos	G. Bermas - C M. Marszalek - T	G. Pilch J. Pilch	J. Imburgia - 1st P. Peterson - 2nd
SATURDAY, 11 / 25 5 PM - ST. EUGENE	Rev. Jacek Dada	M. Lim - WB C. Lim - B R. Sparacino - C MB Glynn - O J. Horn - WO	S. Kerr E. Hesnan A. McGovern	S. Sparacino
SUNDAY, 11 / 26 8:30 AM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Rich Yanos	I. Rog - WB D. Duszynski - B J. Cardella - C G. Bermas - O M. Unger - WO	E. Burzawa B. Janus A. Boccia	C. Mikucki
SUNDAY, 11 / 26 10:00 AM - OLMC	Rev. Greg Rom	P. Peterson - C R. Catalano - T N. Divinagracia - T	D. Flynn G. Pilch J. Pilch	N. Mosk - 1st G. Henderson - 2nd
SUNDAY, 11 / 26 11:30 AM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Ed Pacocha	M. Tomzik - WB P. Tomzik - B M. Marszalek - C F. Pacia - O M. Holder WO	M. Marrinrn L. Acierno L. Solis	P. Wagner



Rosaries for the Poor, and Economic Justice

This Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time is also the World Day of the Poor, and the following days before Thanksgiving, Monday through Wednesday, are to be set aside for prayers for economic justice, along with deeds of charity and penance, so our Rosary intention this week is for the poor, and economic justice. Thank you to all who pray at least one Rosary for this intention, including Rosary Guild members Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Lita J., Evelyn K., Terri K., Gilda M., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Demi S., Shirley S., and Milabelle T. To become a member of the Rosary Guild, please reach out to our rectory office.

Living Rosary

In the Living Rosary, people pray one or more Mysteries of the Rosary daily for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and in honor of the Living Rosary's patron, Saint Philomena. To be a part of the Living Rosary by praying each day the third Glorious Mystery, the Descent of the Holy Spirit, 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.

Glorious Mysteries

Resurrection – Lita J.
Ascension – Marsha G.
Descent of Holy Spirit
Assumption of Mary
Coronation of Mary

The Teresian Association, on its 100 years of Pontifical Approval as an International Lay Association in the Catholic Church, is inviting you to a bilingual *Family Advent Retreat with Fr Noel Reyes*

When: **Dec. 9, 2023** Where: **Mundelein Seminary**
Time: **9-2 pm** Lunch: \$15. Please register at tel # 773.259.1708 or email: maydecastro@gmail.com




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Our Lady of the Ridge and St. Linus Parish

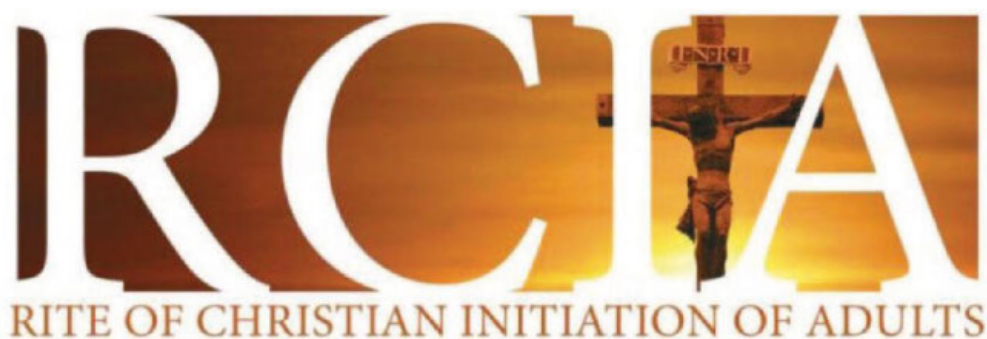


**MASS OF HEALING
FOR THOSE SUFFERING
FROM ADDICTION**

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at 7 p.m.

St. Linus Church of Our Lady of the Ridge and St. Linus Parish
10300 Lawler Avenue
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Please contact Fr. Ryan Brady for more information at rbrady@archchicago.org or 708.422.2400



Please Welcome our RCIA Class

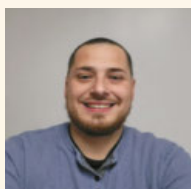
On November 19th, at the 8:30 am mass at St. Eugene, Brandon Rodriguez will be receiving the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. At this Rite, Brandon will be asked to more fully embrace the Gospel message with the help of God, and will be signed with the Cross to show that he now belongs to Christ, the Shepherd of souls. This places Brandon in a formal relationship with the universal Church. He is preparing for his Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation.

At the same Mass, Bertram Payne will be receiving the Rite of Welcoming. Bertram has been baptized in the Catholic faith and is ready to publicly declare his intention to continue his journey toward full communion with the Catholic Church. He will also be signed with the Cross to show that he belongs to Christ. Bertram is preparing for First Communion and Confirmation.

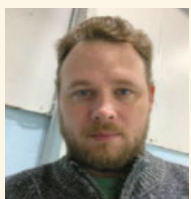
As a parish community, please pray for these young men who have made a commitment to learn about their faith and to follow the call of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Please help us celebrate their decision and welcome them into our family by joining in a reception after mass in the Gathering Space. They would love to meet you!

The RCIA Team Fr. Jacek Dada, Bob Lajewski & Camille Lajewski



My name is Brandon Rodriguez. I am 35 years old. My wife, kids and I have been parishioners at St. Eugene for almost 2 years. I was not brought up in a specific religion, however, my wife and I made the decision to raise our kids Catholic, since she is also Catholic. Two years ago my wife and I decided to get closer to the church since we were looking for a greater sense of community and spiritual healing for ourselves and our children. I have decided to prepare myself to be baptized and follow in the teachings of the Catholic Church. I am very proud to become a Catholic.



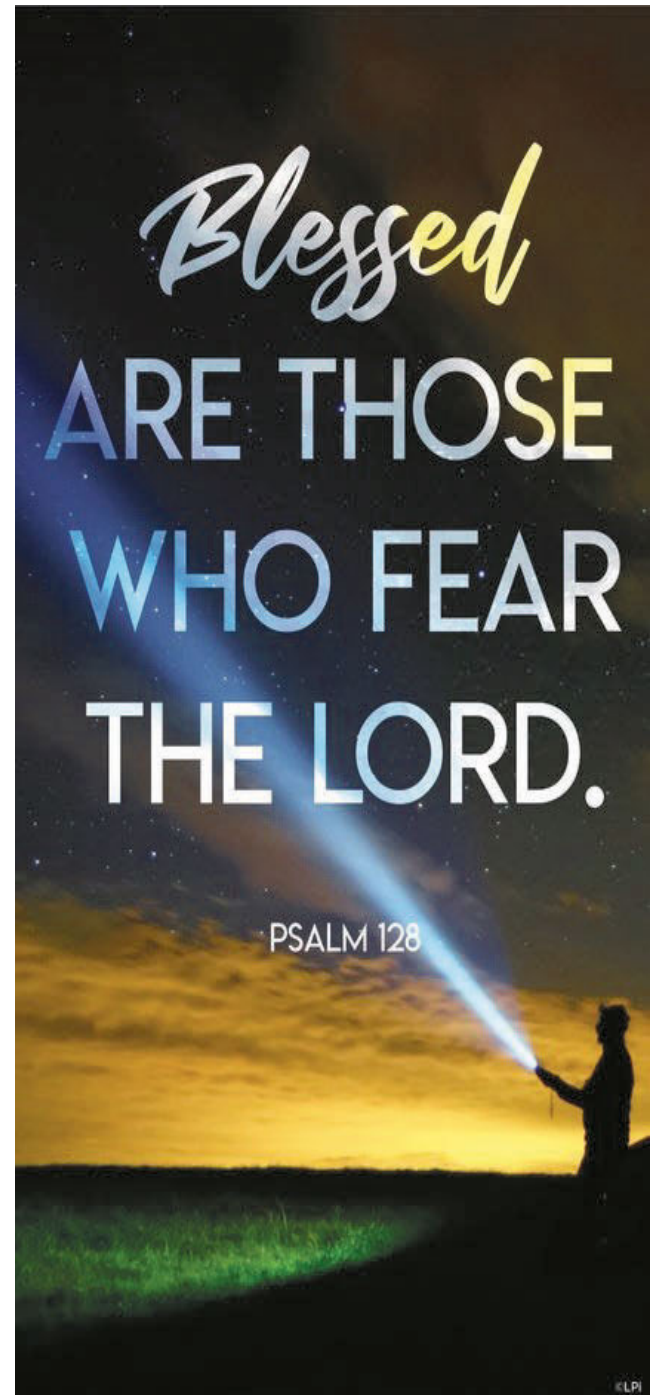
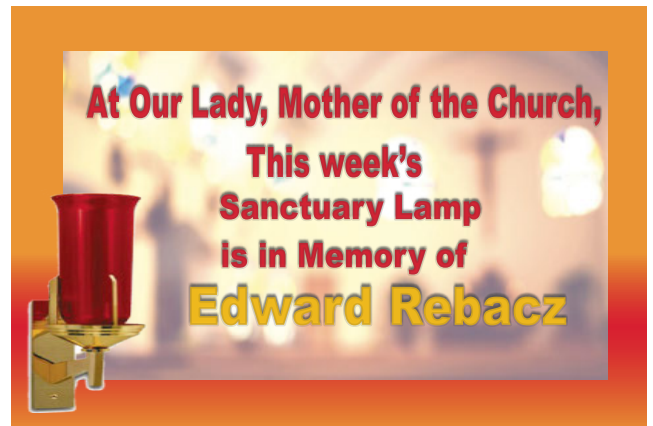
Hello! My name is Bert Payne and I'm currently going through RCIA here at St. Eugene. I have a lovely wife named Corie, 5 boys: Joshua, Sean, Lucas, Vincent & Edward and a baby girl on the way. We were parishioners at Divine Savior and came over when they closed and merged with St. Eugene and Our Lady, Mother of the Church.



Please join us
for Thanksgiving Mass
at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
at 9 am.

Parish Office will be closed
on Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24.

Happy Thanksgiving



Queen of Peace Giving Tree 2023

Dear Parishioners,
Every year at this time we begin passing out names for the Giving Tree!
Tables will be set up in the entrances of the Church.
This year we will pass out names of Students from:

**Our Lady of Angels Catholic School,
Pre K to 8th Grade on the following dates:**



ST EUGENES CHURCH:

Saturday, November 18th 5 p.m. Mass
Sunday, November 19th 8:30 am Mass and 11:30 a.m. Mass
Saturday, November 25th 5 p.m. Mass
Sunday, November 26st 8:30 am Mass and 11:30 a.m. Mass

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, November 19th 10:00 am Mass
Sunday, November 26th 10:00 am Mass

Volunteers are needed for the dates above to pass out names

**Remember All gifts are to be returned to the Church Unwrapped
Preferably with a Gift bag and ribbon !**

All Gifts must be returned by **Sunday, December 3rd, 2023**

Donations of gift bags, curling ribbon, tape and tissue paper are appreciated.

Companies or Organizations who would like to donate board games and sporting goods please do so!

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity,

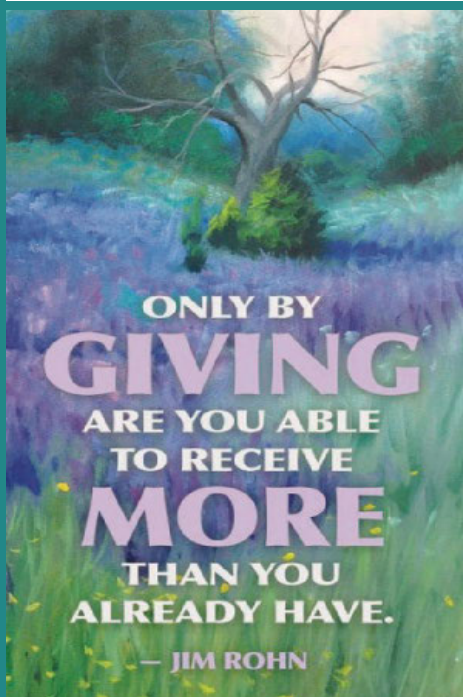
Lonnie Muehlfelder - 1- 773-895-4553



Financial information not available due to early bulletin upload. It will be reflected in the next available bulletin.

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!



This Weekend

Queen Of Hearts Raffle Tickets

Available After All Masses
In Rear Vestibule
(Tickets are Also Available
In SE Rectory Office)

Second Collections

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| 11/19 | Campaign for Human Development |
| | This weekend |
| 11/23 | Human Concerns |
| 11/26 | School Support |

BULLETIN REQUEST

Bulletin Submissions:

Bulletin requests must be sent two 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.

Indulgences Prayer Service Saturday, November 18, 3:00 PM St. Eugene Church

On Saturday, November 18, join the Young Adults Group at 3:00 PM for a meditation in front of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Confession and Mass. Attend all three to receive a plenary indulgence. As we remember our beloved dead through the month of November, consider obtaining a plenary indulgence for your loved ones.

Plenary indulgences are a powerful way to obtain the remission of punishment. Don't miss the opportunity to help a soul in Purgatory be reunited with God, and gain an intercessor in Heaven.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

St. Eugene School Queen of Hearts Raffle

DRAWING EVERY WEDNESDAY 9:00PM
 BINGO BEFORE DRAWING AT 7:00PM
 @ MULLEN'S BAR & GRILL - 8313 W. Lawrence

WILL YOU... FIND HER?

50/50
 PROGRESSIVE
 RAFFLE
 TICKETS: \$5 EACH
 Cash only

PROCEEDS
 BENEFIT
 OUR SCHOOL

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE, RECTORY, OR MULLEN'S BAR AND GRILL ANYTIME

54 card deck including Jokers - You pick 1-54!
 If the joker is picked, the raffle resets!



Thank you

Queen of Peace Parishioners

**THE SOCIAL MINISTRY
WISHES TO SEND A HEART FELT
AND GENEROUS THANK YOU
FOR YOUR RESPONSE
TO THE THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE.**

**We collected almost 1,000 items
to share with those in need.
There will be many happy faces this
Thanksgiving due to your generosity.**

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



CCHD 2023 COLLECTION



**SCAN HERE
TO DONATE**

For over 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has carried out the mission of Jesus Christ to bring good news to the poor, bring liberty to captives, bring new sight to the blind and set the downtrodden free.

Please support the second collection in your parish on November 18 – 19.

Funds raised will provide support to local organizations across the Chicagoland area.

For more information on CCHD's mission and partner organizations or to donate, please visit **CCHDchicago.org**.



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
Judy Bauer
Ludwika Bialo
Bronislaw Bialo
A. & V. Bischof
Gabriella Bongiorno
Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence
Johnmar Castillo
Gracie Carey
Karen Cazolas
Mary Ciliak
Mark Corrado
Sharon Crowley
Susan Curtin
Angela & Rocco D'Alessandro
Joseph Duna
Tony Fiore
Bob Gasioerek
Harry Gelardi
Patricia Gelfond
Jeff Herden
Renee Holm
Ryszard Jablonski

Frank Lizak
Terry Katz
Mary T. Keating
Arthur Kopeck
Harry Krawczyk
Thomas Landeck
Abigail Lim
Allie Lim
Rose Mary Maratto
Mickey Margelewski
Stanislaw Mazek
Azucena Melendrez
Jazmine Melendrez
Dolores Michalek
Patrick Misciniscinski
Linda Morton
Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello
Michael J. Muscarello
Rodney Niewinski
Joe Notaro
Joey Notaro
Anthony Notaro
Victoria Nudo
Rev. James J. O'Brien
Donie Odulio
Catherine O'Hara
Blanca Pacia

Robert Pankow
Camille Pavlis
Karen Pavlis - Karasawa
Anthony Parisi
Kay Phelan
Rita Rogers
Diane Rizzuto
Pat Schippers
Shirley Schindler
Peter Schroeder
Robert Shelton
Dolores Scorza
Maria Slomski
Daniel Staniec
Emily Steckiewicz
Rachael Stowe
Mae Stryker
Laverne Suchor
Bob Schu
Tom Szczech
Dave Tudron
Ernesto Vergara
Genowefa Wawronowicz
Dolores Wilk
Joyce Wolter

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
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
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



Save My Scholarship

State lawmakers are considering ending the tax credit scholarship program referred to as “Invest in Kids.” This program has provided nearly 40,000 scholarships to help families send their children to a school of their choice.

DO NOT LET THIS PROGRAM END!

Please act now and contact your state senator and state representative. Send them a strong message respectfully asking them to continue this valuable program.

You can do so by using the QR code below, by calling us at the Catholic Conference of Illinois at 217.528.9200, or visit our website at www.ilcatholic.org



To remain engaged on policy issues that affect Catholics in Illinois, join our Illinois Catholic Advocacy Network go to www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/join-i-can



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and works with loving hands. (Prv 31:12-13)

Psalm:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)

Second Reading:

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness,
for that day to overtake you like a thief.
For all of you are children of the light
and children of the day. (1 Thes 5:4-5)

Gospel:

"Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy." (Mt 25:21)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God entrusts special gifts to each of us, but they are not gifts to be hoarded and hidden. Let's work each and every day to multiply those gifts in the world.

Observances for the week of November 19, 2023

- Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday:** St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr;
St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day
- Friday:** St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Saint of the week

Blessed Carlos Manuel or, Blessed Charlie, was a Puerto Rican layman who dedicated his life to serving the Church. He worked and studied diligently to spread his love of the Catholic faith, especially the liturgy and sacred music to all those he touched.

Prayer

Oh God, Father of Goodness, who inspired Blessed Carlos Manuel with an ardent devotion to the Paschal Mystery and moved by the generosity of Your grace, led him to the joyful celebration of the mysteries celebrated in the Liturgy; You also filled your servant with apostolic zeal and love for those in need.

Grant us, through his intercession, that, celebrating with faith the holy mysteries of the Death and Resurrection of Your Son, we may live in life what we celebrate in the Liturgy. Grant us, too, the special grace that we now ask of you (ask for the grace that is desired).

Through Jesus Christ your Son and our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.pmariaamm.org/vida-4-beato-carlos-manuel.html#:~:text=Oh%20Dios%2C%20Padre%20de%20Bondad,y%20amor%20a%20los%20necesitados.> Translation by LPI.)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023 | 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 19, 2023

Sunday:

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday:

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday:

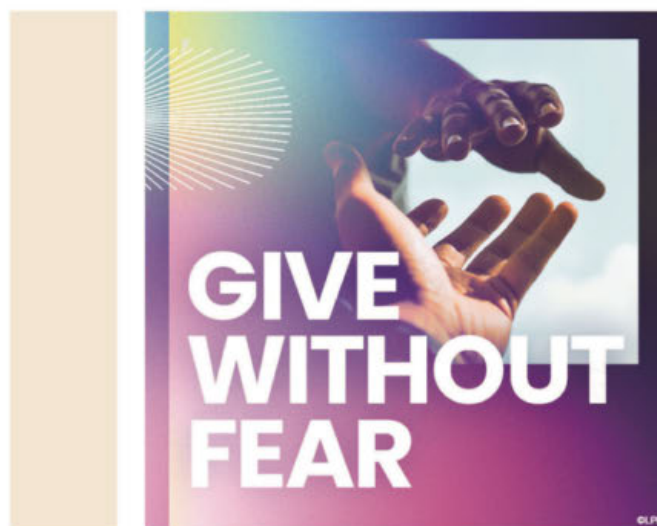
1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday:

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, get it out of our *possession*. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it.

— Father John Muir

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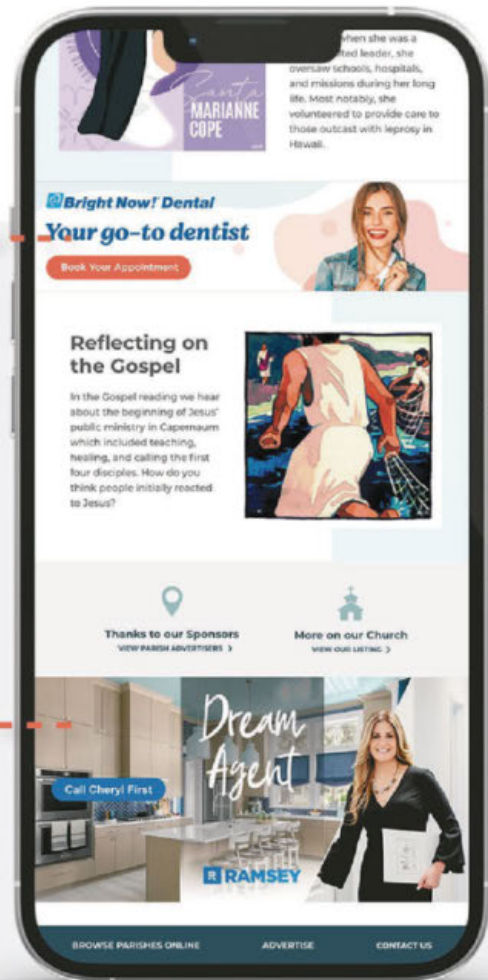
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