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February 7th, 2021

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

St. Eugene Congregation is a welcoming Catholic community, living in faith and serving God's people within the community and throughout the world.

a special Welcome

Whether you are a parishioner, a visitor, a Catholic returning to the Church or someone seeking faith, we hope you find your time among us inviting & welcoming. Please feel free to ask anyone for assistance.

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

We'd love to have you join our faith community! Start the process online by visiting our website: steugenecongregation.org or call the parish office at (414) 918-1102.

CHURCH HOURS

The churches are open 1/2 hour prior to Mass and 1/2 hour after. The churches will be closed during the day, unless there is Adoration, so that the space is available for school during this pandemic time.

Adoration Times:

Tuesdays St. Eugene is open from 7:30am—4pm.

Thursdays St. Monica is open 7am—8pm.

Just a reminder that mask wearing in church is **mandatory by Governor's order.**

WEEKDAY SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULE

School Masses are not open to the public and will be livestreamed on each school's Facebook Page.

St. Monica school Mass is **Wednesdays at 8:30am**

St. Eugene school Mass is **Thursdays at 8:15am**

STREAMING & VIRTUAL OPTIONS

We will continue to **stream a Sunday morning Mass as well as the two parish school Masses each week. Mass is live streamed to Facebook (Paul Hartmann)** and the recording can be viewed there as well.

***FR. PAUL'S VIRTUAL NARTHEX Q&A** will take place on a **March 1st at 7pm!** Be sure to tune into his Facebook Live and have your questions ready.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 7th, 2021

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39 • **Monday:** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56 • **Tuesday:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13 • **Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23 • **Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30 • **Friday:** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37 • **Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10 • **Next Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 2/6	4:30pm	Fr. Jordan Berghouse	Parishioners of St. Eugene
SUN 2/7	8:30am	Fr. Jordan Berghouse	† Susie Wolfe
	11:00am		† Primo DeToro
MON 2/8	8:00am	Fr. Jordan Berghouse	Mass at St. Monica
TUE 2/9	7:30am	Fr. Jordan Berghouse	† Tom Haen
WED 2/10	7:30am	Fr. Jordan Berghouse	† Margaret Schommer
THU 2/11	8:15am	Fr. Paul Hartmann	† Rudolf Schmolke
FRI 2/12	7:30am	Fr. Jordan Berghouse	† William & Helen Huston
SAT 2/13	4:30pm	Fr. Paul Hartmann	† Glen, Gail & John Halloran
SUN 2/14	8:30am	Fr. Paul Hartmann	Parishioners of St. Eugene
	11:00am		† Janet Gabler

CATHOLICISM 101 CHURCH HISTORY

FEBRUARY 18TH 7PM

Catholicism 101 is a series of talks where we dive into the Church and what it means to be Catholic! Come and learn about the foundational topics on what the Church teaches. These evenings are for anyone who wants to grow in their love and understanding of the Catholic faith

**February 18 Church History with Dr. Paul Monson
7pm | St Monica | Church**

Masks will be required and social distancing protocols followed. These talks will also be livestreamed on Facebook at facebook.com/stmonicamke.





Friends,

Fourteen years after President Abraham Lincoln brought an end to the scourge of slavery in America with the Emancipation Proclamation, much of the rest of the world was still far behind in this moral challenge. In what would be today

western Sudan, there was at that time an eight year old girl living a happy, tranquil life. Related to the local tribal chief, she would later attest to her early life as being happy and prosperous. She would go so far as to say that, in those eight years, she "knew no suffering."

In February, 1877, the girl's good fortune seemed to run out. In a part of the world where it was technically illegal, many still lived with the immorality of slavery. The girl in our story was kidnapped from her village by Muslim slave-traders. Such began a torturous journey where the six hundred mile, barefoot trek to the slave markets at El Obeid, might have been considered an easy part. During that grueling journey, she was bought and sold twice. In a cruelly ironic act, somewhere along this painful journey she would be given the Arabic name "Bahkita", which means "fortunate one."

Over the next 12 years Bahkita would be bought, sold, traded, and given away at least twelve times. The trauma and the torture of her captivity would be so severe that she would even forget her given name. Eventually, her ownership would pass to an Italian diplomat who would take her back to Italy where she would be gifted to another wealthy family as a domestic servant. While these changes marked improvements in her quality of life, she was still considered someone's owned property.

When this last family had occasion to travel extensively abroad, they placed the now young woman, under the supervision of the convent of Canossian Sisters in Venice. There she learned in a caring, loving environment that she had dignity and value in the eyes of God and in the teachings of Christ. Upon the return of her "owners" she did not want to leave – and the good sisters refused the demands of the family to return her. The sisters and the Church advocated for her and eventually, Italian courts declared her free.

On January 9, 1890, Bahkita would be baptized as Josephine Margaret Fortunata (the Latin version of Bahkita). That day, it would be the Cardinal Patriarch of Venice (the future Pope Pius X) who administered her Baptism, Confirmed her, and gave her

First Holy Communion. The Sisters continued to educate her and she would soon enter novitiate. She would make her final vows on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, 1896.

Later in her life, when speaking of her enslavement (to the surprise of all), she would thank her kidnapers. In her view, such was the only path which would have allowed her to encounter Christ and be received into the Church. While she never returned to Africa, she worked hard to prepare other sisters for missionary work there and particularly to give care to girls and women. Josephine would die on February 8, 1947. Her last words are reported to have been "Our Lady, Our Lady!"

Canonized in the year 2000, St. Josephine Bahkita immediately became recognized as the patron of those who still suffer the evils of modern slavery and human trafficking. On this, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says:

"As defined by the United Nations, human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery that consists of the illegal trade of human beings through force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of commercial sexual exploitation or forced labor. It takes a variety of forms in every region of the world. Some people are trafficked for prostitution, pornography, and other forms of sexual exploitation. Some are trafficked for forced labor in agriculture, sweat shops, and domestic servitude. Some are trafficked for both. Through sexual slavery, the body becomes little more than an object to be exploited. For victims of forced labor, the body is made into a disposable machine, made to work long hours for little or no pay and for the profit of others. In both cases the person who is enslaved is treated as an object for another's benefit. The person's God-given human dignity is either ignored or forgotten."

On Monday of this week, as we celebrate the Memorial of St. Josephine Bahkita, let us be thankful for the Church's long stand against any offense to human dignity. Let us be forceful, that as Christians, we will fight against any objectification of a person for someone else's mere gratification. Lastly, let us be prayerful, asking the intercession of St. Josephine, seeking the freedom and protection of so many who are still egregiously victimized in our modern society.

St. Josephine Bahkita, pray for us!



YOUR STEWARDSHIP: JULY 1–JANUARY 17

YTD Actual: \$652,730
YTD Budget: \$638,093 (+\$14,637)

"MID–JANUARY WEEKLY GIVING WAS SLIGHTLY BELOW RECENT TRENDS, SOMEWHAT NARROWING THE YTD SURPLUS VS. BUDGET." ~LUKE JUNK, ST. EUGENE FINANCE COUNCIL

For it is in giving that we receive.

-Francis of Assisi

This week we celebrated Catholic Schools Week with the themes Faith, Excellence, and Service.

It was off to a snowy start on Sunday, resulting in the cancellation of the annual Open House. Due to COVID restrictions, Open House was planned to be a series of socially distanced, pre-scheduled tours and was not open to the public or to school families. These tours will take place at a later date. Because our application process is online now, interested families were still able to register that day.

On Monday, the theme was "Celebrating your Community" and the school hosted a Sock Hop Day. Everyone wore 50s style clothing and enjoyed 50s songs and dancing throughout the day.

On Tuesday, the theme was "Celebrating your Students". Students were able to choose their apparel and wore crazy sweaters, crazy hats, and mixed up outfits. Dominican High School hosted the North Shore Catholic School Mass which was live streamed for students and teachers. After Mass, students made Valentines for Children's Hospital. There was an airing of our virtual talent show, which students and teachers have been working on these past few weeks.

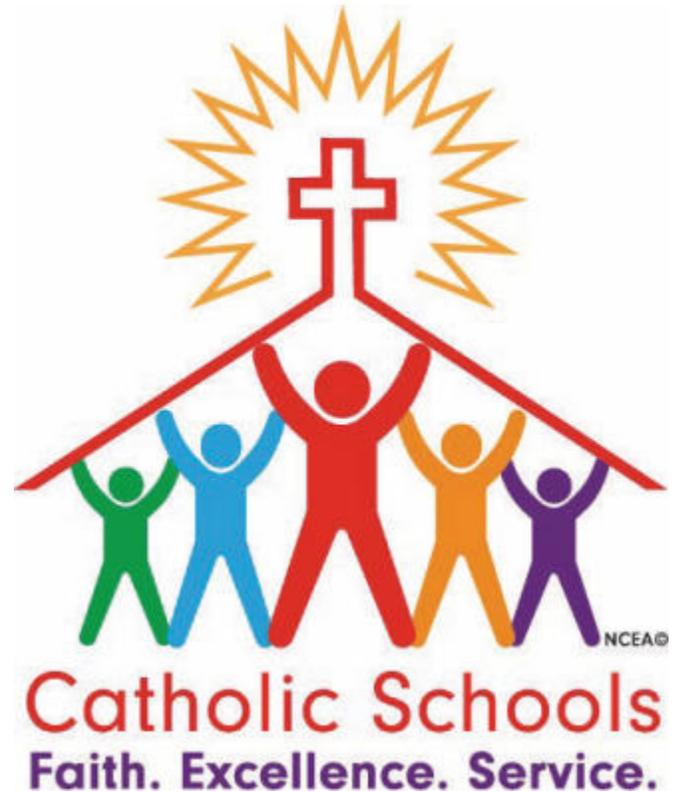
Wednesday was "Celebrating the Nation" day and students were able to be out of uniform and wear red, white, and blue. Students made patriotic luminaries, which lined the hallways. They enjoyed a picnic at their desks.

Thursday was "Celebrating Vocations" day and students dressed in their finest church clothes. There was an all-school Mass and later, the students enjoyed an ice cream treat.

Friday was the final day of this weeklong celebration of Catholic Schools and was a day for "Celebrating Faculty,

Staff, and Volunteers". Students and teachers wore their St. Eugene spirit wear and had an afternoon movie with popcorn

Thank you to the dedicated Catholic Schools Week Planning Committee: Mrs. Dewey, Ms. Dobroth, Mrs. Ricker, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Mejia, and Ms. Jones. Due to the COVID restrictions in place this year, they had to go above and beyond to make the week fun and meaningful for students and teachers. We are grateful for them and for our Catholic School.



Calendar of Cash Winners:
January 25th—29th

- 1/25 - Pete Barber** - Palatine - IL - \$50.00
- 1/26 - Munirah Fallatah** - Milwaukee - WI - \$50.00
- 1/27 - Adam & Allison D'Amato** - Glendale - WI - \$50.00
- 1/28 - Martin Shoemaker** - Hopkins - MI - \$50.00
- 1/29 - Sebastian Koller** - Menomonee Falls - WI - \$50.00

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND RACISM

St. Eugene has been invited to a speaker series on the history and societal impact of race in America by the Whitefish Bay Methodist Church.

Scheduled February 11th at 7pm is "Employment Barriers Faced by Diverse Communities"

Please consider registering for this series and act on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops call to "Open Wide our Hearts - the enduring call to love and act to end Racism."

You are encouraged but not required to register for the seminars. You can register by emailing the United Methodist Church of WFB at aeversfield@umcwf.org or call (414) 964-2424.

The zoom link for the presentations is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89109430677>

"Promotion of this relevant event in our parishes should not be construed as an endorsement of the totality of teachings of the United Methodist Church."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our next two Bulletin Deadlines:

February 10th for the February 21st Bulletin

February 17th for the February 28th Bulletin

www.STME.church/communication



WOMEN'S LENTEN PRAYER GROUP

We are starting a Lenten prayer group for women beginning on **Saturday Feb 20 for 6 weeks from 9:00am—10:30am.**

If interested contact Anne Rice at arice@stme.church.



CENACLE BOOKSTORE

The bookstore is still closed due to the pandemic; however, the popular Lent booklets are for sale at \$2. each. Please pay with exact currency as change is not available. Thank you.

THIS WEEK

February 7th—14th

SUN 7	5:00pm	Confirmation Small Group	St. Monica Donovan Hall
MON 8			
TUE 9	8:00am-4:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	3:30pm	Weekly Rosary	Church
	6:30pm	School Committee Mtg.	Virtual
WED 10	7:00am	Wednesday Rosary	Church
THU 11	11:30am	Early Dismissal for Conferences	School
	8:00pm	Catholic Man Cave	STME Ministry Center
FRI 12	No School		
FRI 12	8:00am	Teacher Professional Development	Narthex
SAT 13			
SUN 14	5:00pm	Confirmation Small Groups	St. Monica Donovan Hall



Catholic Schools Week Thank You

Jan 30/31, 2021. *Due to the snowstorm on Jan 31st, Principal Rebecca Jones was only able to convey her thank you to the parish at the 4:30 Mass, but was not able to share her thank you at the 8:30 & 11:00 Masses. We are printing the text here.*

Good morning, I am Rebecca Jones, Principal of St. Eugene School. This weekend marks the beginning of National Catholic Schools Week. This year we have so much to celebrate and all of us who are a part of the St. Eugene School community have grateful hearts.

Like all of you, we never imagined living through a global pandemic, let alone trying to teach in a pandemic.

I wanted to share with you the incredible work of our faculty and staff. On March 13th, we received the news that all schools were being closed to in person instruction. I remember gathering the students and teachers here in church to deliver the news. None of us knew the extent of what this would mean nor did we have a true sense of how long schools would be closed.

Our teachers went straight to work and switched from delivering in person instruction to 100% virtual instruction literally overnight. They learned what a Zoom call was and learned how to use Zoom along with Google classroom, Screencast, and many more digital tools. They kept the learning going despite whatever obstacles there might have been.

When the school year ended, we went into planning mode. Again, the landscape regarding the pandemic and how best to mitigate the spread changed daily. My job was to stay on top of the recommendations. I had to think not only as an educator, but as a health care provider.

The result was that we were committed to returning to in-person instruction five days a week, but we also wanted to provide a virtual option for any family that needed or desired to

remain at home. We instituted new safety protocols, new procedures, and simplified processes.

Our teachers were not trained for the kind of instruction where 90% of the students are in person and 10% are virtual. But, to their credit and hard work, our teachers are doing it. It's amazing. When you walk into the classrooms, you see the faces of students who are at home on the Smartboard and they are interacting with the teacher and their classmates in real time. The learning continues and we are meeting the needs of our students in new and creative ways.

Something else has happened since we returned to school in September. The students have a new appreciation and gratitude for school. Their smiles can still be seen even while wearing masks.

Reflecting on the past year, we couldn't have done this work without you. So many parishioners and families have shown us support – fervent prayers, generous donations, encouraging words, and a belief that the mission of Catholic schools and in particular St. Eugene's mission is more important and more valued than ever.

We are disappointed that we aren't able to invite you to our Open House due to COVID. But I can invite you to watch our virtual tour video which can be found on our website and on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

The future looks bright. We have more resolve and grit. We know that whatever challenges come our way, we can meet them.

We know we have a treasure and daily we humbly strive to bring about God's kingdom by caring for one another, keeping one another safe, and being open to God's presence. As we begin Catholic School Week, our students, our teachers, and our families thank you for your continued love and support for our beloved school. You remain in our prayers. God bless.

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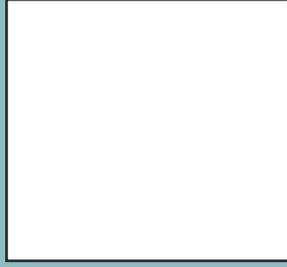
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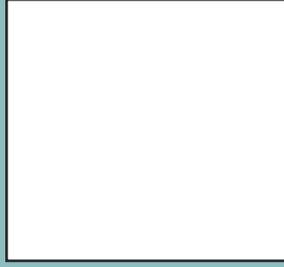
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ENCOUNTER

Rosary Groups: Join us for our Weekly Rosary at 3:30pm on Tuesdays. Or our Wednesday Rosary before Mass at 7am on Wednesdays. Both held in the Church. Come pray with us!

Adoration: Tuesdays, beginning when morning Mass ends at 8am until 4pm in the Church

Eucharist for the Homebound is for parishioners who wish to receive Communion; a relative may pick up a pyx and booklet of prayers from the priest or pastoral associate, or request a minister to visit by calling the parish office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office or email Meaghan Turner (mturner@stme.church) to register for a virtual preparatory class.

Request a baptism date online at the parish website. Please make arrangements at least *two weeks* in advance.

Weddings: Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements at least *six months* prior to the date.

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard Saturday at 3:30pm or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick is held on the *second* Friday after the daily Mass. Father will also visit the home, hospital, or nursing home to administer this sacrament when requested, call the parish office.

PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN God put the wiggle in children, so don't feel like you have to suppress it in God's house. If you need to leave the Mass, please feel free to do so. The Holy Innocents Chapel is a good place to go with a fidgety child. Please come back into the assembly when your child is settled! If you would like to nurse or feed your child in a quiet area, please use the room next to the women's bathroom or the Holy Innocents Chapel. There is a private corner set aside for nursing mothers.
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