# MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. EUGENE

As Catholic Christians, we come together to form an intergenerational parish community that is diverse, hospitable and inclusive; assumes its baptismal call to ministry and service within the parish and beyond its boundaries; values music, art and education; embraces Christ's teachings of peace, faith, hope and love; and respects the Eucharist as the source and summit of parish life.

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PARISH OF ST. EUGENE

The Parish was named after St. Eugene, a seventh century pope, who became the bishop of Rome on August 10, 645 A.D. St. Eugene, renowned for his gentleness, holiness and generosity, was buried in the Lateran Basilica on June 2, 657 A.D. An icon of our patron saint, painted by the late Rev. Mr. Jos Vandermeer, hangs in the church.

In 1957, at the direction of Bishop Vincent Waters, Bishop of Raleigh, St. Lawrence School was built on Culvern Street in northern Buncombe County. On June 21, 1959, Bishop Waters created the Parish of Saint Eugene and Mass was celebrated in the school gymnasium until the church building was completed and dedicated in April 1969. The school is now known as Asheville Catholic School and serves the five Parishes in the Asheville area, including St. Eugene.

The Diocese of Charlotte was established on January 12, 1972, and St. Eugene became a parish within the new Diocese.

In 1986, the Monsignor Brown wing was added to provide a "cry" room, nursery, and conference room for the parish community.

In October 1998, a Capital Fund Campaign was started to raise funds for new construction in response to the continued growth and development of the parish.

In May 2001, new construction on the church began and it was completed in April 2002. The church now includes a day chapel, office space, a large kitchen, meeting rooms, a columbarium, and an enlarged gathering space (Social Hall).

This handbook is designed to assist current and new parish members to identify various services, ministries, and other organizations which compose our parish life. Special thanks to all who contributed information.

Every effort was made to be all inclusive. Please notify the Parish Office at 828-254-5193 or churcheugene@steugene.org with any omissions, corrections, additions etc.

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# THE PARISH OF ST. EUGENE A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

#### **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

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Website:	www.steugene.org
Facebook:	St. Eugene Catholic Church

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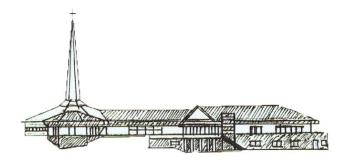
Parish Pastoral Council: CHAIR:

Lynn Harvey Heth (C: 610-772-3112)

**Asheville Catholic School** (828) 252-7896

**Asheville Area** (828) 238-0832 (David Mayeux, Campus Minister)

**Catholic Campus Ministry:** 



# **MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday:	7:30 AM Spanish	
	9:00 & 11:30 AM English	
Saturday Vigil:	5:30 PM	
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday:	8:00 AM	
Wednesday:	8:00 AM Communion Service	
Friday:	9:00 AM	

# **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION**

Every Friday when school is in session from 10:00 - 12:00 noon

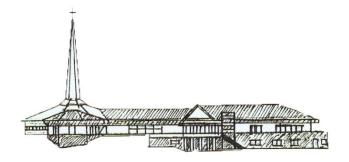
# RECONCILIATION

Saturday: ......4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

# **PARISH ROSARIES**

Monday (First and Third of Month)......7:00 PM
All Saints Chapel for Respect Life

Tuesday: ......8:30 AM
In the Church



# SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us. The visible Rites by which the sacraments are celebrated signify and make present the graces proper to each sacrament. They bear fruit in those who receive them with the required dispositions.

Because of the important community nature of the celebrations of Baptism and Marriage in the Church, interested parties are expected to make advanced arrangements with the pastor to allow for appropriate preparation programs to be completed.

Baptism: Preferably two months' notice is suggested for Baptism

Marriage: Six months' notice is required for Marriage.

# **DIOCESAN REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS**

- Obtain Volunteer Handbook from the Parish Office
- Consent to a background check
- Complete Protecting God's Children Program

## PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

As a parish community, we strive to significantly reduce the use of polystyrene and paper products. All groups that will prepare and serve food and beverages are strongly encouraged to use the plastic cups, ceramic dishes and coffee cups, glass stemware, and stainless steel utensils available in the kitchen. Recycling bins are available for recycled items. Dishes can be cleaned using the dishwasher (training is available) or by hand if a small number. Groups using the kitchen and facilities should wash the dishes, return them to the proper cabinets, and leave the kitchen and social hall/meeting rooms in clean condition.

### PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

#### **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The Pastoral Council is a consultative body, which assists the pastor in fulfilling his shepherding ministry with the parish. The Council consists of 12-14 members and every effort is made to insure that the Latino community is represented. Members are selected to serve three-year terms and are selected by drawn lot from parish members who have expressed an interest in serving and are active members of the parish.

The following Parish Commissions are accountable to the Pastoral Council:

- Liturgy and Worship Commission
- Parish Life Commission
- Outreach (Ecumenism) Commission
- Evangelization and Communication Commission
- Education and Formation Commission
- Buildings and Facilities Commission.

Council members and their contact information with photos are available in the narthex. The current Council chairperson's contact information is also available in the weekly bulletin and the council meeting minutes are available on the parish website and on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Contact: CHAIR: VICE-CHAIRS:

Lynn Harvey Heth Nancy Maldonado

C: 610-772-3112

Email: theheths@yahoo.com nancymaldonado94@gmail.com

Term of office: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

#### **FINANCE COUNCIL**

The Finance Council serves as an advisory council to the pastor of the parish on matters related to the financial affairs of the parish. The council consists of parish members with expertise in accounting and finance. Currently, four of the five members are Certified Public Accountants (CPA).

Meetings are on a quarterly basis or more often when needed and take place in the parish office. On a semiannual basis, the council posts the financial status of the parish in the weekly bulletin. Please contact the parish office for the next meeting date and time.

Contact: Chris Amys 828-301-6620

Chris.Amys@RaymondJames.com

#### LITURGY AND WORSHIP COMMISSION

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Servers assist the community and its presiding minister to celebrate liturgical rites, especially the Eucharist. They serve many basic logistical functions before, during and after Mass and are a witness to the assembly by their joyful participation and service to God.

Contact: Ray Kull 828-645-6039 & Alma Maldonado 828-329-4403

Email: cubfanray@frontier.com

#### ALTAR SERVER VESTMENT CARE

The ministry is responsible for cleaning, washing, drying, ironing and sewing repairs for altar server vestments. Altar servers should re-hang vestments in good shape after use. If soiled or need repair, please hang vestments in designated area.

Contact: Paula Kotz 828-768-6008

Email: <u>pkotz@charter.net</u>

#### ARTS AND ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY

This ministry makes our liturgical seasons more meaningful through a variety of visual creations inspired by and indicative of the liturgy of the season/feast. It is our vision to enhance our community's gathering areas including the worship area, gathering space, social hall, outside spaces, and meeting rooms. All hands are welcome and useful. Ladder climbing is a popular skill, as is tree fluffing, plant arranging, and just about everything you can think of. Please consider volunteering for this occasional and seasonal ministry. Have fun and help to make the environment at St. Eugene reflect the liturgical season of the year.

Contact: OPEN

Email:

#### AZTEC DANCERS

The Aztec dancing is a celebration that pays homage to the Lady of Guadalupe who appeared to Juan Diego, an indigenous native of Mexico, on December 12 and caused many other natives to convert to Christianity. So, it is celebrated annually on December 12th.

The celebration includes the reenactment of the Juan Diego story and the dance performance, along with food and socializing (as permitted). As their ancestors did, the Aztec dancers express the love they have for the Mother of God through dancing. This dance is also a way of praising and worshipping God through devotion of the Virgin. Over time, the Aztec dances became an infusion of Christian values and teachings with native traditions.

The Aztec dances not only remembers the importance of Virgin Mary's message, but it is also a renewal and/or strengthening of faith and spiritual convergence and the passing down of traditions to the younger generations. Lastly, it is an opportunity to spend time with loved ones and welcome those who want to take in this experience.

Once a month during the year, this group sells food to help out with the cost of equipment, costumes and other expenses related to the annual celebration.

Anyone can attend or join. Please reach out to the Contact above to get more information on when classes begin.

Contact: Ernesto Contreras 828-423-7948

#### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)s have the privilege of bringing Christ to the community by assisting with the distribution of the consecrated bread and wine at all Eucharistic celebrations. EMHC attend initial group training and occasional brush-up sessions when needed. They are given a written schedule, procedural guidelines, and a list of names and phone numbers of other EMHCs so they can find a substitute when absent. They usually serve every 2-3 weeks. An EMHC must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and be a Roman Catholic in good standing to serve. If interested, you will find this ministry very rewarding.

Contact: Carol Jordan 828-776-1560 or Rick Lobar 850-408-9088 Email: rjordan106@aol.com ricklober0215@charter.net

#### HISPANIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL/PRAYER GROUP

The purpose of this group is to have a spiritual encounter with the Risen Christ through sharing and meditating on the Word of God, as well as in worship and prayer. Anyone is welcomed to attend. Prayers are recited in Spanish only; however, there are people that do speak English in the group so that if non-Spanish speaking attendees have questions, they are able and encouraged to ask.

The group also encourages prayer in any form attendees feel comfortable—whether it is individually or as a group and silently or out loud. During the prayer hour, you will see a person and persons praying in each of these forms. A rosary is started a little earlier at 6:30p for those interested.

In addition, children are welcome to present during prayer. Any age group is welcomed to participate.

The group usually meets for an hour every Saturday starting at 7p with light snacks such as Mexican bread and coffee after the hour. However, with current COVID-19 restrictions, meeting, socializing, snacks and coffee have been limited. Please check weekly church bulletins, St. Eugene Facebook page, or St. Eugene website (www.steugene.org) for updates on when meetings will start.

Contact: Laura Morales 828-505-9753

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Extraordinary Ministers to the sick and homebound meet semi-annually. Please check the weekly bulletin for dates and times of meetings. Service is a profound truth that "the call" is an expression of the search for God and not just of the desire to bring about individual or social change. Joy and gratitude are the qualities of the heart by which we recognize those who are committed to service as Euchartistic Ministers to the Homebound. On-going formation in the appreciation of the Eucharist in our daily lives is essential; hence, quarterly sessions are held to help us to grow in gratitude for the gifts the ministry brings to us personally.

Contact: Deacon Mike Zboyovski 828-254-5193 ext. 1007 Email: wazupdoc@gmail.com or deaconmike@steugene.org

#### READING MINISTRY/LECTOR

This ministry conveys God's message to us during every weekend Mass by presenting Scripture readings in a vibrant and informed manner.

Contact: Rick Lobar 850-408-9088 & Raul Cervantes 828-280-3215

Email: <u>ricklober0215@charter.net</u>

#### CANTORING MINISTRY

Cantoring is a holy, prayer-filled experience! Prospective cantors for the new season will need to audition and pass certain requirements to be considered.

Contact: Allyson MacCauley 828-254-5193 ext.

1008

Email: music@steugene.org

#### **HOSPITALITY MINISTRY**

Hospitality is the "face" of St. Eugene. We are the first people that parishioners and visitors see. The main focus of the Hospitality Ministry is to reach out to each individual with Christian love and respect. Christian hospitality draws people together, opens them to participation, and sets the tone for the liturgy. The community's impression of a parish is significantly shaped by the presence or absence of a welcoming atmosphere when they come to worship. A person who feels welcomed and valued is much more likely to enter wholeheartedly into the celebration of the Mass. Hospitality Ministers (HMs) serve as greeters, ushers, collection retrievers, vigilant observers of possible emergencies and refreshment servers. All active members of the parish, including teenagers, are invited to serve as HMs. Hospitality works in teams of 6 – 8 ministers. Every member of the team is familiar with every one of the responsibilities above and is trained and practiced in them. This is necessary so that they can easily fill in for each other when necessary. Come join us to extend Jesus' invitation to "come and see," and see that all are welcome.

ENGLISH SPANISH

Contact: David Hetrick 828-231-6106 & Abel Melo-Hernandez 828-989-4191

Email: <u>eagleman1149@gmail.com</u>

#### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

This ministry enhances our community worship with a group of singers and instrumentalists who have the pleasure of initiating, educating and leading the assembly in song and celebration. Our goal is to create a degree of solemnity and beauty in worship, thereby helping the faithful to pray in an atmosphere of joy. All are invited to participate in one of our prayer-filled groups.

ENGLISH SPANISH

Contact: Allyson MacCauley 828-254-5193 & Samuel Robles 828-209-7369

ext. 1007

Email: music@steugene.org

#### **PARISH CHOIR**

As the title of Bill Staines song: "All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir", young or not so young, professionally trained or just beginning, all are welcome to join the choir. The choir is a place where friends gather to aid the community's prayer in harmonious song and to support each other.

ENGLISH SPANISH

Contact: Allyson MacCauley 828-254-5193 & Samuel Robles 828-209-7369

ext. 1007

Email: music@steugene.org

#### **PARISH LIFE COMMISSION**

#### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

St. Eugene Catholic Church Bereavement Ministry is an outreach ministry whose members are devoted to the caring, friendship, and comfort of any parishioner who has experienced the recent loss of a parent, spouse, child, or sibling. A brief overview of member responsibilities is as listed below.

All committee members available should attend the funeral service to lend support for the bereaved. Those members who know the bereaved, or any available member or members, will be assigned to care, on behalf of our Parish, for the bereaved due to their loss. Visits, calls, favors, and cards are used to let the bereaved know that they are not alone and the Parish cares and wants to help. We share a close relationship with Hospice, and CarePartners Bereavement and have had training from them on recognizing grief and how to get assistance if needed.

New members are always welcome and encouraged to join.

Contact: Virginia Raviotta

Email: mraviotta@charter.net

#### **COUNTERS**

Can't sing! Prison Ministry not your thing? Then why not become a "counter"? On a rotational schedule about 2 or 3 times in a 3-month period, each 2 to 4 member team spends 2 to 4 hours emptying and posting Sunday collection envelopes and making the deposits. Please consider counting. You will be given approximately 2 hours of training.

Contact: Denise Dobrolski 828-254-5193 ext.1006

Email: <u>denise@steugene.org</u>

#### **FUNERAL PALL STITCHERS**

We periodically gather to stitch names of deceased parishioners onto a funeral pall, which is displayed at most funeral Masses.

Contact: Chris Cicotello 828-658-9415 Email: speranza2@frontier.com

#### **HISPANIC BASE COMMUNITY**

This ministry reaches out to our Hispanic brothers and sisters is to provide support and fellowship. For our Hispanic parishioners, the ministry shares the Word of God while living in fraternity as the first community (The Acts of the Apostles).

Contact: Abel Hernandez 828-989-4191(South)

Adelina Perez 828-279-8062 (North) Aveli Romero 828-702-6529 (West)

#### HISPANIC EVANGELIZATION RETREAT

This ministry strives to help parishioners understand their faith better, to have knowledge about their beliefs, and to know the Word of God.

Contact: Martha Gonzalez 828-450-7835

#### HISPANIC CURSILLO FOR MEN

The purpose of this ministry is to help all Christian Hispanic women to strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ through a short, informal spiritual retreat focusing on how to become effective Christian leaders. It is organized by the Hispanic community and is to deepen the spiritual life and bring about Christian involvement in daily activities therefore experiencing the presence and love of the Holy Trinity in our every-day lives. As Saint Pope John Paul II stated, "Cursillo is an instrument raised up by God for the proclamation of the gospel in our time."

Contact: Raul and Alma Cervantes 828-280-3215

#### HISPANIC CURSILLO FOR WOMEN

The purpose of this ministry is to help all Christian Hispanic women to strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ through a short, informal spiritual retreat focusing on how to become effective Christian leaders. It is organized by the Hispanic community and is to deepen the spiritual life and bring about Christian involvement in daily activities therefore experiencing the presence and love of the Holy Trinity in our every-day lives. As Saint Pope John Paul II stated, "Cursillo is an instrument raised up by God for the proclamation of the gospel in our time."

Contact: Raul and Alma Cervantes 828-280-3215

#### HISPANIC MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRY

This ministry helps married Catholics develop stronger relationship by enriching themselves in their faith, individually and as a couple. The weekly 2- hour meetings are held at St. Eugene's and generally start before Easter (January) and lasts for 3 ½ months. Snacks are provided and children are welcome.

Contact: Javier and Zoraima Jimenez 828-458-6758

#### JOBS BULLETIN BOARD

This started through the Latino Advocacy Committee as a way to help our Hispanic community find jobs. It has grown now so that anyone who wants to can advertise or leave a business card. The board is checked each Sunday, and items are removed that are over six months old. It has helped a number of people find work, and we often get calls of inquiry.

Contact: Bill Maloney 828-230-0103 or Marta Alcala-Williams 828-545-5673

Email: <u>maloneyw@bellsouth.net</u> <u>martaligia@aol.com</u>

#### LADIES OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH

This ministry affords parish women an opportunity to gather socially for fellowship by having lunch at different area restaurants. It's an informal, fun way to get to know each other and to welcome new ladies into the parish community. The lunches are usually held every 4-6 weeks, so bring a hearty appetite and meet a wonderful fun bunch!

Contact: Ann Crowley 941-586-5319 Email: Anncrowley8@aol.com

#### LATINO ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Outreach information is sent via email on the following topics:

- How to get your taxes done
- The Affordable Care Act
- Medical information
- Dental information
- Department of Social Services
- English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at AB Tech and in the community
- Scholarships for Latino students
- Assistance in locating work.

Contact: Marta Alcala-Williams 828-545-5673

Email: martaligia@aol.com

#### MINISTRY OF VOLUNTEERS

Our mission is helping volunteers to love God, their church and their faith through serving the Church in the parish's need. When we love our Church we become disciples of Jesus and enter into a more intimate relationship with Christ. The Holy Scripture says that Jesus exhorts his disciples to take up their cross and follow him. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, in one of her famous quotes, said: "Give until it hurts". She says we need silence to pray, because praying to God inspires us to have a purpose in our day, this purpose must lead us to serve, and when serving others we find happiness in our daily lives. Please consider being a volunteer!

Contact: Church Office 828-254-5193
Email: churcheugene@steugene.org

#### **NURSERY MINISTRY**

The church offers childcare in the Parish Nursery Room for the Sunday, 7:30 am Spanish Mass and11:30 am English Mass, to allow parents to fully engage and participate in the Mass. We offer age appropriate play activities for infants and children up to and including four years of age. All adults are trained in the Protecting God's Children program and are required to have background checks completed. The nursery is always covered with two care givers; one may be a qualified teenager. We utilize a pager system to notify individual parents if needed to return to the nursery for their child.

Contact: Debbie Wadhams 828-484-8459

Email: gfkiggy@gmail.com

#### PARENTS MORNING OUT

We are a bilingual program that provides a nurturing environment in the Parish Nursery Room that promotes growth and learning through learning centers, manipulatives, creative arts, music, circle time, and outdoor play. We have an integrated classroom with a special program for children 3 and up, to prepare them for preschool. We are currently accepting children ages 6 months to 4 years. We are open Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 am-12:30 pm.

Contact: Jennie Arndt

287-707-6595

Email: jennie.arndt@gmail.com

#### PARISH PICNIC

Once a year, St. Eugene hosts a parish picnic at various beautiful locations around Asheville. It is a time for the whole church family to gather for Mass, fun, food and fellowship. There is always plenty of fun for everyone ages 1-101. It requires the work of many hands.

Contact: Church Office 828-254-5193 Email: <u>churcheugene@steugene.org</u>

#### PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

St. Eugene's Prayer Chain Ministry is a network of parishioners who receive prayer requests from the parish family. The members of the prayer chain then pray for those intentions. Information needed to make a request is minimal to protect the privacy of individuals asking for prayer. New members are most welcome.

Contact: OPEN

Email:

#### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Our focus is to pray for our parish members and for a respect for all life from conception to a natural death. Our goal is to educate our parish community by offering respect life materials on topics such as abortion, euthanasia, and capital punishment. The ministry arranges speakers for the parish that promote a pro-life philosophy.

We come together on the first and third Mondays at 7:00 pm to pray the rosary in the Day Chapel. We pray for all life, which includes each parish member of our church, and any prayer requests directed our way. We welcome anyone who wants to join us in praying the rosary and encouraging friends to join us. We invite parents and grandparents to join us. Children are most welcome.

We also make our presence felt in other places as well. We encourage prayer at the local abortion clinic. We are a peaceful, prayerful group that prays the rosary on site for a change of heart in those entering. We pray for anyone working there in any capacity,

for recognition of the value of all life, and for a seeking of reconciliation with our merciful, loving Father.

Our highlighted month is the month of October, which has been designated as Respect Life Month within the Catholic Church.

We work with the Knights of Columbus in respect life endeavors. We work together to promote the March for Life Charlotte in the month of January.

Contact: Debbie Wadhams 828-484-8459

Email: <a href="mailto:gfkiggy@gmail.com">gfkiggy@gmail.com</a>

#### WEDDING COORDINATION MINISTRY

Wedding coordinators help with the various needs of our parishioners when they are planning their big day. They assist the bride, the groom, and the family before, during and after the wedding. Please consider becoming a member of this special ministry!

Contact: Sabine Dieringer 828-236-0080

Email: <u>sabdier@charter.net</u>

#### **WOMENS GUILD**

We are a group of women who express our Catholic values through spirituality, service, and friendship. The main purpose of the Guild is to provide the funds to pay for items needed to maintain the altar, vestments, hymnals, etc. We accomplish this by holding an annual bake sale. All women of the parish are asked to participate in this fund raiser. The ladies of the Guild also provide weekly altar care including greenery upkeep. We provide linen laundering and funeral receptions if requested. Our outreach activities include preparing and serving lunch to the needy at ABCCM. Extensions of the Guild include the Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch, the Linus Project, and Crafty Ladies. The Guild meets the second Wednesday of the month, March through December, at 11:00 am in the Social Hall. Each month we have a guest speaker or entertaining program followed by lunch and a short business meeting.

Contact: Ann Crowley 941-586-5319 Email: Anncrowley8@aol.com

## **OUTREACH (ECUMENISM) COMMISSION**

#### **ANGEL TREE**

Every Christmas, St. Eugene pairs with Catholic Charities to take care of those in Buncombe County who need a little extra help around the holidays. Angel Tree tags are available in November.

Contact: Tracey Barnes 828-582-0536

Email: sntbarnes@yahoo.com

#### **CARPENTERS FOR CHRIST**

Carpenters for Christ is a ministry that reaches out into the community to assist those in need of minor home repair. Volunteers are always needed to help with small jobs, with a minimum of experience needed.

Contact: OPEN

Email:

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE (CCDOC) WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE

The Western Regional Office was established in 1982 to make the services of Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte more readily available to the residents of Western North Carolina. Today, the office programs include individual, family, and couples counseling in English and Spanish, infancy and pregnancy support, international and domestic pregnancy and adoption services, adoption home study and post adoption services, refugee assistance program, direct assistance with food and clothing, limited financial assistance, and citizenship/immigration services.

Contact: 828-255-0146 Office hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Fax: 828-253-7339

Address: 50 Orange Street, Asheville, NC 28801

Email: <a href="mailto:ccdocwro@charlottediocese.org">ccdocwro@charlottediocese.org</a>

Website: www.ccdoc.org

#### **COMMUNITY TITHING**

The Parish of St. Eugene is committed to disburse ten percent of its annual income as a tithe to assist in various charitable outreach programs in the greater Asheville community. A review is conducted each year at which tithe requests are considered for future disbursements and recommendations are made to the pastor. Parishioners are always welcome to suggest new possible recipients.

Contact: Mechelle Kobar 828-254-5193 ext 1001

Email: churcheugene@steugene.org

#### **ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE MINISTRY**

Every Wednesday during Advent, St. Eugene Church joins with St. Mary's Episcopal, St. Mark's Lutheran and St. Paul's Methodist Churches for a soup and sandwich meal and prayer service. Each congregation hosts a service and is responsible for serving a light soup and sandwich meal. The pastors of all the congregations then conduct a prayer service.

On Good Friday, there is a communal Stations of the Cross at 12:00 noon at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

#### **ECUMENISM MINISTRY**

For years St. Eugene has partnered with non-Catholic churches in the Asheville area to conduct prayer services in the various churches for members of all the churches in the ecumenical group. Volunteers from these churches have provided services at nursing homes such as Golden Care Living Center, The Laurels of Summit Ridge and Laurels of

GreenTree. The spirit of goodwill and services of many kinds provided for the elderly and others have been satisfying for both those receiving and those providing assistance. One of the latest ecumenical endeavors known as "Loving Neighbors" has teams made up of volunteers from the churches meeting with school leaders, landlords of low cost housing and other special housing directors to learn what services would be helpful specifically in their neighborhoods. Some churches in the ecumenical group share the same neighborhoods as these facilities. As much as possible, volunteers from the churches will then provide the services needed. Please consider donating some of your time and services!

Contact: Joe Wansong 828-628-9163 Email: wansongjf@bellsouth.net

#### **FEED MY SHEEP**

For more than 30 years, a group of St. Eugene & Asheville Catholic folks prepare and take dinner to one of the homeless shelters on the first Tuesday of each month, feeding 45-50 people. We have four teams of four people on each team. We rotate taking the main dish (pasta), bread, salad, and dessert.

Contact: Krisztina Stern 828-337-4696 Email: <u>pirosrozsa04@yahoo.com</u>

#### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Volunteers from St. Eugene participate with volunteers from fourteen other faith communities to fund and build one home each year for Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity. Parish volunteers work one or more days over a three-month period. Construction of the Interfaith House helps Habitat to provide affordable housing for a deserving family in the Asheville community.

Contact: Tim Wrinn

Email: timwrinn@aol.com

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - ST. EUGENE COUNCIL #11911

The Knights of Columbus was founded by the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882 and was named in honor of the mariner Christopher Columbus. Originally serving as a mutual benefit society to low-income immigrant Catholics, it developed into a fraternal benefit society dedicated to providing charitable services, promoting Catholic education, and actively defending Catholicism in various nations. St. Eugene Knights of Columbus Council 11911 was chartered on January 30, 1997 and has over 140 members. The Knights focus their efforts to support the Church, families, youth, and community. Some examples of the Knights' activities and events include hosting free pancake breakfasts to raise funds for programs and groups such as Respect Life, St. Eugene Youth Group, Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte, Catholic Campus Ministry, and Operation LAMB, amongst others. Dinners are held throughout the year to provide fellowship within the parish community. Each January the Knights of Columbus arrange for a trip to March for Life Charlotte. Membership is open to any practical Catholic man, at least 18 years of age.

Contact: Alan Wyatt, Grand Knight

Email: <u>gk11911.steugene@gmail.com</u>

#### **LOVING NEIGHBORS**

One of the latest ecumenical endeavors known as "Loving Neighbors" has teams made up of volunteers from four churches (St. Eugene, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, St. Mark's Lutheran and St. Mary's Episcopal) meeting with school leaders, low cost housing and Steadfast House directors to learn what specific services would be helpful in their neighborhoods. Some of the churches in this ecumenical group share the same neighborhoods. As much as possible, volunteers from the churches will provide the services needed.

Contact: Joe Wansong 828-628-9163 Email: wansongjf@bellsouth.net

#### **PRISON MINISTRY**

This ministry includes a weekly Communion Service at the Craggy Correctional Center along with religious counseling, one-on-one volunteer opportunities, birthday parties, etc. Various other programs are also offered to the inmates of the Craggy Minimum Custody Unit such as Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Prison Fellowship. The latter is a Re-entry Life Plan to prepare prisoners nearing release for a successful re-entry into family and the community. In addition, an 18-week course is offered to cover basic biblical principles and life skills to deal with the practical aspects of life, once they are released.

Contact: Deacon Mike Zboyovski 828-254-5193 ext. 1009 Email: <u>wazszupdoc@gmail.com</u> or <u>deaconmike@steugene.org</u>

# CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) RICE BOWL

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. While most of the money collected benefits many across the globe, 25% of our collection is used right here in our diocese.

Contact: Terry Hash 901-849-0983 Email: <a href="mailto:theresamhash@gmail.com">theresamhash@gmail.com</a>

#### **ROOM IN THE INN - PERMANENTLY CANCELLED**

Please note, this ministry no longer exists; however, it has evolved into something new. Room In The Inn was a shelter for up to twelve women from the Asheville area that were recovering from addiction and/or abusive situations. Different faith communities

provided this service so that every week during the year, a shelter was held somewhere in the city on a rotating basis. St. Eugene's and Asbury United Methodist Church partnered for more than 20 years covering one week for 3-4 times a year. Since the pandemic, churches have not been hosting. However, Homeward Bound has purchased a motel on Tunnel Road and is turning it into rooms or apartments for homeless. Asbury United Methodist Church has donated all the inventory of blankets, pillows, etc. to Homeward Bound. If anyone is interested in helping with the homeless they are encouraged to contact Homeward Bound (https://homewardboundwnc.org; 828-258-1695). Meals are always welcomed.

Contact: 828-258-1695

Email: <a href="https://homewardboundwnc.org">https://homewardboundwnc.org</a>

#### SHARING SUNDAY

This rewarding ministry assists agencies in feeding the less fortunate in our community. On the first weekend of each month, we collect and deliver numerous bags of food to Asheville Buncombe County Christian Ministry (ABCCM), Western Carolina Rescue Mission, North Buncombe Samaritan Ministry, Catholic Charities, and the Salvation Army. Please drop off food donations in the narthex (entrance) of St. Eugene's Church. You will see other bags of donations there.

Contact: Parish Office 828-254-5193
Email: <u>churcheugene@steugene.org</u>

#### SISTER ANITA'S FRIENDS

Sister Anita's Friends meet every other Monday from 10:30AM to11:30AM at the Golden Living Center on Beaverdam Road. The ministry members visit and sing with residents in their activities room in a spirit of Christian fellowship. Singing or musical talent is not a requirement. Be a part of a rewarding ministry that brings joy to the lives of others.

Contact: JoAnne Gance or Bob Gance

828-450-6627 610-207-4400

Email: jgance4me@yahoo.com ganceb@yahoo.com

#### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

Members of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul, representing St. Eugene, St. Lawrence, and St. Joan of Arc parishes, gather each week for prayer and reflection and to plan visits to needy families in Buncombe County. These members visit the families, keep records, make phone calls, and raise funds to provide for the material needs of our clients. In addition to helping with food, rent, and utility bills, our members bring hope and love to the poor, making this a very rewarding and uplifting ministry. We gather in the Parlor at St. Eugene every Monday evening at 4:00 pm. If you would like to become a financial supporter, simply drop your donations in the weekly collection basket.

Contact: Bob Phillips 828-658-9409 Email: robertaphillips@yahoo.com

#### **TAIZE**

Taize is a meditative one-hour prayer. It is a mixture of song, silence, and scripture. Gathered in the presence of Christ, we sing uncomplicated repetitive songs, uncluttered by too many words, allowing the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of simplicity. A few words sung over and over again reinforce the meditative quality of prayer. They express a basic reality of faith that can be grasped quickly by the heart and intellect, gradually penetrating the whole being. The group meets on the first Friday of every month at 7pm at the St. Eugene's Day Chapel.

Contact: Megan Buser 828-230-6763 or Janet Hart 828-251-5513 Email: <a href="mailto:meganreillybuser@gmail.com">meganreillybuser@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:meganreillybuser@gmail.com">mamomma@gmail.com</a>

#### **EVANGELIZATION & COMMUNICATION COMMISSION**

#### **BULLETIN BOARDS**

Check bulletin boards in the gathering space for general and last-minute announcements, as well as the Pastoral Council minutes.

#### CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAYS

Volunteers from each ministry decorate a tree at Christmas which is part of the display in the gathering space.

#### CHURCH DIRECTORY

The latest Church Directory was produced in 2021. A copy is available to view in the parish office.

#### **FACEBOOK**

"Like us" on Facebook to receive information about upcoming events and stay "in the know" about parish happenings.

#### HISPANIC TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETER MINISTRY

Our mission is to translate and interpret any Catholic document to help both Hispanic and Anglo communities to better understand the doctrine, liturgical celebrations and the different events that our Diocese offers.

Contact: Walkyria Almonte 828-505-2712

#### **MINISTRY FAIR**

The fair is held once a year during the Fall. Tables are set up for each ministry and detailed information is available from a representative.

#### ONLINE GIVING

To make donations through our website, please go to https://www.steugene.org/onlinegiving. You may choose to make a one-time donation, or schedule ongoing donations. For questions regarding this please call the church office.

#### **PARISH WEBSITE**

Go to <u>www.steugene.org</u> for information regarding every aspect of the parish, including the weekly bulletin and links to Diocese of Charlotte information.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Throughout the year, the parish's Special Events Committee organizes events that bring the parish together. Events include, but are not limited to: the parish picnic, special concerts, film presentations, etc.

### **EDUCATION AND FORMATION COMMISSION**

#### ASHEVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Asheville Catholic School is a fully accredited Catholic school with students in Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade. Our student population is diverse serving students from many walks of life, experiences, and learning needs. Our staff includes teachers with advanced degrees and a wealth of experience in education. Our entire staff works together with the goal of making sure our students are prepared for the next level of education, and in fulfilling our mission statement:

At Asheville Catholic School, we strive to become Christian leaders by embracing lifelong learning and living to our fullest potential in our ever-changing world. We rely on our academics and Catholic Faith do guide us along the way.

Our world is in desperate need for our students to grow up and be leaders as Christ would have them lead; with prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance, as well as faith, hope and charity. We combine these Seven Virtues with Stephen Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People to surround our Faith as the core of our school's culture. By offering our students a wide variety of experiences through our athletic program, theater program, and our various other extracurricular activities such as our clubs (Robotics, Battle of the Books, Mock Trial, Science Olympiad, and Math Counts),

we provide teach them to use God's gifts to take on challenges. They may fail at some of those challenges, but we help them understand the importance of failure as a teacher so that they can learn from their mistakes and take away skills that will benefit them for a lifetime.

Asheville Catholic School wishes to thank the St. Eugene Parish, including the staff for their unwavering support of our school. As partners in God's work, we are building the future together!

Contact: Mike Miller, Principal 828-252-7896

Email: <a href="mmiller@ashevillecatholic.org">mmiller@ashevillecatholic.org</a>
Website: <a href="http://www.ashevillecatholic.org">http://www.ashevillecatholic.org</a>

#### ADULT EDUCATION

The main goal of Adult Education is to oversee and lead the educational development of the adult parish community. The Adult Education Director leads the church community in planning, conducting and evaluating a comprehensive program of Christian education for adults. In addition, the Director provides assistance and serves as an educational resource person and advisor to the other educational ministries as needed.

Contact: Church Office 828-254-5193 Email: churcheugene@steugene.org

#### **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

St. Eugene parish welcomes parents and godparents preparing the baptism of their child. As you will hear in the Baptismal Rite itself, the Christian community joyfully welcomes your child into the Body of Christ. Baptism is the sacrament of initiation into the Christian life. To prepare for the sacrament, parents and godparents are required to attend baptism preparation class so that they will understand the meaning and significance of the sacrament of initiation into the Church. Spanish Baptisms are celebrated the first Saturday of each month at 12 noon and English Baptisms are celebrated the first Sunday of every month immediately following the 9am Mass. For more information, please see the contact above.

Contact: Church Office 828-254-5193 or Martha Gonzalez 828-450-7835

Email: churcheugene@steugene.org Spanish

#### **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

The Bible Study Group is intended to help you, the reader, uncover the layers of meaning in a given book or passage of scripture so that the words on the page come to life. It does this in a simple way by placing meaningful information right at your fingertips, usually on the page of the reading itself. Also, this Bible study builds on a quality translation, employing footnotes and cross references that are a part of that translation, and enhances the experience with additional information, tips for prayer, visual images, and spiritual insight, thus making the most of your time and effort when reading and praying with the Bible. Finally, this group will help you to communicate better with God through the words of Jesus Christ and to receive God in all that He

gives through His word. The Bible, will be for you, your future GPS to find any destination you will have in your life.

Contact: Allison and Callan White

828-736-2361

Email: <u>cdwhitedds@gmail.com</u> or <u>ajwhitedds@gmail.com</u>

#### CARE OF CREATION

We work to move our parish and the broader community to have a greater respect for and to take better care of the environment. In keeping with Catholic social teaching, we seek to foster awareness of our impact on the planet, reduce our collective carbon footprint, and use the resources of God's creation wisely for the good of future generations. We actively support these goals in the parish through educational and action projects such as planning workshops and carrying out plans for energy and resource conservation.

Our meetings are the third Sunday of each month between the Masses, 9:45 -10:45, in Room 2. If you would like to be part of this endeavor, we welcome everyone's participation.

Contact: Vicki Ransom

Email:

#### CATHOLIC COMMITTEE OF APPALACHIA

The Catholic Committee of Appalachia (CCA) provides a community of solidarity and network of support for people of faith working for social, economic, and ecological justice in Appalachia. CCA stands with, as well as challenges, the Church to do the work of the Gospel and exemplifies Catholic teachings. CCA offers educational programs, encourages participation at grassroots levels to fill the void of social justice, and builds bridges between the diverse people and places of Appalachia.

Contact: Bruce Cahoon 828-275-2967

Email: <a href="mailto:bcahoon@unca.edu">bcahoon@unca.edu</a>
Website: <a href="mailto:http://www.ccappal.org">http://www.ccappal.org</a>

#### LANDINGS

Landings is a ministry that welcomes Catholics back to the Church. There are many reasons why they have left or feel that they have been excluded and this is where Landings comes in. We provide a safe and comfortable landing spot for their return to the Church. We meet once per week for 7 to 9 weeks, depending on the group size. Active parishioners join with people returning to pray together, share our spiritual journey stories, and enjoy light refreshments. We discuss changes in the Church and how they affect all of us. We listen in a warm, caring, confidential and non-judgmental way. If you are thinking about returning to the Church or if you are a parishioner who would like to welcome people who would like to return to the Church, please contact us.

Contact: Joe Wansong 828-628-9163 Email: wansongif@bellsouth.net

#### MARRIAGE MINISTRY

Marriage Ministry assists the pastor by engaging couples in the preparation for the sacrament of marriage to determine their readiness through a process of discernment, prayerful intention, and personal care from sponsor couples from the parish. The ministry will also develop programs to enrich current marriages.

Contact: Deacon John Langlois or Martha Gonzales 828-450-7835

828-329-9910

Email: <u>thelanglois@msn.com</u>

#### **PEACE AND JUSTICE**

The Peace and Justice Ministry of St. Eugene, in light of the Gospel message, seeks to enlighten and empower our faith community, to seek justice, pursue peace and to promote human development through education, formation, and action. Our objectives are to continually educate and inform ourselves about Catholic social teaching and current peace and justice issues, provide educational programs and educational resources for the parish on these issues, provide opportunities for parishioners to engage in working for justice and peace and seek out and collaborate with other area social justice committees. New members are very welcome. Meetings are currently held virtually. For information, please reach out to the contact below.

Contact: Sue Koesters 828-774-3854

Email: suenbern@yahoo.com

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS/CATECHUMENATE

This program shares and assists those adults who have decided to join our Christian faith community. It is a nearly year-long process of fellowship, study, prayer, and discernment. Training for catechists or for sponsors is available.

Contact: Deacon Mike Zboyovski 828-254-5193 ext. 20

Email: wazszupdoc@gmail.com or deaconmike@steugene.org

#### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN PROGRAM

The Protecting God's Children Program, sponsored by the VIRTUS® programs, assists the Church in being a safe haven for children and a messenger to prevent child sexual abuse within the Church and society in general. The program maximizes a child safety program by helping churches and religious organizations refine their roles as child-safe environments and empowering caring adults to protect children. The program educates and trains adults (clergy, religious, teachers, staff, volunteers, and parents) about the dangers of abuse, the warning signs of abuse, the ways to prevent abuse, the methods of properly reporting suspicions of abuse, responding to allegations of abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and five empowerment steps one can use to prevent child sexual abuse. The program, sponsored by the Diocese of Charlotte and taught by parish staff, is a three-hour live awareness session instructing adults of the Church that to protect children you must have continuous awareness and vigilance. Continuing online training is a valuable component of the Protecting God's Children Program for the continued awareness of child abuse. Please check the Diocese of Charlotte website for scheduling.

Contact: Lynn Harvey Heth Email: <a href="mailto:theheths@yahoo.com">theheths@yahoo.com</a>

Website: <a href="https://virtusonline.org/virtus/">https://virtusonline.org/virtus/</a>

#### TRIBUNAL ADVOCATE

The Catholic Church teaches that marriage was made a sacrament by Christ. In doing so He enhanced the dignity of an institution already made holy in God's creation. Marriage is an enduring and exclusive partnership in which husband and wife establish a lifelong loving and life-giving relationship.

For this reason the Church views divorce very seriously. The Church does not accept that divorce can sever the actual bond of a valid marriage. Church law, in fact, presumes that a marriage is valid once it is entered, a presumption which remains in force unless and until the contrary is proved.

Not every marital relationship meets the standard established by Christ--a standard which requires certain intentions, understanding, and capabilities on the part of the husband and wife. Without these essential elements, a marriage does not have the kind of enduring bond which Christ taught was indissoluble. In other words, while a marriage relationship exists, it is not necessarily the type of marriage bond which can be broken only by the death of one of the parties.

The purpose of a nullity process is to determine whether or not an indissoluble marriage bond was created when the parties entered their marriage. It must be proved clearly

and with moral certainty that an enduring bond was not established in order to declare a marriage null. This proof must focus on grounds of nullity recognized by Church law and must apply to the marriage from its very beginning.

The nullity process is handled by the Tribunal, an office of the Diocese that works on a set of procedures and laws established as part of the universal Church. Each case submitted to the Tribunal is unique; therefore it is impossible to generalize accurately about marriage cases.

The Church has no jurisdiction over non-Catholics; HOWEVER marriage or conversion brings a person under the umbrella of the Catholic faith and its law. The following circumstances require an annulment:

- A divorced non-Catholic who wants to marry a Catholic
- A divorced non-Catholic who is currently married and wants to become a Catholic
- A divorced non-Catholic spouse of someone who wants to become a Catholic
- A divorced Catholic who wishes to marry in the Catholic Church and fully participate in the sacramental life of the Church.

The first step is to contact the pastor or the parish advocate for information. The advocate will assist individuals who wish to begin the process and advise the person as to which documents and proofs are needed to file a case. All information is kept strictly confidential.

Contact: Carol Jordan 828-776-1560

Email: rdjcsj@aol.com

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

This ministry celebrates the Word with children between 2 ½ years and Kindergarten with an age-appropriate worship service at the Sunday 11:30 am Liturgy. This includes music, storytelling, puppetry, and activities that relate to the weekly Gospel. We read the Gospel, have a homily and say the Prayer of the Faithful, the Creed and the Our Father. We also explain some of the Mass rituals such as why the colors change seasonally, etc. Volunteers are always welcome, so please consider joining this ministry as a homilist, activity coordinator, etc. Training is available and once trained, you will be placed on a rotating team with 4-5 members that rotate every 4 weeks.

Contact: Tracy Jedd 828-254-5193 ext. 1007

Email: tjedd@steugene.org

## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (OCIC)

This program is available to school-aged children who have not yet been baptized or received the Sacraments of Initiation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. They will prepare to be received into our parish faith community as full participating members at the Easter Vigil.

Contact: Tracy Jedd 828-254-5193 ext. 1007

Email: tjedd@steugene.org

# FAITH FORMATION: PRE-K (4 & 5 YEAR OLDS) - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Faith Formation - the sharing of our faith. Parents are the first and primary teachers of the Catholic faith to their children. Together with parents and help from the parish community we are able to plant the seed of our faith. Faith is ever growing. It begins as a small seed in a child. Through our baptism it is our mission, yours and mine as a church community, to nurture that seed with the waters from the Holy Spirit and God's son Jesus Christ. By sharing God's good news, which he has shared with us, and how it works in our lives, it is our hope to nurture that seed so one day it will blossom. If the seed has been well cared for, a child entering into adulthood will have something to harvest. It will in return start nurturing other small seeds by sharing its faith.

FAITH IS EVER GROWING! These programs are "lectionary based" using Sunday reading as a starting point to develop faith sharing. They are held Sundays at 10:15 am until 11:15 am at Asheville Catholic School.

Contact: Tracy Jedd 828-254-5193 ext. 1007

Email: tjedd@steugene.org

#### **ELEMENTARY LEVEL SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

This program begins in the Fall and prepares children for the first Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. All second grade children, who have one prior year of Faith Formation will prepare together, whether they attend Asheville Catholic School or Faith Formation. In addition, all baptized children who have reached the age of discretion (7), can be admitted to the Eucharistic table when it is assumed they have been oriented to that table by the following prerequisites:

- They and their families are regular in the practice of the faith in their parish community
- They are engaged now (and at least for one prior year) in formal Faith Formation
- They have been catechized by the Sacrament of Penance
- They are registered in the parish community
- Parents are required to attend meetings to assist in preparing their children.

Contact: Tracy Jedd 828-254-5193 ext. 1007

Email: tjedd@steugene.org

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

This program has a new theme every year and is an interactive hands-on Catholic faith sharing experience for children age 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It meets for one week Monday-Friday in the evening during the summer. This is also a great place for adults and teens to volunteer. You will be sure to make lasting friendships and memories.

Contact: Tracy Jedd 828-254-5193 ext. 1007

Email: tjedd@steugene.org

#### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation for youth in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or above is celebrated every year in the parish. Prior to the immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, candidates are required to have been part of at least two years of a formal catechetical process in the parish or a Catholic school. The immediate preparation, assisted by a team of adults, is

a year-long process of three retreats that focus on spiritual and liturgical preparation, including a personal interview with the pastor.

Contact: Tracy Jedd 828-254-5193 ext. or Martha Gonzalez 828-645-5802

1007 or 828-450-7835

Email: tjedd@steugene.org

## EDGE (6<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

*EDGE* comes forth from the greater movement of Life Teen, which was originally established for high school ministry. As Life Teen began to grow, many parishes began asking how we could serve middle school youth in the same way as the high school teens. Thus *EDGE* was created with the Life Teen program and has been rapidly growing ever since.

The big picture behind the development of *EDGE* has important components:

- There are tremendous amounts of change for youth at this age, both internally and in their social lives
- Middle School youth begin to transition from the influence of their parents to the influence of friends and peers and they need help and guidance
- At this age, youth begin to question their identity
- At this age, youth begin to question the purpose of their life
- Middle School youth make decisions that can affect the rest of their lives.

Because there is so much changing in the lives of middle school youth, it is essential that they be introduced to the truth and love of Jesus Christ and the Church so that their lives can be transformed and led in a positive direction. *EDGE* youth ministry strives to introduce young people to the saving power and love of Christ in a few specific ways:

- Through fun and relevant catechesis
- By connecting the youth to a loving community of friends
- By having faithful adults present and who are committed to journeying with them
- By reaching out in love and truth to lead youth closer to Christ.

EDGE meets most Mondays from 6:30-7:45 pm, September through the beginning of May (with snack included) at the church, unless a social event or service project is planned. Come and join us! We look forward to meeting you.

Contact: Tracy Jedd 828-254-5193 ext. 1007

Email: tjedd@steugene.org

## ST. EUGENE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (SEY)

As a Eucharist-centered movement within the Roman Catholic Church, this ministry leads teens in the parish community to develop a relationship with Christ and His Church. With the intercession and guidance of the Blessed Virgin Mary, this ministry seeks to unleash the fullness of the sacramental power present within the young Church. This ministry equips teens to live as young, engaged Catholics. Also, it seeks to help young people grow and develop in three distinct ways: it works to foster the total person and spiritual growth, it seeks to draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the faith community, and it empowers young people to

become disciples of Jesus Christ, to become witnesses of the living faith by living and working for justice, peace, and human dignity. The ministry creates an atmosphere that supports prayer, community, service, leadership, and fun by enjoying faith sharing, social activities, service projects, fund raisers, mission trips, such as CHWC, and many diocesan and vicariate events. The goal is to lead youth into a life-long, personal relationship with a real person, Jesus Christ. SEY meets most Mondays from 6:30-7:45 pm, September through the beginning of May (with dinner included) at the church, unless a social evening or service project is planned. Come and join us! We look forward to meeting you. Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.

Contact: Tracy Jedd 828-254-5193 ext. 1007

Email: tjedd@steugene.org
Twitter/Instagram: @SEYAsheville

#### ASHEVILLE AREA CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Asheville Area Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) is a community empowered by the Spirit that strives to live the Gospel on campus and in our modern world. We believe that faith gives life, and sharing faith gives life its meaning. We invite all college students to join us in living and celebrating a life grounded in faith, nurtured by hope, and sustained by love. We foster spiritual growth through worship, faith formation, service, reflection and social activities. CCM offers transportation to the 11:00 am Mass. Weekly meetings are also held on campus (day and time change each semester). Check Facebook for all campus ministry opportunities.

Contact: David Mayeux 828-283-0832
Email: <u>ashevilleccm@gmail.com</u>
Website: <u>www.catholiconcampus.com</u>

Facebook: Asheville Area Catholic Campus Ministry

## **BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES COMMISSION**

#### **ENERGY AUDIT**

St. Eugene's Care of Creation Committee conducted an energy audit in 2013. This was performed by an outside consultant and members of the committee. Nine recommendations were made including efficient lighting, HVAC systems, setting the Church thermostat, window shading and exploring the use of solar panels.

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#### **SOUND & TECHNOLOGY**

This ministry benefits everyone that attends St. Eugene's services and events. We have a newly upgraded state-of-the-art sound system as well as the finest inductive loop system in Western NC, serving those with hearing loss. People can receive audio transmitted directly to their T-Coil-enabled hearing aids. Those without T-Coils may use wireless body packs, available from one of the Hospitality Ministers. Individuals with

experience or interest in audio, video, recording, webcasting, or wireless networking are welcome to join our group.

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