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WELCOME TO TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

CHURCH SCHEDULES

ST. SYMPHOROSA 6135 S. Austin Avenue Chicago, IL 60638

SUNDAY MASS

9 AM | 12 PM

MONDAY — SATURDAY MASS

8 AM mass is held during:

February | April | June August | October | December

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:30 PM

RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY | 6 PM-7 PM

ST. RENE GOUPIL

6949 W. 63rd Place Chicago, IL 60638

SUNDAY MASS

7:30 AM | 10:30 AM

MONDAY — SATURDAY MASS

8 AM mass is held during:

January | March | May July | September | November

SATURDAY VIGIL

4 PM

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS | 3 PM-3:45 PM

SCHOOL OFFICE

6125 S. Austin Avenue

Chicago, IL 60638

773.585.6888

All are welcome to join in praying the Rosary after 8 AM mass Monday through Saturday! Come meditate on Christ with us!

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MONDAY-FRIDAY

9 AM-4 PM

SATURDAY

9 AM - **12** PM

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MONDAY—FRIDAY

9 AM-3 PM

PARKING AND SAFETY REMINDER

The safety of our parish community is important and must be taken into consideration at each gathering. Should serious medical or facility issues arise unexpectedly we must be prepared. We ask that you observe parking regulations on both campus locations, churches, loading zones, etc.

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PARKING IN THE FIRE LANES



When I first started out as a journalist in the newsroom in the early 1990s, death notices were still delivered over the phone between the funeral home employee and the reporter in the newsroom who handled such calls.

Within a few years, however, the process moved to FAX machines and eventually to emails. Mistakes and errors greatly decreased, so that's a good thing. No family member wants to see the name of their loved one misspelled or see some other inaccuracy about the person's life that didn't get communicated well over the phone.

A death notice usually contains a date of birth and a date of death. It includes the names of surviving family members and the names of the who already passed. A death notice today might also include detailed information about the person's life, including career, hobbies, and sports allegiance. The notice concludes with information about visitation time, funeral Mass or some other service. This is all wonderful.

However (and you knew a however was coming), there is far too often no mention of the person's faith

FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

life, and more specifically no mention of the name Jesus for folks who are baptized Christians. This came to mind considering our Gospel this Sunday. Far too often we forget, never knew, or are indifferent to what took place on the Cross of Calvary by our Lord, Jesus Christ.

What took place at Calvary? Our redemption. Jesus shed His Blood so that we might have life. He pays the price owed by sinful humanity, but it's a price we never could have paid by our own power. Instead, our merciful God comes among us in a very intimate way; not to live, but to die. The debt owed because of justice is satisfied by mercy shown in the Person of Jesus.

No name is more important at the moment of death than the name of Jesus. He becomes the Door to new life. He is the Gate. He is the Good Shepherd who leads His sheep to green pasture. The Lords tells us in John's Gospel, chapter 14, "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Peter in today's Gospel doesn't yet understand the importance of Jesus' suffering and death. It makes no sense to him. It wouldn't be until after the Resurrection and at Pentecost that Peter would begin to understand the eternal significance of Christ's crucifixion. Jesus died our death so that we could have eternal life with Him. This is the WOW of our faith; the Paschal Mystery of Christ.

We consider this GOOD NEWS because Good Friday is not the end of the story. Easter shows us that Love is stronger than death, and Love is Who went to the cross for all humanity. He died for YOU. It's personal. It's intimate, and it requires our response.

In faith, we take up our own cross and we follow Him; we follow Jesus through the cross to the promise of resurrection. We set aside any earthly agendas so that we may more fully embrace God's Divine Will. We deny self and surrender our lives to the Lord.

On our own power, this is difficult. It butts up against our sinful pride and ego, but with the help of the Holy Spirit, all things are possible, and the Blessed Mother models for us how to fully say YES to what God desires to do in and through each one of us.

Take up your cross and stay close to Jesus.

Quote: "The way of Love has a name; it is Sacrifice." -- Josemaria Escriva





I can think of no more iconic movie moment than the baptism scene in "The Godfather". You'll recall that in the scene, Don Michael Corleone is there as the godfather to his sister Connie's child.

At the same time as the baptism, we see the Corleone mafia family taking out their rivals in a bloody, widespread manner.

All these hits were ordered and orchestrated by Michael, who at the time of the murders is responding to the priest's questions: "Do you renounce Satan? And all his works? And all his promises?"

The scene is brilliant because of the contrast shed on a man whose actions don't come close to matching the words he speaks. It's hard to imagine he will be able to carry out the role of godfather to his nephew as the Church envisions it.

Now, I'm pretty confident that we don't have any mob bosses requesting to serve as a godparent here at THM.

FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

However, the role of godparent is more than just an accessory or a superficial show that is nice to have. It's even more than a model or an important person in a child's life.

Here are the baseline requirements for being a godparent:

- Chosen by the parents and have the intention of fulfilling it
- Not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized
- Not be bound by any canonical penalty (such as being a Catholic and married outside the Church)
- Must be at least 16
- Must be confirmed and have received Holy Communion
- Leads a life in harmony with the Faith and the role to be undertaken

Like any Church law or mandate, these are not arbitrary rules. The last guideline is arguably the most important, and it's where Connie and Carlo erred in naming Michael Corleone as a godfather.

Because the great importance of any person's life of faith, the Church sees it as essential to have some extra sets of eyes looking out for another's spiritual welfare. Yes, the primary role for this is on the parents, but since they are also on for physical, emotional, and social development, it's good to have help in this duty. A person cannot give what they don't have. So, the godparents you choose for your child should be those who regularly worship at Mass, frequent the sacraments (such as confession), believe in the teachings of the Church, have a prayer life, and follow Jesus as a disciple. Of course, no one is perfect, but a godparent should be striving toward heaven as a faithful member of the Body of Christ.

While the role is meant to benefit the child, there are spiritual gifts for the godparents too! When being chosen, a godparent is able to take stock in their ability to carry out the role and look at the state of their own spiritual life. For example, my uncle found himself renewed in his faith when he was named the godfather of my youngest sister.

Often, parents want to choose siblings or other relatives as godparents. This is a great practice, provided they fit the above requirements. If not, selecting good Catholic friends is a great and commendable idea.

All of us care about the spiritual growth of the children of our parish. We want the newly baptized to be formed in the faith by true disciples of Jesus. And if you are selected as a godparent, I just ask one simple thing: don't order up a bunch of mob hits in an attempt to consolidate your power in Chicago.





It's Popcorn Time! Cub Scout Pack 4439

Will be selling popcorn after masses on Saturday and Sunday, September 16 and 17.

We will have a variety of flavors for sale in person or via online order.

Prices range from \$10 to \$50.

We will also be accepting donations to provide popcorn to members of our armed services, their families, and to veterans. Funds raised will go to support our scouts' advancement and activities, including camp.





Toreste

Saturday September 23rd and Sunday September 24th before & after ALL Masses Sponsored by your Knights of Columbus \$3 each or 2 for \$5! Proceeds benefits THM SPRED Program.

Tootsie Roll Bank

Sale

Pray For ...

Saturday September 2nd

Sunday September 3rd

- **09:00 AM** | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin Altar & Rosary Members (A&R Society) & Dolores Meyers (Arlene Scaletta) & Virginia Blazeniak (Pat Soltis) & Thomas Herman (Joanne Tishka)
- **10:30 AM** | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

分 Krysztof Jedrejewski (John Jedrejewska)
Wiestawa Jedrejewska (John Jedrejewska)

Monday September 4th

Tuesday September 5th

Wednesday September 6th

MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 2nd - SEPTEMBER 10th

Thursday September 7th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Norm ☆Vince Porcelli (Judy Porcelli) ☆Jeff Aldrich (Barbara Rendak) Return to Good Health (Mary Kolimas) ☆Barbara Rae Dulski (Diana Schmidt)

Friday September 8th

Saturday September 9th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob Happy Birthday Mark Andrew Scarlitto (Mary Scarlitto) [⊕]Francis "Paco" Calderon (Nancy Calderon)

Sunday September 10th

- **12:00 PM** | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Norm Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)



Presiders are subject to change without notice.



OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES

BURNING BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, ARE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF

<u>SEPTEMBER</u>

VINCE PORCELLI & MARIA PORCELLI For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

BOB, JOHN, BOBBY SOLTIS & NICK ALDERFER

For the repose of their souls, given by Pat Soltis.

CHARLES DeLAURIEA

For the repose of the soul, given by Lorraine DeLauriea.

LEON & HELEN SOLTYS

For the repose of their souls, given by Cheryl Soltys.

In the lighting of candles, we remember and truly live the words of Our Lord: "I am the Light of the World." In the lighting of the sanctuary candles we honor a loved one, living or deceased.

Please Join Us in Praying for the Sick

Arnold Adaska Guadalupe Almendarez Raeann Arends Mary Bieser Fr. Ted Bojczuk Sara Bragiel Maxine Carey Judy Carranza Giovanni Carrigan Rita Cernick Michael Clifford Marilyn Crites Margaret Dalton Leon Detlaf Debbie Flint Maria Flores Ken Fonte Mia Forbes Nia Forbes Sue G. John Garcia Geri Gestaut Florence Goluch Karen Holmes Heather Hradek Shawn Hughes Denise M. Jandura

Joan Juris **Rick Jutton** John Kappel, Jr. Ron Kelly Claudia Kwilosz Sharon Labiak Flavia Langan James Lapsansky Maryann Larson Natalie LeCompte Domenico Lepore Rose Ann Lindsay Rosemary Litwin Maria Lopez Diane Malarick Cathy Mazieka Lori McCarthy Maria Montiel Edward Moriartv Clarence Oleszkiewicz Bob Pac Eleanor Pastorek Jesus Perez Juan B. Perez Maria P. Perez Maria Paz Perez Stanley Polit Leticia Reyes

Graciela Rivas Ann Robertson Fr. John Rudnik Joseph Rudnik Jack Ruggiero Mary Shortall Karen Singer Pat Soltis Brian Styka Sr. Christine Styka Terry Styka Joanne Tishka Shirley Tloczek Adele Vacchiano Buddy Valela Magdalena Valerio Dan Volanti Judith Webber Becky Williams JoAnn Wolniak Beverly Zummerling



Due to privacy laws, names may only be added by immediate family members. Please call the parish office to add or remove a name.



If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. - Romans $14\!\cdot\!8$

Eternal Rest

Dorothy Mae Baran Michael Sutkowski Dr. Bernard Slusinski James Marcinkowski



Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH OFFERTORY 8/27: \$11,131.53

Split the Pot Winning Envelope # 66531 -\$345.00

To our registered parishioners, please remember a minimum of \$5 is required to participate.



ONLINE/ELECTRONIC

DONATIONS

\$8,208.00

July 1, 2023 to July 31, 2023

Total number of transactions:

270



ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY

Would like to invite you to come and join them on Tuesday September 5th, they will have a meeting in the Narthex at St. Rene Goupil. Meeting begins at 12pm.

Please join us!



SUPER SENIOR CLUB NEWS

The two (2) meetings for September will be Wednesday September 13th and Wednesday September 27th. Doors open at 11:30am meeting convenes at 12 noon in the St. Rene Narthex. SEE YOU THERE!!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

9/03-Sunday

Altar & Rosary Society Mass | St. Symphorosa at 9AM

9/04-Monday

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY!

9/05- Tuesdav

- Altar & Rosary Society Meeting | St. Rene Goupil at 12PM Confirmation Commit Service | St. Rene Goupil at 6PM
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- Knights of Columbus | St. Rene Goupil at 7PM \Diamond

9/06-Wednesday

- School Yearbook pick up | St. Symphorosa (A-Hall) at 3-5PM
- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting | St. Rene Goupil at 6:30PM Δ

9/07 - Thursday

- Cub Scout Pack 4439 Mtg | St. Symphorosa (2nd Floor SC) at 6:30PM
- Weekly Gospel Reflections | St. Rene Goupil at 6:30PM





Cub Scout Pack 4439 invites any interested families to join us as we start a new year!

All boys and girls entering kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to register. Through Cub Scouts your child will make new friends and engage in fun, hands-on activities that promote character development, service, and leadership through outdoor activities, STEM, and more! We will have a parent meeting and introduction to scouting night at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, September 7 in the Sharp Center for interested families. Please reach out to cubscoutpack4439@gmail.com for more information.

9/08-Friday

- School Mass | St. Symphorosa at 11AM
- Girl Scouts | St. Symphorosa (S-Hall) at 5:30PM \Diamond
- \Diamond Baptismal Classes | St. Rene Goupil at 6PM

9/09 Saturday & 9/10 Sunday

Ad Gentes Missionary Congregation & Society | All Masses

9/10 Sunday

- First Responders Mass for Past or Present | St. Symphorosa at 12PM
- BINGO | St. Rene Goupil | DOORS OPEN at 11:30AM GAMES BEGIN at 1PM

KINDLY NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE IF DATES FOR THESE EVENTS HAVE CHANGED.



Calling all crafters & vendors!!

Two Holy Martyrs Parish invites you to join our 9th annual

Holiday Extravaganza

luncheon, craft & vendor fair

Sponsored by the THM Transformation Committee

Sunday, November 12, 2023 10:30am-2:30pm Sharp Center

Booth fee \$40 (no chairs) Table fee \$45 (2 chairs) Electricity fee \$5

5940 W. 62nd Street, Chgo. IL, 60638

Please contact Taura Basulto at (708) 634-6748 or thmvendorfair@gmail.com to secure your spot!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS







Attention all St. Symphorosa School students and Two Holy Martyrs Religious Education students:

Are you looking to participate in athletics during the 2023 - 2024 school year?

Some of the sports offered this year include: Coed soccer (grades pre-k - 3), basketball (grades 1-8), girls volleyball (grades 5-8), and Coed run club (grades 4-8) for students.

Please email <u>athletics@stsymsschool.org</u> for more information on how to register!



PARISH MERCHANDISE

- Parish Baseball Caps **\$15 ea**. and in stock for pick-up in the Parish Office.
- Parish T-Shirts, Sweaters and Hoodies are available to be ordered.



We are currently accepting resumes for Non Seasonal, Part or Full Time Maintenance Position. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter, highlighting experience and interest to khilliard@archchicago.org



Sunday September 10, 2023

Doors Open 11:30AM - Games Begin 1:00PM

Refreshments & Food are Available for Purchase FREE COFFEE Admission \$20 at the Door

For More Information Call 773-767-1523



An Invitation

Maybe you're someone who sang in a choir when you were in grade school or high school. You should consider joining the parish choir.

Or maybe you're someone who sang on stage in the theater or a garage band. You'd probably love to sing in the choir.

Or you might just be that person who's always among the first to sign up for karaoke or belting it out with the oldies station as you drive down Archer Avenue. Choir is waiting for you!

The parish choir rehearses Wednesdays 7-8:30pm at St. Symphorosa and alternates singing for the 9am and 10:30am Masses on Sundays beginning in mid-September until early June. We also serve on Christmas Eve & Day and during the Holy Week services.

New and returning members are asked to call or email by September 8 so that the correct number of choir binders and chairs can be prepared in time for the first rehearsal.

If you're interested in joining or have questions please contact :

David Boyle 773.767.1523 ext. 225 or

email 2HMChoir@gmail.com



FAITH FORMATION Important!

FALL CLASSES

BEGIN



FAITH FORMATION **CLASSES BEGIN SOON!**

We are now in the process of organizing classes and recruiting Catechists, so it is important for you to send

Please call Peggy in the Faith Formation Office with

Classes... designed to get students "caught-up" and

Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, from 6:00 -

&

Classes will also be offered on Saturday mornings

Our Faith Formation Program offers classes for students in grades 1 – 8. Including Sacramental

in your registration as soon as possible.

any questions (773) 767-1523 ext. 226.

prepared to receive the Sacraments.

from 9:00am until 10:30am.

7:30pm.



Family Prayer

O God, we long to know you and to love you, but the busyness of life often gets in the way.

Help us to recognize the ordinary, daily ways that our family can learn about you and grow closer to you.

We know that you are with us, leading us and guiding us on our way.

AMEN.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 9/5: Confirmation Commitment Service. St. Rene Church 6pm.
- 9/9: Faith Formation First Saturday Class @ St. SYM'S Campus.
- 9/12: Faith Formation First Tuesday Class @ St. SYM'S Campus.
- 9/16: Confirmation Commitment Service. St. Sym's Church 11:30am.
- 9/17: Catechetical Sunday 9am Mass @ St. Sym's. Church.
- 9/23: Faith Formation Classes Saturday, St. SYM'S Campus.
- 9/24: Welcome Back Family Mass. St. Rene Church, 10:30am.
- 9/26: Faith Formation Classes Tuesday, St. SYM'S Campus.



"A Family Celebrating Faith" Two Holy Martyrs Parish Faith Formation Program Welcomes Your Family!

parish staff and catechetical The community of Two Holy Martyrs Parish welcome you to this year-long journey of faith enrichment. We thank you for choosing to register in our program for the 2023 - 2024 parish year. We sincerely feel that we offer a very well-established, well-planned, educationally sound program built upon the deep tradition of Catholic faith. We hold a deep respect for each family and every individual student entrusted to our care.

at our St. Symphorosa Campus.

This year all our Faith Formation Classes will be held



PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

Our Faith Formation Students preparing for Confirmation, along with their parents, are scheduled to participate in a Commitment Service, in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. During the upcoming year these students will seek service opportunities to help them grow in discipleship as they serve those in need. We invite you to please remember them in your prayers during this time of preparation.

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH | SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

ST. SYMS IS "SETTING THE STAGE FOR SUCCESS" AS WE KICK OFF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!



WE ARE THRILLED TO WELCOME ALL OUR NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS TO ANOTHER GREAT YEAR AT ST. SYMPHOROSA CATHOLIC SCHOOL, THE PARISH SCHOOL OF TWO HOLY MARTYRS.

OUR THEME FOR THE YEAR IS "SETTING THE STAGE FOR SUCCESS!" OUR STUDENTS WALKED DOWN THE RED CARPET ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AND WERE TREATED LIKE STARS!

CALL 773.585.6888 OR EMAIL RBANDEN@STSYMPHOROSASCHOOL.ORG TO SCHEDULE A TOUR!