

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | JANUARY 8, 2023



"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

- Matthew 2:10-11



TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

ST. SYMPHOROSA + ST. RENE GOUPIL

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MASS TIMES

ST. SYMPHOROSA

6135 S. Austin Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60638

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil
5:30 PM

Sunday

9 AM
12 PM

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Saturday | 8 AM at
alternating church sites in the
following months:
Feb. | Apr. | June | Aug.
Oct. | Dec.

RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays | 6 PM to 7 PM

ST. RENE GOUPILE

6949 West 63rd Place
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WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil
4 PM

Sunday

7:30 AM
10:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Saturday | 8 AM at
alternating church sites in the
following months:
Jan. | Mar. | May | July
Sept. | Nov.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays | 3 PM to 3:45 PM

*Join us after every daily mass (Mon. - Sat.) in praying the Rosary.
Everyone is welcome! Come meditate on Christ with us!*

Two Holy Martyrs Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday | 9 AM to 4 PM

Saturday | 9 AM to 12 PM

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St. Symphorosa School Office Hours

Monday - Friday | 9 AM to 3 PM

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FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG



Light overtakes darkness every single time.

Imagine walking into a completely dark room and closing the door. You can see nothing, not even your hand before

your face. You reach for the light switch and lift it up. Boom! Let there be light. The light immediately overtakes the darkness, and you can see again.

We keep this limited analogy in mind as we ponder this Sunday the Epiphany of the Lord.

Let's break down the word Epiphany. There are two Greek words: epi and phaino. Epi means "on, upon," and phaino means "to appear, to shine." The Epiphany refers to the divinity of Jesus "shining upon" the earth. In other words, it is the manifestation of his divine nature.

The baby born of Mary is the enfleshment of God, the Incarnation. The Second Person of the Holy Trinity took to Himself human flesh while remaining fully divine. Christ is the Light of the world.

Our first reading from Isaiah reads, "Rise up in splendor Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you."

Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah that the prophets of old foretold. Christ is the Word of God made flesh. He came not to live but to die so that we might have life. This is the eternal Light that overtakes the darkness. Sin, evil, and death are eternally conquered through the suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus.

Our Gospel on the Epiphany of the Lord features the arrival of the Magi. These educated star-gazers travel in search of the "newborn king of the Jews." They are sincere seekers of

truth and allow truth to guide them. This stands in contrast to King Herod, who uses deception to ascertain the whereabouts of this "baby king."

Herod said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

The earthly king had no intention of giving homage to baby Jesus. His sinister intention was to seek out the baby and have him murdered. As is so often the case, a person's evil intention is hidden behind an apparent good. Herod said he wanted to give the baby homage. That's the lie that is juxtaposed with the sincere seeking of the Magi.

Notice the reaction of the Magi once they encounter Truth. "They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

The Magi bring gifts to the one who is our Eternal Gift; a wonderful reciprocity of love. How are we responding to this same Gift?

Theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar wrote, "What you are is God's gift to you. What you become is your gift to God."

Who are we becoming? Do we allow truth and love to guide us toward the Light? Or have we been tricked by the Herods of our world – in cooperation with the Enemy -- into seeking God's "elimination?" The Magi model for us right worship. Herod reveals to us rebelliousness to God's love and God's law. Hence, the spiritual battle we all experience in our hearts: to worship God as God, or not to worship God, which eventually becomes worship of the self.

We are invited to RECEIVE the Gift of Christmas – Light breaking into our world; to RETURN this Gift with our love; and to SHARE this Gift of Good News with the world. By allowing the Light of Christ into our hearts,

we become little lights (little Christs) amidst to the darkness of this world, knowing full well that in the end, Light triumphs. Love never fails.

CHRISTMAS APPRECIATION

Thank you to everyone who helped make Christmas in our parish a reality.

So many people helped purchase and give gifts to the needy. Then we had loyal parishioners who helped organize and deliver the gifts. We had dedicated parishioners helping to decorate our churches so beautifully. There were those helping to clean our churches. We had many folks placing Mass intentions so we could pray for our beloved dead.

Generosity came out in our financial giving. Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute to our Christmas collection.

Thank you to everyone who gave gifts to our three priests. Fr. Norm, Fr. Matt, and myself are humbled by your generosity and concerns. And please know that you all are gifts to us. The Lord has placed you in our care. What a responsibility!

Thank you to our parish staff who work each day diligently to help make Two Holy Martyrs Parish function.

Thank you to our music director David, our organist Raul, and our parish choir for providing beautiful sacred music for our liturgies.

And finally, thank you to our Lord for truly making Christmas a reality. Without Jesus – without the Incarnation – Christmas loses its Why. The Why of Christmas is ... Jesus, the Light of the world.

Here's wishing all of you a very blessed New Year. May the Blessed Mother watch over us and protect us, and may our two holy martyrs (St. Symphorosa & St. René Goupil) give us courage to love our faith and live our faith amidst the trials and tribulations of this world.

"We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light." PLATO

LET US PRAY



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7 - JANUARY 13

Saturday, December 7th

4:00 PM | St. René Goupil Church | Presider: Fr. Bob

† Elisa Aranda (Almendarez Family)

† Patricia Biniewicz (Linda Dobias)

5:30 PM | St. Symphorosa Church | Presider: Fr. Norm

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

Sunday, January 8th

7:30 AM | St. René Goupil Church | Presider: Fr. Bob

Living & deceased members of the Kenney Family

Living & deceased members of the O'Brien Family

† Al Beyer (Toni P.)

† Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

9:00 AM | St. Symphorosa Church | Presider: Fr. Norm

† Edward Pudelek (Arlene Scaletta)

† Marge & Bob Fitzgerald (Sally Carmody)

† Victor Kasput (Arlene Scaletta)

† Kathleen Calcagno (Kucinsky & Duerwerth Families)

10:30 AM | St. René Goupil Church | Presider: Fr. Mike Knotek

† Patricia Biniewicz (THM Parish Choir)

† Anthony Sanfratello (Sanfratello Family)

† Joanne Bukowiecki (Dan & Patti)

† Christian Furczon

12:00 PM | St. Symphorosa Church | Presider: Fr. Mike Knotek

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Bob Murawski (Quinn Markham)

† Steve Depke (Sue & Larry)

† James Price (Jeff Billa)

† Xavier Michael Esteban (Lisa Esteban-Rios)

Monday, January 9th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

† Maria Staszal (Barbara Rendak)

† Olivia Rodriguez (Bert Rodriguez)

Tuesday, January 10th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

† Dorothy Meng (Marilyn Kloc)

Wednesday, January 11th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

† Virginia Blazeniak

Thursday, January 12th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

† Joseph Sas (Basia Rendak)

Friday, January 13th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

† Nick Bouzios (Janina)

† Dorothy Meng (Marilyn Kloc)

ETERNAL REST FOR...

CAROL ANN CORCORON

DONAL CORCORON

ELAINE FALIBENE

GEORGE KOUBA

ROBERT M. PIZZO

FRANCES SZUMOWSKI

For 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.

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Romans 14:8

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Saturday, January 14th

8:00 AM | St. René Goupil Church

† Jane Loye (Son Phil Kujawa)

4:00 PM | St. René Goupil Church | Presider: Fr. Bob

† Patricia Biniewicz (Irene Perconti)

† Frances Szumowski

5:30 PM | St. Symphorosa Church | Presider: Fr. Bob

† Heather Marie McGuire (Tim & Pat Sage)

† Frances Szumowski (Patricia Perepechko)

Sunday, January 15th

7:30 AM | St. René Goupil Church | Presider: Fr. Bob

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

9:00 AM | St. Symphorosa Church | Presider: Fr. Bob

Deceased members of the O'Donnell Family (Family)

† Millie Newtoff - 40th Annv. of Death (Family)

† Richard Newtoff (Family)

† Patricia Biniewicz (Arlene Scaletta)

10:30 AM | St. René Goupil Church | Presider: Fr. Matt

† Robert Peters (Karen Walsh)

12:00 PM | St. Symphorosa Church | Presider: Fr. Norm

† Catherine M. Ollry (Mary Pacius)

Weekend presider subject to change without notice.

Make a resolution this year to visit Him at Holy Hour!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday at 5:45 PM at our St. Symphorosa Church.

Confessions from 6 PM - 7 PM.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Arnold Adaska	Denise M. Jandura	Maria Paz Perez
Guadalupe Almendarez	Rich S. Jandura	Stanley Polit
Raeann Arends	Rick Jutton	Leticia Reyes
Ignatius Battiato	Joan Juris	Graciela Rivas
Domingo Battung III	John Kappel, Jr.	Ann Robertson
Hichelle Battung	Ron Kelly	Fr. John Rudnik
Dominic Battung	Robert Kroll	Joseph Rudnik
Hannah Battung	Claudia Kwilosz	Jack Ruggiero
Jean Bell	Sharon Labiak	John Shipper
Mary Bieser	Flavia Langan	Mary Shortall
Fr. Ted Bojczuk	James Lapsansky	Elizabeth Sivek
Maxine Carey	Maryann Larson	Pat Soltis
Judy Carranza	Natalie LeCompte	Brian Styka
Giovanni Carrigan	Domenico Lepore	Sr. Christine Styka
Rita Cernick	Rose Ann Lindsay	Terry Styka
Michael Clifford	Maria Lopez	Michael Sutkowski
Marilyn Crites	Diane Malarick	Pat Szczepanski
Margaret Dalton	Cathy Mazieka	Joanne Tishka
Leon Detlaf	Lori McCarthy	Shirley Tloczek
Debbie Flint	Maria Montiel	Buddy Valela
Maria Flores	Bob Pac	Judith Webber
Mia Forbes	Eleanor Pastorek	Becky Williams
Nia Forbes	Jesus Perez	JoAnn Wolniak
Geri Gestaut	Juan B. Perez	Beverly Zimmerling
Heather Hradek	Maria P. Perez	Chester
Shawn Hughes	Juan Perez	Michelle

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

FR. MATT'S REFLECTION



On this Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, we recall the Magi, their diligent searching for "the newborn king of the Jews,"

(Matthew 2:2) and their rejoicing at finding Him. In the week since Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI died, some of his prophetic words seem to exemplify the current challenge for people to seek Christ as did the Magi:

"Let us dwell on only two points. The first is the journey towards 'the maturity of Christ.' ... More precisely, in accordance with the Greek text, we should speak of the 'measure of the fullness of Christ' that we are called to attain if we are to be true adults in the faith. We must not remain children in faith, in the condition of minors. And what does it mean to be children in faith? St. Paul answers: it means being 'tossed here and there, carried about by every wind of doctrine' (Eph 4: 14). This description is very timely!

How many winds of doctrine have we known in recent decades, how many ideological currents, how many ways of thinking. The small boat of the thought of many Christians has often been tossed about by these waves—flung from one extreme to

another: from Marxism to liberalism, even to libertinism; from collectivism to radical individualism; from atheism to a vague religious mysticism; from agnosticism to syncretism and so forth. Every day new sects spring up, and what St. Paul says about human deception and the trickery that strives to entice people into error (cf. Eph 4: 14) comes true.

Today, having a clear faith based on the Creed of the Church is often labeled as fundamentalism. Whereas relativism, that is, letting oneself be "tossed here and there, carried about by every wind of doctrine" seems the only attitude that can cope with modern times. We are building a dictatorship of relativism that does not recognize anything as definitive and whose ultimate goal consists solely of one's own ego and desires.

We, however, have a different goal: the Son of God, the true man. He is the measure of true humanism. An 'adult' faith is not a faith that follows the trends of fashion and the latest novelty; a mature adult faith is deeply rooted in friendship with Christ. It is this friendship that opens us up to all that is good and gives us a criterion by which to distinguish the true from the false, and deceit from truth.

We must develop this adult faith; we must guide the flock of Christ to this faith. And it is this faith — only faith — that creates unity and is fulfilled in love ... Make truth in love. Truth

and love coincide in Christ. To the extent that we draw close to Christ, in our own lives too, truth and love are blended ... Our redemption is brought about in this communion of wills: being friends of Jesus, to become friends of God. The more we love Jesus, the more we know him, the more our true freedom develops and our joy in being redeemed flourishes. Thank you, Jesus, for your friendship! ... We must be enlivened by a holy restlessness: a restlessness to bring to everyone the gift of faith, of friendship with Christ. Truly, the love and friendship of God was given to us so that it might also be shared with others ... So let us go and pray to the Lord to help us bear fruit that endures. Only in this way will the earth be changed from a valley of tears to a garden of God."

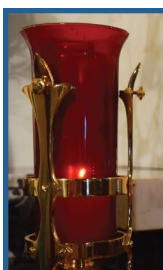
(Accessed on 2 January 2023, <https://aleteia.org/2016/04/25/the-diagnosis-and-the-cure-benedict-xvi-and-the-dictatorship-of-relativism/>.)

What we believe and pray: That our joy, not temporary excitement but lasting happiness, comes from and with God.

What to stop doing, sins to avoid: Is there a part of our life where we equivocate on what is morally good and true, where we are being relativistic?

What to do: Now is a good time to change to act accord with our faith, with what fosters friendship with Christ.

"And behold, I [Jesus] am with you always, until the end of the age." - MATTHEW 28:20



OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES, BURNING BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, ARE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

For the repose of the soul of Michael Nowakowski given by Parents Joe & Josie Pulido.

For the living & deceased members of the Battung Family given by Rosario Battung.

For the repose of the souls of Vince Porcelli & his daughter Maria Porcelli given by Family.

For the repose of the soul of Joan Brown given by her daughter Cathy Kordelewski.

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' presence in the Tabernacle help welcome our prayers into His eternal presence.

EMBRACE THE GRACE

The Weekly E-Newsletter of Two Holy Martyrs Parish



Are you signed up to receive Father Bob's Embrace the Grace Weekly Reflection?

Register your email by scanning the QR Code, calling the office, or visiting our website!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT



TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH
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MONTHLY BINGO!

THIS WEEKEND!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH
ST. RENE GOUPIL CAMPUS
(FLANNERY HALL)
6340 SOUTH NEW ENGLAND AVE.

DOORS OPEN AT 12:30 PM
GAMES BEGIN AT 1:30 PM

ADMISSION TO PLAY: \$20 AT THE DOOR



Your donations make all the difference, thank you!

In need of help? Call St. Vincent de Paul at (773) 682-3342.



Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request in praying for **FOR EDUCATORS** in the month of January:

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

New Parishioners and Updating Information:

Please visit the parish office or our website (www.twoholymartyrs.org) to register. If you have changed your phone number, email address, or have moved, please visit our website to update your information or call the parish office.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls:

Please contact our parish office to make arrangements. If calling after business hours please call (773) 242-7525.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Celebrated the second and fourth Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM in Church. A Parent Preparation Session is required. Please contact Maggie (ext. 248) for more information.

Marriages:

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to the proposed date of the wedding. Please do not schedule a wedding date until you have contacted the parish office. Please contact Maggie (ext. 248) for assistance.

Mass Intentions:

A stipend of \$10 is suggested for any mass intention. Advance notice is required to ensure publication in the bulletin. Mass intentions are limited to 4 per mass & are entered on a first come, first served bases. **The 2023 Mass Intention Book is open.**

Bulletin Deadlines:

Any parish organization, community group, or ministry that would like to have their group's information published in the bulletin must have it submitted to Hugo Lopez by 10 AM on the Monday before the proceeding weekend liturgy. **No exception!**



Stewardship

<p>DECEMBER 25, 2022 Split the Pot Collection: \$345.00 Winning Envelope: #63109</p>	<p>TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH OFFERING For the weekend of Sunday, December 25, 2022 \$10,809.05</p>
<p>JANUARY 1, 2023 Split the Pot Collection: \$400.00 Winning Envelope: #63242 <small>Reminder: A minimum of \$5.00 is required to participate.</small></p>	<p>For the weekend of Sunday, January 1, 2023 \$9,318.50 <i>Thank you for your generosity!</i></p>

SAVE THE DATE!



CASINO Night

MARCH 18, 2023

Sponsored by the St. Symphorosa School Advisory Board

PARISH PARKING REMINDERS

There are two parking reminders we would like to highlight

- Please do not park in the Church Fire Lanes:**
 - St. René Goupil Fire Lanes - east side of covered Church entry doors
 - St. Symphorosa Fire Lanes – Handicap ramp along the east side of the church
- Please do not park any vehicles overnight in any of our parish parking lots:**
 - We need these areas clear during the winter for plowing/salting.
 - Unfortunately, any overnight vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

The Parish appreciates everyone's understanding. We are trying to ensure that Two Holy Martyrs Parish provides a safe environment for our parishioners, school families, staff, and visitors who attend mass and spend time at our two campus locations throughout the year.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

What to do at a Holy Hour?

AN EASY TO USE GUIDE ON HOW TO PRAY

Ever try to pray only to soon find out you don't know what to do? Ever visit a Holy Hour in front of the Monstrance and become frustrated because you didn't know what to do? Here are a few suggestions as to how to make a good holy hour.

MINUTES 0-5: Meditate on the following quote from the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "God calls man first. Man may forget his Creator or hide far from his face; he may run after idols or accuse the deity of having abandoned him; yet the living and true God tirelessly calls each person to that mysterious encounter known as prayer. In prayer, God's initiative of love always comes first; our own first step is always a response." (no. 2567)

MINUTES 5-10: Look in your heart; look at your life. What do you want? What do you really want from God? Tell God right now what you need from Him during this time of prayer.

MINUTES 10-15: Find a passage from the Bible. Maybe it's a Psalm; maybe it's the readings from daily Mass; maybe it's the readings at the upcoming Sunday Mass. Find a passage from Scripture. Read the passage slowly. Get familiar with the text. Read the passage a second time, this time read it even slower. Very, very slowly read the passage a third time. Pay attention to which word, words, or phrases "tug" at your heart or get your attention.

MINUTES 15-25: Think about your life; think about the reality of your life. What are the word, words, or phrases from the Bible speaking to in your life? How does the Bible passage connect to your life? Look deep within.

MINUTES 25-35: Talk to God. Talk to God as if He were a real person. Talk to God like Moses did: "The Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as one man speaks to another." (Exodus 33:11)

MINUTES 35-45: Listen. God will speak to you. Maybe God will speak to you through a thought in your head ... or a song in your heart or a memory ... or a feeling in your body. Listen with all your senses.

MINUTES 45-50: Return to the Scripture passage again. Read it slowly one more time. Is there any word, words, or phrases that speak to you again?

MINUTES 50-55: What can you do today, this week, to act on what God has revealed to you? Practically speaking, in your real life, what can you do?

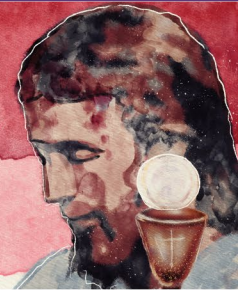
MINUTES 55-60: Thank the Lord. Blessings are specific and so should our gratitude. Tell God specifically what you're thankful for.

He's waiting to forgive you...

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), we encounter Jesus Christ. The Heart of Christ burns with love for us and He wants us to experience his immense and unfathomable mercy by confessing our sins and receiving his forgiveness. **Come to confess on:**

Tuesdays | 6 PM to 7 PM | St. Symphorosa Church
Saturdays | 3 PM to 3:45 PM | St. René Goupil Church

...His mercy endures forever.



Calling all ministry leaders, youth/student group organizers, troop leaders, coaches, and any one else who utilizes our Two Holy Martyrs Parish Campuses for events!

There will be a mandatory "Facilities Usage Meeting" on Thursday, January 19th, 2023. To accommodate work schedules, we will have two time slots available:

10 AM & 6:30 PM

If you are a coordinator of a group that uses any of the parish facilities for meetings, gatherings, practices, classes, etc., you are required to attend this meeting!

Unsure if you qualify to attend this meeting? Please contact Hugo Lopez in the Parish Office at (773) 767-1523 or HLopez@archchicago.org.



Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s):

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph and Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on March 3rd - 5th, 2023.

Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it!
Cost is \$285 for meals and a single room.

Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Looking for a great Catholic Education for your child...

The Tax Credit Scholarship through Empower Illinois or Big Shoulders Fund can make this a reality!

Application Deadlines

Big Shoulders Fund

January 12 at 8am

Visit <https://bigshouldersfund.org/how-to-apply> to learn more

Empower Illinois

January 18 at 7pm

Visit <https://empowerillinois.org/apply/how-do-i-apply> to learn more



ST. SYMPHOROSA
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
OF TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

Looking to make a difference?

You can help a child receive a quality Catholic Education by donating to the Tax Credit Scholarship Fund! For a limited time between Dec 1 and March 31, you can take advantage of a 1 for 1 matching program that will double the impact of your gift! Learn more at www.archchicago.org/tcs

FAITH FORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

1/14: Faith Formation Classes - St. Symphorosa Campus (Sat.)

1/17: Faith Formation Classes - St. René Goupil Campus (Tues.)

1/22: Second Grade Family Mass



Faith Formation Program Emergency Closing Information

Important Reminder: In the event of a heavy snowfall, or inclement weather, you can access Emergency Closing Information for our program by going to our website: TwoHolyMartyrs.org.

In the event of an emergency closing, the announcement will be the first message displayed on the website homepage.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Peg Siebenaler, Faith Formation Coordinator
(773) 767-1523 Ext. 226 | msiebenaler@archchicago.org

At this time of joyful sharing, we thank all our Parish Families who have so generously supported the Advent Outreach Project sponsored by the Faith Formation Program.

There was an abundance of cards collected for the Veterans at Hines Hospital and for the American Soldiers serving overseas.

The Faith Formation students, at all our levels, are very aware of Jesus' call to assist those in need. May God be gracious to you and your families for your generosity and kindness this past Advent season!



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COMMUNION

BELONGING SERVICE

On Sunday, January 22, at the 9 AM Mass at our St. Symphorosa Church, our Faith Formation Students and Second Graders from our St. Symphorosa School preparing for Holy Communion will be received as candidates for First Eucharist. The candidates are invited to bring a loaf of sandwich bread to Mass. The bread symbolizes Jesus, The Bread of Life. All the bread will be donated to our local food pantry.

Christmas Pageant at St. Symphorosa Church (left) and St. René Goupil Church (right).



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Pregnant Volunteers Needed for Ultrasound Training

The Women's Centers is looking for pregnant women to volunteer for free ultrasounds for our upcoming Limited Obstetrical Ultrasound Training for nurses.

If interested, please call us at 773. 283.1400 to see if you qualify & book your appointment today!



JANUARY 9TH - 19TH 2023

773.283.1400

FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TRIMESTERS WELCOME