



WELCOME TO TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

CHURCH SCHEDULES

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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

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



God wired us for worship.

Think about that for a while. Everybody worships. You might protest and say, "Fr. Bob, not everyone believes in God." That's true, but it is still true that everybody worships. They might not worship God but spend some time with them and soon you will discover the object of their worship.

Some folks worship power. Others worship money. And still others put pleasure or honor/fame on their altar. In our own day, we are also seeing a rise in the worship of self.

Well, there is nothing new under the sun. People have always turned to false idols; something we make a god that is NOT GOD. We are not immune in the year 2023 from turning away from the One True God and making something or someone else a god.

A few months ago, during the context of spiritual direction, I asked the young man who is my directee what his peers are turning to in place of religion. He quickly answered, "politics." His answer did not surprise me. "Put not trust in princes." (Psalm 146).

God wired us as worshiping creatures. And in the wake of the suffering, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ, we have an amazing avenue to direct our worship. For Catholics, this is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Holy Mass is the sacred place where we can step out of the ordinary of the world and step into the extraordinary liturgy where heaven and earth KISS. Jesus is the mediator between divinity and humanity. We see all this with eyes of faith.

Sunday is the Lord's Day. This is the new Sabbath, and we are to keep it holy. Six days a week we labor. The Lord sets aside one day in which we nourish our souls. We worship God. We rest. We spend time with family.

Remember, God doesn't need our worship. Sometimes earthly tyrants do. God does not. However, we need it. We need to remember the saving acts of Christ; not just for humanity,

FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

but for YOU specifically. He dies so that we may have LIFE. Heaven starts now.

May our gathering for Sunday Mass bring us closer to God and closer to each other.

Matter of Perception

Over the past few years, it has become apparent to me that many people think the Archdiocese of Chicago has done nothing to address the sexual abuse of children by clergy.

This is NOT true. The AOC has set the standard nationally for itself and other institutions for how to justly, respectfully, and swiftly deal with any kind of abuse of a minor. Policies, standards and procedures have been put in place for the past 30 years.

We must, however, accept the fact that deviant crimes took place in the past (primarily in the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s). There must be justice for the victims and their respective families. These crimes have real victims; men and women who are real human beings scarred for life. We cannot deny this history. Whatever is true must come to light.

However, we must also recognize the steps taken by AOC leaders over the past three decades that have helped minimize, if not eliminate, the sexual abuse of children.

Anyone who works or volunteers in the Church and has direct contact with youth MUST have a criminal background check, be Virtus trained, be a mandated reporter, and complete regular compliance checks. Our teachers and our catechists are vetted.

A young man discerning the priesthood must undergo a 4-5 hour psychological exam before being admitted to the major seminary. He also has a background check done on him. Upon entering the seminary, he too undergoes regular Virtus training and has mandated reporter training. In the process of his 4-6 years in the major seminary, he undergoes regular formation meetings, and is evaluated by faculty each year.

We certainly wish all these things were in place back in 1960, but they weren't. Not in the Church. And not in other major institutions. We've learned a lot since the 1960s.

Much of what we are seeing reported in the news are abuse cases from decades ago. This is not to excuse any of the deviant behavior but merely to point out that credible cases of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest have plummeted over the past few decades.

The previous three archbishops of Chicago have engaged this issue, and our current archbishop (Cardinal Blasé Cupich) takes this issue very seriously along with the lay leaders who assist in this area.

If there can be a silver lining in such unseemly news, we hope the Archdiocese of Chicago can serve as an example for other institutions of what can be done to address the sexual abuse of minors.

This is always an uncomfortable topic. But if we are truly serious in the year 2023 about addressing this issue, then we need to look at ALL corners of society. Yes, the Church, but if anyone thinks this issue is exclusively a Catholic Church issue, then they are being either naïve or intentionally misleading.

Sexual abuse of children happens in families, sports organizations, scouts, grade schools, and high schools. It can happen in Hollywood and Washington DC. There also exists today rings of international sex trafficking of children. There are people who supply for the sick demand. The sexual abuse of a minor by ANY adult is always morally wrong, but in the Church, it is scandal of the highest sort.

Some folks may perceive this bulletin article as an attempt to misdirect or downplay what has taken place within the walls of the institutional Church. I, however, desire it to be a lesson in keeping proper perspective about a very serious issue that pervades our society today. May we continue to see this issue with eyes of truth and justice.

Mary, Queen of Sorrows, pray for us!





MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 18TH-JUNE 24TH

Saturday June 17th

04:00 PM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

骨Vince Porcelli (Judy Porcelli)

骨Frances Szumowski (Elizabeth Sivek)

Health & God's Blessings for Dan Volanti (Family)

Sunday June 18th

07:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

Good Health & Safety for Tulik Family (Marge Tulik)

骨Bobby Soltis - Happy Birthday (Mom)

 ${\sf Good\ Health\ \&\ Lord's\ blessing\ for\ Mary\ Ellen\ Compton}$

Antonio Valenzuela - Happy Father's Day (Gloria Valenzuela)

09:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Norm

⊕Jack & John O'Leary (Bea & Mike)

♣ Philip & Helen Prendergast (Family)

10:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Knotek

♣ Robert Zeutschel (wife Dolores)

♣ Alice & Rita Tomczak (Rich Janik)

☆ Kimberly McInerney (Yakes Family)

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

Monday June 19th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob

骨Vince Porcelli (Judy Porcelli)

Tuesday June 20th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob

☆Marge Lullo (Kathy Calcagno)

Cristina Petrosky Happy Birthday (Rosario Battung)

Wednesday June 21th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Norm

⊕Alois Cerv (Mary Sarlitto)

⊕Bruna, Luigi, Anna & Tony Tomassini (Family) Clarence & Harriet Wiatrak (Daughter-in-law Clara)

Thursday June 22nd

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Norm

♣Robert Zeutschel 1st year anniversary (wife Dolores)

骨 James Inendino (Friends)

Friday June 23rd

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob

令Stanley Mateja (Ives Family)

骨Edward Herdzik (Kumiega Family)

Saturday June 24th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Norm

☆Kathy Arvetis (Husband)

04:00 PM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

05:30 PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Norm

For Blessings & Love of family between Julian & Fernando Valenzuela (Gloria Valenzuela)

Sunday June 25th

07:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

令Vince Porcelli (Judy Porcelli)

引ose Colon (Garcia Family)

09:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob

♣ Virginia Blazeniak (Tony & Kelli Alvarez)

10:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

⊕ Robert Zeutschel (wife Dolores)

♣ Rita Tomczak (Corbett Family)

12:00 PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Knotek 90th Birthday Blessings for Joan Wash (Irene Korosa)

Congratulations - God Blessings Fr. Teo Bojezut (Joan

Hamann)

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

JUNE

JOSEPH LODUCA & MICHAEL LODUCA

For the repose of their souls, given by Nancy Loduca.

MARGO LULLO

In loving memory, given by Kathy Calcagno.

VINCE PORCELLI & MARIA PORCELLI

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

ROBERT ZEUTSCHEL—1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

For the repose of the soul, given by Dolores Zeutschel.

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 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 Karen Holmes Heather Hradek Shawn Hughes Denise M. Jandura Ioan Iuris Graciela Rivas

Rick Jutton

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

Ann Robertson Fr. John Rudnik Joseph Rudnik Jack Ruggiero Mary Shortall Pat Soltis Brian Styka Sr. Christine Styka Terry Styka Michael Sutkowski Joanne Tishka Shirley Tloczek Adele Vacchiano Buddy Valela 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.

Victor Roa







June 23 – 25, 2023 | Casa Iskali

Our Lady of Guadalupe Campus 9430 West Golf Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016

ECHO is a dynamic and immersive Catholic retreat experience of St. John Paul II's landmark teaching called the Theology of the Body. This year, ECHO Chicago is geared towards young adults. ECHO is not just an intellectual exercise, but a journey into the heart where we discover the "distant echo" of God's plan for life and love from the very beginning.

Focused on identity, prayer, vocation, relationships and the Catholic Church's teachings on hum participants are invited into a new level of freedom to be the gift that God has called them to be chicago will be an overnight retreat that begins on **Friday evening**, **June 23** and concludes on **evening**, **June 25**.

Young adults must be at least 18 years of age and one year out of high school to qualify for the ECHO Chicago 2023. The weekend retreat has limited space so please register early to ensure your spot.

The cost for the retreat is \$350. This includes dorm room accommodations, meals for the weekend and all the

For more information, please visit our website at respectlifechicago.org and tap on our events tab. If you have further questions, please contact Dawn Fitzpatrick at dfitzpatrick@archchicago.org.





Creating a Work/Life Balance

Ric Estrada, CEO of Metropolitan Family Services, corporate board member and civic and philanthropic leader, shares his insights on how he successfully balances his career in service with his personal life.

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Tufano's Vernon Park Tap 1073 W. Vernon Park Place Chicago, Illinois 60607

Food and drinks will be served. Must be 21 or over.



Scan code to register. Questions? Contact Al Castillo at 312.534.7880 or acastillo@archchicago.org.



Spring '24 Confirmation candidate

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



STARTS ON JULY 20-JULY 23

4-Day Wristbands go on sale and sold at:

Mass: starting on July 1 & 2, 8 & 9, 15 & 16

Parish Office: begins on July 5th during regular business hours

Prices:

CASH/*CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED (*cc is a 4% service fee) NO Checks accepted

\$60 - Pre-sale (Pre-sale ends Wednesday July 19th)

\$70 - during fest

\$35 - 1 day is sold during fest

Volunteer's are still needed (please contact the parish office for more info)

Donation/Sponsor (please contact the parish office for more info)

GRAND RAFFLE UPDATE!

\$20 each or 6 tickets for \$100

Please do not delay in purchasing your "Lucky" Grand Raffle Tickets for next month's Family Fest (July 20-23). Don't miss your chance at \$500 with the Early Bird Drawing on June 13th. Remember, there is no cost to take Grand Raffle Tickets until they are sold!

Please take some tickets and sell them to family and friends over the summer!

Two Holy Martyrs Parish is currently about \$5,000 behind last year's record Grand Raffle sales. Please take some tickets and sell them to family and friends over the summer!

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FAITH FORMATION

Important!

WHAT MAKES A DAD?

God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree,

The warmth of a summer sun,

The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,

The comforting arm of night,

The wisdom of the ages,

The power of the eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning in spring,

The faith of a mustard seed,

The patience of eternity,

The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities,

When there was nothing more to add,

He knew His masterpiece was complete,

And so,

He called it....Dad.

Happy Father's Day

Faith Formation Classes
Resume after
Labor Day.



Registration for the upcoming 2023 – 2024

Faith Formation School year are now open! New and returning families are invited to register.

Registration materials are available on our Parish Website. You may also register at the Main Parish Office. We will continue to offer Faith Formation Classes for grades 1-8. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, from 6:00pm until 7:30pm.

In addition Classes will be offered on Saturday mornings, from 9am until 10:30am...

All our classes, (both Tuesdays and Saturdays) will be held at our St. Symphorosa Campus.

Classes begin after Labor Day!

Please call Miss Peggy, with any questions. We are grateful for your support. (773) 767-1523 ext. 226



"Go and Teach All Nations"

Recruiting Catechists for our Faith Formation Program is a year round process. We are always "on the alert" for faith-filled and generous parishioners who have a desire to share their faith with our young people. As we approach another year of faith formation beginning in September, we would like to share the following thoughts on becoming a Catechist.

TOP TEN REASONS FOR BEING A CATECHIST

(compiled by Joe Paprocki, National Consultant for Faith Formation, Loyola Press – Author and Catechist)

- 1. You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
- 2. Your baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.
- 3. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the good news of Jesus.
- 4. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.
- 5. You have much to share with those you'll teach and you'll have opportunities to share faith with other Catechists.
- 6. Today's catechetical textbooks/resources offer outstanding support.
- 7. You'll be challenged, you'll have fun, and you'll make new friends.
- 8. You'll be helping young people deepen their relationship with Jesus. (You'll be evangelizing!)
- 9. You'll be handing over a 2,000 year old tradition that changes lives.
- 10. It's our job: Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations".

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS



 Students must not have previously attended an Archdiocesan school

· Families must demonstrate

financial need as determined by St. Symphorosa School.



773-585-6888 stsymphorosal@gmail.com



Call 773-585-6888 today!!!



Please apply ASAP if you would like to be considered for assistance for next school year.

The committee has met several times and our funds are getting low to help

A \$30.00 processing fee is required to be paid online when submitting the application.

The FACTS application for Financial Assistance must be completed, submitted, and verified for a student and family to be considered to receive Financial Assistance from the parish. The FACTS application is also needed to continue to receive CARITAS or any other aid from the Archdiocese.

To apply online, click on the link below. Be sure to fill out every portion of the application including the short essay portion. All applications are reviewed thoroughly by the Financial Aid Committee.

FACTS Application

If you have any questions, please call Maggie Koziar at 773-585-6888 ext. 248 or email at mkoziar@archchicago.org.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

6/18—Sunday

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

6/19—Monday

- Parish Office Close
- Spring Run Club | St. Rene Goupil at 5:30PM
- BSA Troop Meeting 1439 | St. Symphorosa at 7PM

6/20—Tuesday

- Summer School | St. Symphorosa at 8:30AM
- CAPS and Garfield Ridge Neighborhood Watch | 52nd & McVicker Ave at 7PM

6/21—Wednesday

- Summer School | St. Symphorosa at 8:30AM Spring Run Club | St. Rene Goupil at 5:30PM
- BSA Eagle Board of Review | St. Rene Goupil at 7PM

6/22—Thursday

- Summer School | St. Symphorosa at 8:30AM
- Summer Band Lessons | St. Symphorosa at 9AM
- Cub Scout Pack 4439 Weekly Meeting | St. Symphorosa at
- Catechist Gathering | St. Rene Goupil at 6PM





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



Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH OFFETORY 6/11: \$9.736.83

Split the Pot Winning Envelope # 60346 - \$375.00

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



ONLINE/ELECTRONIC **DONATIONS** \$7,942.00

May 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023

Total number of transactions:

251



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 14:8

Eternal Rest

Rose Sircher Ronald Mendoza, Jr.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Two Holy Martyrs Parish is HIRING

Seasonal/Full or Part Time Maintenance Person

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

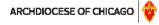
GRAND RAFFLE EARLY BIRD DRAWING



What is TotusTuus?

The Totus Tuus program aims to inspire young people to long for holiness, develop a deep desire for conversion and personally renew their faith with a stronger prayer life. Through evangelization and catechesis, Totus Tuus seeks to foster openness to the sacrifices and blessings of the various Christian vocations.

The program began in 1987 as a vacation bible school program in the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas. In 2007, Totus Tuus of Chicago launched its pilot program with two teams serving 10 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Joliet. The program continues to expand, now serving over 24 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago.





Totus Tuus 2023

PARISH SCHEDULE

Week 1	St. Damian	5300 155th St.	Oak Forest, IL 60452
June 11 – 16	St. Juliana	7200 N. Osceola Ave.	Chicago, IL 60631
	St. Paul the Apostle	6401 Gages Lake Rd.	Gurnee, IL 60031
	St. Thomas of Villanova	1201 E. Anderson Dr.	Palatine, IL 60067
Week 2	St. Francis de Sales	135 S. Buesching Rd.	Lake Zurich, IL 60047
June 18 – 23	St. Peter Damian	109 S. Crest Ave.	Bartlett, IL 60103
	Holy Child Jesus Parish	2324 W. Chase Ave.	Chicago, IL 60645
	Prince of Peace	135 S. Milwaukee Ave.	Lake Villa, IL 60046
Week 3	Queen of All Saints	6280 N. Sauganash Ave.	Chicago, IL 60646
June 25 – 30	St. Mother Theodore Guerin	3020 N. 76th Ct.	Elmwood Park, IL 60707
	St. Elizabeth of the Trinity	6020 W. Ardmore Ave.	Chicago, IL 60646
	St. Leonard	3318 S. Clarence Ave.	Berwyn, IL 60402
Week 4	St. Mary – Lake Forest	175 E. Illinois Rd.	Lake Forest, IL 60045
July 9 – 14	Mary, Seat of Wisdom	920 W. Granville Ave.	Park Ridge, IL 60068
	St. Julie Billiart	7399 W. 159th St.	Tinley Park, IL 60477
	Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	601 Biesterfield Rd.	Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
Week 5	St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook	1809 Walters Ave.	Northbrook, IL 60062
July 16 – 21	Our Lady of the Wayside	434 W. Park St.	Arlington Heights, IL 60005
	St. Emily	1400 E. Central Rd.	Mt. Prospect, IL 60056
	Our Lady of Mercy	4432 N. Troy Ave.	Chicago, IL 60630
Week 6	St. Anathasius and St. Joan of Arc	1615 Lincoln St.	Evanston, IL 60201
July 23 – 28	St. Edward	4350 W. Sunnyside Ave.	Chicago, IL 60630
	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	1775 Grove St.	Glenview, IL 60025
	St. Alphonsus - Chicago	1429 W. Wellington Ave.	Chicago, IL 60657

February 15, 2023