



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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September 24, 2023

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH
ST. SYMPHOROSA † ST. RENE GOUPEL



WELCOME TO TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH CHURCH SCHEDULES

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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

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

PARISH OFFICE

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the school and church buildings*

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MONDAY—FRIDAY

9 AM—4 PM

SATURDAY

9 AM — 12 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

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

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MONDAY—FRIDAY

9 AM—3 PM

FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG



Keep it simple, silly.

Sometimes we humans like to make things sound more complex than they need to be, or we use fancy polysyllabic words (like polysyllabic; which means more than one syllable) when more digestible words could have been used to express an idea.

This comes to mind when parish leaders need to sit through meetings about vision statements and mission statements. How tempting it is to come up with something that sounds polished and corporate, but no one really knows what it means.

Keeping this in mind, here is statement simplicity: the vision statement of every Christian church should be the Beatific Vision (you and I forever in the presence of the Holy Trinity; A.K.A. God). The mission statement of every Christian church should be that we are a place on earth where saints are made.

Certainly, I'm being a little tongue in cheek, but not by much. We should never lose sight of the fact that the Lord has given us the Church as the way of sanctification for humanity. Jesus gives us everything we need to be holy. He summons us all to conform our lives to him, and he gives us the grace to make this a reality. This is why the seven sacraments of the Church are so vitally important.

Resting atop all the sacraments is the Eucharist. What is the Eucharist in the Catholic Church? It is everything. It is Christ himself in the Real Presence. This is Jesus; Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. There is no more intimate way to encounter Jesus on earth than in the Blessed Sacrament.

At every celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, ordinary bread and wine are brought forth as gifts from the people of God. On the altar, by way of a validly ordained priest who stands in the Person of Christ, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

We are truly blessed to receive the Eucharist during the Communion Rite at Holy Mass. We are NOT receiving a piece of bread. We receive the Lord Himself when we reverently receive the Eucharist. It's not a symbol. It is Christ.

St. Angela of Foligno wrote, "If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude."

All the canonized saints of the Church understood the importance of the Eucharist. Everything else flows from and returns to this amazing mysterious sacrament. The Eucharist truly is the source and summit of our faith.

There is a universal call to holiness for all God's children. We are called to be saints. Our vision and our mission must be Eucharistic. The Lord gave us the Church so we could receive through her what we as humans need to grow closer and closer to Christ.

And in growing closer to Jesus, we find ourselves growing closer to one another.

Seminary Appeal Weekend
Mundelein Seminary holds a special place in my heart. Always will.

This weekend we are asking the men and women of Two Holy Martyrs Parish to contribute as part of Seminary Appeal Weekend.

Please find one of the large white envelopes located in the narthex or place your financial donation in the basket near the doors of the church.

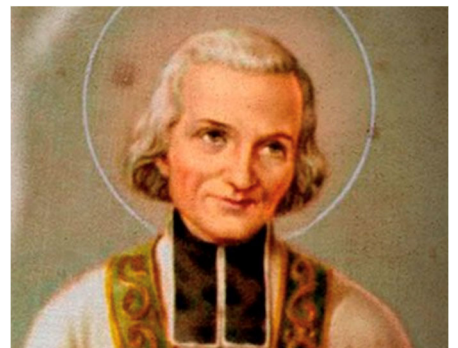
I could not have entered into formation for the priesthood without financial assistance. One seminarian studying for the Archdiocese of Chicago costs roughly \$60,000 per year. If the guy does six years of study and formation, that is \$360,000.

The funds raised from the Seminary Appeal goes directly to the cost of forming Archdiocese of Chicago seminarians.

Mundelein Seminary is a beautiful and sacred place. My six years there were truly blessed. I encourage people to visit the campus during business hours. The public is welcome on the campus between certain hours. You can also visit Marytown right next door along Route 176.

Please, pray for vocations, and encourage vocations.

St. John Vianney, pray for us.





FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

“Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

One way to think of Christians is that we are a people on the move. We recognize that we are on earth as pilgrims journeying to our true home in the kingdom of God. Often, we sense that this world isn't our permanent home as we restlessly move from one activity or lifestyle to another.

The liturgy picks up on this human intuition and orients it in the proper direction. You'll notice throughout the Mass that there are a number of processions.

The priest, altar servers, and other ministers process into the sanctuary at the beginning of Mass. There is a procession with candles and the book of the Gospels as we await the proclamation of the Good News.

There is a procession of the gifts of bread and wine as the people present the priest with the matter that will be transformed by God into the Body and Blood

of Jesus (yes, this has become a casualty of COVID at many of our Masses).

There is a procession of the people to receive the Eucharist. There is a procession out of the sanctuary after the dismissal as we move into the world rejuvenated by word and sacrament. All of these processions are typically accompanied by music.

These are no accident or mere show. The processions at each liturgy reflect how we are people on a journey. In many ways, it makes us like the Israelites in the desert, slowly moving toward the promised land in the presence of God in the Ark of the Covenant after moving through the Red Sea to freedom.

As they went along, the Israelites moved with dispositions of repentance, thanksgiving, adoration, and petition.

So, these gestures are meant to symbolize an inward truth via a visible action. It can be easy to forget that we are meant to continue moving toward our true home in heaven, always preparing to be fully united with God by giving ourselves to him every day.

This doesn't mean we forget to live in the present because we are focused on the future. Rather, we engage in actions that help us to be better attuned

to God in our pasts, presents, and futures.

Sometimes, we participate in processions to celebrate major feast days in the Church year, such as Corpus Christi. We process with our Lord in the Eucharist in a public manner. As we are walking along with the true presence of Jesus Christ, we show the world what we are about – we are people made to be with our God eternally. As God's chosen people, we worship him in song and prayer as we move along with him.

Another popular procession is the Stations of the Cross in which we journey with Jesus as he suffers under the weight of the cross and dies to redeem us. There is something about moving along with Jesus both physically and mentally that allows us to more fully be in union with Jesus.

Our processions at Mass help us remember that we move with purpose as we strive to live holiness. It's when we stop and stagnate that we find ourselves languishing and wondering where God is.

Instead, we process in a specific time and at a specific place to show that we are returning to the God who has given us everything so that we can live with him eternally.



MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 23rd - OCTOBER 1st

Saturday September 23rd

04:00 PM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob
Good Health for Everia Orona (Garza Family)
✠Eliza Gose & Maria Luna (Almendarez Family)
✠George Nowak (Wes & Debbie Szumowski)
✠Ramiro Garza (Garza Family)

05:30 PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Norm
Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

Sunday September 24th

07:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob
✠Victor & Zeneida Narea (Vincent Narea)
✠Michael Joyce (Family)
✠Al Beyer (Toni P.)
✠James Crowley, Sr. (Family)

09:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob
✠Claude Wiatrak (wife Clara)
✠Rev. Christopher Schramm (Mary Shilney)
✠Gerald Sears (Theresa Feddor)
✠Gregory Pacino (Woulfe Family)
✠Kenneth Bivens (Taura Basulto)

10:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob
✠Vince Porcelli (Judy Porcelli)
✠Jack Orsi (Family)
✠Patricia Ann Kroll (Robert Kroll)
✠Jean & Carl Bell (John & Gloria Bodoki)
✠Joanne Bukowiecki (Bob Kroll)

12:00 PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob
✠Richard Condon (Robertertelli Family)
✠Krzysztof Jedrejewska (John Jedrejewska)
Wiestawa Jedrejewska (John Jedrejewska)

Monday September 25th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob
✠Marie & William Pratt (Family)
Jessie McHale (Friends & Family)

Tuesday September 26th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob
✠Geri Norbut (Family)

Wednesday September 27th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Norm
✠Vince Porcelli (Judy Porcelli)
✠Richard Grisius (Nancy Shotas)
Happy Birthday Estaban Battung (Rosario Battung)

Thursday September 28th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Norm
Happy Birthday Ella Battung (Rosario Battung)
John Shimkus (Barbara Rendak)

Friday September 29th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob
✠John Fudala (Niece)

Saturday September 30th

08:00 AM | St. St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob
✠Richard Zilka (Marie Zilka)
✠Marion Tulik 5th Anniversary (Marge Tulik)

04:00 PM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Kevin
✠Chester & Ronald Koziol (Koziol Family)
✠Mike & Johanna Kubo (Chiaramonte Family)
✠Mike Breheny, ✠Providenza Chiaramonte, ✠Filippo &
✠Joe Chiaramonte (Chiaramonte Family)

05:30 PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob
✠Ronald Cempel (Wife and Family)
✠Jose Castro & Ramiro Garza (Garcia Family)
✠Magdalena Valerio (Friend)

Sunday October 1st

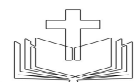
07:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Kevin
Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

09:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Norm
Altar & Rosary Members (A&R Society)
✠Vern & Tony Petraitis (Theresa Feddor)
✠Gerald Sears (Kathy Hynes)
✠Gregory Pacino (Kathy Hynes)

10:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob
✠Vince Porcelli (Judy Porcelli)
✠Christian Furczon
✠Vincent & Salomendo (Terri & Dan Domarsky)
✠Dawn Bodoki (Mom & Dad)
✠John Chavez (Maria Chavez)

12:00 PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin
✠Krystyna Lukasik (Stanley Family)

**2024 Mass Intention Book
will open as of September 25th 2023**



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

SEPTEMBER

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	Joan Juris	Graciela Rivas
Guadalupe	Rick Jutton	Ann Robertson
Almendarez	John Kappel, Jr.	Fr. John Rudnik
Raeann Arends	Ron Kelly	Joseph Rudnik
Mary Bieser	Claudia Kwilosz	Jack Ruggiero
Fr. Ted Bojczuk	Sharon Labiak	Mary Shortall
Sara Bragiel	Flavia Langan	Karen Singer
Maxine Carey	James Lapsansky	Pat Soltis
Judy Carranza	Maryann Larson	Brian Styka Sr.
Giovanni Carrigan	Natalie LeCompte	Christine Styka
Rita Cernick	Domenico Lepore	Terry Styka
Michael Clifford	Rose Ann Lindsay	Joanne Tishka
Marilyn Crites	Rosemary Litwin	Shirley Tloczek
Margaret Dalton	Maria Lopez	Adele Vacchiano
Leon Detlaf	Diane Malarick	Buddy Valela
Debbie Flint	Cathy Mazieka	Dan Volanti
Maria Flores	Lori McCarthy	Judith Webber
Ken Fonte	Maria Montiel	Becky Williams
Mia Forbes	Edward Moriarty	JoAnn Wolniak
Nia Forbes	Clarence Oleszkiewicz	Beverly
Sue G.	Bob Pac	Zummerling
John Garcia	Eleanor Pastorek	
Geri Gestaut	Jesus Perez	
Florence Goluch	Juan B. Perez	
Karen Holmes	Maria P. Perez	
Heather Hradek	Maria Paz Perez	
Shawn Hughes	Stanley Polit	
Denise M. Jandura	Leticia Reyes	



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 14:8

Eternal Rest

Vesna Susnjara
James Marcinkowski
Carol Livingston

MICHAELMAS 2023

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

INVITING ALL COPS, ACTIVE OR RETIRED, AND THEIR FAMILIES

MASS (ENGLISH): FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 7:30PM
 MUSIC: GENTLEMEN OF THE ST. CECILIA CHOIR AND WINDS
PIZZA, BEER, & BONFIRE SOCIAL: OUTSIDE AFTER MASS

ST. JOHN CANTIUS CHURCH, 825 N CARPENTER ST, CHICAGO IL
 VISIT CANTIUS.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION OR CALL 312-243-7373



Saint Rita of Cascia High School
7740 S. Western Ave.
Chicago, IL 60620
www.stritashrinechicago.com

PERPETUAL NOVENA TO ST. RITA OF CASCIA

"Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for me."

The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary and is a reminder of the promises for those who pray this contemplative prayer with Our Lady.

Join us for the monthly Perpetual Novena to St. Rita of Cascia on

Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 7:00p.m.

All are invited to the next monthly St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass to be held **Thursday, October 5, 2023** at the St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL. Confession is available at 6:00 p.m. Mass and novena prayers will begin at 7:00p.m. Stay after mass to enjoy a slice of the famous Racine Danish Kringle and socialize with new friends. Secure and ample parking is available. Visit our website at stritashrinechicago.com for more information.

St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel
7740 S. Western Ave. | Chicago, Illinois | (773) 925-6600 | stritashrinechicago.com | Ample Secure Parking

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH | SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

9/23 - Saturday

- ◇ Faith Formation - Gr.7/8 Confirmation Commit Service | St. Symphorosa at 11:30AM
- ◇ Knights of Columbus | Sell of Tootsie Roll Banks | **AFTER ALL MASSES**

9/24 - Sunday

- ◇ Knights of Columbus | Sell of Tootsie Roll Banks | **AFTER ALL MASSES**
- ◇ Faith Formation Welcome Back Mass | St. Rene Goupil at 10:30AM
- ◇ Girls varsity volleyball grade 8 Team | St. Symphorosa at 6:30PM

9/25 - Monday

- ◇ BSA Troop Meeting 1439 | St. Symphorosa at 7PM

9/26 - Tuesday

- ◇ Faith Formation Classes | St. Symphorosa at 6PM
- ◇ Girls varsity volleyball grade 8 Team | St. Symphorosa at 6:30PM
- ◇ Transformation Meeting | St. Symphorosa at 6:30PM

9/27 - Wednesday

- ◇ Super Senior Club Meeting | Narthex | St. Rene Goupil at 11:30AM
- ◇ Choir Practice at the Church | St. Symphorosa at 7PM
- ◇ BSA Troop Meeting 1439 | St. Symphorosa at 7PM



Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH OFFERTORY 9/17: \$7,545.00

Split the Pot Winning Envelope # 63315-\$390.00

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



ONLINE/ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

\$7,616.00

August 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023

Total number of transactions:
237



9/28 - Thursday

- ◇ Peewee Soccer Program | FIELD | St. Rene Goupil at 3:45PM
- ◇ Girls Varsity Basketball Team | St. Symphorosa at 5PM
- ◇ Cub Scout Pack 4439 Mtg | St. Symphorosa at 6:30PM
- ◇ Weekly Gospel Reflections | St. Rene Goupil at 6:30PM

9/29 - Friday

- ◇ School Mass | St. Symphorosa at 11AM
- ◇ School Assembly | St. Symphorosa at 2PM
- ◇ Girls Varsity Basketball Team | St. Symphorosa at 5PM
- ◇ Girls Varsity Volleyball Team 7gr | St. Symphorosa at 7PM

10/01 - Sunday

- ◇ Altar & Rosary Society Mass | St. Symphorosa at 9AM
- ◇ Feast of St. Francis Pet Blessing | St. Rene Goupil at 1:30PM
- ◇ Girls varsity volleyball grade 8 Team | St. Symphorosa at 6:30PM

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



WEDDING BANNES:

September 30, 2023 - Michelle Villanueva & Sergio Gonzalez (III)

October 06, 2023 - Gina Miglieri & Richard Soria (II)

SUPER SENIOR CLUB NEWS

The next meeting for September will be Wednesday September 27th. **Doors open at 11:30am** meeting convenes at 12pm (noon) in the St. Rene Narthex. **SEE YOU THERE!!**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tootsie Roll Bank Sale

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.



The W's and How's of SPRED...

WHAT is SPRED?

SPRED (Special Religious Development) is a program which trains and guides parishes to provide faith formation to persons with developmental disabilities and/or learning problems and become integrated into parish life.

WHO is served by SPRED?

SPRED serves children and adults with various developmental and cognitive disabilities such as Down's Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, anyone in the Autism Spectrum, seizure disorders, learning disabilities, etc. Participation starts at the age of 6 and may continue throughout adulthood.

HOW can faith be nourished in those with developmental disabilities?

A relationship with God is accessible to all. Friendship is the human experience closest to understanding the presence of God in life. By calling to mind life experiences, sharing these experiences in a circle of friendship, the small community of faith becomes aware of the sacredness of all life and then returns to life changed.

WHY SPRED?

In **SPRED**, each person is partnered with a catechist, a model of faith and friendship. As trust is established and friendship deepens, we all become aware of our place in the family of God and celebrate it in our community of faith that extends to the greater parish community.

WILL my son or daughter or the person in my care participate liturgically and sacramentally in the church?

Sacraments and liturgy are a right of all people and are accessible to all. Participation in a **SPRED** community helps to facilitate readiness to enjoy the Sacraments with reverence and a new awareness.

HOW can I or my child participate in the SPRED program?

Contact the Two Holy Martyrs **SPRED** Chairperson, Ann Smolucha at 773-914-1900 or ann@smolucha.com to facilitate placement. Two Holy Martyrs' **SPRED** group is for 22 years of age and up. However, we can help place your loved one into an age appropriate group. Please contact Ann if you have any questions.



Take a step toward staying

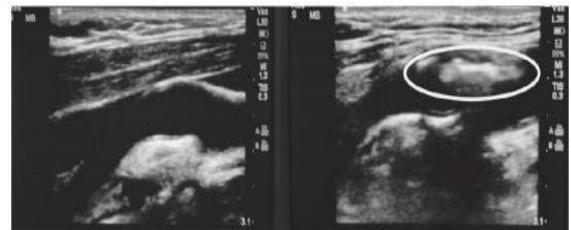
Healthy & Active

Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to provide a more thorough look at your health.

Be Smart: Do More For Your Cardiovascular Health

No Plaque Buildup

Plaque Buildup



Advanced ultrasound technology looks inside your arteries for signs of plaque buildup. That's why **9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors** support preventive screenings for those with key risk factors.¹

Adults age 50+ and those 40 and older with one or more risk factors for cardiovascular disease should be screened.
¹Key Risk Factors include: *High blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, smoking, family history.

We are coming to your neighborhood.

When: Monday, October 9th, 2023

Where: Chicago, IL - St. Symphorosa Catholic School

To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount, please call **1-800-640-6307** or visit **LLSA.SOCIAL/HC**



LLSA.SOCIAL/HC



Southwest Chicago Homeless Services

Trivia Night 2023

Saturday, October 7th

St. Rita High School

7740 South Western, Chicago, Illinois

Dinner 5:30 - 7:00

Trivia contest starts at 7:00 ~ Theme: Oktoberfest!

- ❖ Cash Raffle and Silent Auction throughout evening
- ❖ Split the Pot
- ❖ Cash Bar

Tickets: \$45.00 includes buffet dinner

Please contact Karyn Perkins at 773-737-7070 or Kperkins@homelesservices.org for more information

FAITH FORMATION

Important!



2023 – 2024 WELCOME BACK FAMILY MASS

Come and connect
with God in a special way
at our
Beginning of the Year Family Mass
for all our
Faith Formation families
on
Sunday, September 24th
10:30am at St. Rene Church.

Students and their families
are invited to attend this Mass and
donate a non-perishable food item
for the needy.

**(Food baskets will be located in
the Narthex).**



FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

On **October 7th & October 10th**, parents will gather for a special meeting in preparation for their child's celebration of First Reconciliation which takes place in December.

We initially prepare our children for this sacrament as we teach them about right and wrong. And way before they understand what sin is, we teach them to say "I'm sorry" when they have done wrong or have hurt someone. Once again, we emphasize that parents are the first and primary catechists of their children, using "teachable moments" to help their children grow in faith.

The focus of these Parent Gatherings will be to honor your role as parents and assist you in that role. (parents need only attend one meeting.)

HURRY... FAITH FORMATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!

We are still accepting registrations

However, the Dead-Line to Register is:

Friday, September 29th

Please call Peggy in the Faith Formation Office with any questions. (773) 767-1523 ext. 226.

Our Faith Formation Program offers classes for students in grades 1 – 8. Including Sacramental Classes... designed to get students "caught-up" and prepared to receive the Sacraments.

Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, from 6:00 – 7:30pm.
and

Classes will also be offered on Saturday mornings from 9:00am until 10:30am.

This year **all** our Faith Formation Classes will be held at our St. Symphorosa Campus.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**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.**



**Two Holy
Martyrs'
Parish**

**Presents.....
Blessing of
Animals**



PARISH SCHOOL NEWS



ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL NEWS



ST. LAURENCE STUDENTS VISIT ST. SYMS

WE ARE THRILLED TO HAVE STUDENTS FROM ST. LAURENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN BURBANK COMING TO ST. SYMS ON TUESDAY MORNINGS TO WORK WITH OUR STUDENTS IN THE STEM STUDIO.

THEIR PERSPECTIVE AND INSIGHT HAS BEEN A VALUABLE ASSET AND WE ARE SO PLEASED TO GIVE OUR STUDENTS THIS OPPORTUNITY!



Now Hiring!
Come Join Our Team!

FSP is looking for dependable, friendly food server at St. Symphorosa School

School calendar schedule - off for the summer
3-5 hours on school days depending on school needs.
Must work well with children, staff and parents

Responsibilities include heating and serving pre-packaged meals.
Light paperwork required
Qualifications: HS Diploma/GED, basic computer knowledge.

Qualified applicants must possess an excellent customer service attitude.

Physical demands include: Ability to stand/walk for most of shift; regularly lift up to 15 lbs.
Exert up to 15 lbs. of force; withstand work environment of variant temperatures

Candidates must successfully complete and pass Criminal Background Check, Fingerprinting, and have a negative TB skin test.

This is a great opportunity for parents, retirees, and others interested in active part-time work.

If interested please complete an application online at

fspro.com/jobs

Use "Food Server" as position you are applying for.

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