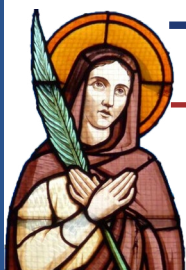


JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID TO HER, "IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD AND WHO IS SAYING TO YOU, 'GIVE ME A DRINK,' YOU WOULD HAVE ASKED HIM AND HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN YOU LIVING WATER."

JOHN 4:10

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 12, 2023



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
Chicago, Illinois 60638

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

773.767.1523 | info@twoholymartyrs.org

St. Symphorosa School Office Hours

Monday - Friday | 9 AM to 3 PM

6125 S. Austin Avenue | Chicago, Illinois 60638

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FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG



Jesus thirsts. people.

It's true. He thirsts not for earthly water. He thirsts for souls to receive his love, return his love, and share his love with others.

Once we've truly encountered the Lord, we can no longer keep the good news to ourselves. We want to share our story in hopes that other people can also share in this life-giving message. She had no idea, as she set out that day, that she'd encounter Jesus. And yet, they meet at the well. Jesus shows her that her deepest desires are not for the things of this world, but for a love that transcends this world; a love that created this world.

Our Gospel this Sunday offers us the story of the woman at the well. It's a passage loved by many, especially for those whose lives were once wayward, but whose lives now have a new direction thanks to an encounter with the merciful Lord.

We could spend the rest of 2023 simply reflecting on this passage. It's that deep.

Jesus reveals to this Samaritan woman that he is the long-awaited Messiah. There is a slow progression in her realization of his identity, but in the end, this once-isolated woman returns to town to share the good news with other

On this Third Sunday of Lent, ponder your heart's deepest desires. What do you long for? Are our desires greater than a new iPhone, the next meal, the most recent flirtation, or the latest trip to an exotic location. These might all be good things, but they can never fill the God-shaped hole in our heart. Guess who can? Yup. God can.

Our sins, when we think about, are merely misplaced desire for God. As I've written before, everybody worships. Human beings are wired for worship, but far too often this worship gets misdirected away from God and onto

something or someone who is NOT GOD. Sin always seems like the more fun choice, until, over time, sin makes us miserable. Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, and this is the Holy Spirit we received when holy water washed over us at Baptism.

This is the life-giving water Jesus offers. He thirsts only that we thirst for Him; for a peace the world cannot give. Yes, Jesus knows our sins just as he knows the sins of the woman at the well. But notice that Jesus does not start berating her. Not at all. Instead, he is helping her see that the love she has been looking for all along can be found in Christ – the Messiah.

Lent is a time for us to take notice of how we each in some way look for love in all the wrong places. Lent is a time to repent of our sins. Lent is a time to refocus ourselves on Christ.

Friends, our faith is good news. Love is stronger than death. Love is thirsting for you. How are you receiving this love? How are you responding? How are you sharing this love?

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISHIONERS

Our parish has entered a five-year lease agreement for the weekly use of our St. René Goupil school building.

Two Holy Martyrs in cooperation with the Archdiocese of Chicago have leased the building to MENTA. This is an organization founded by Bob Neubeck and Karen Evans to help children who were not achieving their potential in a traditional classroom setting.

The MENTA group has evolved over time into a dynamic, responsive, multi-state education non-profit that operates numerous private and public/private partnership schools.

The school will operate Monday through Friday. Buses will arrive in the morning to drop off students, and buses will return in the afternoon to transport the students home. School staff will use the rear parking lot on the St. René campus. The enrollment will be roughly 100-150 students. A couple times a week, the MENTA students will also

use the gymnasium on our St. Symphorosa campus. Our parish will still use the school building for certain evening and weekend events.

As pastor, in conjunction with parish staff and parish leadership, we wanted a tenant for the St. René school building that would create a win-win relationship. We did not want to lease the building to just any group or organization. Although we are not directly involved in MENTA school affairs, we do agree in the mission of MENTA to educate and form students who are not succeeding in a traditional school setting.

In return, MENTA pays Two Holy Martyrs Parish a monthly rent. Over the course of five years, this will assist the parish with revenue that exceeds one million dollars. MENTA will also share in utility expenses and in various capital projects related to the building. This kind of rental agreement is almost unheard of in the Archdiocese of Chicago at this time.

Let's revisit recent history. In the year 2015, St. René School was closed via a decision by Archdiocese of Chicago leadership. Since 2015, the St. René school building has been used for monthly bingo and various social events. Many of the classrooms have also been used once or twice a week for Faith Formation of our children. For a few years, a Polish school rented the school building for Friday evenings and on Saturday.

This relationship with MENTA puts the school building to daily use and also generates much-needed revenue for the parish. My hope is that all of us can support this relationship. We are providing a space for education and formation, we are improving the building, and we are generating revenue that can help our parish move forward on mission well beyond the year 2050.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Bob

LET US PRAY



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 11 - MARCH 17

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Saturday, March 11th

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

- † Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
- † Louise Leahy (Family)
- † Robert Sangpeal (Family)
- † James Inendino (Friend)

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

- † Marianna Buss (Daughter)
- † Edward Buss (Daughter)
- † John Buz (Sister)

Sunday, March 12th

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

- † Jonathan Padilla (Aunt & Family)
- † Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

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

- For the intention of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- † William Bojarski (Barbara Rendak)
- † Marge & Bob Fitzgerald (Sally Carmody)
- † George Kouba (Arlene Scaletta) & (Super Senior Club)

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

- Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)
- 12:00 PM | St. Symphorosa Church | Presider: Fr. Norm
- † Sandomierski Family (Ela & Family)
- † Nydia Buentello (Laurel Family)
- † Norma Koke (Castillo Family)

Monday, March 13th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

- † Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
- † Marianna Buss (Daughter)
- † Edward Buss (Daughter)
- † John Buz (Sister)

Tuesday, March 14th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

- For the living & deceased members of the John & Mary Kolimas Family (Mary Kolimas)
- † Chuck DeLauriea (Lorraine DeLauriea)
- † John Lecomte (Wife Donna)
- † Edward Podgorny (Family)

Wednesday, March 15th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

- For the Souls in Purgatory.
- For vocations to the priesthood.
- † Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
- † Bill Andrick (Barbara Rendak)

Thursday, March 16th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

- † Virginia Blazeniak (Barbara Rendak)
- † Kieran Normoyle - 4th Annv. of Death (Family)
- † David Andrick (Barbara Rendak)
- † John Kluska (Daughter Karen)

Friday, March 17th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

- For the living & deceased members of the John & Janina Karlowicz Family (Mary Kolimas)
- Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Daniel Sarlitto - Birthday (Mary Sarlitto)
- † Patrick Carmody (Kathleen Ross)
- † Richard Merda & Phil Scaletta (Wife Arlene Scaletta)

Saturday, March 18th

8:00 AM | St. René Goupil Church

- † Marge Lullo (Kathy Calcagno)

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

- † Sophie Simbick & Joseph Nizidlek (Almendarez Family)
- † Raymond Mancuso (Giuseppa Mancuso)
- † Al Beyer (Cieslewski Family)
- † Louise Leahy (Family)

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

- Health and intentions of the Pozniak Family

Sunday, March 19th

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

- † Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
- † Al Beyer (Love Family)

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

- † Richard Sarge (Barbara Rendak)
- † Marvin Simpson (Barbara Rendak)
- † George Kouba (Theresa Feddor)
- † Virginia Blazeniak (Kathy Hynes)
- Health & intentions of Stella Kosgynowicz (Walter Frank)

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

- For the living & deceased members of the Oczkowski Family (Fox Family)
- † Joseph Loduca (Nancy & Rebecca)
- † Dawn Bodoki (Mom & Dad)
- † Patti Biniewicz (Walter Frank)
- 12:00 PM | St. Symphorosa Church | Presider: Fr. Matt
- Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

Weekend presider subject to change without notice.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THE SICK

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

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



"Prove it." How often that is the response to what sound like preposterous claims:

"Prove it." Maybe it is an advertisement about a wonder drug; maybe an acquaintance or coworker is

telling us about a fantastic sounding investment; maybe it is a spam email or message about some kind of prize or award, which we have supposedly won, despite not having heard of the organization or entered such the contest. Before believing these too good to be true proposals, we rightly would expect some evidence of their validity, that the claimant "prove it." When confronted with this expectation, the other person might have to admit an error. Maybe this person is well intentioned but has been duped and unwittingly is perpetuating a falsehood. Or, maybe the claimant is purposely trying to deceive us and will move on when meeting with resistance and prudent skepticism.

Similarly, some people might have challenged us with regard to our faith: "Prove it," prove that God is real, that Jesus rose from the dead, etc. Even within our own interior life, that desire, that God prove His presence, prove what we hear from the Bible, might arise from time to time. Such a question does not mean that we have sinned. Religious faith, by and large, is not proven as math formulas demonstrate on paper or physics experiments demonstrate in laboratories. Hence, it is understandable when we might experience the desire that God prove His presence with us, His love for us.

In the readings for this Third Sunday of Lent, that desire, "prove it," is addressed by some of our ancestors in faith. For example, during the Exodus, we are told, "In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, 'Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?'"

... The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD in our midst or not?'" (Exodus 17:3, 7) During a period of desperation, of intense thirst, the Israelites want God to prove that God is with them and true to His word.

Centuries later, the Psalmist looks back to this event and recognizes the hardness of the people's hearts: "Oh, that today you would hear his voice: 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works.'" (Psalm 95:8-9) From a more comprehensive perspective, he recognizes that the Israelites had forgotten or ignored what God had already done for them by the time that they are in the desert, that God had freed them from slavery, granted them safe passage across the Red Sea, and already provided them with food. Instead of asking Moses to petition God for water, this large body seems quick to complain and to question God's fidelity to them, in essence, asking the Almighty to prove His presence and love for them.

By contrast, the Samaritan woman (the Woman at the Well), does not demand proofs from Jesus but rather responds receptively to His requests and statements, even if they are initially puzzling: "Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' ... The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How can you, a Jew, ask me,

a Samaritan woman, for a drink?'—For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—Jesus answered and said to her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'" (John 4:7, 9-10) He then adds, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'" (John 4:13-14). What follows is natural and reasonable, "The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'" (John 4:15) The woman does not begin with a demand for proof but instead asks for the "living water," which Jesus references. As this entire exchange continues, additional Samaritans begin to believe in Jesus, not by His acceding to any demands, which they make, but as St. John describes, "Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, 'He told me everything I have done.' When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, 'We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.'" (John 4:39-42)

What we believe and pray: Consider, do we demand proofs from God or humbly ask for what we need? What to stop doing, sins to avoid: Not be quick to despair or complain. What to do: Pause and recall when God has been present and which blessings might have been overlooked.

"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 MARCH

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

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

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 2024 Mass Intention Book opens in the fall.**

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

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH OFFERING

For the weekend of Sunday, March 5, 2023

\$10,900.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MARCH 5, 2023

Split the Pot Collection:

\$440.00



Winning Envelope:

#60107

Reminder: A minimum of \$5.00 is required to participate.

ONLINE/ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

\$8,239.00

January 1 - January 31, 2022

Total number of transactions:

261

Thank you for your generosity!



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 VICTIMS OF ABUSE** in the month of March:

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

2022 Parish Contribution Letters Now Available!

Parishioners who are in need of a 2022 charitable donation letter for tax purposes can call the office at (773) 767-1523 during business hours or visit our website at twoholymartyrs.org. We will hold all requested tax letters for pick-up or send it via email.

About the Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross depict 14 events in the Passion of Jesus Christ, beginning with Jesus being condemned to death and ending with His body being laid in a tomb. The pious practice of praying the Stations of the Cross originated in medieval Europe when pilgrims were unable to visit the Holy Land, so instead "visited" these Holy places through prayer.

Today, Stations of the Cross are prayed on Lenten Fridays. Join us every Friday at our St. Symphorosa Church at 7 PM.

"Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world."

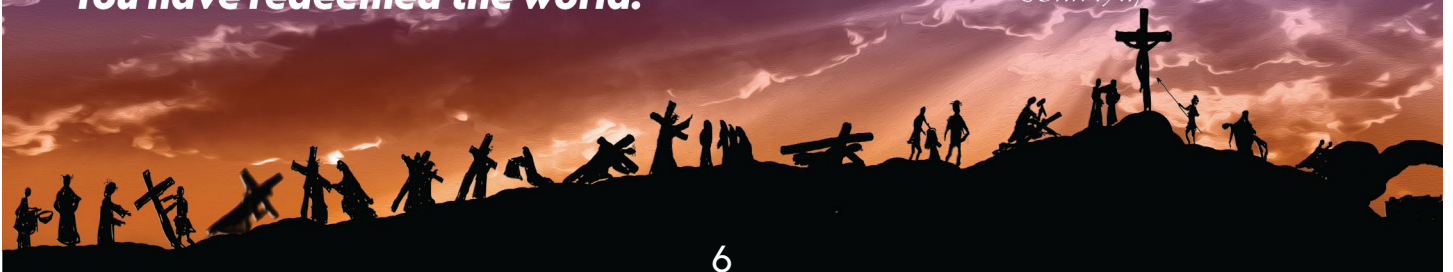
Stations of the Cross

On the road to Calvary with Jesus

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7 PM in our St. Symphorosa church.

So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha.

John 19:17



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

Two Holy Martyrs Lenten

FISH FRY

at our St. Symphorosa Sharp Center Social Hall
5940 W. 62nd St.



February 24, March 10, March 24
5PM-7PM

Dine in & carryout available

twoholymartyrs.org

(773) 767-1523

Spend time with 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.



Super Senior Club will meet on Wednesday, March 15th at 11:30 AM at the St. René Goupil Narthex.

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

MONTHLY BINGO!

SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH
ST. RENE GOUPEL CAMPUS
(FLANNERY HALL)
6340 SOUTH NEW ENGLAND AVE.

DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM
GAMES BEGIN AT 1 PM

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.

Sanctuary candle intentions are available for \$40. Each sanctuary candle intention is for one month. We limit 4 intentions per month for both church locations.

SHARE YOUR VOICE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Complete the short, 10-15 minute **anonymous** survey at catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi or scan the code, or find a paper copy in the narthex or parish office after Mass.

Available from **Ash Wednesday, February 22 to March 31.**

Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.



BETHLEHEM ARTS MARCH 18TH AND 19TH

Our Parish will be hosting representatives of the Catholic Christian Community from Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the Holy Land after all weekend Masses on March 18th and 19th. They will be displaying handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles.

Due to political conflict and the COVID-19 pandemic, tourism has been reduced in the Holy Land and the Catholic Community has come to depend more on the sale of these articles abroad to survive. The woodcarvings are beautiful and reflect faith and love for the Lord.

Please consider purchasing a gift that will be remembered and cherished for yourself or someone dear to you.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS



ST. SYMPHOROSA
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
OF TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

**OPEN
HOUSE**
MARCH 15, 2023
6:00pm-7:30pm

- ▶ Tour the school
- ▶ On the spot 2023-2024 registration
- ▶ Half off 2023-2024 registration fee during Open House
- ▶ \$20 Schoolbelles gift certificate with paid registration
- ▶ Shop at our Book Fair



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FAITH FORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/14: Faith Formation Classes @ René Campus (Tues.)

3/25: Faith Formation Classes @ St. Syms Campus (Sat.) & Reconciliation for Confirmation Students

3/26: 7th Grade Family Mass & Jesus Project Display

3/28: Faith Formation Classes @ René Campus (Tues.) & Reconciliation for Confirmation Students



Families continue to prepare for First Eucharist, in a toast to Jesus!



I AM YOUR LIGHTHOUSE

"I am your Lighthouse", says the Lord. To be the beam while you travel the Seas of Life. I am your star from the distant shore. I am your warning sign from hazardous boundaries. ...to be the guidance for safe passage.

I am your guiding light. I am your protector. I am your safe haven. I am your lighthouse.

I am He above All. I am Your Lord. Amen. **By: Sebastian Guzman**

Thank You for another year of God's Light.

LENTEN OUTREACH

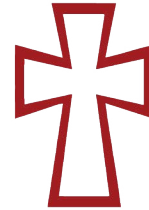
Our Faith Formation students invite all of our parishioners to participate in our Lenten Outreach project. All levels will be donating Children's Easter Basket items for the local shelters and agencies we service. Donations can be brought to our Faith Formation classes, to the Main Parish Office on Austin Ave. or dropped off in the Narthex when attending Mass.

Please note, we can always use empty Easter Baskets and the cellophane bags to wrap the baskets, after we fill them. For more information, feel free to call the Faith Formation Office. God be with you and your dear families as we journey through this Holy Season of Lent. Our 2023 Confirmandi will take part in assembling the Easter Baskets and earn service hours for their upcoming Confirmation.



FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Peg Siebenaler, Faith Formation Coordinator
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RECONCILIATION BEFORE CONFIRMATION

As the Eighth Grade Confirmation Candidates prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation they will first participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation with their classmates on Saturday, March 25th, and on Tuesday, March 28th during their regularly scheduled classes.

These students continue to work hard on their journey toward the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation on April 23rd. *We ask that you remember them, their sponsors, and parents in your prayers.*

Eighth Grade Saint Projects



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The graduating class of 1973 from Five Holy Martyrs Church (Pope John Paul II School) will celebrate a 50 year reunion on June 24th at Zach's Grill in Palos Heights. If you are from this class and are interested in joining us, please reach out to Cindy Joyce at cindyjoyc@comcast.net. If you know someone from Five Holy Martyrs class of 1973 please share this with them!

Come to the Table



Retreat

Parents & Grandparents:
Do you know someone receiving the Eucharist for the 1st time? Join us, at the St. Rita Shrine Chapel, as Fr. Tom McCarthy and Mrs. Mary Jo Jenkins uncover Jesus' gift of the Eucharist through conversation, prayers, snacks and crafts.

Two retreats are being offered:
March 25th or April 1st
(each 9:00 a.m. - noon).

Visit stritashrinechicago.com or call 773-925-6600 for more information.



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 human sexuality, participants are invited into a new level of freedom to be the gift that God has called them to be. ECHO Chicago will be an overnight retreat that begins on **Friday evening, June 23** and concludes on **Sunday 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 fun sessions.

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.



CASINO Fundraising Night

SATURDAY - APRIL 29, 2023
6:00PM - 11:00PM
ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL I-HALL
6148 S MASON AVE CHICAGO, IL 60638

ENJOY A NIGHT OF GAMING, MUSIC, LIVE DJ, RAFFLES, 50/50, FOOD & DRINKS! GAMES AVAILABLE WILL BE BLACKJACK, POKER, CRAPS & ROULETTE. PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT STEM LAB EQUIPMENT, SECURITY UPDATES AND SCHOLARSHIPS. ALL GAMING IS TO WIN PRIZES. NO CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AT THIS EVENT. 100% OF THE EVENT PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL

TICKET COST: \$30

TICKETS INCLUDE: 25 DOLLARS IN CASINO PLAYING CHIPS, FIVE RAFFLE TICKETS AND TWO COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES (BEER, WINE OR SODA) FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THE RECTORY

OR

SCAN THE QR* CODE BELOW

*CONVENIENCE FEE APPLIES - \$1.25 PER TICKET



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APOSTLE OF IRELAND

“ I FEAR NOTHING, BECAUSE OF THE PROMISES OF HEAVEN. ”

- ST. PATRICK

ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE: PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

Christ with me,	Christ when I sit down,
Christ before me,	Christ when I arise,
Christ behind me,	Christ in the heart of every man
Christ in me,	who thinks of me,
Christ beneath me,	Christ in the mouth of everyone
Christ above me,	who speaks of me,
Christ on my right,	Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ on my left,	Christ in every ear that hears me.
Christ when I lie down,	Amen.