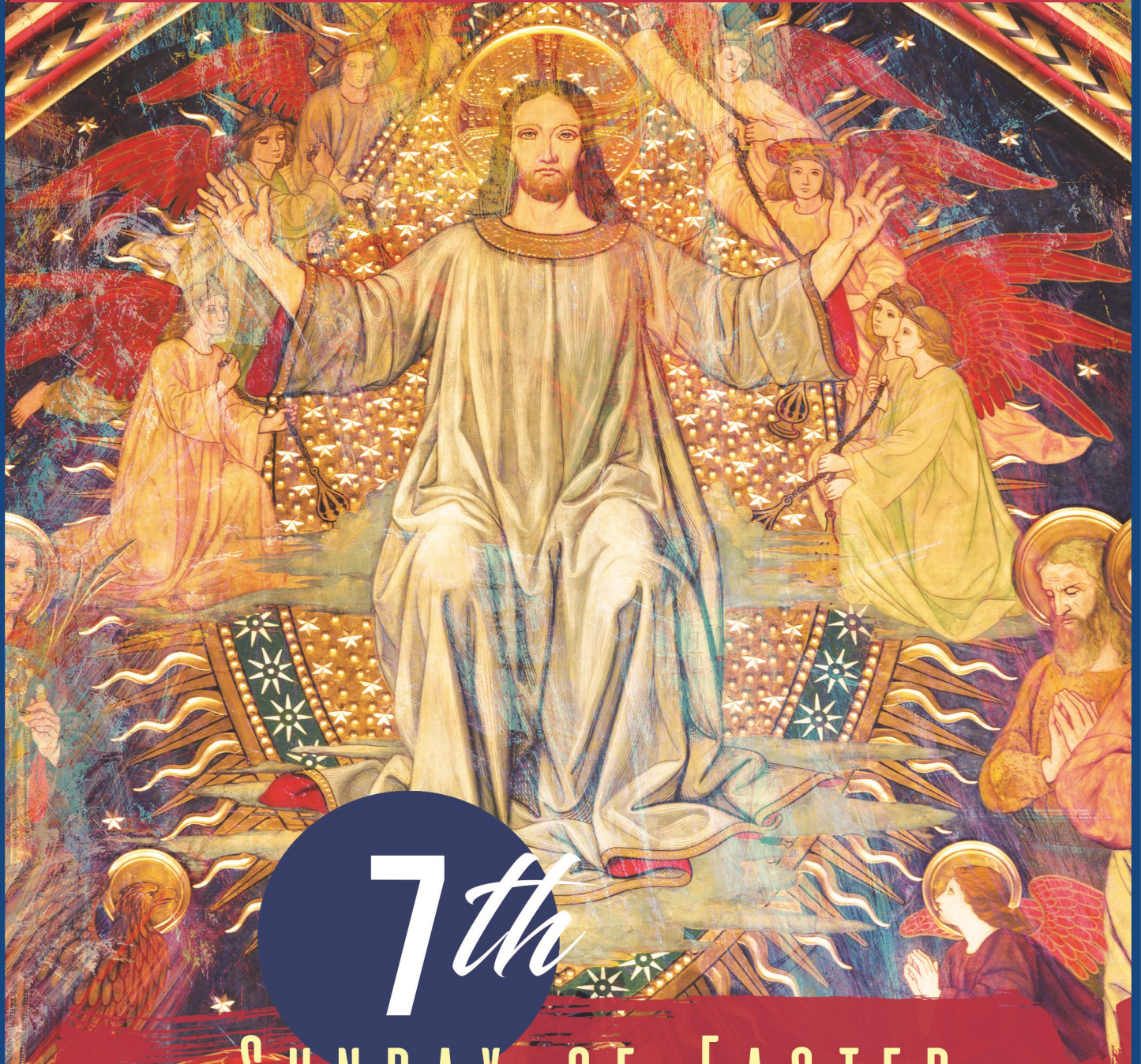


The Ascension of Our Lord | MAY 21, 2023



7th

SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." - Jn 17:1



TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

ST. SYMPHOROSA + ST. RENE GOUPIL

Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Litúrgica de la Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano.



WELCOME TO TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

CHURCH SCHEDULES

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Robert Regan
PASTOR

Rev. Norman Trela
RETIRED PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

PASTORS EMERITUS

Rev. Ted Bojczuk
PASTOR EMERITUS

Rev. Marcel Pasciak
PASTOR EMERITUS

Rev. Peter Paurazas
PASTOR EMERITUS

Rev. Idzi Stacherczak
PASTOR EMERITUS

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OFFICE ADMIN EXT. 210

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Kathy Berry
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Chris Garza
ASSISTANT SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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

Located on Austin between
the school and church buildings

 773.767.1523

 www.twoholymartyrs.org

 info@twoholymartyrs.org

MONDAY—FRIDAY

9 AM—4 PM

SATURDAY

9 AM — 12 PM

ST. RENE GOUPIL

6949 W. 63rd Place
Chicago, IL 60638

SUNDAY MASS

7:30 AM | 10:30 AM

MONDAY — SATURDAY MASS

8 AM mass is held during:

January | March | May

July | September | November

SATURDAY VIGIL

4 PM

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS | 3 PM—3:45 PM

SCHOOL OFFICE

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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



FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.

Jesus has NOT gone up, up and away like a beautiful balloon or fancy spaceship, but the Son of God and Son of man has changed His mode of existence. He is with us now in and through His Church by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We sometimes get trapped thinking "Here is earth. There is heaven." It helps us, however, to consider that heaven came to earth in the Person of Jesus. John the Baptist pointed to the long-awaited Messiah when he said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (MT 3:2).

Repent means to change; to change our minds and hearts; to turn our life around so that we surrender to God's will. Think about what we are saying when we pray the Our Father. "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

We are praying that the ways of heaven take root in the here and now. On our own power this is impossible, but with our cooperation with God's grace and power, amazing things can happen, and have happened. Heaven and earth kissed when God became man. And the Paschal Mystery of Christ (His suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension) has reconciled divinity and humanity.

Fr. John Riccardo (Archdiocese of Detroit) titled one of his books

"Heaven Starts Now: Becoming a Saint Day by Day." I highly recommend this book. We don't want to get caught standing and staring at the sky like the "Men of Galilee" in our first reading from Acts of the Apostles.

We live in the present moment as intentional disciples of Jesus. We live the corporeal works of mercy and the spiritual works of mercy. We pray as we go about our day living for the greater glory of God. Borrowing from Matthew Kelly, we live "holy moments." This helps us manifest heaven on earth. Sadly, we live in a time when our culture has decided to celebrate unholy moments. What can we do? Live holy moments as best we can.

One day, Jesus will come again in glory. In the meantime, we must heed the words of this Sunday's Gospel. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

Congratulations, Fr. Kevin!!!

Our next associate pastor was ordained a priest of Jesus Christ on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at Holy Name Cathedral by Cardinal Blasé Cupich.

Fr. Kevin Gregus will begin his first assignment at Two Holy Martyrs Parish on July 1, 2023. In the meantime, he will be celebrating with family and friends. He has a trip to Rome planned as well as traveling to other dioceses to celebrate "First Masses" with his classmates.

Please take to heart that Cardinal Cupich and the Priest Placement Board are showing great trust in us by assigning to our parish a newly ordained priest. A priest's first assignment is crucial. We want to help Fr. Kevin get settled into parish life.

He will arrive to us with the glow of ordination; the oil of chrism still wet in his hands. He will join me in doing

our best to help all of us grow closer to Christ. When we truly grow closer to Christ, we in turn, grow closer to one another.

He will soon have his hands full with anointings, wakes, funeral Masses, weddings, daily Mass, Sunday Mass, confessions, various meetings, personal prayer time, etc., etc.. This is the life of a priest, and we are blessed to be called by the Lord to share in His priesthood.

Pray for Fr. Kevin. Pray for Fr, Norm, Pray for me. And be assured of our prayers for you.

Thank You, Parishioners

This is just a general thank you to all our parishioners. You have chosen to make Two Holy Martyrs Parish your spiritual home. This is an important choice.

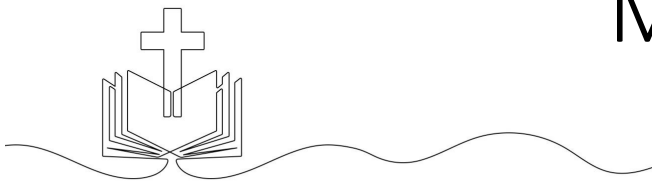
Thank you also for sharing your time, your treasure, and your talent. A parish flourishes when the people of God raise their hands and say, "How may I serve?"

A parish at any given time is doing one of three things: dying, surviving, or thriving. Our goal is always to move the dial toward thriving. This happens when we keep our eyes centered on Christ in both worship and service. We worship God, and we serve one another and our neighbors in need.

St. Teresa of Calcutta reminds us, "We are not called to be successful, but faithful."

Honor the past. Live in the present. Prepare for the future. And we do so with faith.

St. Symphorosa, pray for us. St. Rene Goupil, pray for us.



MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 22nd —MAY 28st

Monday, May 22nd

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

✠Eleanor Bluiss (Kathy Calcagno)

Health & God's Blessings for Barbara Kuebler (Mary Kolimas)

Tuesday, May 23rd

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

✠Macaria Battung (Rosario Battung) & All Souls in Purgatory

✠Charles Green (Family)

Wednesday, May 24th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Norm

✠Bert Rendak (Barbara Rendak)

✠Joanna & Karol Marzec (Ilona Szkodon)

Thursday, May 25th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Norm

✠Vince Porcelli (Judy Porcelli)

✠John Hylka (N. Shotas)

✠Jan Sochacki (Son)

✠Joan Hadac (Barbara Rendak)

Friday, May 26th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

✠Keith Fox (Fox Family & Friends)

Health & God's Blessings for Helena (Janina)

Saturday, May 27th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

✠Thomas Calcagno (Kathy Calcagno)

✠Theresa Genovese (Barbara Rendak)

✠Ginene Pascua (Barbara Rendak)

Enrique Lopez (for Health, Micaela Zamudio)

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

✠Raymond Mancuso (Giuseppa Mancuso)

✠Stanley Pasinski (Florence Goluch)

✠Virginia Toomey (Leahy Family)

✠Gloria Iuliano (Markham Family)

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

Best Wishes & God's Blessings

on your future: Fr. Matt

Sunday, May 28th

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

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

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

✠Virginia Blazeniak (Tony & Kelli Alvarez)

✠Kathleen, Ann, & Thomas Calcagno (Shirley & Wish Kucik)

✠Fr. Pat Henry (Two Holy Martyrs Parish) Kathy Hynes

✠Joan Hadac (Two Holy Martyrs Parish Staff)

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

✠Vince Porcelli (Judy Porcelli)

✠Robert Zeutschel 73rd Birthday (wife Dolores)

✠Alice & Rita Tomczak (Rich Janik)

✠Jack Orsi (Family)

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

✠Robert Ramirez (Elizabeth Ramirez)

God's Blessings for Fr. Norm (from Parishioner)

Jerry & Gloria Mulvihill (Renee Mikiewicz)

✠Katherine Barrera (Norma Lopez)

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

MAY

VINCE PORCELLI & MARIA PORCELLI

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

TOM MARKHAM

In loving memory, given by Family.

BERT RENDAK

In loving memory, given by Barbara (wife), Jonathan Rendak & Family.

LEGION OF MARY of The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Parish

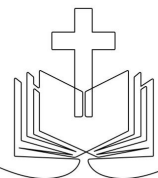
In loving gratitude for all your prayers and good deeds, given by Harlan Calvert.

In the lighting of candles, we remember and truly live the words of Our Lord: "I am the Light of the World." In the

Please Join Us in Praying for the Sick

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

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



Why Are There Liturgical Cycles?

Question: Why Does the Church Have Different Liturgical Cycles?

Answer:

While most Catholics know that the Church Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, etc.), many are unaware that the one Church Year is not like the one that follows. While the main seasons and feasts are the same from year to year, the 3-year cycle for Sundays and the 2-year cycle for weekdays means that, as a general rule, the readings in the *Lectionary* that we hear at Mass will change from year to year, helping us to have a richer encounter with Sacred Scripture. Each new cycle begins with the beginning of the liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent.

The reasoning behind this innovation is outlined in *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the “Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy” of the Second Vatican Council: “The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years” (no. 51). This was fully achieved in 1969 when the new cycles of readings were approved by Pope Saint Paul VI.

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Spring '24 Confirmation candidate

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

(GRADES 3RD - 8TH)



Grade 3 visits preschool to make some Easter crafts together!



Fourth grade honored the Apostles at Holy Thursday Prayer Service.



Grade 5 working on weather and climate stations in science class



Sixth Grade friends.



Seventh and Eighth grade on a field trip to the state capital in Springfield



Eighth grade at Notre Dame football stadium

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

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES



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



END OF YEAR PRAYER

Loving God, our Father

Caring Friend, Jesus

Special Guide, the Holy Spirit,

we thank you for this

year of growing in our Catholic faith.

We thank you for our Church and

all our friends here.

We thank you for our caring

catechists who give their time

to lead us to Jesus.

We thank you for the new

experiences we've enjoyed.

Keep us safe during the summer

Months.

Help us enjoy our friends, the

summer weather and a rest from

our schoolwork.

Bless our families with all that

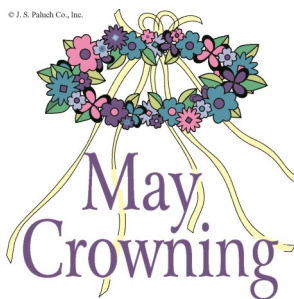
we need to be happy and to love one another.

We ask all this through Mary,

Our Mother.

Amen.





During our Faith Formation Classes,
 This Month of May,
 We honor Mary, the Mother of God as Queen
 of the Universe,
 And Our Heavenly Mother.

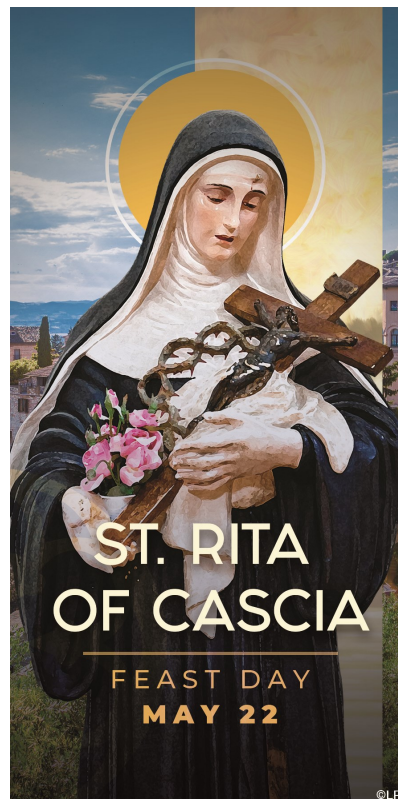
Upcoming Events:

5/21: 6th Grade Family Mass.

Classes Have
 Concluded For
 This School Year!



The Sixth-Grade Family Mass will be held Today, Sunday, May 21st at 9:00am at St. Symphorosa Church. We will honor Mary through-out the month of May. We look forward to welcoming All our Sixth Grade Families on May 21st.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join The Vikings Team 2023-2024 Scholarship



Varsity

- 1000 per student
- Grades 5th-8th

Junior Varsity

- \$500 per student
- Grades 1st-4th

Additional perks for all MVPs

- Discounted enrollment fee (\$50)
- \$20 School Belles gift certificate for each child

*Must be new to the school

**Scholarships are awarded on a first come, first serve basis until funds are exhausted.

ST. SYMPHOROSA
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
OF TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH



Two Holy Martyrs Parish is HIRING

Full/Part Time Maintenance Person

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

School STEM Facilitator

STEM Studio Facilitator wanted...

If you believe a community of kindness, love, and support equals success, we need you! We are currently accepting resumes for a Part-Time Facilitator for our STEM Studio beginning in the 23-24 school year. The right candidate will have an interest in STEM, experience working with children, be organized and self-motivated. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter, highlighting experience and interest in the role, to kberry@stsymsschool.org.

This is a part-time, stipend-based, grant funded position.

School Parent Association presents PLANT SALE DAYS at Soukal's Greenhouse

Throughout the entire month of May, Two Holy Martyrs Parish will receive 10% off your total purchase (pre-tax) when you present your bulletin at your next visit.

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY FOR ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL

Soukal's Greenhouse 5336 S. Mason Ave.
GREENHOUSE HOURS:
MON—FRI :8 AM—7 PM
SAT: 8 AM—5 PM
SUN: 9 AM-2 PM

WEDDING BANNES:

June 10, 2023 Colleen Ryan + Michael Vesely (II)
June 17, 2023 Ana Baez + Christian Arrieta (II)

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

Mark Bartusiak



Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH OFFETORY 5/14: \$8,006.08

Split the Pot Winning Envelope # 63258 - \$192.50

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

5/22— MONDAY

- ◇ Spring Run Club | St. Rene Goupil at 5:30PM
- ◇ School Advisory Board Meeting | St. Symphorosa at 6:30PM
- ◇ BSA Troop Meeting 1439 | St. Symphorosa at 7PM

5/24—WEDNESDAY

- ◇ Band Lessons | St. Symphorosa (I Hall) at 1:15PM
- ◇ Girls Scouts Meeting | St. Symphorosa at 3PM
- ◇ Spring Run Club | St. Rene Goupil at 5:30PM

5/25—THURSDAY

- ◇ Gospel Reflections | St. Rene Goupil at 6:30 PM
- ◇ Cub Scout Pack 4439 Weekly Meeting at 6:45 PM
- ◇ Youth Ministry at St. Symphorosa at 7 PM
- ◇ PrK/K Spring Program at 7PM

5/26— FRIDAY

- ◇ School Mass | St. Symphorosa at 11AM
- ◇ PeeWee Soccer | St. Rene at 3:45PM

5/29—MONDAY

- ◇ **MEMORIAL DAY**
- ◇ SCHOOL & RECTORY—WILL BE CLOSED
- ◇ Spring Run Club | St. Rene at 5:30PM
- ◇ BSA Troop Meeting 1439 | St. Symphorosa at 7PM

5/30—TUESDAY

- ◇ Core Staff Meeting | Stt. Symphorosa (I Hall) at 2PM
- ◇ Transformation Meeting | St. Symphorosa at 7PM

5/31—WEDNESDAY

- ◇ Girls Scouts Meeting | St. Symphorosa at 3PM
- ◇ Spring Run Club | St. Rene Goupil at 5:30PM

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

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

ETERNAL	GLORY	WORLD
CHRIST	GIVEN	SHOWN
FATHER	FOLLOWERS	PRAYING

E A I T O I E U P E Y
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MISSION

The next time you talk to God, pray for each of your friends. Ask your friends to pray for you, too.



10th SANTUARIO de Guadalupe

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Anniversary



MASS - MISA

JUNE 10

1:00 P.M.

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

1170 N. RIVER RD. DES PLAINES, IL 60016

La misa se celebrará al aire libre si el tiempo lo permite
 Mass will be celebrated outdoors if weather permits



CARDINAL BLASE J CUPICH
 ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO
 ARZOBISPO DE CHICAGO



CARDINAL CARLOS AGUIAR RETES
 ARCHBISHOP OF MEXICO CITY
 ARZOBISPO PRIMADO DE MÉXICO