



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



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

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

6125 S. Austin Avenue
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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 and instructions on both parish campus locations, churches, loading zones, etc.

REFRAIN FROM PARKING IN THE FIRE LANES



FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

On a small table in my bedroom rests a frame that contains three words: Remain In Me.

These three words remind me daily of the importance of staying close to Jesus; to remain in His love. Over the course of a day, there are numerous ways we can allow ourselves to get pulled away from intimacy with Christ.

Serious sin sits at the top of the list. When we choose to sin, we distance ourselves from the Lord. God does not withdraw from us. We withdraw from God. We lose grace. This is spiritual physics. The sacrament of reconciliation, in the wake of serious sin, can restore grace.

Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

Loving parents establish "rules" for their children. Why? Well, ideally, for the good of the child. A child can't always see what mom and dad can see. Mom reminds Johnny not to touch the hot stove because she loves him and does not want his fingers to get burned.

On a much higher spiritual realm,

God also desires the good of His children. Of course, we are free to rebel, act out, and disobey. The Lord has given us "rules" that are not arbitrary, but for the good of humanity (individually *and* collectively).

The wisdom of years helps us wake up and say, "Maybe God knows a little something about us as human beings."

The greatest gift God has given us is the Holy Spirit. You received the Holy Spirit at your baptism and the fullness of the Spirit in Confirmation. This Spirit helps us in so many ways, but especially in helping guide us in love and truth.

In our spiritual lives, we must also be aware that there is a countering spirit that seeks to pull us out of relationship with God and one another. This is the spirit that seduces us to sing, "I did it my way." This spirit seeks to blind us toward God's love and truth. It wants us to rebel, to act out, and to disobey. Far too many folks today have given their ear and heart to this persuasive voice.

Fortunately, we have a Good Shepherd, who knows our name and desires to protect us. We do well to heed His voice; to follow His commands. Not because He is a loveless tyrant, but because, like a concerned sleepless loving mom, He waits up for us to come Home.

Happy Mother's Day

My mom was wonderful. Yes, she

had flaws and quirks, but I never doubted her love and care for me. I'm pretty sure she had concerns during my wayward years. I'm also sure her prayers played a major part in my re-version to faith and to my calling to the priesthood.

My mom died suddenly of a heart attack at age 78 back in 2007. I found her lifeless body on the floor of her kitchen. I gave the eulogy at her funeral. Looking back, I can now see that was one of the first prompts toward rediscovering my vocation. Thanks, mom! You were the most Irish loving Bohemian/Polish woman I knew.

I do realize not everyone has or had a good mother. There are some tough stories out there, and for this, I am sorry.

We only have one mother. This is the woman who literally gave birth to us. She endured the pains of labor, and delivered us into this world. Ideally, the nurturing of life started on day one and continues beyond death in our hearts and memories.

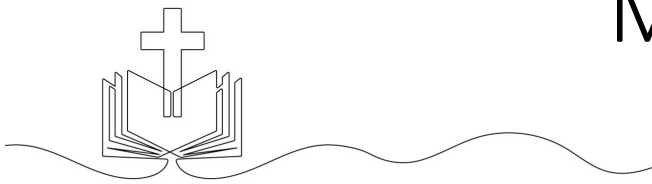
Thus, today we wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Please pray for all mothers and for those who so eagerly desire to become one. Remember, there was a time when your mom held your tiny little new-born body in her arms. She is your mom, and you will always be her child.

Blessed Mother, pray for us.

"She is strong and respected and not afraid of the future. She speaks with a gentle wisdom. She is always busy and looks after her family's needs."

-Proverbs 31: 25-27



MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 15th—MAY 21st

Monday, May 15th

8:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Matt
Svastisalle & Hart Families (Birthday blessings, Savstisalle Family)
Jerry & Gloria Mulvihill (Renee Mikiewicz)

5:30 PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob
Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

Tuesday, May 16th

8:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob
Jerry & Gloria Mulvihill (Renee Mikiewicz)
All Members of John & Mary Kolimas Family Living & Deceased
✠Andrew Schramm (Mary Shilney)
✠John Soltis (Mom)

Sunday, May 21st

7:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Mike Knotek
✠Alex & Erin Tulik (11th Wedding Anniversary, Marge Tulik)
✠Mary Ciukaj (Family)
✠Juanita Valdez (Norma Lopez)

Wednesday, May 17th

8:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Norm
All Souls in Purgatory
Priest vocations
John & Janina Karlowicz Family Members, Living & Deceased
✠Tony Anna & Bruna Luigi (Family)

9:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Mike Knotek
✠Claude Wiatrak (Clara Wiatrak)
✠James Sullivan & Maria Alvarez (Family)
✠Virginia Blazeniak (Mary Kolimas)
✠Socorro Duran & Rosario Flores (Family)

Thursday, May 18th

8:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Norm
Bernard & Alejandra Battung (Birthday blessings, Rosario)
✠Marie Pratt (Family)
✠Ann Clarke (Englund Family)

10:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob
✠Vince Porcelli (Judy Porcelli)
✠Dawn Bodoki (Mom & Dad)
✠Alice & Rita Tomczak (Rich Janik)
✠Jack Orsi (Florence Wilton)

Friday, May 19th

8:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob
Fr. Matt (Prayers for his new ministry, Mary Kolimas)
✠Vince Porcelli (Judy Porcelli)

12:00 PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Norm
✠Lucy Staner (Roxanne & Frank Lozich)
✠Joseph Corbett (Wife & Children)
✠Ellen Forde (Elizabeth Forde)
✠Yolanda Rivera (Elizabeth Ramirez)

Presiders are subject to change without notice.

Saturday, May 20th

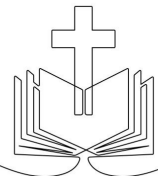
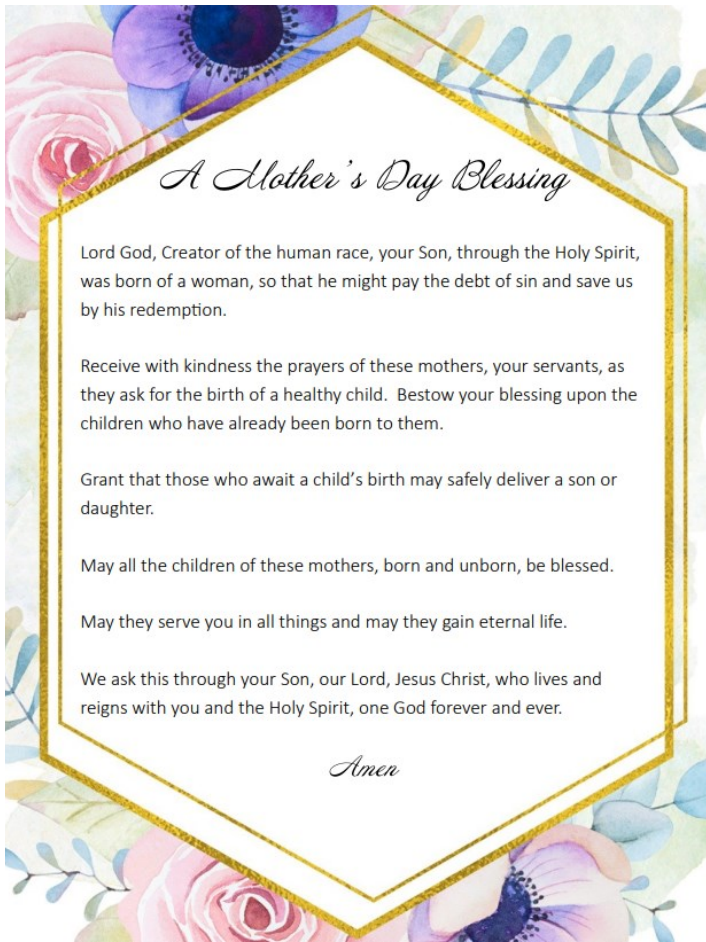
8:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Norm
Susana Guerrero (God's blessings, Michaela Zamundo)
✠Carol Kramer (Marie Zilka)
✠Rita Grzenia (Family)

4:00 PM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Francis Bitterman
✠Nych Family (Daughters)
✠Mary Ann & Bernard Whitehead (Donna Topps)
✠Stanley Pasinski (Linda Dobias)
✠Fred Marianger (Linda Dobias)



St. Symphorosa Church

St. Rene Goupil Church



We human beings are not angels. Our praise of God has flesh and bones, and when we pray at liturgy, we do so with our entire bodies. Every sensate experience, all that we see, taste, touch, smell, and hear is not merely inspiration for some authentic interior kind of prayer. Rather, in the very acts of listening, eating, drinking, walking, immersing, anointing and so on, we pray, celebrating and deepening our relationship with God and each other in the body of Christ.

McNorgan, David. Preparing for Liturgy. Collegeville, Minnesota: The Liturgical Press, 1997.



Please Join Us in Praying for the Sick

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| 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 | Ed Walz |
| Leon Detlaf | Domencio Lepore | Judith Webber |
| Debbie Flint | Rose Ann Lindsay | Becky Williams |
| Maria Flores | Maria Lopez | JoAnn Wolniak |
| Ken Fonte | Bob Pac | Beverly |
| Mia Forbes | Eleanor Pastorek | Zummerling |
| 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 | |

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 lighting of the sanctuary candles we honor a loved one, living or deceased.

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

FAITH FORMATION FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CLASS OF 2023



REGISTRATION FOR FAITH
FORMATION FALL
SESSIONS IS NOW OPEN!

PLEASE SEE OUR PARISH
WEBSITE OR VISIT OUR
OFFICE FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

(GRADES PK-2ND)



Mrs. Baisa's preschool class made paper mache earth and talked about how to help the earth



Our 8th grade helper, Cipatli, sharing her adventures with Pete the Cat to Pre-K!



Kindergarten filled 118 Easter baskets for Advocate Children's Hospital and the Saint Turibius food pantry.



First grade room 206 measuring in math class.



First grade celebrated our Family mass on Palm Sunday!

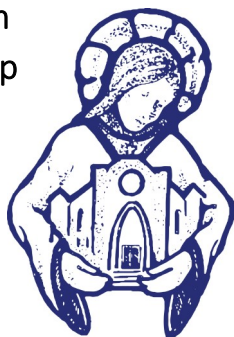


Second grade bunnies have worked and accomplished so much this month and we are finishing strong!

CALL 773.585.6888 OR EMAIL RBDEN@STSYMPHOROSASCHOOL.ORG TO SCHEDULE A TOUR!
STAY TUNED NEXT WEEK FOR HIGHLIGHTS FROM GRADES 3rd-8th

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join The Vikings Team
2023-2024 Scholarship



ST. SYMPHOROSA
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
OF TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

Two Holy Martyrs Parish is
NOW 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

If you believe in 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.

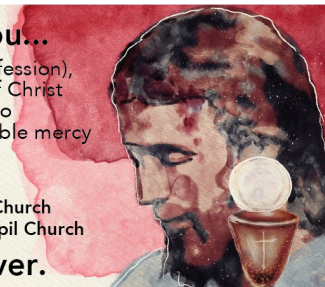
This is a part-time, stipend-based, grant funded position.

He's waiting to forgive you...

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

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

...His mercy endures forever.



Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH OFFERTORY ON 5/7: \$9,027.26
288 ONLINE ELECTRONIC APRIL DONATIONS: \$9,698.00

Split the Pot Winning Envelope # 63437 \$190

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

WEDDING BANNS:

June 10, 2023 Colleen Ryan + Michael Vesely (I)

June 17, 2023 Ana Baez + Christian Arrieta (I)

Early Bird Grand Raffle Ticket Winner:

NO. 00003

Tickets must be returned 1 day prior to draw. Next early drawing, will take place on June 13th. \$500 Prize

Donation: \$20/ ticket or \$100/6 tickets



TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 14, 2023

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.

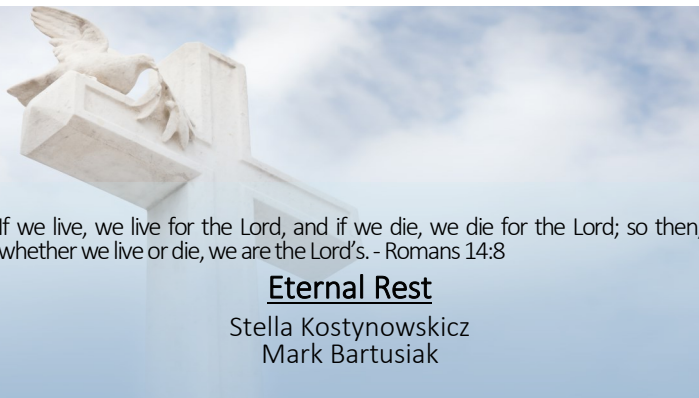


School Parent Association presents
PLANT SALE DAYS at Soukal's Greenhouse

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



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

Stella Kostynowskicz
Mark Bartusiak

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

5/15—MONDAY

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

5/16—TUESDAY

- ◇ Transformation Meeting | St. Symphorosa 7 PM
- ◇ CAPS/Neighborhood Watch | St. Faustina Kowalska Parish, Ward Hall 7 PM

5/17—WEDNESDAY

- ◇ Super Senior Club | St. Rene 11:30 AM
- ◇ Spring Band Concert | St. Symphorosa

5/18—THURSDAY

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

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

5/19—FRIDAY

- ◇ 8th Grade Social | St. Symphorosa

5/20—SATURDAY

- ◇ Project Linus' Make a Blanket | St. Rene 9:30 AM
- ◇ St. Vincent de Paul Bundle | St. Rene 12 PM—6PM

5/21—SUNDAY

- ◇ 6th Grade Family Mass | St. Symphorosa 9 AM
- ◇ Super BINGO \$20 | St. Rene Goupil 11:30 AM—1 PM
- ◇ St. Vincent de Paul Bundle | St. Rene 7 AM—12 PM

5/22—MONDAY

- ◇ School Advisory Board Meeting | St. Symphorosa 6 PM
- ◇ BSA Troop Meeting | St. Symphorosa 7 PM

5/24—WEDNESDAY

- ◇ Girl Scouts Meeting | St. Symphorosa 3 PM

5/25—THURSDAY

- ◇ Gospel Reflections | St. Rene Goupil 6:30 PM
- ◇ Cubs Scout Pack Meeting | St. Symphorosa 6:45 PM
- ◇ Youth Ministry at St. Symphorosa | 7 PM

5/26—FRIDAY

- ◇ School Mass at St. Symphorosa at 11 AM
- ◇ Pee Wee Soccer at St. Rene Goupil 3:45 PM

Kindly notify the Parish office if events have been cancelled or rescheduled. We also ask that you maintain the facilities in a safe and clean manner. Provide notice to the Parish office for any special setup arrangements at least two weeks in advance of the event. Report any pre existing issues and/or operational issues during the event. All garbage should be cleaned up accordingly everything returned to its original state. Please see parish office if there are any questions or further instruction is required. Thank you.



Altar & Rosary Society, May crowning committee



Where's Fr. Matt?

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

St. Rita of Cascia: A Saint for Our Day 116th Annual Solemn Novena

7740 S. Western Ave. | Chicago, Illinois | (773) 925-6600
stritashrinechicago.com | Ample Secure Parking

Saturday, May 13, 2023 through
Sunday, May 21, 2023

6:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:00 p.m. Mass and Novena Prayers

Monday, May 22, 2023
9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
10:00 a.m. Mass and Novena Prayers
6:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:00 p.m. Mass and Novena Prayers

Veneration of the relic of St. Rita will be available daily; Healing Mass and a Blessing with the St. Rita Oil on May 21st; Blessed Roses will be distributed at the Feast Day Masses on May 22nd



Empower Illinois provides low-income and working-class families the opportunity to explore new, quality K-12 education options through private school scholarships and advocating for innovation in Illinois education.

Help raise your voice to state legislators so that thousands of children can continue receiving a great Catholic Education. Let your legislators know you value the Illinois Invest in Kids Act and ask them to #RemoveTheSunset!

Please let Dr. Berry know if you are planning to go to Springfield. A bus trip is being coordinated. If you have questions please contact csullivan@archchicago.org

SO, ARE YOU READY TO FEST?

We're excited and we hope you are too! Family Fest 2023 will be our biggest Fest yet. With our musical line-up secured, our food vendors confirming, and our carnival set, we're ready to elevate your company's profile and help you reach 20,000+ Fest-goers.

To get started, contact the Two Holy Martyrs Parish Family Fest Sponsorship Director at (773) 767-1523 or at info@twoholymartyrs.org

Package commitments are due no later than June 30, 2023.

All logo artwork, brand specs, and/or color palette numbers must be submitted no later than June 30, 2023.

If your package includes a booth, please indicate if you will require tables, chairs, and electricity. Two Holy Martyrs Parish Family Fest 2023 reserves the right to limit the number of sponsorships based on spacing and availability (first come, first served).

Two Holy Martyrs Parish is a 501 (c) (3) organization.



The Knights of Columbus is a charitable organization raising funds for handicapped children and others in need of help within our parish community. We distribute care packages to soldiers deployed across the globe and our mission is forever evolving with time. Joining has never been easier. Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month. Call Jerry at 773.485.0146 for more information.

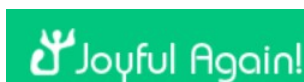


Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Chicago

Building a Better Tomorrow for Those in Need

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Two Holy Martyrs Parish is having their Semi-Annual Bundle Weekend. Our trailer will be at the St. Rene Goupil Church parking lot at 64th & New England, on May 20th 11 AM—5 PM & May 21st 7AM-12PM. We are gladly accepting clothing, shoes, kitchen & bedroom linens (towels, blankets, sheets, etc.), kitchenware and small appliances. We are unable to accept furniture, selected baby gear (car seats, strollers, bottles) or electronics. Tax receipts are available. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



This unique retreat/workshop (designed specifically for spousal loss) will be held at St. Julie's Parish

The Joyful Again! program is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. All are welcome.

What: Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women
When: June 24 & 25, 2023 (2-day program)

No overnight available at this site.

Where: St. Julie's Parish, (approximately 159th & Harlem Ave.)

Tinley Park, Illinois 60477-1398

For further information, call: 708-354-7211.

e-mail us at jofulagain7211@gmail.com

website: www.joyfulagain.org

