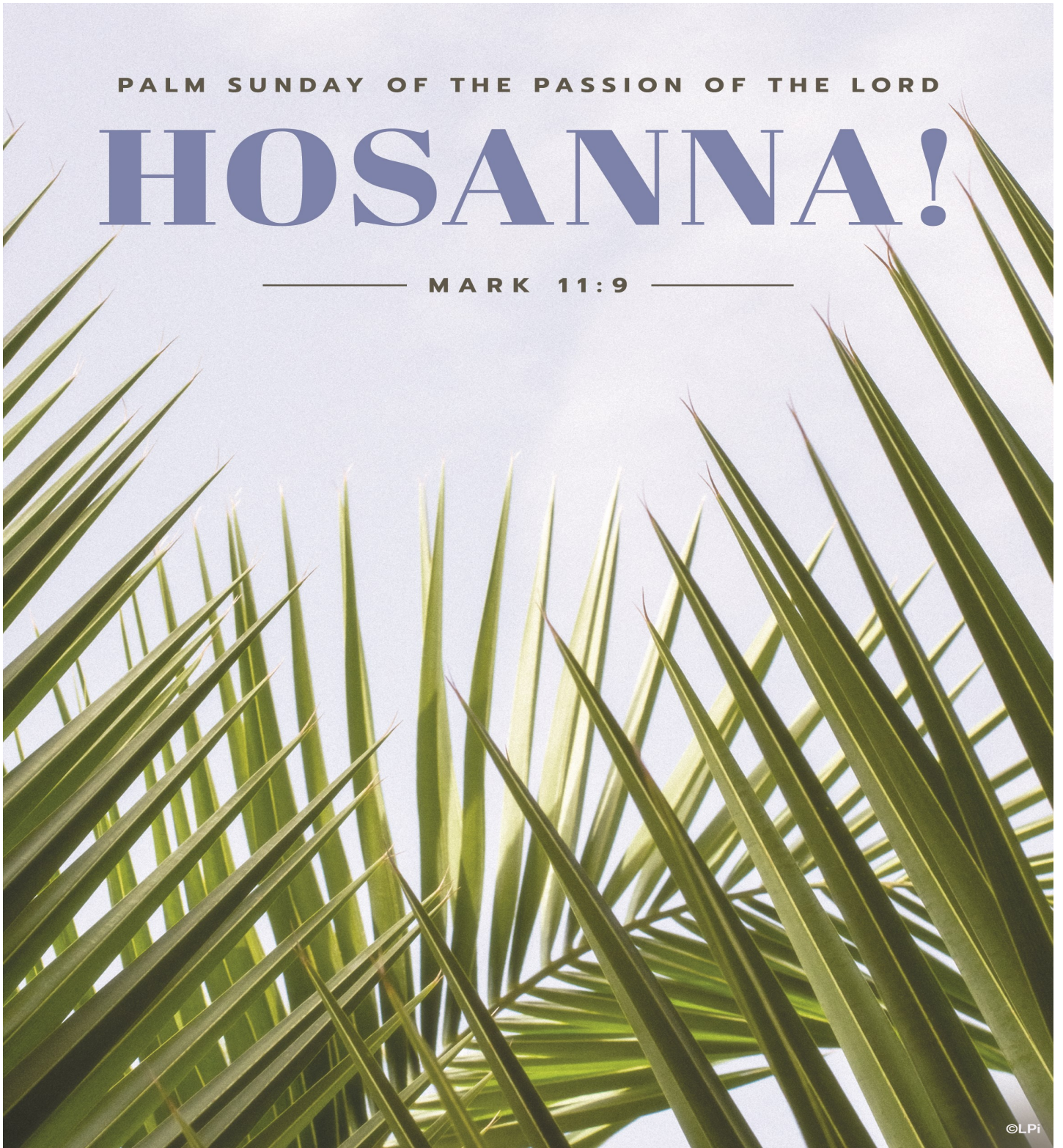


PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

HOSANNA!

MARK 11:9



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March 24, 2024

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

ST. SYMPHOROSA + ST. RENE GOUPEL



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WELCOME TO TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH MASS SCHEDULES

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

RECONCILIATION

TUESDAYS | 6 PM—7 PM

ST. RENE GOUPIL

6949 W. 63rd Place
Chicago, IL 60638

SUNDAY MASS

7:30 AM | 10:30 AM

MONDAY — SATURDAY MASS

8 AM mass is held during:

January | March | May
July | September | November

SATURDAY VIGIL

4 PM

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS | 3 PM—3:45 PM

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

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the school and church buildings*

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MONDAY—FRIDAY

9 AM—4 PM

SATURDAY

9 AM — 12 PM

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MONDAY—FRIDAY

9 AM—3 PM

PARKING AND SAFETY REMINDER

The safety of our parish community is important and must be taken into consideration at each gathering. Should serious medical or facility issues arise unexpectedly we must be prepared. We ask that you observe parking regulations on both campus locations, churches, loading zones, etc.

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PARKING IN THE FIRE LANES



FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

We are then nourished by the gift of the Eucharist when we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion.

Considering all this, we can be raised up to a higher love. We cooperate with God's grace and we -- already in this world -- are lifted up in faith, hope and love. We need not live with angst, fear, and despair. We live for Love, which means we live for God.

Love is stronger than death. The Paschal Mystery is the suffering, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ.

Death is not the victor. Yes, our physical bodies will die one day, but as human beings, we are not just a physical body. We are body AND soul, and the soul is immortal.

The promise of Christ is that our immortal soul will be joined with our glorified body in a new heaven and new earth.

"But as it is written, 'What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him.'" (1 Cor 2: 9).

As we enter Holy Week, we remember that we become what we love. This is connected to the saying, "We are what we eat." The entire goal of the diabolic is to pull us away from God; to pull us away from Love by any means necessary.

Evil cannot comprehend the cross. Evil cannot understand self-sacrificing love; a love that gets out of oneself for the good of others. The kind of merciful love shown to humanity by Chris's cross is anathema to the evil one and the demons. To them, it is nonsensical.

Evil thought it defeated Love atop Calvary; then came Easter morning. Alleluia!

Imagine you were trapped in a house fire. There was no way you were getting out. Someone needed to come in and rescue you. When all seems lost, a brave firefighter emerges through the flames and smoke, takes you onto his back, and carries you to safety. Salvation!

Would you be grateful for what he did to save you? You betcha! You'd never forget that saving act. You'd remember. Neither should we forget what Christ has done for us. We remember it at every Holy Mass.

The mystery of faith: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

Quote -- "Our Savior's Passion raises men and women from the depths, lifts them up from the earth, and sets them in the heights." -- **St. Maximus of Turin**



Built into the Passion narrative we hear proclaimed within Holy Mass this weekend is the instruction following the death of Jesus on the cross. It reads, "Here all kneel and pause for a short time."

We fall to our knees in reverence and prayer. We say thanks be to God for the salvation won for us by the Lord Jesus Christ. He dies so that we might have life in him.

St. Maximilian Kolbe wrote, "The cross is the school of love."

The eyes of faith see more than man's inhumanity to man in the crucifixion of Christ. We see in the crucified Jesus how far Love goes for the good of the beloved -- all the way into God forsakenness; all the way to the cross.

At the Last Supper, Jesus spoke the words, "This is My Body given for you." The next day on Calvary he spoke to all humanity, not in words, but in action -- "This is My Body given for you."

This great sacrifice continues through time and space when we celebrate Holy Mass. We are NOT re-crucifying Jesus.

We celebrate the ONE sacrifice at every Mass. We place ourselves at the foot of the cross, drawing from God's love.



FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

Since Holy Week is upon us, we'll take a break from our analysis of the eucharistic prayers and discuss some of the unique liturgical elements of the most solemn week of the Church's year. Next Sunday, we'll look at the beauty of the Easter Vigil and Easter day Masses.

Holy Week starts with Passion, or Palm, Sunday, in which we recall Jesus' triumphant entry in Jerusalem as the crowds greet him with palm branches and calls to be the long-awaited messiah. We also have the gospel reading that recounts Christ's Passion from one of the synoptic Gospels.

This year, we'll hear Mark's account of the Last Supper and the arrest, trial, and death of Jesus. The priest wears red in honor of Christ's blood to be shed on the cross, which he'll also wear on Good Friday.

Palm Sunday Mass begins in the back of the Church, from where he blesses the palms held by the congregation, reads the gospel passage about Jesus' entry, and then, like Jesus, processes up to the sanctuary to continue celebrating Mass. The prayer the priest begins Mass with explains the importance of accompanying Jesus with palms: "With all faith and devotion, let us commemorate

the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life." Everything we've done in Lent has prepared us for this most holy of weeks.

On Tuesday, the Archdiocese of Chicago will celebrate the Chrism Mass at Holy Name Cathedral. Our archbishop, Cardinal Cupich, joins together with the auxiliary bishops and the priests of the archdiocese to renew the promises they made on their ordination day and to bless the holy oils we use throughout the year: the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and the Sacred Chrism. The consecration of the Sacred Chrism involves the bishop, as the successor of the apostles, breathing out the Holy Spirit upon the oil and spice mixture.

Holy, or Maundy, Thursday starts the Sacred Paschal Triduum, the most important three days in the Church calendar. There are no other Masses celebrated on this day except for the Mass of the Lord's Supper in the evening.

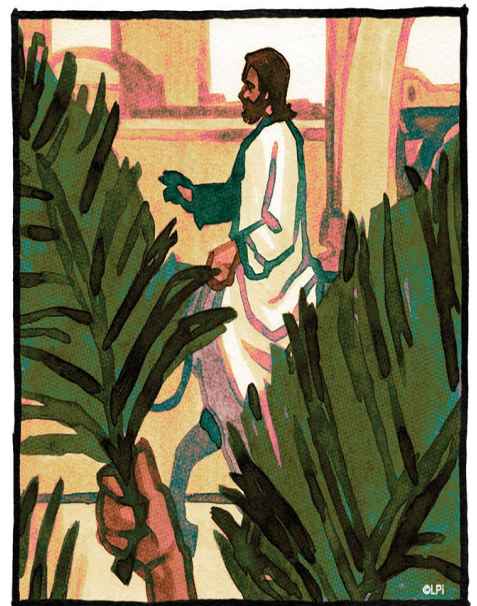
At that liturgy, the Church commemorates the beginning of not one, but two sacraments: the Eucharist and Holy Orders. In the washing of the disciples feet and the institution of the Eucharist, Jesus created the first priests for his Church. We'll hear the Gloria in excelsis proclaimed for the first time since Lent began, during which bells are rung. After this, no bells ring until the Gloria is sung again at the Easter Vigil.

There is no formal dismissal from this liturgy. This is because the Triduum is one

long, three-day liturgy. Instead, we end the Mass of the Lord's Supper with a procession of the Eucharist to the Altar of Repose, signifying Jesus and the disciples going to the Garden of Gethsemane. As the priest and ministers process, we chant one of the most beautiful hymns, the Pange Lingua, written by St. Thomas Aquinas. It tells of the beauty of the Eucharist and the Passover meal Christ shared with his disciples.

No Mass is allowed on Good Friday; instead, the liturgy is called the Celebration of the Lord's Passion. We hear John's account of Christ's death, present the solemn intercessions on behalf of the Church, and the veneration of the Holy Cross. The cross, initially veiled, is gradually revealed as we chant, "Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world. Come, let us adore."

Then, the faithful have a chance to adore the cross in their own manner, which is commonly done by genuflecting, touching, or kissing the cross.





Saturday March 23rd

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

- ✠ Larry Piotrowski (Jeanie)
- ✠ Sophie Simbick & Joseph Niziolek (Almendarez Family)
- ✠ Mike Trendle (Nancy Markham)
- ✠ Gerald Sears (Gregory Jackson & Family)

Sunday March 24th

7:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

- ✠ Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
- ✠ Al Beyer (Toni P)
- ✠ Mary Combs
- ✠ Yolanda Varela Kazmierczak (Gagnon Family)

9:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin

PRO POPULO

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

- ✠ Jack Orsi (Family)
- ✠ Patrick Murphy (SVDP Family)
- ✠ Maureen Feeley Balto (Capparelli Family)
- ✠ Judith Siwek (Family)

12PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin

- Health & God's Blessings for Fr. Norm
- ✠ Bill Haas (Gita Hass)
- ✠ Walter Kunkes (Tony & Debbie Luzzi)
- ✠ Juanita Valdez (daughter Norma)

Monday March 25th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

- ✠ Frank Nardi (Barbara Rendak)
- ✠ Mel Kieffer (Janina)
- Birthday Blessings for Sarah Muhamed (Mary Sarlitto)
- Birthday Blessings for Ayie Santiago (Rosario Battung)

Tuesday March 26th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

- ✠ Al Beyer (Love You)
- ✠ Mike Trendle (Parish Office)

Wednesday March 27th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

- ✠ Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
- ✠ Victor & Zeneida Narea (Vincent Narea)
- ✠ Laura Pelegrino (family)
- ✠ Robert Montgomery Sr. (wife & children)



March 23rd—March 31st

Thursday March 28th

07:00 PM | St. Rene Goupil
HOLY WEEK

Friday March 29th

03:00 PM | St. Symphorosa | Celebration of the Lord's
Passion
HOLY WEEK

Saturday March 30th

07:00 PM | St. Symphorosa | Easter Vigil
HOLY WEEK

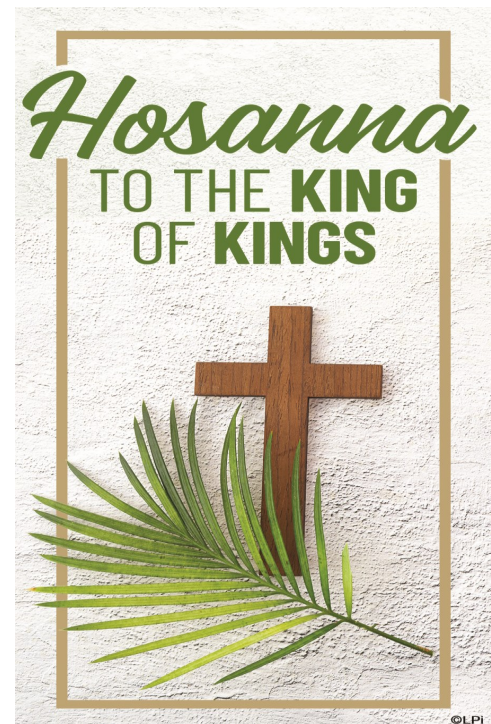
Sunday March 31st

7:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Kevin
EASTER

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

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

12PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob
EASTER



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

MARCH

VINCE PORCELLI & MARIA PORCELLI

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

ALBINA STRZELEC, SOPHIE PLOSAJ, JOSEPH & LEOPOLD STASZEL

For the repose of their souls, given by Bas Rendak.

DECEASED MEMBERS OF CALCAGNO & BLUISS FAMILIES

For the repose of their souls, given by Kathy Calcagno.

FOR ALL BIRTHDAYS & SOULS IN PURGATORY

given by Battung Family.

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

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| Arnold Adaska | Debbie Lipien | Manuel Soto |
| Guadalupe Almandarez | Rosemary Litwin | Shirley Tloczek |
| Maxine Carey | Joelee MacMaster | Fr. Norm Trela |
| Margaret Dalton | Rich Marcello | Judith Webber |
| Joanne Gallas | Cathy Mazeika | Beverly Zimmerling |
| Mitch Gallas | Clarence Oleszkiewicz | |
| Karen Holmes | Ramon Perez | |
| Joan Juris | Ann Robertson | |
| Ron Kelly | Adan Sanchez | |
| Sharon Labiak | Katrina Sigafoose | |
| Natalie Lecompte | Karen Singer | |



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

- Mary Ann DeRango
- Gerald Burns
- Rosemary Labno



Parking Notice for Parishioners

Please refrain from parking on the north side of 63rd Place across from the St. Rene campus. The north curb is now Permit Parking Only. It's okay to park on the south side of 63rd Place, but you risk being ticketed by police if you park on the north curb if you do not have Permit #2417. Thank you!



ATTENTION MEN OF TWO HOLY MARTYRS

IT'S TIME TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

WE ARE A CATHOLIC MEN'S ORGANIZATION THAT BENEFITS:

- HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND ADULTS
- DEPLOYED SOLDIERS ACROSS THE GLOBE (AND LOCAL VETS)
- YOUR CHURCH AND SCHOOL
- LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

OUR GROUP MEETS THE FIRST TUESDAY NIGHT OF EACH MONTH - USUALLY DOING SOMETHING WORTHWHILE.

WE'VE BEEN KNOWN TO GO OUT FOR "REFRESHMENTS" POST MEETING.

CHECK US OUT....

**CONTACT: JERRY 773.485.0146
DARRIN 773.418.3060**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Triduum Schedule 2024

Holy Thursday

7pm Mass at St. Rene
Altar of Repose until midnight in
St. Rene Chapel

Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
3pm at St. Symphorosa
Stations of the Cross
7pm at St. Symphorosa

Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter Baskets
Noon at St. Rene
Easter Vigil Mass
7pm at St. Symphorosa

Easter Sunday Masses

7:30am at St. Rene
9am at St. Symphorosa
10:30am at St. Rene
Noon at St. Symphorosa

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

AT OUR ST. SYMPHOROSA CHURCH

Please join us all Fridays in Lent at 7 p.m.

MARCH 29

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SUPER SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday March 27th. **Doors open at 11:30am**, meeting convenes at 12pm (noon) in the St. Rene Narthex.

SEE YOU THERE!!



ONLINE/ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

\$7,823.00

February 1, 2024 to February 29, 2024

Total number of transactions:
240



Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH OFFERTORY 3/17: \$8,517.47

Split the Pot Winning Envelope #: 60081: \$325.00

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO HOLY MARTYRS

GRAND RAFFLE

The
GRAND RAFFLE
is Coming...

YOU could be a
Millionaire in our
Annual
Two Holy Martyrs
Grand Raffle!
Tickets will go on
sale in April.

The ticket cost
remains **\$20 each or
6 tickets for \$100.**

Watch for the
exciting details to be
announced!

Two Holy Martyrs Parish
St. Rene Goupil Campus
6340 S. New England Ave



Super Bingo

Sunday April 14, 2024

Doors Open 11:30AM - Games Begin 1:00PM

Refreshments & Food are Available for Purchase

FREE COFFEE

Admission \$20 at the Door

For More Information Call 773-767-1523

IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you have any items you would like to donate,
you can do the following:

- ◆ Hold for **May 18 & 19** for St. Vincent de Paul drive.
- ◆ If you can not wait until **May 18 & 19**, please drop off items at the drop box at the St. Rene Campus (blue box) or at your nearest Salvation Army or Goodwill.
- ◆ There is a Salvation Army on 63rd St. and Nagle Ave.
- ◆ **DO NOT DROP OFF ANY ITEMS AT THE PARISH OFFICE**
Unfortunately, the Parish Office does not have the resources to manage unplanned drop offs.

Thank you!

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

Important!

Upcoming Events:

3/24: First Grade Family Masses.
Palm Sunday Processions,
9am & 10:30am.

3/31: HAPPY EASTER

EASTER BREAK

Classes Resume:

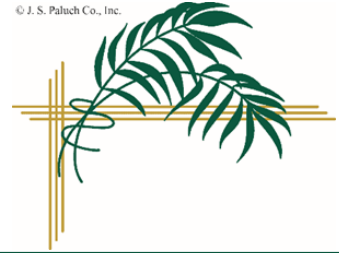
4/6: Faith Formation Classes
St. Syms Campus. (Sat.)

4/9: Faith Formation Classes
St. Syms Campus. (Tues.)

4/16: First Communion Pictures



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Palm Sunday Procession

We invite all our First-Grade school students and all our Level One Students in our Faith Formation Program to a special grade level family Mass on Palm Sunday. The children are being asked to carry palms and participate in the Palm Sunday Procession on March 24th at 9:00am at St. Symphorosa Church or the 10:30am Mass at St. Rene. Please have your child/children gather in the narthex 10 minutes before Mass begins. The children will form a line for the procession and after the procession will sit with their families during the liturgy. (It's important that the children know where you are sitting.) May God bless you as we continue our Lenten Journey.

JESUS PROJECTS

This year, our students in level Seven are focusing on the person of Jesus in the Gospels. These students will be using some creative art form to depict a Jesus story of their choice. The projects will be on display in the narthex, for viewing by our parish community during the month of April.



LENTEN OUTREACH

As our Lenten Outreach project draws to a close. We would like to Thank All our Parish Families for your awesome generosity. So far we have assembled 60 Children's Easter Baskets! These baskets will be delivered to the Chicago Catholic Charities Group which is active at St. Blasé Church in Summit, Illinois. We are still accepting donations... they can be dropped off at the Main Parish Office on Austin Ave. or brought with you when attending Mass.

Pictured above: Our 2024 Confirmandi assembling the Easter Baskets and earning service hours for their upcoming Confirmation.
(Angelina, Emily, Jaxon, Sarah and Victoria)

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

(GRADES 4TH-8TH)



Fourth graders earned a donut reward for raising the most Walkathon donations.



Gr. 5 celebrates 100th day of school by building the tallest tower possible with a limit of 100 pieces



Sixth grade playing Kahoot game to study for a test



7th graders brought in supplies for St. Vincent DePaul as part of the Catholic Schools Week celebration



Seventh and Eighth grade practicing Stations of the Cross



CASINO Fundraising Night

SATURDAY - APRIL 20, 2024

6:30PM - 11:00PM

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH SHARP CENTER
LOCATED ON THE ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL CAMPUS
5940 W 62ND STREET | CHICAGO, IL 60638

ENJOY A NIGHT OF GAMING, MUSIC, LIVE DJ, 50/50 RAFFLES, FOOD & DRINKS!
GAMES AVAILABLE WILL BE BLACKJACK, CRAPS & ROULETTE.
ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL STUDENTS AND NEEDS.
ALL GAMING IS TO WIN PRIZES.
NO CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AT THIS EVENT.

TICKET COST: \$40

TICKET INCLUDES: \$100 CASINO PLAYING CHIPS, FIVE RAFFLE TICKETS AND ONE COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGE (BEER, WINE OR SODA) ADDITIONAL DRINKS & 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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