



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” - Mt 21:42ab

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October 8, 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
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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!

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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
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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



War is ugly. We all claim to not want war, and yet, war is a daily reality. **Why?**

Allow the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen to shed some light on the subject.

He wrote, "Unless souls are saved, nothing is saved; there can be no world peace unless there is soul peace. World wars are only projections of the conflicts waged inside the souls of modern men and women, for nothing happens in the external world that has not first happened within a soul."

Amazing insight! It's the fight percolating inside the human heart that soon becomes a fight on the outside with other human beings.

Back in my younger days, as a group of guys headed out for a night on the town, you could sense there was going to be a fight because one of the guys in the group already had the fight going on inside him. All it took was an innocent bump on a crowded dance floor to set the guy off.

Human history is a continuous line of war dating back to the story of Cain and Abel all the way to the present moment with the numerous murders that take place in Chicago every single day.

We hold peace rallies again and again only to lose hope in the wake of more senseless violence. Man's inhumanity to man is on display.

Our elected leaders propose more laws, as if more man-made laws will be effective all the while we ignore God's law.

The Fifth Commandment was clear. You shall not murder. The deeper issue is not a lack of laws but a lack of authentic love.

Thomas Merton zeroes in on the root system of war. He wrote, **"We are not at peace with others because we are not at peace with ourselves, and we are not at peace with ourselves because we are not at peace with God."**

October in the Church is Respect Life month. As Christians we are mindful of the inherent dignity every human being possesses thanks be to the Creator. We are made in the image and likeness of God.

This is what makes human life sacred. Sadly, far too many folks have lost sight of this transcendent truth. Because of this, far too many human lives become disposable; from the unborn to the well-aged.

Mother Teresa was not one to mince words. She said, **"What is taking place in America is a war against the child. And if we accept that the mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another."**

Human life is sacred at every stage along the way. The Church has a consistent life ethic. It's not just about abortion. It's about making sure human life is respected from womb to tomb. We understand the physical needs of humanity: **food, shelter, and clothing.**

We must not lose sight of the deeper spiritual needs of the human person: to love and to be loved. We are not mere cogs in the production wheel of society.

We are more than producers and consumers of material goods. We

are human beings who have been loved into existence by Love itself. So many of today's issues exist because we've forgotten the One Who is Love – God.

My friends, now is the time to stay close to Christ. Pray daily. Reflect on sacred scripture. Make use of the Sacrament of Confession for the serious sins that disturb your peace.

Participate every Sunday in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Receive the Eucharist. Engage the corporeal and spiritual works of mercy.

Spend an hour in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday evening here in the parish. These are the things we can be doing to bring authentic peace to our respective souls. Peace starts at home.

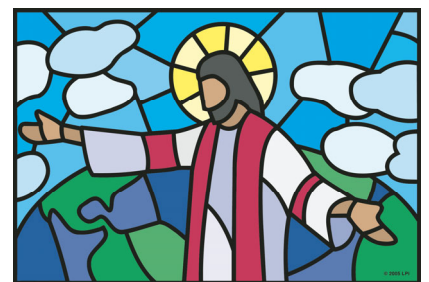
World wars might never end in our lifetime. But the little wars waging in our hearts can be dealt with thanks to the Prince of Peace. We become instruments of peace; true disciples of the one who says, "Peace be with you. My peace I give you."

The Lord desires to give it.

We must desire to receive it, live it, and share it.

**Are you at peace with others?
Are you at peace with yourself?
Are you at peace with God?**

Quote -- "The world is full enough of hurts and mischances without wars to multiply them."





FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily."

Today, I want to look more deeply at the Entrance, and then the other elements in following weeks.

We have already learned about the importance of processions.

The entrance procession is accompanied by some type of singing. This could be a chanted excerpt from scripture that is proper to that particular Mass, which is called the Entrance Antiphon. Appropriate hymns can also be used, which is the current norm for us on Sundays at Two Holy Martyrs.

You'll notice that after the procession has reached the sanctuary, the servers and ministers either bow or genuflect as a sign of respect. Then, the priest (and deacon if he is present) reverence of the altar with a kiss.

During Mass, the altar is the focal point of the liturgy since this is the place where the sacrifice happens in the Eucharist and is offered to God. The altar itself symbolizes Christ, since Jesus offered himself on the Cross – he became the sacrifice, the altar, and the priest.

It's truly the place where heaven and earth meet. On high feast days and solemnities, the priest may even incense the altar to symbolize the rising of our prayers before the throne of God (Ps 141).

Yes, the altar is made of earthly materials, such as wood or marble, but they have been set aside ("consecrated") for this special

purpose. During the dedication of an altar, the bishop covers the top with Sacred Chrism, the holy oil used in baptisms, confirmations, and ordinations that symbolizes the Holy Spirit.

Often, relics of saints are placed within the altar, which is a tradition dating back to underground Masses celebrated above the tombs of the martyrs in the Roman Catacombs.

This kiss of reverence shows us the importance of the altar and the priest's connection to it. We want to treat sacred things with respect because they remind us of and help us connect to God. Perhaps you kiss your Bible or rosary before and/or after you pray it.

Reverencing it at the beginning recognizes the essential nature of altar in the Mass.

At your next Mass, you can perform some sort of interior reverence of the altar as the priest bows down to kiss it as a sign of your own readiness to celebrate Mass.



Anytime we give an introduction, we are setting up our audience with clues on what to pay attention to, the themes of what we are presenting, and the key elements of the presentation or story. We get relevant background information without being overwhelmed and we know where to place our attention throughout the remainder of whatever we are doing.

The Introductory Rites of the Mass are no different. The rites that precede the Liturgy of the Word are **the Entrance, the Greeting, the Penitential Act, the Kyrie, the Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) and Collect (Opening Prayer)**. They each have the character of a beginning, a foreword, and a preparation, as well as giving due praise and worship to God.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) explains how to use the Missal, which is the book the priest uses throughout the Mass.

It says this about the introduction: **"Their purpose is to ensure that the faithful, who come together as one, establish communion and dispose themselves properly to**



MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 7th-OCTOBER 15th

Saturday October 7th

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

- ✠Thomas Murray (Family)
- ✠MaryAnn Whitehead (Family)
- ✠Conception Volanti (Family)

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

- ✠Alicia Gaffney (Don Gray)
- ✠Stanislaw Michalek -1st Anniversary

Sunday October 8th

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

- ✠Vince Porcelli (Judy Porcelli)
- ✠Januario Gonzalez (Family)
- ✠John LeCompte (Family)

For all Deceased members of the O'Brien Family

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

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

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

- ✠Jerome Woywerowski (Ted Wiecek)
- ✠Helen Kroll (Robert Kroll)
- ✠Anita Kowal (Mary Wassink)
- ✠Judith Siwek (Family)

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

- ✠Ann Calcagno (Kathy Calcagno)
- ✠Ken Moran (C. Moran)
- ✠Krzysztof Jedrejowski & Wiestawa Jedrejwska (John Jedrejwska)
- Peace, Health & God's Blessings for Dorothy Thomas (Harlan Calvert)

Monday October 9th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob

- ✠Lucio & Guadalupe Gonzalez (Lucio Gonzalez (son))
- ✠Charles Shilney (Mary Shilney)
- ✠Lauren Vitrano (Mom & Amanda Vitrano)
- ✠Edward Kloc (Kloc Family)

Tuesday October 10th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin

- ✠Claude Wiatrak (wife Clara)
- ✠Elizabeth Sarlitto (Mary Sarlitto)
- ✠Thomas Biondo (Biondo Family)

Wednesday October 11th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin

- ✠Patrick Carmody (Kathleen Ross)
- ✠Vince Porcelli (Judy Porcelli)
- Health and all the Lord's Blessings for Mave Walsh on her 88th Birthday (Murphy Family)
- ✠Paz Cordova and all poor Souls in the Purgatory (Rosario Battung)

Thursday October 12th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Norm

- Souls in Purgatory
- Priest Vocations
- ✠Joan & Ernie Agostino (Pat Soltis)
- ✠Jeff Aldrich (Barbara Rendak)

Friday October 13th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin

- ✠Charles DeLauriea (wife Lorraine)
- ✠Erlinda Cordova and all poor souls in the Purgatory (Rosario Battung)

Saturday October 14th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob

Lords blessings on the Birthday of Diana Sarlitto (Mary Sarlitto)

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

- ✠Lupe & Anthony Mendez (Almendarez Family)
- For all the Deceased Members of Skraba Family (Jeanie)
- ✠Walter & Frances Szumowski (Wes & Debbie Szumowski)
- ✠Robert Compton (Wife)

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

- ✠Gerald Sears (Gregory Jackson & Family)
- ✠Slawomir Michalek - 25th Anniversary

Sunday October 15th

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

- ✠Vince Porcelli (Judy Porcelli)
- ✠Sgt. Omar Saucedo (Family)
- ✠John Viece (Friend)
- Health & Healing for Jason Mirabella (Friend)

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

- ✠Robert Hilliard (Love, your Family & Friends)
- ✠Thomas Herman (Patti Grzenia)
- ✠Gregory Pacino (Arlene Scaletta)
- ✠Margaret "Peg" Fonte (St. Vincent DePaul)

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

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

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

- ✠Krystyna Lukasik (Stanley Lukasik)
- ✠Janice Gasior (Kolasinski Family)



Presiders are subject to change without notice.

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH | OCTOBER 8, 2023



OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES

BURNING BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, ARE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF

OCTOBER

VINCE PORCELLI & MARIA PORCELLI

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

ELIZABETH, WILLIAM, & TONY BOJARSKI

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

JOHN GACA

For the repose of the soul, given by wife Eleanor.

FOR ALL BIRTHDAYS AND ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

given by Rosario Battung.

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 | 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

Carol Livingston



The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (**All Souls' Day**) this year is on **Thursday, November 2nd.**

The Parish office is now collecting **FRAMED PHOTOS** of deceased loved ones from parishioners who would like them included in our Remembrance Altar.

Please bring the photos to the Parish Office . On the back of the frame/photo, please include your name and phone number (so that we can return it), and also designate which church site you'd like the photo displayed.

Photos can also be given to an usher at any weekend Liturgy.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

10/8 - Sunday

- ◇ Girls varsity volleyball grade 8 Team | St. Symphorosa at 6:30PM

10/9 - Monday

- ◇ NO SCHOOL - Indigenous Peoples' Day
- ◇ LIFELINE SCREENING AT SCHOOL
- ◇ BSA Troop Meeting 1439 | St. Symphorosa at 7PM

10/10 - Tuesday

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

10/11 - Wednesday

- ◇ Super Senior Club Meeting | St. Rene Goupil at 11:30AM
- ◇ Cub Scout Pack 4439 Committee Meeting | St. Symphorosa at 6:30PM
- ◇ Choir Practice at the Church | St. Symphorosa at 7PM

10/12 - Thursday

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

10/13 - Friday

- ◇ School Mass | St. Symphorosa at 11AM
- ◇ Girls Varsity Basketball Team | St. Symphorosa at 5PM
- ◇ Baptismal Preparation Class | St. Symphorosa at 6PM
- ◇ Girls Varsity Volleyball Team 7gr | St. Symphorosa at 7PM

10/14 - Saturday & 10/15 Sunday

- ◇ Bake Sale - Altar & Rosary Society | BOTH CHURCHES - NARTHEX

10/15 - Sunday

- ◇ 7th Grade Family Mass | Faith Formation | St. Symphorosa at 9AM
- ◇ **BINGO | St. Rene Goupil | DOORS OPEN 11:30AM - GAME BEGINS AT 1PM**
- ◇ Girls varsity volleyball grade 8 Team | St. Symphorosa at 6:30PM

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

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



Super Bingo

Sunday October 15, 2023

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



SUPER SENIOR CLUB NEWS

The next meeting for October will be Wednesday October 11th & 25th.
Doors open at 11:30am meeting convenes at 12pm (noon) in the St. Rene Narthex.
 We will have a special visit from **Oak Street Health**.

SEE YOU THERE!!

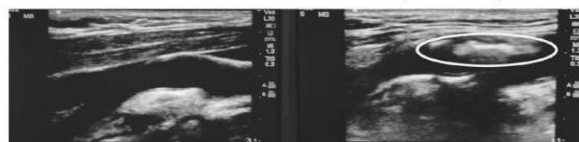
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Adults age 50+ and those 40 and older with one or more risk factors for cardiovascular disease should be screened. *Key Risk Factors include: *High blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, smoking, family history.

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**

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WEDDING BANNES:

October 14, 2023 - Sarah West & Andrew Szyman (III)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRESENTS OUR THEMED

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14 23 36 47 75
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\$20 admission at the door
in the I Hall on the St. Symphorosa Campus
6148 S. Mason Street, Chgo IL 60638

Split-the-pot Sunday October 22nd Pull tabs
DOORS OPEN AT 12:30 GAMES BEGIN AT 1:30
Hosted by the THM Parish Transformation Team



Two Holy Martyrs Parish invites you to attend our 9th annual **Holiday Extravaganza luncheon, craft & vendor fair**
Hosted by the THM Parish Transformation Team

Sunday, November 12, 2023
10:30am-2:30pm
Sharp Center
5940 W. 62nd Street, Chgo. IL, 60638

No entry fee for patrons

Attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for our Thanksgiving food drive to benefit the St. Blase food pantry in Summit IL. Each donation receives a complimentary raffle ticket (limit 5 tickets).

THE ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE FIFTH ANNUAL

GRATEFUL THANKFUL BLESSED DINNER

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 11, 2023
6:00 PM - 11:30 PM
EUROPEAN CHALET
5445 SOUTH HARLEM | CHICAGO | IL | 60638

DJ & LIVE MUSIC BY WINDY CITY DUELING PIANOS
RAFFLES | SILENT AUCTION INCLUDING ORIGINAL STUDENT ART

\$65 INCLUDES DINNER & DUELING PIANOS | CASH BAR | 21+ EVENT RECOGNITION OF ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL & TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH VETERANS PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE SCHOOL & PARISH OFFICE OR USE THE QR CODE

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Altar & Rosary Bake Sale will be on **October 14th & 15th**, this is for our church needs.

Bring baked items to:
St. Syms on Saturday October 14th between 9am-12pm.

St. Rene (Narthex) on Saturday October 14th starting at 2:30pm

Baked items will be accepted before Masses on Sunday.



Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH OFFERTORY 10/01: \$11,962.71

Split the Pot Winning Envelope # 66576 -\$370.00

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

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FAITH FORMATION



Important!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

10/7: Faith Formation Classes
Saturday, St. SYM'S Campus.
Reconciliation Parent Meeting.
(St. Syms Campus)

10/10: Faith Formation Classes
Tuesday, St. SYM'S Campus.
Reconciliation Parent Meeting.
(St. Syms Campus)

10/15: Seventh Grade Family Mass.

10/21: Faith Formation Classes
Saturday, St. SYM'S Campus.
Confirmation Parent/Student/Sponsor
Meeting.

10/24: Faith Formation Classes
Tuesday, St. SYM'S Campus.
Confirmation Parent/Student/Sponsor
Meeting.



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.)



Confirmation Parent/Student/Sponsor Meeting

We will welcome our Confirmandi, their parents and sponsors to a Confirmation Preparation meeting.

Our own Pastor, Fr. Robert Regan will be the Presenter. We happily anticipate his time with us because we know he will encourage our Confirmation candidates to share the good news of Jesus by their witness to Gospel values and their care for those in need.

Please remember to include the Confirmation Candidates, their parents and sponsors in your prayers.

(The meetings are scheduled for Oct. 21st and Oct. 24th both meetings will be held at our St. Symphorosa Campus.)



Thank You

We thank all our families who came to our St. Rene Church, for the beginning of the Year Family Mass on Sunday, September 24th, to pray for blessings on this new school year. A special "thank-you" to all who participated in assisting our local food pantries and our needy parishioners with your consistent donations of non-perishable food items. May you be blessed for your great generosity!



PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

(GRADES PK-2ND)



Apple tasting and graphing in Ms. Baisa's room



Our first picture day with our preschool family



Kindergarten uses two sided counters to create addition problems



First grade at the first Friday assembly of the year



Mrs. Augustine's 2nd grade room 206 measuring with help from their 8th grade buddies



Ms. Bazan's Second Grade Picture Day Perfection: presenting cast 204

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