



MARCH 5, 2023

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him." - Mt 17:5b



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

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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

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FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG



Trust is a serious concern in our day and age. Perhaps, it's always been an issue since The Fall.

Sometimes we just don't know who we can trust. People don't

trust our politicians. People don't trust the Church. People don't trust corporations. People don't trust the government. People don't trust our news media. We might not even trust our neighbors or someone in our own family.

And if we're being extra honest, there are times when we don't even trust our own self.

Let's define the word trust. Trust means a firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something. Let's face it. People let us down at times. We let ourselves down at times.

Our responsorial psalm on the Second Sunday of Easter gives us hope amidst earthly despair. "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."

This conjures up the Divine Mercy image made popular by St. Faustina Kowalska. At the bottom of the image are the words "Jesus, I trust in you." Praying those five words can be powerful. We believe to be true that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of man. This truth gives us the confidence we need to face each day mindful of God's providence.

We want to be able to trust. And there certainly are people in our respective lives that we trust. You have people you trust, and I have people I trust.

The problem, however, comes when we put our eternal trust in mortal man. We really hope the people who run our country, run our Church, run our corporations, and run our news organization will be people of integrity. People whose yes means yes, and whose no means no. Sadly, we are often

disappointed.

This is a good time to visit Psalm 146:

"Praise the Lord, my soul; I will praise the Lord all my life, sing praise to my God while I live. Put no trust in princes, in children of Adam powerless to save. Who breathing his last, returns to the earth; that day all his planning comes to nothing."

This psalm should humble us and help us see that our fellow man is as flawed as we are, and that no human being can fill the God-shaped hole we have in our heart. No human being is perfect; not you, not me. Nothing can frustrate a relationship more than expecting the other person to be God for you. That's an unfair expectation for any human being. God is God. We are not.

Our Gospel this Sunday presents us with the Transfiguration. Jesus knows he's heading toward death in Jerusalem. He knows this will shock and frighten his Apostles. So, on the mountain of transfiguration, the Lord allows his divinity shine through his humanity. This will provide the hope and trust the Apostles need to move forward.

We, too, must remember that Jesus is the Savior. He died. He is risen. This is our hope. This is the One we trust in good times and in bad times. We place our trust not in princes, but in the Prince of Peace. Jesus, we trust in you.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Over the course of the past 30 years, the Archdiocese of Chicago has put in place as many checks and balances as possible to help protect our children.

Each employee of the parish, and any parish volunteer working directly with children, MUST complete all necessary training and documentation required by the Archdiocese that pertains to child safety. This includes Virtus training, and for some this also includes being a Mandated Reporter.

The Archdiocese of Chicago has been at the forefront of putting into place procedures that serve to protect our children. Many other national

organizations and groups turn to the Archdiocese of Chicago as a model for what to put in place for child protection.

There are times we encounter volunteers or potential volunteers who don't know why we require all this, or they view the whole process as inconvenient or unnecessary. We need everyone to please understand this is necessary so that we can nurture a healthy environment at Two Holy Martyrs Parish.

Our news outlets today regularly report on isolated cases of child sex abuse. These cases arise in public schools, private schools, sports organizations, scout groups, and in families. Sadly, we are all too aware of how this also happened in the Church, and that the abuse was committed by priests, as well as religious brothers and sisters. Sexual abuse of a child is not only wrong, but also cooperation with evil.

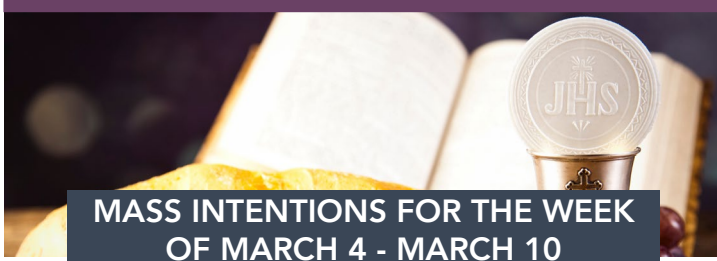
The issue of child sex abuse is not something confined to just the Church. This is a societal problem that spans the globe. It is a topic that is uncomfortable, but it is a topic our culture must continually be aware of and address proactively. The current day issue of international child sex trafficking should be on the radar of every parent, every journalist, every elected leader, and every law enforcement official. We don't have to search 50 years in the past to find child sex abuse victims. It is going on today throughout the world. May it never happen again in this archdiocese, nor in this parish.

We continue to pray for all victims of child sex abuse. We pray for healing. We pray for justice.

In my own journey to the priesthood, before I was accepted into seminary, I had to undergo a complete background check, and I underwent a 4-5-hour psychological examination. These things were not in place 50 years ago. Once admitted, every seminarian now takes part in Virtus training, and becomes a Mandated Reporter. Each year as a priest, we cooperate with any necessary training.

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." CORRIE TEN BOOM

LET US PRAY



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 4 - MARCH 10

Saturday, March 4th

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

† Josephine Nych (Family)

† Louise Leahy (Family)

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

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Gerald Sears (Michael & Eileen Woulfe)

† Frances Szumowski (Nancy Markham) & (Hamann & Balicki Families)

† Ange Kasimos (Nancy Markham)

Sunday, March 5th

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

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Frances Osty - Birthday (Judy Porcelli)

† Al Beyer (Joan & Gloria Bodoki)

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

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

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

† Christian Furczon

† Lucille Salamendo (Terri & Dan Domarsky)

† Judith Siwek (Family)

† John Chavez (Wife Maria)

12:00 PM | St. Symphorosa Church | Presider: Fr. Bob

† Amadeo Castillo - Anniversary of Death (Parents & Family)

† Norma Koke (Castillo Family)

† David Juris (Nincy Giron)

Monday, March 6th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Mary Sue Tulik-Zurlis - Birthday (Marge Tulik)

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Frances Osty - 102nd Birthday (Judy Porcelli)

† Kathy Arvetis (Husband)

† Blanche Sulka (Daughter Angela)

Tuesday, March 7th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

For all Altar & Rosary Members - Living & Deceased (A&R Society)

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Frances Osty (Judy Pocelli)

† Virginia Blazeniak (Lorraine DeLauriea)

† Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

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

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Frances Osty (Judy Pocelli)

† Vince Procelli (Wife Judy)

† Judith Siwek (Family)

† Virginia Blazeniak (Carlos & Maria Montes)

Thursday, March 9th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

† Judy Siwek (Linda Dobias)

† Desaree Noceda (Barbara Rendak)

† Avise Tomlin (Barbara Rendak)

† Loretta Pozniak (Pozniak Family)

Friday, March 10th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Frances Osty (Judy Pocelli)

† Ernest Meng (Marilyn Kloc)

† Chester Goluch (Family)

† Frances "Paco" Calderon (Nancy Calderon)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Saturday, March 11th

8:00 AM | St. René Goupil Church

† Patricia Biniewicz (Jean Piotrowski)

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

† 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)

Weekend presider subject to change without notice.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THE SICK

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



Lent, probably more than any other time of the year, is the liturgical season associated with Penance and Reconciliation. As you prepare for this Sacrament, the following points will facilitate a better

Confession:

1. Examine our consciences regularly and thoroughly; however, this examination should take place before you enter the confessional, such as by using one of the pamphlets provided in the pamphlet holders outside of the confessional. If you wait to examine your conscience until you have entered the confessional or begin looking through the pamphlet then, you might end up rushing through it or delay others from receiving the Sacrament. Being prepared for Confession is a way of loving your neighbor, your fellow Catholics, by respecting their time and desire to participate in the Sacrament as well.
2. Wait our turn in line patiently.
3. Come at the time confessions are scheduled, not a few minutes before they are to end. Additionally, you may contact a parish and arrange to meet with a priest. This option is especially helpful if you have questions or if you have not participated in the Sacrament for years.
4. State our sins clearly and briefly without rambling. You do not need to confess the details surrounding the sin. Priests will ask you for clarification the need it. For example, if you lied, simply state, "I lied twice." Do not add all of the circumstance about why you lied unless the priest asks for an explanation.
5. Confess all mortal sins in number and kind.

6. Confess our own sins and not someone else's, such as what a family member, friend, neighbor, or coworker did.
7. Do not be afraid to say something "embarrassing" ... just say it. Confession is meant to be healing for the soul, so offer what is shameful and evil to Christ the Divine Physician.
8. Do not worry that the priest will think that we are bad.... he is usually impressed by our courage.
9. Do not fear that the priest will not keep our confession secret... he is bound by the Seal;
10. You do not need to confess "tendencies" or "struggles" ... just sins; temptations are not sins. Remember, Jesus experienced temptation as well. He realized that Satan was tempting Him to sin and rejected these temptations; thus, He did not sin. That is the pattern for us as well.
11. Feelings and thoughts are not automatically sins. Recall, Jesus realized in His thoughts that Satan was tempting Him but then rejected the Devil and his temptations. If you notice a temptation with you mind, in your thoughts, and then reject it, "Get away, Satan," (Matthew 4:10) then you have avoided the sin. Even if the feeling, such as anger or lust, or the thought, such as pride or vengeance, returns multiple times in a day, rejecting it as quickly as you can, not acting on it, avoids the sin.
12. Experiencing distraction during the Mass or your prayer is not a sin unless you voluntarily choose it. For example, while you are at Mass, beginning to think of a loved one who is ill is understandable. When you realize this concern, return your attention to the Mass and offer that person as your personal intention. There is no sin in this case. If you were to take your phone and play video games or read a novel during the Mass, that would be an intentional distraction and would be sinful.
13. Do not re-confess the sins, which you confessed previously. Even if the sins are part of long-standing patterns,

habits, or addiction, simply confess your sins since your last Confession. The priest will ask if he needs elaboration about your circumstances.

14. Similarly, do not second-guess whether you remembered to confess a particular sin from years past in a previous confession. This doubting of our previous confessions leads to a bad cycle of anxiety and constant returning to the past, placing the focus on ourselves instead of God. Accidentally forgetting to confess a sin does not mean that you were not absolved of that sin. The only sins, which are not forgiven are the ones that you intentionally withhold and do not confess, not the ones, which you accidentally forgot to include when you went to Confession years ago. The statement, "For these and any sins, which I cannot remember (or do not recall)," is intended to include those sins, which due to the imperfection of our memories, we genuinely cannot remember.

15. Confession is not the time for counseling, spiritual direction, examining family relations, or other conversation. All of these matters are important ones, ones which priests can discuss with you outside of the confessional. Making an appointment to meet with a priest in-person or to converse by phone will allow more time for a conversation and easier access to potential resources. An in-person meeting still allows for Confession. Even if no one else is waiting for the Sacrament when you enter the confessional, you do not who will arrive after you, also desiring Confession.

16. Remember that priests must go to confession too ... they know what we are going through.

(Quoted and paraphrased from "Fr. Z's 20 Tips for Making a Good Confession," accessed on 27 February 2023, <https://wdtprs.com/fr-zs-20-tips-for-making-a-good-confession/>. Additional elaborations from Fr. Matt Compton.)

"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 basis. **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!**



FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Split the Pot Collection:

\$480.00

Winning Envelope:

60041

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



TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH OFFERING

For the weekend of Sunday, February 26, 2023

\$10,899.35

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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.

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.



FISH
DINNERS &
MORE!

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

Dine in & carryout available

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(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.**



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.

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY



- The Altar & Rosary Society will meet on Tuesday, March 7th at 12 PM.
- Super Senior Club will meet on Wednesday, March 15 at 11:30 AM. **All meetings will take place at the St. René Goupil narthex.**

Two Holy Martyrs Parish welcomes LPI as our new bulletin publisher. Based in Wisconsin, LPI offers creative content that helps our parish thrive in communications.

The transition has been relatively smooth. However, if you've signed up to receive the weekly bulletin in your e-mail, you have to sign-up again. Visit: parishesonline.com/home to subscribe.

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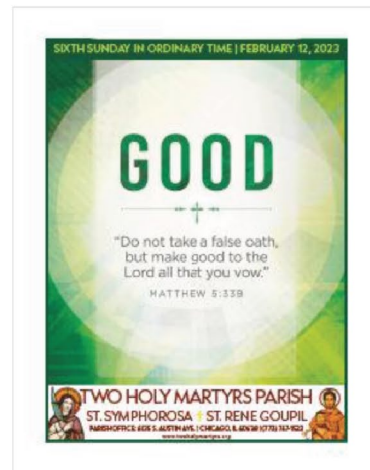
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ST. SYMPHOROSA
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
OF TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

**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

3/11: Faith Formation Classes @ St. Syms Campus. (Sat.)

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

3/25: Faith Formation Classes @ St. Syms Campus. (Sat.)

3/28: Faith Formation Classes @ Rene Campus. (Tues.)

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.



CONFIRMATION RETREAT

On Sunday, February 26th, our Confirmation Candidates from our Faith Formation Program and our St. Symphorosa School gathered to participate in their Confirmation Retreat. This special day began at the 9am Mass. After Mass Father Bob addressed the students with powerful words of inspiration. The candidates then proceeded into the I-Building where they participated in activities that were prayerful, reflective, and, at the same time, fun! Please continue to pray for our teens as they continue their journey toward the Sacrament of Confirmation. We especially thank Fr. Bob and the wonderful volunteer Catechists and helpers: Barb Grzenia, Lilia Izguerra, Claudia Luevano and Nico Plescia.

A special shout-out to Christopher Flores and Dominic Pettenon, former students of St. Symphorosa School, who presented Valuable Witness Talks during the retreat. A huge thank you to the Linus Blanket Team of Volunteers who graciously shared their time and talents with our Confirmandi. We are so very grateful for the efforts put into making this year's Confirmation Retreat Day an awesome experience. It was an amazingly inspiring and uplifting day for ALL!



FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Peg Siebenaler, Faith Formation Coordinator
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We thank all our Families who came to the Eighth Grade Family Mass on Sunday, February 26th.

A special "thank-you" to all those students who performed a special ministry during the Mass:

Readers: Norah Pacius and Daniel Carmona.

Petitions: Izabella Garcia.

Gift-Bearers: Frank and Gianna Plescia.



Photos from
the Project
Linus Blankets
Retreat

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Thank you to the following neighborhood businesses supporting
St. Symphorosa Girl Scout Troop 26186
 in our 2023 Cookie Sale!

The Scouts will be at the following locations on the given dates and times:

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 11-3
 FAIR SHARE SUPERMARKET
 6422 W 63RD ST

SUNDAY, MARCH 12
 ST. SYMPHOROSA AND ST RENE CHURCHES
 AFTER 9 AM, 10:30 AM, AND 12 PM MASS

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!



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



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).

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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



Are you, or someone you know, widowed?

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

This unique retreat/workshop will be held at St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois. 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: April 1 & 2 (2-day program)

Where: St. Mary's Retreat House in Lemont, Illinois (Commute or stay overnight.)

For further information, call 708-354-7211 or e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com
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