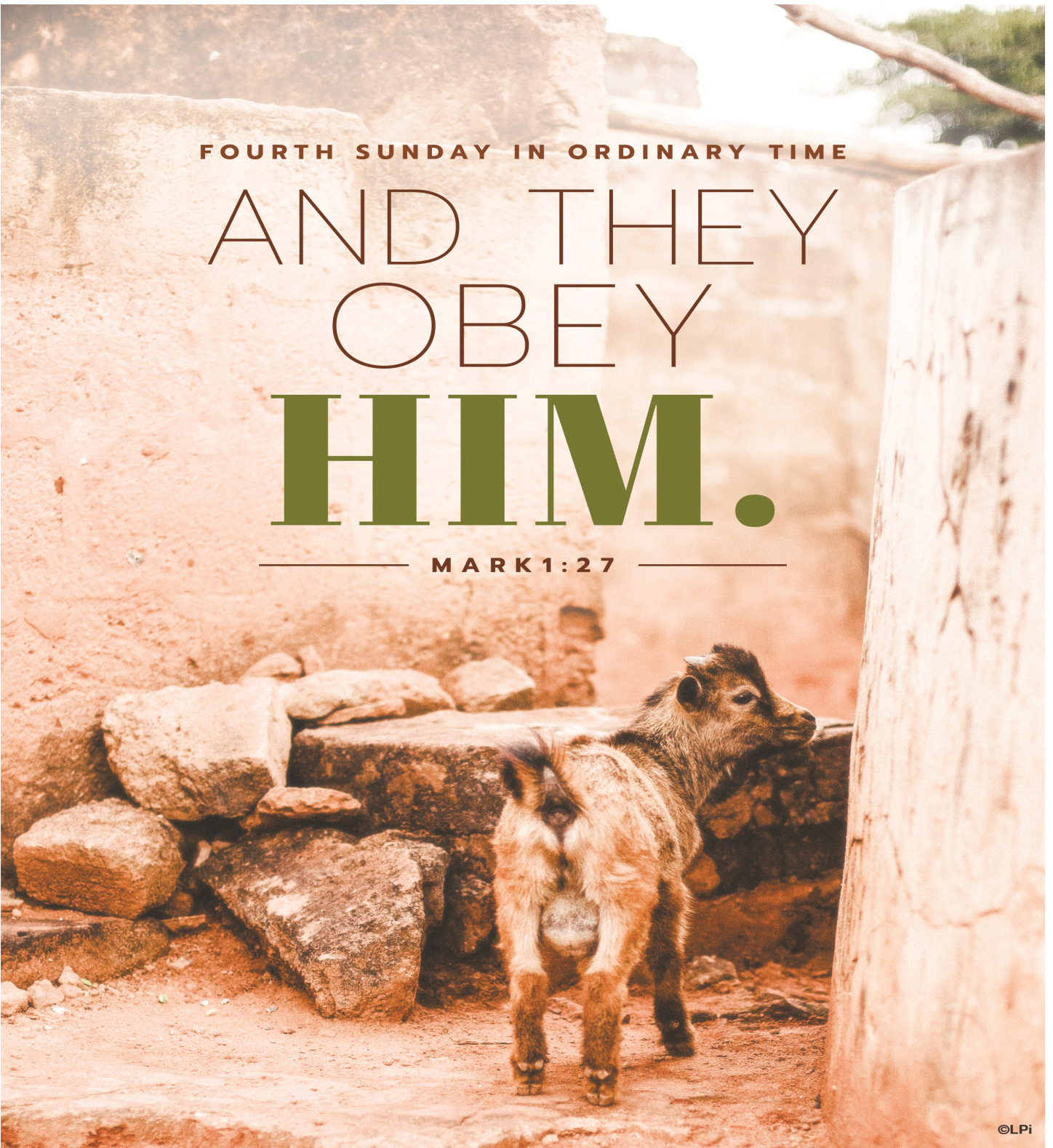


FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AND THEY OBEY HIM.

MARK 1:27



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January 28, 2024

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



WELCOME TO TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH CHURCH SCHEDULES

PASTORAL STAFF

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PASTOR

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR

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RETIRED PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

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PASTOR EMERITUS

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PASTOR EMERITUS

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PASTOR EMERITUS

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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

TUESDAYS | 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

6135 S. Austin Avenue
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*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

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
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

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MONDAY—FRIDAY

9 AM—3 PM

FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG



This week we take time to celebrate our Catholic schools.

The education and formation of our children is important, and we are proud of the long history of the Archdiocese of Chicago providing this avenue for families.

Two Holy Martyrs Parish offers our St. Symphorosa School for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades first through eight. Dr. Kathy Berry leads the faculty, staff and aides in stimulating the minds of our children and enlarging their respective hearts.

In our school, we cover the education basics needed in our day and age, but we also concern ourselves with the formation of our children's hearts through faith in Jesus. Yes, math, science, reading, history and language are all important subjects. We must have high academic standards.

However, our children are not merely digesters of information. They are human beings; made in the image and likeness of God. We want to help them learn how to think and how to love.

I'm fond of the quote attributed to the ancient philosopher Aristotle. He wrote, "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."

The words of the philosopher resonate because there is more to education than just the memorization of facts and test-taking. Education is also about bringing out the gifts of each child and helping our young ones to discover the joy of learning.

On a personal note, I'm grateful to my mom and dad. Mr. & Mrs. Regan sacrificed to send all six children to St. Leonard School in Berwyn. We were not poor, but we certainly were not rich. My parents could have opted to send us to one of the public schools, but they wanted to make sure learning also included learning of Jesus, and why He matters in our lives.

If you are curious about our parish school, please come check it out. The school is hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 28, 2024 from 10:30 AM until 1:30 AM. If you are not able to make that Open House, please contact someone at the school (773-585-6888) to schedule a tour.

Thank you to our principal, the teachers, aides, and staff who make sure our parish school is educating our children. Thank you also to the parents of the children currently enrolled at St. Symphorosa School. When we all work together and are committed to Catholic education, amazing things happen.

Christmas Thanks, Again

A couple weeks ago, we had a delivery issue with the parish bulletins. The bulletins did not arrive on time for our Sunday Masses.

Roughly 50 parishes were affected by this failure to deliver. The

bulletins eventually arrived at our parish office, but on the following Monday. That didn't do us much good.

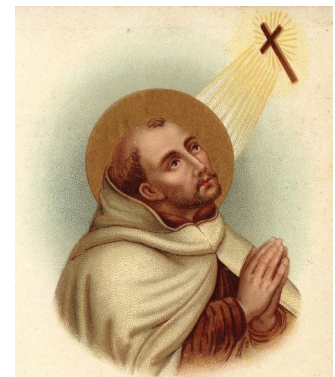
So, allow me to once again thank everyone for our Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who helped decorate our two beautiful churches. Thank you to our maintenance crew who assisted with the parishioner volunteers.

Thank you to all of you who participated in our eight Christmas Masses. Thank you to our parish choir who provided beautiful sacred hymns and led us in music.

And thank you for your generosity. Many folks reached into their fiscal pockets during the holiday season to help support the parish.

Sometimes there is the mistaken notion that we're sitting on a pile of cash. We're not. Although we are a church, we still must live in economic reality. Our responsibility as parish staff and leadership is to be good stewards of our time, treasure, and talent. Thank you!

Quote -- "The soul of the one who serves God always swims in joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in the mood for singing." - **St. John of the Cross**





FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

life, my time in Catholic school reinforced the fundamentals of believing in God, celebrating and worshipping as a family, learning prayers, and growing in virtue with close friends.

I can't say for sure that going to Catholic school directly led to me becoming a priest, but it certainly laid a foundation on which others throughout my life – priests, friends, and teachers – could build on to form me into the priest and man I am now.

As I reflect on the current state and future of Catholic schools, I consider them more essential than ever. I have great respect for families who sacrifice to send their children to Catholic schools. I've loved every minute I've spent at our parish school, St. Symphorosa, speaking with the teachers and staff and spending time with the students in the classrooms, the STEM lab, the gym, and the church.

If there's anything I want to bring to our Catholic school, it's the integration of the full human person. Being Catholic is not just learning about the teachings and doctrines, though that is important. It's about seeing the world through the Catholic lens.

Everything good is given to us from our triune God who created us to love and be in relationship. Many times, there is just as much value in learning

how to glorify God through our talents, like music or sports, than there is in knowing the Ten Commandments. I'm not saying one should be sacrificed for another. Rather, that every part of what we do in Catholic schools can teach us about who God is and how we can receive love from him, then how to spread that love and return it to him.

I'm so grateful for my Catholic education and that I can help continue it here at Two Holy Martyrs. We're blessed with a great principal, Dr. Berry, along with talented teachers and staff that know how to integrate faith with study and fun so as to form the entire human person. I look forward to many more years of supporting Catholic schools with my time and presence and want to do whatever I can to ensure our students know the great love that God has for them.

Since it's Catholic Schools Week, I'm taking a small break in our walkthrough of the Mass to share my own experiences of Catholic education. I went to Catholic grade school in my hometown of Crystal Lake. From kindergarten through 8th grade, I attended St. Thomas the Apostle School along with all of my siblings (I'm the oldest of four).

What I appreciated most about going to a Catholic grade school was that it was that it constantly emphasized the priority Catholicism should hold in my life. Even if religion or faith wasn't persistently or overtly discussed, I knew that there was something central about being Catholic and that it should be something I held as important.

Often, I didn't give it a second thought – being Catholic and being around other Catholics was simply a regular and expected thing for me.

While no Catholic education is perfect and can never replace the role of Catholicism in family



For the week of:

JANUARY 27th– February 4th



Saturday January 27th

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

- ✠ Joe Kasper (Jean Piotrowski)
- ✠ Jack Ruggiero (Nancy Markham)
- ✠ Chalida Svastisale (Family)

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

Sunday January 28th

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

- ✠ Vince Porcelli (wife Judy)
- Health & Lord's Blessings for Luis Estrada
- God's Blessings for Lois Beyer (Grateful Parishioner)

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

- ✠ Walter Pasternak (Arlene Scaletta)
- ✠ Patrick Quirk (Margaret Scanlon)
- ✠ Tom Vaughan (Theresa Feddor)
- ✠ Eileen Sheedy (Arlene Scaletta)

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

- ✠ Michael Brown (Rose Roberts)
- ✠ Vincent Salamendo (Terri & Dan Domarsky)
- ✠ Patrick O'Flaherty (Donna LeCompte)
- ✠ Judith Siwek (Family)
- Praying for healing of Mona Orsi (Rose Roberts)

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

- ✠ Rogelio Torres (Norma Lopez)
- ✠ Jack Ruggiero (Ferriter & Kolasinski Families)
- Praying for Good Health & God's Blessings for Adan Sanchez (Sanchez & Ramirez Family)

Monday January 29th

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

- Good health & God's Blessings for Terry Klein (Mary Kolimas)

Tuesday January 30th

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

- ✠ John Plewa (Barbara Rendak)
- Good Health & God's Blessings for Mary Trendle (Mary Kolimas)

Wednesday January 31st

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

- Good Health & God's Blessings for Rich & Arlene Wilus (Mary Kolimas)
- Noah Dudkos (Ann Robertson)

Thursday February 1st

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

- ✠ Vince Porcelli (wife Judy)
- ✠ Rose Bluiss (Kathy Calcagno)
- ✠ LaVerne Slowinski (Daughters & Family)

Friday February 2nd

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

- Peace for Daniel Sarlitto
- ✠ Richard Jovanovich

Saturday February 3rd

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

- ✠ Therese, Hermann & Max Grupenhagen (Marie Zilka)

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

- ✠ Joe Kasper (Dorothy Sangpeal)
- ✠ Thomas Murray (Family)
- ✠ Jack Ruggiero (Bill McGleam)
- ✠ Angeline McGleam (husband Bill)

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

- ✠ Virginia Pieczynski (Tom & Dawn Gasior)
- ✠ Donna Martin (Mary Trendle)
- ✠ Kathleen Gutierrez (Lynn Alkins)

Sunday February 4th

7:30 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin
PRO POPULO

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

- ✠ Robert Adair (Karen Walsh)
- ✠ Glen Altman (Arlene Scaletta)
- ✠ Virginia Pieczynski (Arlene Scaletta)

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

- ✠ Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
- ✠ Christian Furczon
- Health & God's Blessing for Joan Orsi (Rose Roberts)
- ✠ Jack Orsi (Rose Roberts)

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

- ✠ Krystyna Lukasik (Stanley Lukasik)
- ✠ Joseph & Mary Negoski (Ben & Judy Shafer)



Presiders are subject to change without notice.

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH | JANUARY 28, 2024



OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES

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

JANUARY

VINCE PORCELLI & MARIA PORCELLI
For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

REST WITH THE LORD HENRY & HELEN KROLL
given by Judith Scehovic.

EUGENE BERNADETTE & ANGELA URAM
For the repose of their souls, given by Basia Rendak.

FOR THE HEALTH & RECOVERY OF GREGORY JEANNOTTE
given by Parents.

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 | Shirley Tloczek |
| Guadalupe Almendarez | Rosemary Litwin | Fr. Norm Trela |
| Maxine Carey | Joelee MacMaster | Judith Webber |
| Margaret Dalton | Cathy Mazeika | Beverly Zimmerling |
| Joanne Gallas | Clarence Oleszkiewicz | |
| Mitch Gallas | Ramon Perez | |
| Karen Holmes | Ann Robertson | |
| Ron Kelly | Fr. John Rudnik | |
| Sharon Labiak | Adan Sanchez | |
| Maryann Larson | Karen Singer | |
| Natalie Lecompte | Manuel Soto | |



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

Bernadine Lonak
William Rich



Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH OFFERTORY 1/21: \$9,806.00

Split the Pot Winning Envelope #: 60591: \$330.00

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



**Two Holy Martyrs Parish is
HIRING**

Full/Part Time Maintenance Person

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



**ONLINE/ELECTRONIC
DONATIONS**

\$10,894.00

December 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Total number of transactions:
292



If you would like a statement of your contributions for 2023, please call the parish office at 773.767.1523 to request one. You may also email us to request one at info@twoholymartyrs.org The statement can be picked up in person with a photo ID or email to you. Thank you.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chili Toppings

- Cheese
- Crackers
- Onions
- Sour Cream
- Elbow Mac
- Hot Peppers



CHILI BAR

Add Chili to:
Hot Dogs
Nachos

Also serving:
Popcorn
Chips
Red Velvet Cake
Beverages

COME HUNGRY TO THIS SUNDAY'S VALENTINE BINGO! LOCATED AT OUR ST. SYMPHOROSA CAMPUS. DOORS OPEN @ 12:30, GAMES @ 1:30PM.

Valentine's Day
Hosted by the THM Transformation Team

Spill-the-pot

Bingo!

Chili Bar! \$20 at the door
Doors open @ 12:30pm
Games start @ 1:30pm

Pull tabs!

In the St. Sym's
I Hall
6148 S. Mason

Are you ready to warm up with bingo and a bowl of chili?? If so, join us at our Valentine Bingo on Sunday, January 28th! Bingo, pull tabs and split-the-pots will be available. Top your chili off with assorted toppings or add chili to your hot dog or nachos for a tasty treat! What says warm up like a bowl of chili with a side of Bingo??



Winter Parking REMINDER

To allow for winter plowing and salting operations, all vehicles must be removed from parish lots prior to any snow/ice events. The inability to properly plow/salt our lots could result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense. The parish appreciates everyone's cooperation! If you have any questions/concerns, please contact the Parish Office at (773)767-1523. Thank you!

LITURGY NOTICE

REVISED PARISH MASS SCHEDULE
effective
February 17-18, 2024:

Saturday

4 PM Mass (Vigil Mass) at St. Rene church

Sunday

7:30 AM Mass at St. Rene church

9 AM Mass at St. Sym's church

10:30 AM Mass at St. Rene church

Noon (12PM) Mass at St. Sym's church

Note: The 5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass will no longer be an option starting Saturday, Feb. 17.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Share OF YOUR Faith



Support the Church in
Latin America

usccb.org/latin-america

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Make a Positive Impact by Showing Solidarity with the Church in Latin America

On January 27-28, 2024, Catholics in many dioceses throughout the United States will participate in the special annual collection for the Church in Latin America.

Your contribution makes a positive impact by supporting seminary studies for future priests, pastoral ministries that provide reconciliation, spiritual direction, and job search assistance to prisoners completing jail sentences, and other vital ministries that bring the light of Christ into the lives of thousands in Central and South America and the Caribbean islands.

The Church in the United States has strengthened its relationship with the Church in Latin America through this collection for nearly 60 years, and you can join in by giving at Mass or through your parish's online giving/e-offertory platform. [#iGiveCatholicTogether](#) also accepts funds for the collection.

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." Luke 6:38

Each parish is part of the Church Universal; it is the Catholic Church in a particular place. The bishops of the United States created the national collections so that, by combining resources, we can more effectively carry out our mission as Catholics. Each of these important collections is worthy of your support. Each collection represents our community of faith at work in the world, saving souls and improving lives.

The bishops encourage us to view the national collections in the light of stewardship and of sharing. God has given us our light and our prosperity, all we need and more. It is right and just that we give something back through these collections, helping people in our own country and around the world to live better and to grow in the love of Jesus.

One Church. One Mission. Real Lives.

FAITH FORMATION

Important!



Upcoming Events:

1/27: Faith Formation Classes
St. Syms Campus. (Sat.)
And
First Communion Bread
Meeting / Retreat.

1/30: Faith Formation Classes
St. Syms Campus. (Tues.)

2/10: Faith Formation Classes
St. Syms Campus. (Sat.)

2/13: Faith Formation Classes
St. Syms Campus. (Tues.)

2/24: Faith Formation Classes
St. Syms Campus. (Sat.)

2/25: Eighth Grade Family Mass.
And
Confirmation Retreat.

2/27: Faith Formation Classes
St. Syms Campus. (Tues.)

Faith Formation Program Emergency Closing Information

IMPORTANT REMINDER...in the event of a heavy snowfall, or inclement weather you can access Emergency Closing information for our program by going to the: **Two Holy Martyrs Website** at Twoholymartyrs.org (St. Symphorosa & St. Rene)
In the event of an emergency closing, this announcement would be the First Message to appear on the Website at the top of your screen.

SPIRIT DAY RETREAT



On February 25th, our Confirmation Candidates from our Faith Formation Program and the Eighth Grade Students from St. Symphorosa Catholic School will gather for their Pre-Confirmation Spirit Day Retreat. This special day will begin at the 9:00am Mass and then continue into the I-Building. This spiritual day will be filled with activities that are prayerful, reflective, and, at the same time, fun. We invite all our parishioners to pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they continue their journey toward the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Thank you for the abundance of bread donations! Thanks also to all our First Eucharist families who participated in the Belonging Mass in preparation for Holy Eucharist. Our First Holy Communion Mass is scheduled to take place on May 4, 2024.

A Toast to Jesus!



PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

(GRADES 3RD-8TH)



Third grade gets the “dirt” on some of our local Illinois farms, thanks to Agriculture In The Classroom!



Third and fourth graders performed Readers Theater plays to each other.



Lighthouse project for Grade 5 Family Mass



Sixth Grade Working On Their AOC Religion Project



Seventh graders helped to restock the new missalettes for church



Eighth grade crafting for the door decorating contest

CALL 773.585.6888 OR EMAIL RBANDEN@STSYMPHOROSASCHOOL.ORG TO SCHEDULE A TOUR!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS! CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE Sunday, January 28, 2024 10:30am-1:30pm