

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 16, 2023



## TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

ST. SYMPHOROSA + ST. RENE GOUPIL

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# WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

## PASTORAL STAFF

REV. ROBERT REGAN  
Pastor

REV. MATTHEW COMPTON  
Associate Pastor

REV. NORMAN TRELA  
Retired Priest in Residence

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REV. TED BOJCZUK  
Pastor Emeritus

REV. MARCEL PASCIAK  
Pastor Emeritus

REV. PETER PAURAZAS  
Pastor Emeritus

REV. IDZI STACHERCZAK  
Pastor Emeritus

## PARISH STAFF

KEN HILLIARD | EXT. 222  
Operations Director

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Communications Coordinator

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Parish Organist

MARK SCHUSTERIC  
Maintenance Supervisor

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KATHY BERRY  
School Principal

CHRIS GARZA  
Assistant School Principal



## 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

### ST. RENE GOUPILE

6949 West 63rd Place  
Chicago, Illinois 60638

### 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

773.767.1523 | [info@twoholymartyrs.org](mailto:info@twoholymartyrs.org)

### St. Symphorosa School Office Hours

Monday - Friday | 9 AM to 3 PM

6125 S. Austin Avenue | Chicago, Illinois 60638

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# FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG



Easter is not one day. Easter is a season.

We conclude the Octave of Easter this Sunday (eight days), but we continue to celebrate the

season of Easter all the way through Pentecost Sunday (May 28).

Our two beautiful churches remain lovingly decorated with flowers and bright colors as we bask in the glow of the resurrected Lord. Sin and death have been eternally conquered. Life in Christ is made available to us. This is more than mere biological life. It is the life of GRACE.

The Second Sunday of Easter is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. We recall the story of St. Faustina Kowalska and how the Lord revealed Himself to her over time. We have received through St. Faustina a concrete image of Divine Mercy. This image is displayed in many churches.

I'm always drawn to the words at the bottom of the Divine Mercy image: "Jesus, I trust in you."

We trust in the One who is the Son of God and Son of man. No matter what trials and tribulations might come our way in this life, we do not lose hope in the One who promises Eternal Life.

No mere human being is capable of giving us what only Jesus can give us. He gives us life; life now in this world and eternal life. No mayor can give this life. No governor can give this life. No president can give this life. No corporate CEO can give this life. No Hollywood movie producer can give this life. No scientist can give this life.

How does Jesus give us life now? In and through His Church. He does this most tangibly in the seven sacraments. We far too often take the sacraments for granted, but the sacraments are avenues of God's grace for us.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us be mindful of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We often refer to this sacrament as Confession, but when we use the word reconciliation, we become more aware of how, through the forgiveness of sins, we are also being reconciled with God. We lost grace through serious sin. Our spiritual "I'm sorry" restores what had been lost.

The face of God's mercy is Jesus, the One in whom we ultimately trust. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love is everlasting.

## FAREWELL, FR. MATT

Our associate pastor Fr. Matthew Compton, is entering his final weeks with us at Two Holy Martyrs Parish. He will soon be a full-time chaplain for the Army. He will be not only Fr. Matt Compton but also Captain Matt Compton.

Please use these next few weeks to say thank you to Fr. Matt and to pray for him as he goes off to serve the Lord and to serve the men and women serving our country.

Fr. Matt came to us three years ago from St. Thomas More parish. We have been blessed by his ministry over these years.

Fr. Matt will depart near the end of April. He will, however, be back for a final weekend on May 13-14. We have scheduled him as the presider at the 4 PM Mass on May 13. This will be his "last Mass" with us. After that Mass, we will have a light reception in the St. René narthex to express our gratitude

and appreciation for Fr. Matt.

## WELCOME "FATHER" KEVIN GREGUS

Arriving to our parish on July 1, 2023, will be Fr. Kevin Gregus, as our new associate pastor.

But here's the catch. He is not yet a priest. He is currently Deacon Kevin Gregus and is in his final year of six years at Mundelein Seminary.

Deacon Kevin will be ordained a priest of Jesus Christ on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at Holy Name Cathedral. He will enjoy some vacation time with family and friends before beginning his ministry with us on July 1st.

By this appointment, Cardinal Cupich and the Priest Placement Board are demonstrating a trust that Two Holy Martyrs is a good place to assign a newly ordained priest. We are being given a great responsibility to help form soon-to-be Fr. Kevin. We will also be able to draw from his "glow" as a newly ordained priest.

Here is the tough part for now. Between Fr. Matt leaving in late April and Fr. Kevin arriving on July 1st, it will just be myself and Fr. Norm doing our best to cover daily Mass, anointings, school Masses, funerals, weddings, the sacrament of reconciliation, and six weekend Masses, in addition to other parish business. We are doing our best to secure some priest help on the weekends. Please understand if we're not readily available for a request.

Pray for Fr. Matt. Pray for Deacon Kevin. Pray for Fr. Norm, and please pray for me. Pray for Deacon Raul and Deacon Tom. You can be assured that you are in our prayers every day. God is good. God is love. His mercy endures forever.

*"O soul steeped in darkness, do not despair. All is not yet lost. Come and confide in your God, Who is love and mercy."*

# LET US PRAY



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 15 - APRIL 21

### Saturday, April 15th

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

- † Ceferino & Fidel Parra (Almendarez Family)
- † Irene Parra (Almendarez Family)
- † Vince Procelli (Judy, wife)
- † Louise Leahy (Family)

#### 5:30 PM | St. Symphorosa Church | Presider: Fr. Norm

- † Marianna Buss (Daughter)
- † Edward Buss (Daughter)
- † John Buz (Sister)
- † Andre Valles (Valles Family)

### Sunday, April 16th | SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

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

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

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

Deceased members of the Schramm Family (Family)

- † Claude Wiatrak (Clara, wife)
- † Elaine Hilliard (Family & Friends)
- † Rafael Alvarez (Family)
- † Richard Gordon Wojcik

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

- † Thomas Murray (Family)
- † Vince Porcelli (Judy, wife)
- † Ben P. & Estelle Shafer (Ben & Judy Shafer)
- † Dawn Bodoki (Mom & Dad)
- † Andres Valles (Valles)

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

- † Frank Scalamonti (Patricia Vereecke)
- † Marianna Buss (Daughter)
- † Edward Buss (Daughter)
- † John Buz (Sister)
- † Xavier Michael Esteban (Lisa Estaban-Rios)

### Monday, April 17th | 8 AM | St. Symphorosa Church

- † Marianna Buss (Daughter)
- † Edward Buss (Daughter)
- † John Buz (Sister)

### Tuesday, April 18th | 8 AM | St. Symphorosa Church

- † Vince Porcelli (Judy, wife)

### Wednesday, April 19th | 8 AM | St. Symphorosa Church

- † Dexter Duck (Barbara Rendak)
- † Kathy Arvetis (Husband)

### Thursday, April 20th | 8 AM | St. Symphorosa Church

- † Vince Porcelli (Judy, wife)

### Friday, April 21st | 8 AM | St. Symphorosa Church

- Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Autumn Ray Muhamed (Mary Sarlitto)
- † Eddie Walsh (Murphy Family)
  - † Chester Goluch (Family)
  - † Frances Szumowski (St. Symphorosa School Staff)

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR SATURDAY & SUNDAY

### Saturday, April 22nd

#### 8:00 AM | St. Symphorosa Church

- † Sophie Plosaj (Barbara Rendak)
- † Joanna Marzec (Ilona Szkodon)
- † Maria Gawelda (Ilona Szkodon)

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

- † Robert Zeutschel (Dolores, wife)
- † Louise Leahy (Family)
- † James Inendino (Family)
- † Jesse Sandoval (Family)

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

- † Vito Pecoraro (Karen Walsh)

### Sunday, April 23rd | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

- † Vince Porcelli (Judy, wife)
- † Bruno G Shotas (Nancy Shotas)
- † Al Beyer (Toni P.)

#### 9:00 AM | St. Symphorosa Church | Presider: Fr. Bob

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

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

- † Jack Orsi (Family)
- † Ana Maria & Lorenzo Duran (Daughters)
- † Jose Flores (Mary Trendle)
- † Virginia Toomey (St. René Goupil School Graduates)
- 12:00 PM | St. Symphorosa Church | Presider: Fr. Norm
- † Patrick Corbett (Ela & Family)
- † Catherine Castillo (Castillo Family)
- † Donal & Carol Ann Corcoran (Sarah Carmody)

\*Weekend presider subject to change without notice.\*

## PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THE SICK

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



If you would like an introduction to the devotion of Divine Mercy, the following information from the Marian Fathers might benefit you:

## THE DIVINE MERCY MESSAGE AND DEVOTION

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him

with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

**A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C** - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the Diary of Saint Faustina and set forth in this web site and other publications of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

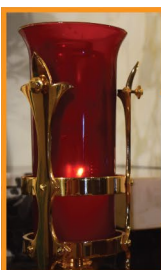
Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

(Accessed on 11 April 2023, <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message>.)

Additionally, the Marian Fathers provide a 30-minute video at the following website: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/divine-mercy-crash-course>.



"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 APRIL

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



## Project Linus: Make A Blanket Day

May 20, 2023 | 9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
St. René Goupil's Flannery Hall

Help us help others! Please bring 1 1/2 - 2 yards of printed fleece fabric. We will teach you how to make a no-sew blanket for a child in need. Coffee and sweets will be served. Raffle tickets will be sold to raise funds for our organization.



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 A CULTURE OF PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE** in the month of April:

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

## Scouting For Food: A Scout is Helpful, A Scout is Kind

The Cub Scouts of Pack 4439 and the Scouts of Troops 1439 will again be collecting food as part of the annual Scouting for Food community service project. Cub Scouts will be collecting nonperishable packaged food at the St. Symphorosa parking lot between 9:00 and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 22. All donations go to benefit Chicago area food pantries. Please consider supporting our scouts in their efforts. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



## WANT TO REACH UP TO 20,000+ POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS THIS SUMMER?

Consider becoming a 2023 Family Fest Sponsor and maximize your business' exposure.

Ask for our Sponsorship Packets by calling the Parish Office at (773) 767-1523!



## Stewardship

APRIL 9, 2023  
Split the Pot Collection:

**\$445.00**

Winning Envelope:

**63815**

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



## TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH OFFERING

For the weekend of Sunday, April 9, 2023

**\$11,644.25**

Thank you for your generosity!

## ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL IS HIRING A STEM STUDIO FACILITATOR

If you believe 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](mailto:kberry@stsymsschool.org) no later than April 28th. This is a part-time, stipend-based, grant funded position.



ST. SYMPHOROSA CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH



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.

Sanctuary candle intentions are available for \$40. Each sanctuary candle intention is for one month. We limit 4 intentions per month for both church locations.

Want to receive our Sunday Bulletin before everyone else? Sign up for our Embrace the Grace Email Newsletter and receive our Sunday Bulletin up to two days early!



**Special ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

# MONTHLY BINGO!

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH**

**ST. RENE GOUPIL CAMPUS (FLANNERY HALL)**  
6340 SOUTH NEW ENGLAND AVE.

**DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM**  
**GAMES BEGIN AT 1 PM**

**ADMISSION TO PLAY: \$20 AT THE DOOR**



*Your donations make all the difference, thank you!*

In need of help? Call St. Vincent de Paul at (773) 682-3342.

*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.**



**ETERNAL REST FOR...**

**JESUS MUÑOZ ESPARZA**

For 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

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

SAINT SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD  
PRESENTS

# Casino NIGHT

EVENT LOCATION:  
HALL AT  
SISYVA  
SCHOOL,  
386 S. MASON  
AVE.

BUY YOUR  
TICKETS  
ONLINE  
OR AT  
THE  
PARISH  
OFFICE

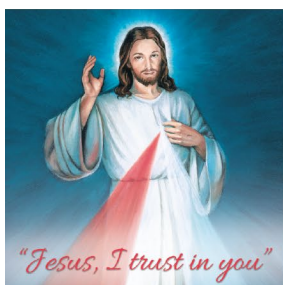
BLACKJACK • POKER • CRAPS • ROULETTE • DJ • RAFFLES • 50/50 • FOOD & DRINKS  
**SATURDAY 29 APRIL**  
DOORS OPEN 6 PM • ADMISSION: \$30 - INCLUDES \$25 IN PLAYING CHIPS,  
FIVE RAFFLE TICKETS, TWO COMPLIMENTARY ADULT BEVERAGES

# Bake Sale

**TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY THIS WEEKEND!** Please support the A&R Society this weekend in their bake sale. The sale will take place at both church narthexes before and after Mass. **Cash Only!**

## Divine Mercy Sunday | April 16th

Join us after the Noon Mass on Sunday, April 16th, at our St. Symphorosa Church to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Handouts will be available to pray along.



The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary Rosary beads of five decades. In her Diary, St. Faustina records the words of Jesus, who said: "Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you (154)... Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death" (687).

"For the sake of his sorrowful passion, have mercy on us, and on the whole world."

## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

### New Parishioners and Updating Information:

Please visit the parish office or our website ([www.twoholymartyrs.org](http://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 bases. **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 by 10 AM on the Monday before the proceeding weekend liturgy. **No exception!**



## Project Linus

Dear Fellow Parishioner:

Project Linus is a national organization that provides handmade blankets to children in crisis situations.

Inspired by the character, Linus, in Charles Schultz' "Charlie Brown" comic strip, the organization strives to ensure that children in local hospitals, shelters and in need of social service agencies are provided with a physical reminder that they are important and cared for when they receive a blanket.

I am the Chapter Coordinator of the Southwest Chicagoland Chapter and we will be hosting a "Make A Blanket Day" on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at St. René Goupil's Flannery Hall. We hope to create and collect over 500 blankets at this event to be distributed to local children.

This is a huge task and in order to accomplish it, we need your help!

We are in need of monetary donations so we can supply fabric for our volunteers who wish to help, but are unable to supply their own and to help defray the costs of shipping blankets when national tragedies occur (hurricanes, tornadoes, and unfortunately, even school shootings).

Gift cards for our raffle, which helps raise money to run our chapter and to help us provide refreshments for our volunteers, are also greatly needed.

Please consider how you or your company can partner with our Chapter in order to help children have a sense of security when they are most vulnerable. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

With deepest appreciation,

Mary Mercado

# PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

## MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

(GRADES PK-2ND)



Happy St. Patrick's Day from Ms. Baisa's class



Happy St. Patrick's Day from our little lucky charms



Kindergarten enjoyed shopping at the book fair



First Grade Room 206 at the book fair



Miss Judekis' first grade class enjoyed a special Irish Dance by one of our own students!



Our second grade kiddos have been bonding and expanding their communication skills through interactive recess moments like this one!

**STAY TUNED NEXT WEEK FOR HIGHLIGHTS FROM GRADES 3RD-8TH!**



# FAITH FORMATION

## UPCOMING EVENTS

4/18: Communion Pictures

4/19: Confirmation Practice

4/23: CONFIRMATION DAY!

4/25: Tuesday Classes CANCELED

4/29: Faith Formation Classes @ St. Sym Campus (Sat.)

4/30: Communion Practice

5/6: COMMUNION DAY!

## FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Peg Siebenaler, Faith Formation Coordinator  
(773) 767-1523 Ext. 226 | msiebenaler@archchicago.org

### FIRST EUCHARIST



On Saturday, May 6, the Level Two students in our Faith Formation Program and the Second Graders from our St. Symphorosa School will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. These young children have worked very hard preparing for this special day and we invite you to please remember them in your prayers.

All our First Communicants are invited to wear their Communion attire to whatever Mass they attend the weekend of May 7th and May 14th.

*First Graders from the school and Level One students from Faith Formation participate in the Palm Sunday procession at St. Symphorosa and St. René Goupil.*



< Sisters Victoria and Katherine Vega read the petitions on Palm Sunday!

^ Lily and Ozzie participate in the Palm Sunday Mass.



### We assembled 176 Easter Baskets!

*F. Matt Blessed all the baskets, the Port Ministry picked-up half of the donations, and the other half were delivered to St. Blasé in Summit. Confirmandi student Olivia C. & Victoria R. happily assisted in this immense undertaking!*



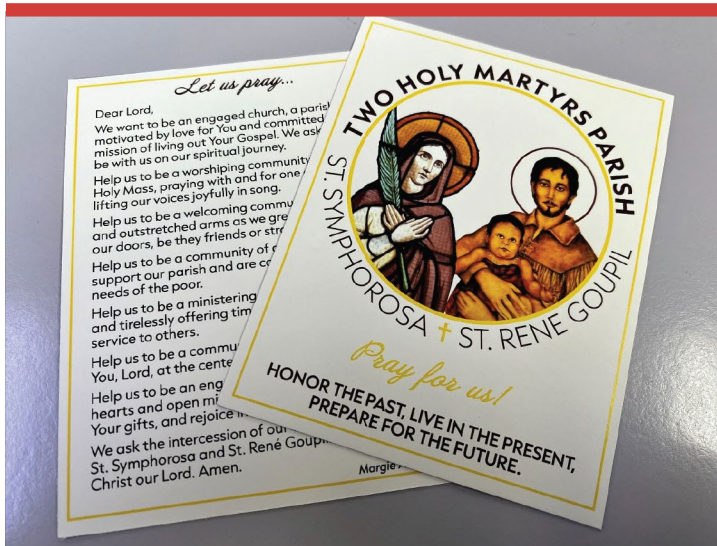
### CONFIRMATION



On Sunday, April 23rd our level Eight students in our Faith Formation Program and the Eighth Grade Students from our St. Symphorosa School will be Confirmed by the Most Reverend Jeffrey Grob, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago. The students have worked very hard at preparing for this special day and we ask that you remember them, their sponsors, and parents in your prayers.

Practice for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at St. René Church on Wednesday, April 19th at 6:00 pm. The Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor need to attend. If, for some important reason, the Sponsor is unable to attend, the student must be accompanied by a parent.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Pick up our new Two Holy Martyrs Parish prayer card at either church narthex. This prayer card includes the official THM logo.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Guidelines for Mass Intentions

1. A Mass intention may be requested for a Mass for the following reasons:
  - i. A deceased loved one.
  - ii. A living person who is sick or suffering.
  - iii. A living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or other special moments in their life.
  - iv. In thanksgiving to God (including the Lord Jesus or the Holy Spirit).
  - v. In thanksgiving for a prayer from a Blessed or a Saint.
  - vi. Or for a prayer intention (so long as the intention does not contradict Church teaching).
2. A Mass intention may not be requested for a prayer intention that contradicts Catholic moral doctrine.
3. There is a **limit of four (4) intentions per Mass**. If a given Mass has four intentions on a given day, please choose another Mass.
4. Lengthy intention listings cannot be published in the Bulletin and must be edited for brevity. Since publishing the intention in the Bulletin is to notify the family and friends of the intention, we suggest omitting middle initials, titles, etc. **Each intention is limited to either two names or one group**. Please indicate if the person for whom the Mass is requested is living or deceased.
5. A \$10 donation is to accompany each Mass request. Intentions will not be recorded until the stipend is received. Canon Law requires that all stipends taken for Mass Intentions be said for the intention as designated.
6. Please note that Mass intentions may be requested for Sundays, most holidays, and weekdays throughout the year. **Mass intentions cannot be scheduled for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter, All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve, New Years Day**. One Mass every Sunday and one Mass on a Holy Day of Obligation must be scheduled for the intentions of our parishioners known as Pro Populo (For the People) as required by Canon Law.
7. Announced Mass requests will be granted as close to the requested date and time as possible. If it is not possible to comply with the primary request, the next closest date and time will be scheduled.

**\*\*Mass intention requests to be published in the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office by Monday at 12 PM before the proceeding weekend's liturgy.\*\***

## TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH FAMILY FEST 2023

### GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS!

Family Fest 2023 is on the horizon and we are excited about our Grand Raffle. Tickets will be on sale at both church narthexes on the following days:

April 22nd/23rd & April 29th/30th

May 6th/7th & May 20th/21st

June 3rd/4th & June 10th/11th

July 8th/9th & 15th/16th

This year we will be accepting credit & debit cards\* for Grand Raffle Tickets! \*Card fees apply.

Garfield Ridge Neighborhood Watch

### "SELL-A-BRATION"

Community Yard Sale

Kennedy High School parking lot

57th Street & S Narragansett Ave

Saturday May 13th | 8 AM- 1 PM

Rain Date Sunday May 14th

To reserve a space or for more info call (773) 229-1993.  
All space rental proceeds support the good works of the GRNW.



The Parish Office is now accepting  
Credit/Debit Card\* payments!

We are pleased to announce that the parish office is now capable of accepting credit/debit card payments for mass intentions, faith formation registrations, wedding deposits, gift shop purchases, and more.

**All purchases are assessed a 4% credit/debit card fee.**