November 2nd, 2025

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The day my brother Jim Regan died (Feb. 17, 1998) at the age of 42 shook me out of a spiritual slumber.

My brother Mike drove all the way from Mt. Prospect to DeKalb so that he could tell me in person that our oldest brother died during the night after suffering a heart attack.

Images from his funeral day remain in my mind and heart; the Mass inside St. Leonard church, where we all went to grade school, the mile-long funeral procession that included police cars from all over the Chicagoland area, Berwyn police officers crying, my dad and mom speechless through all of it, and driving out to his grave to throw roses on top of his casket.

And then? I went back to work that evening at the newspaper out of some weird obligation instead of spending the rest of the day with my family. I don't have too many regrets in my life but not spending a few days grieving with my family after Jimmy's death is one of my regrets. I still shake my head as I write these words with watery eyes.

In hindsight, I now see that dealing with Jim's death was my first step back toward Christ; back toward the faith from which I had casually drifted over time. His death shook me out of my spiritual slumber and forced me to look at what I believed about life and death and life after death. We can only ignore reality for so long.

Friends, this year we celebrate All Souls Day on a Sunday. This is rare that it falls on a Sunday, but the Church prioritizes

FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

All Souls Day this year over what would normally be one of our Sundays in Ordinary Time.

It's important that we pray for our beloved dead; it's important that we pray for their immortal souls. We also realize the fragility and brevity of this life, and how we, too, will experience bodily death one day soon. Do we ignore this reality, or do we prepare — in faith — for our bodily expiration date?

We know that thanks be to Jesus Christ, death is not the victor. Love is stronger than death, and Love is Who went to the Cross to eternally conquer sin, evil, and death. A human being is more than just a material body. We are body and soul; an embodied soul, and the soul is immortal. The soul exists even after the earthly body has expired.

The promise of Christ is that one day when all is brought to fulfillment at the end of time, our immortal soul will be joined to our new glorified body in the new heaven and new earth. There is the promise of eternal life with a resurrected body.

This give us the hope we need to sustain us when we're tempted to slide into the angst and despair of a culture that believes bodily death is the end. Death is not the end. Death becomes a transition from this world to what is beyond time and space.

Sadly, our culture has become uncomfortable with death. We try to sanitize it. We avoid serious conversations about it. We also think that only other people die and we won't. Folks begin to live only for this world as they ignore or discard the reality of transcendent love (God).

As Fr. Benedict Groeschel wrote in his book *After This Life,* "We must remember that what we believe happens next is very much going to define what is happening to us right now."

Someone who believes bodily death is it might live differently than someone who is guided today by the promise of eternal life in Love. The hope we have as people of faith is not simply wishful thinking. It's a promise based on historical reality.

Jesus is either risen from the dead or He is not. There is no in-between. If He is risen, then this truly is the good news that anchors our life. If He did not rise from the dead, then our faith is in vain, and we should stop the charade.

On this All Souls Day, we pray for our deceased loved ones. We pray that they are with the Lord. And we pray that one day, we join them in God's eternal glory where the light is brighter than anything we've ever experienced, the colors more vibrant that anything we've experienced, and the music more heavenly than we've ever experienced.

Jesus is the Bridge from here to eternity. Allow Him to carry you across.

Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.

Quote -- "The world is thy ship and not thy home." -- **St. Therese of Lisieux**



FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:18–19).

This office serves Jesus' call to witness and to evangelize and is protected by the Church established by Christ. We see this in Lumen Gentium: "That discernment in matters of faith is aroused and sustained by the Spirit of truth. It is exercised under the guidance of the sacred teaching authority, in faithful and respectful obedience to which the people of God accepts that which is not just the word of men but truly the word of God. Through it, the people of God adheres unwaveringly to the faith given once and for all to the saints, penetrates it more deeply with right thinking, and applies it more fully in its life" (LG12).

From this, we can see that every baptized person is anointed by the Holy Spirit and therefore called to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel. This prophetic mission is not limited to clergy, but rather it belongs to the whole People of God. While it is bolstered by grace, the faithful don't need special skills or powers, because they participate by word and by life through teaching, witness, and holiness.

The council also mention the sensus fidei, which is the supernatural sense of the faith that lives in the whole people of God. "The whole body of the faithful, anointed as they are by the Holy One, cannot err in matters of belief... they manifest this special property by means of the whole people's supernatural discernment in matters of faith" (LG12). This is not to be confused with democratic consensus or the opinion of the majority. Instead, we understand it as the faithful's ability, through the Holy Spirit, to recognize and assent to the truth of the Gospel and the apostolic tradition.

We know that individuals in the Church, from bishops to theologians to ministers, can err; the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church cannot. Beliefs and teachings can arise that the Church, as a whole, can listen to, discern, and judge. These are held up against the deposit of the faith that comes from Jesus through the apostles. The International Theological Commission defined it well: "Faith, not opinion, is the necessary focus of attention. Opinion is often just an expression, frequently changeable and transient, of the mood or desires of a certain group or culture, whereas faith is the echo of the one Gospel which is valid for all places and times."

Last week, we spoke about the Church as the "People of God", particularly in how they share in the priesthood of Christ. In Lumen Gentium, the council fathers were careful to use the language of the tria munera Christi, which are the threefold offices of Jesus Christ: priest, prophet, and king. These roles that Jesus fulfills in his mission as the Savior have long been a part of the Church. They have biblical roots and were developed by the Church Fathers such as St. Augustine, Origen, and St. John Chrysostom, along with St. Thomas Aquinas.

It was the Second Vatican Council that applied these three offices to the faithful, who by virtue of their baptism participate in Christ's priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission. The baptismal rite is not ambiguous: "Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has freed you from sin, given you new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and joined you to his people. He now anoints you with the Chrism of salvation, so that you may remain members of Christ, Priest, Prophet and King, unto eternal life." We've already learned about the priestly office, especially its connection to offering sacrifice, the Sacraments, and being reconciled. This week, we'll focus on the prophetic office.

While the term "prophet" has come to carry the connotation of one who can predict the future or has some special insight, we should understand it as one who proclaims and teaches the truth. In the Gospels, Jesus quotes the Old Testament prophet Isaiah when he announces this office: "The Spirit of the





Saturday November 1st

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

ALL SAINTS DAY - NO INTENTIONS

Sunday November 2nd

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

ALL SOULS DAY - NO INTENTIONS

9:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob (CHOIR)

PRO POPULO - ALL SOULS DAY – NO INTENTIONS

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

ALL SOULS DAY - NO INTENTIONS

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

ALL SOULS DAY - NO INTENTIONS

Monday November 3rd

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

∜Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

☆Mike Sheeran (Murphy Family)

骨Esther Saucedo (Family)

骨Sgt. Omar Saucedo (Family)

Tuesday November 4th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

Birthday Blessings for Jacob Petrosky (Rosario Battung)

(Rosario Battung)

⊕Willie Nelms (Capparelli Family)

骨John & MaryAnn Covich (Dear Friend)

Wednesday November 5th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

骨Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

⊕Ted Grzenia (Family)

⊕In loving memory of Walter Flores on his birthday (Family)

骨John L. Chavez Jr. (Family)

Thursday November 6th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

骨Jan Turek (Janina)

骨Diletta (Misty) Tiberi (Dear Friend)

骨Helena Turek (Janina)

Friday November 7th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

骨Kathy Arvetis (Husband)

骨Fred Bartuch (Arlene Capparelli)

骨Donald Dillon (Jonathan Myslinski)

For the week of:

November 2nd - November 9th

Presiders are subject to change without notice.

Saturday November 8th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

All Souls in Purgatory

令William Valentin (Family)

骨Cody Cihlar (Kelly Family)

骨Ron Kelly (Wife Joan Kelly)

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

骨Thomas Murray (Family)

♣Petra & Miguel Parra (Almendarez Family)

⊕Robert Compton & Kim Boll (Wife & Mother)

骨Samuel, Eleanor Holmes & Sons (Larry Holmes)

骨Fred Bartuch (Family)

Sunday November 9th

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

⊕Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

⊕Joseph & Josephine Dyniakoski (Family)

骨Paddy Sheeran (Murphy Family)

In Thanksgiving to St. Rita

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

⊕Michael Patrick Byrne (Mom & Family)

All Members L&D of the Altar & Rosary Society (A&R)

Birthday Blessings for Melinda Svastisalee (Svastisalee Family)

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

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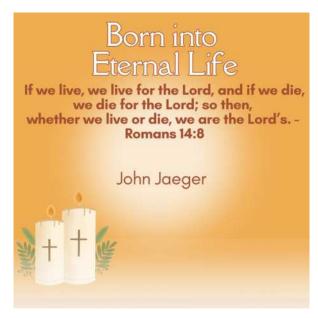
12:00 PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin

In loving memory of Ana Gonzalez on her anniversary

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骨Nancy Janda (Husband)

骨Moran Family (C. Moran)





OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES

Burning before the Blessed Sacrament are offered for the following intentions for the month of

NOVEMBER

IN LOVING MEMORY OF VINCE

& MARIA PORCELLI

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOHN (JACK) GACA For the repose of his soul, given by wife.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SANDRA PAWLAK For the repose of her soul, given by family.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR MELINDA, CALEB, CHAD, SVASTISALEE & FELICITAS DE OCAMPO

given by Svastisalee & Valdepenas Familes.

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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Due to privacy laws, names may only be added by immediate family members. Please call the parish office to add or remove a name.





OUR MARIAN CANDLES

Lord God, with the lighting of this candle, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His mother, please hear our intentions for the month of

NOVEMBER

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MAGDALENA ARTEAGA

For the repose of her soul, given by Guerrero-Arteaga Family.



PRAYING FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SULLIVAN, PRENDERGAST, ALVAREZ FAMILIES

given by Family.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF EUGENE GARCIA For the repose of his soul, given by Family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF VICTOR & ZENEIDA NAREA

For the repose of their souls, given by Vincent Narea

In the lighting of the Marian candles we ask for the Blessed Mother's intercession as we honor a loved one, living or deceased.

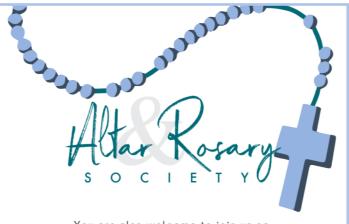


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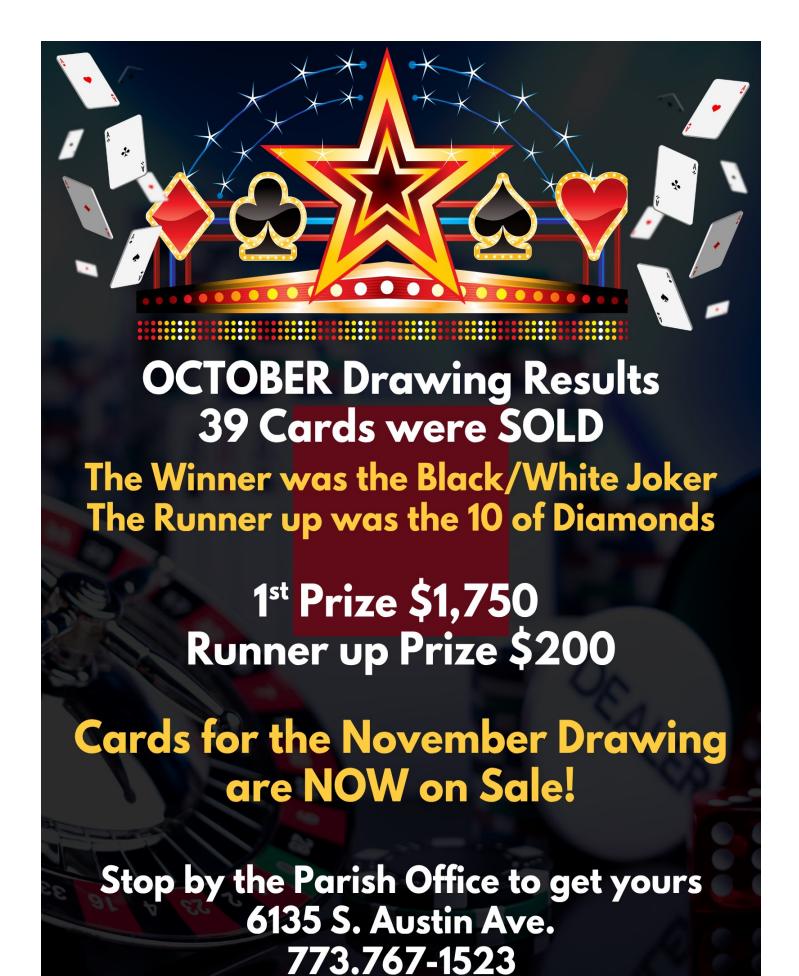
To our registered parishioners, please remember a minimum of **\$5.00** is required to participate.



You are also welcome to join us on Tuesday, November 4th, 2025 for our meeting and luncheon in the St. Rene narthex at 12pm.

We will have a **Salad Luncheon** in the St. Rene narthex. In lieu of \$10.00 charge members are asked to bring a salad. Fellowship to follow regular order of business.

SEE YOU THERE!!





Our Lady of Guadalupe

We're excited to announce our upcoming event for Our Lady of Guadalupe at our St. Symphorosa Church on December 12th, 2025 at 7pm. We will need your help to make it a success!

We're looking for volunteers to assist with:

- donations
- setup and cleanup
- hospitality or food service

Whether you can give an hour or the whole event time, every helping hand makes a difference!

To sign up contact the parish office at 773.767.1523 or by email at info@twoholymartyrs.org.

Let's serve together and make this event a blessing to our community!





Senior Club News

You are welcome to join us for our next meetings on Wednesday, November 12th and November 19th 2025.

Doors open at 11:30am,

Doors open at 11:30am, meeting convenes at 12pm(noon) in the St. Rene Narthex.

CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

On Wednesday, December 3rd 2025 members only, Pizza Party at St. Rene Narthex at 12:30pm

Donation for pizza \$15 each member

Donation is due on November 19th
any questions reach out to Jean at 773.586.8597





St. Vincent de Paul Drop Box Donation

Please note that our St. Vincent de Paul drop box location has moved from the St. Rene Campus to our St. Symphorosa Campus. Accordingly, the "BLUE BOX" now resides in the interior parking lot

6135 S. Austin Ave., on the NW corner of the Sharp Building, facing St. Symphorosa Church.

This relocation will allow for improved management of the box inventory with pickups scheduled for

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of every week.

Remember, your bagged donations of used clothing, shoes, purses, and linens can really make a positive difference to those in need.

THANK YOU!









SPRED Catechists Needed

The THM SPRED ministry is expanding. We have identified a need for and intend to start a new group for ages 6 to 10-year-olds. To achieve this goal, we require six to nine volunteers, of which three to be trained in leadership roles, also known as the Core Team. These roles are Parish Chairperson, Leader Catechist, and Activity Catechist.

A **Parish Chairperson** seeks out all individuals (Friends) with developmental and intellectual disabilities within our parish who may benefit from and wish to be part of our SPRED community. The Chairperson develops warm relationships with our Friends, their families, and caretakers, and is their advocate to the parish leaders.

The **Leader Catechist** is the spiritual guide, responsible for nurturing and directing the catechetical process and creating an environment of prayer. The catechetical leader unites the group in common purpose and prayer.

The **Activity Catechist** helps the entire community prepare for catechesis by engaging in focused activity. They provide a welcoming space and attend to each person's needs to fully settle into "now time," where peace, harmony, and joy are more deeply felt, and God's presence becomes tangible. Along with guiding activities, they ensure a beautiful meal of fellowship to end our session.

Helper Catechists fill the remaining roles by being a faith friend and guide to an individual with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Shared responsibility is very important in a SPRED Community. These roles have been developed to ensure that no one person is overburdened, allowing all to work together to provide quality catechesis. You will not be alone in this journey of faith and purpose.

If you feel the calling to offer spiritual nourishment to our Friends with intellectual and developmental disabilities, please contact Bill at 773-547-7508, billyb38@aol.com or Ann at 773-914-1900, ann@smolucha.com. We look forward to hearing from you.



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PARISH SCHOOL NEWS



Our Halloween festivities were a big hit! Students and families proudly represented St. Syms in the Halloween Jamboree Parade down Archer Avenue~spreading school spirit all along the route! After the parade, the fun continued at our Trunk or Treat event. With 35 decorated trunks, creative themes and plenty of treats to go around, families had a blast visiting each trunk & celebrating together. Thank you to everyone who helped make this Halloween weekend one to remember!

















REGISTER FOR SHADOW DAY!

Students of all grade levels are invited to experience what it's like to be part of the St. Symphorosa school family for a day!
Use the QR code to register and reserve your spot!





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PARISH FAITH FORMATION

Upcoming Events:

11/04: Faith Formation Classes Syms Campus. (Tues.)

11/08: Faith Formation Classes Syms Campus. (Sat.)

11/09: Fourth Grade Family Mass.

9am @ St. Syms.

11/18: Faith Formation Classes

Syms Campus. (Tues.)

11/22: Faith Formation Classes Syms Campus. (Sat.)

11/27: HAPPY THANKSGIVING



God picks you from the patch and brings you in. (John 15:16)

Then washes all the dirt off of you. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.

(Romans 6:6)

Then He carves you a new smiling face. (Psalm 71:23)

And He puts His light inside you to Shine for all the world to see.

(Matthew 5:16)







Lighthouse Project

At Baptism, we are all given a lighted candle. This reminds us to live as followers of Jesus, The Light of the World. Our students have been given the opportunity to construct their own lighthouses with their families. Look for all their beautiful work which will be on display in the narthex...at both our campus' this December. Please take a moment and visit the displays. May these lighthouses serve as a reminder for us to be Shining Lights in our world.



Thank You, LORD!

Thanksgiving Food Drive

In the true spirit of Thanksgiving, Two Holy Martyrs Faith Formation program will be remembering the less fortunate.

This year, we will join with our fellow parishioners in fulfilling one of the Corporal Works of Mercy ...

Feed the Hungry. We are asking you to bring in non-perishable food items when you come to Mass, or when attending class. All your donations will be given to our local food pantry for the upcoming holiday season. We appreciate your generosity.



The Fourth-Grade Family Mass will be held on, Sunday, November 9th at 9:00am at St. Symphorosa Church.

Families are asked to bring non-perishable food items to contribute to the Parish Thanksgiving Food Drive.

A donation box will be available in the Narthex. Thank you for your concern for the less fortunate.

We look forward to welcoming all our Fourth-Grade Families on November 9th.

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