

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 12, 2023

GOOD



“Do not take a false oath,
but make good to the
Lord all that you vow.”

MATTHEW 5:33B



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

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

St. Symphorosa School Office Hours

Monday - Friday | 9 AM to 3 PM

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FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG



Odds are you've made some poor decisions in your life. I know I certainly have before and likely will make poor decisions in the future. Life, when you think about it, is a series

of choices we make. From the time we wake up in the morning until we go to bed at night, we're consistently **MAKING CHOICES.**

God has given human beings the gift of freewill. This means we can choose **THIS** or we can choose **THAT.** Without freewill, we'd be more like robots than flesh and blood humans. We are not automatons. We are made in the image and likeness of God, and this means we can know, and we can love.

Our first reading this Sunday invites us to ponder our ability to choose. "Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him." (Sirach 15).

How quickly we realize what a great responsibility it is to have freewill, and how often we see evidence of this gift being abused by wrongdoing. We can sit down and watch the daily news and witness the numerous ways some of our fellow human beings have chosen murder, theft, and adultery.

In fairness to balance, good deeds take place every day all over the planet. Good deeds, however, seldom make their way into newspaper headlines. The good you do today within your family or in the workplace isn't seen by the majority but watch out if you do something wrong.

This reminds me of the example used to define what is news. Dog bites man? Not news. Man bites dog? Now that's

news.

Nobody rushes out of their house to watch someone give money to a homeless man, but we all rush out of our homes when eight Chicago Police SUVs show up on the block with their blue lights on. You get the picture.

God is always summoning us to choose wisely. The Lord doesn't leave us alone to try to figure it all out. He has given us His love and His law. We ignore God's love and law at our own peril. But we are free to choose against God. Love does not coerce. Love becomes a choice. We can choose God's way or choose to walk the other way. Our choices move us closer to Love, or our choices can distance us from Love.

Everything Jesus gives us in and through His Church is for our good; not just as individuals but as a human race: the Commandments, the Beatitudes, prayer, Sacred Scripture, Sacraments, works of mercy are all grace-filled "helps" for us along our pilgrim way. Life in Christ gives us strength and courage to made good choices; wise choices.

A good question for each one of us before we say or do something is to ask, "Is what I am about to say coming from a place of love?" Or, "Is what I am about to do a loving act?" If the answer to either question is no, then we need to take a closer look at why we're saying it, or why we are doing it.

The Holy Spirit guides us in truth and in love, and the Holy Spirit helps us make our choices. We are not alone. The Father has given us an Advocate, a Counselor. Yup, the Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

JESUS AS SAVIOR

G.K. Chesterton was a wonderfully humorous man. He'd make his readers laugh all the while making a good point.

He certainly did that when he wrote, "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried."

Following Jesus is not the easy road in this life. Life in Christ involves the cross, and the reality of the cross can make us pull back. However, the cross is truly the portal to new life. Nothing worth anything of value is easy in this life. A jigsaw puzzle doesn't put itself together by us wishing it done. Instead, we must sit down, roll up our sleeves, and put the puzzle together.

There is a sense of accomplishment when the final picture is revealed.

Being a Christian has never been easy. For some reason, the truth of Jesus and the message of the good news of salvation is not welcome in some circles. We cannot allow ourselves to get discouraged or timid. We run the race. We keep the faith. We keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we go about our daily life.

Along the way, we experience a peace that the world cannot give. We experience joy from being in relationship with Christ. We carry the cross knowing that through the cross is the promise of Eternal Life.

Now is not the time to cut and run. Now is the time to lean into our faith even more.

Believe it or not, the season of Lent is right around the corner. Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2023. This is a wonderful time of year to get back to basics. This is a great time to "get right" with God. It is our penitential season of praying, fasting and almsgiving.

Jesus is at work, and he is at work in and through each of us. May we be inspired by this Lent to learn more about our faith, and to grow closer to the Lord so that we can grow closer to one another.

"Law without reason is criminal." **CRISS JAMI**



OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES, BURNING BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, ARE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

For the repose of the souls of the members of the Calcagno & Bluss Families given by Kathy Calcagno.

For the repose of the souls of Vince Porcelli & his daughter Maria Porcelli given by Kathy Calcagno.

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!

LET US PRAY



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11 - FEBRUARY 17

Saturday, February 11th

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

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

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

† Dorothea Caffey (Jim & Tricia Ramazinski)

† Catherine Lawler (Mary Trendle)

† Frances Szumowski (Art & Katie Carpenter)

Sunday, February 12th

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

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Vernon Hylka (Nancy Shotas)

† Al Beyer (Toni P.)

† Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

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

Living & deceased members of the Bukovsky Family (Fox Family)

Deceased members of the Trezek Family (Family)

† Marge & Bob Fitzgerald (Sally Carmody)

† Eileen "Sally" Setina (Nancy Markham)

† Marianne Loughran (Bunco Gals)

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

† Valentina & Felix Almendarez (Almendarez Family)

† Nydia Buentello (Laurel Family)

† Mary Rita Flowers (Hughes Family)

† Jesse Sandoval (Donna Topps)

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

† Mary Suchy (Family)

† Bob John & Bobby Soltis (Soltis Family)

† Nick Alderfer & Mickie Valestin (Soltis Family)

† Desaree Marie Noceda (Mary & Mike Trendle)

Monday, February 13th | 8 AM | St. Symphorosa Church

† Joann Kukulka (Momma)

Tuesday, February 14th | 8 AM | St. Symphorosa Church

† Claude Wiatrak (Wife Clara)

† Charles DeLauriea (Wife Lorraine)

† Lucio & Guadalupe Gonzalez (Son Lucio Gonzalez)

† Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

† Victor Gomez (Lopez Family)

Wednesday, February 15th | 8 AM | St. Symphorosa Church

All Souls in Purgatory

Vocations to the Priesthood

Health & All the Lord's Blessings for Elizabeth Marie Sarlitto (Mary Sarlitto)

† Virginia Blazeniak (Mary Trendle)

Thursday, February 16th | 8 AM | St. Symphorosa Church

† Ann Calcagno (Kathy Calcagno)

† Virginia Blazeniak (Barbara Rendak)

Friday, February 17th | 8 AM | St. Symphorosa Church

Living & Deceased Members of the John & Janina Karlowicz Families (Mary Kolimas)

† Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Saturday, February 18th

8:00 AM | St. Symphorosa Church

Health & All the Lord's Blessings for Rev. John McNamara (Olaska Family)

† Patricia Biniewicz (Mary Crowley)

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

† George Nowak (Wes & Debbie Szumowski)

† Walter Szumowski (Wes & Debbie Szumowski)

† Joann Kukulka (Momma)

† Louise Leahy (Family)

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

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

Sunday, February 19th

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

Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Consecrated Life

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

Living & deceased members of the Trusk Family (Family)

† Pat Wodarczyk (Barbara Rendak)

† Lynda Sullivan (Patti & Kelli)

† Virginia Blazeniak (Arlene Scaletta)

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

† Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

† Judith Siwek (Family)

† Bernard Whitehead (Donna Topps)

† Dawn Bodoki (Mom & Dad)

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

Repentance of those who burglarize. (Castillo Family)

† Tadeusz Dana (Daughter & Family)

Weekend presider subject to change without notice.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THE SICK

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

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



Looking forward to Lent (Ash Wednesday being 22 February), the suggestions by Kendra Tierney in her book *The Catholic All Year Compendium: Liturgical Living for Real Life*, might allow you to engage the season more fruitfully and thoughtfully than in past years. She proposes, "[If] you're looking for something outside the box, here are sixty-six ideas for things to consider giving up or taking up, at beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels, for beginning, intermediate, and advanced Lents."

"And behold, I [Jesus] am with you always, until the end of the age." - MATTHEW 28:20

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Don't take the best spot available in the parking lot. 2. Take the worst parking spot you can find. 3. Don't drive: walk or take public transportation. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make your bed every day. 2. Make your bed every day before you leave your bedroom. 3. Make other people's beds too.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to daily Mass once per week in addition to Sunday Mass. 2. Go to daily Mass two or three times per week. 3. Go to daily Mass every day. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Don't leave dishes in the sink overnight. 2. Do the cooking dishes before dinner and the dinner dishes immediately after dinner. 3. Don't use the dishwasher.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Buy only things written on your shopping list. 2. Keep a shopping list and shop only once per week. 3. Don't buy anything during Lent (except maybe food). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Don't eat out at restaurants. 2. Make all your food from scratch. 3. Grow or raise all your own food.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Don't watch TV or movies alone. 2. Watch TV or movies only as a whole-family activity. 3. Don't watch TV or movies. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Give up one social media platform. 2. Check social media just once per day. 3. Remove all social media apps from your devices.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Say a family Rosary once a week. 2. Say one decade of the Rosary as a family each day. 3. Say a family Rosary every day. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Listen only to audiobooks or classical music in the car. 2. Turn off the radio in the car. 3. Say a Rosary in the car or listen to a spiritual audiobook.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be in bed for a set amount of time each night. 2. Go to bed and get up at specific times each day. 3. And don't bring your phone with you (get an alarm clock). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Get dressed before 8 A.M. 2. Don't wear workout clothes (unless you're working out). 3. Wear clothes that make you feel put together every day.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have dinner as a family. 2. Have a family game night. 3. Read a book aloud as a family. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make regular social phone calls to friends or relatives. 2. Write regular letters to friends or relatives. 3. Make regular visits to friends or relatives.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Know what you're going to make for dinner by 10 A.M. 2. Start a meal-planning system. 3. Teach your kids to plan meals and cook. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have the house clean before Sunday each week. 2. Have the house clean before bed each night. 3. Have the house clean before dinner each evening.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eat up the food that's in the back of your pantry and freezer. 2. Eat only soup for dinner. 3. Observe the voluntary recommended weekday Lenten fast. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Give up one type of treat. 2. Eat desserts only in company. 3. Give up all sweets.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Switch from coffee to tea or vice versa. 2. Limit yourself to one cup of coffee or tea per day. 3. Give up caffeine. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn the lights off in empty rooms. 2. Have lights turned on in only one room at a time. 3. Don't use electricity.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Say the Morning Offering when you wake up. 2. And say the Angelus at noon. 3. And do an examination of conscience and say the Act of Contrition at night. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read the Sunday readings before Mass. 2. Read the Bible each day. 3. And read the <i>Catechism</i> each day.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If you like TV, read a novel instead. 2. If you like novels read a classic. 3. If you like the classics, read great Catholic nonfiction. 	

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 bases. **The 2023 Mass Intention Book is open.**

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!**



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 PARISHES** in the month of February:

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

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.



FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Split the Pot Collection:

\$450.00

Winning Envelope:

66531

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



TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH OFFERING

For the weekend of Sunday, February 5, 2023

\$9,796.41

Thank you for your generosity!

THE ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO

21 and older event



NEW DATE!

CASINO

Night

POKER// BLACKJACK//ROULETTE

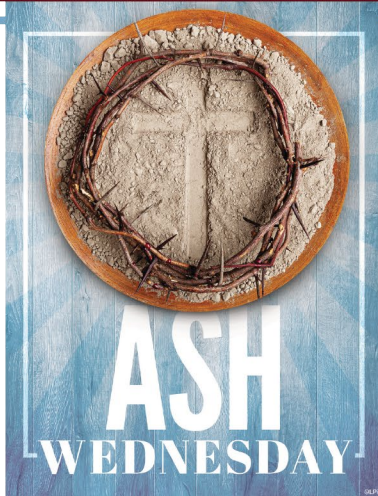
SATURDAY | April 29, 2023

6:00pm - 11:00pm

St. Symphorosa School (I-Hall)

6148 S. Mason Ave

Chicago, IL 60638



FEBRUARY 22, 2023

8 AM Mass - St. Symphorosa
11 AM School Mass - St. Symphorosa

Noon Service - St. René Goupil
3:30 PM Service - St. Symphorosa
4:30 PM Service - St. René Goupil
5:30 PM Service - St. Symphorosa

7 PM Mass - St. René Goupil



Your donations make all the difference, thank you!

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

New for Lent 2023



To the men of Two Holy Martyrs Parish, if you are interested in a more challenging and substantive Lent, consider Exodus Lent.

Exodus Lent is a 46-day spiritual exercise for men based on three pillars: prayer, asceticism, and fraternity.

This program would begin on February 22 (Ash Wednesday) and end 46 days later, on April 8 (Holy Saturday).

More information about Exodus Lent may be found at <https://exodus90.com/how-lent-works/>.

I am willing to organize Exodus Lent but need to know if any men are interested in participating it. If you have any questions or would like to participate in Exodus Lent, please contact me at matthew.compton1@icloud.com or call me at (773) 767-1523, ext. 229.
Fr. Matt

Map for Healthy Families

“Am I understanding you?”, “If I am hearing you correctly ...?”, “Is that what you mean?”

If you have ever thought or asked these questions or desired that a family member or friend better understood you, then the “Map for Healthy Families,” might be a source for improving your communication skills.

The “Map for Healthy Families” is part of a curriculum called *Survival Skills for Healthy Families*. *Survival Skills for Healthy Families* “is a quickly learned and easily adapted family education program, which has proven effective in a variety of communities, cultures, and languages.”

The “Map for Healthy Families,” one lesson from the larger curriculum, will be offered on Saturday, February 18, from 1:00-3:00 PM, at St. Rene Church. There is no registration fee and handouts will be provided.

Additional information about this instruction may be found at the following website: <https://familywellness.com>.

If you have questions about this presentation, please contact me at (773) 767-1523, ext. 229, or at matthew.compton1@icloud.com.
Fr. Matt

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS



ST. SYMPHOROSA
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
OF TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

THANK YOU FOR AN INCREDIBLE OPEN HOUSE!



OUR ANNUAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO TOM GALLAGHER, CHICAGO BEARS RUNNING BACK DAVID MONTGOMERY, CHICAGO WHITE SOX MASCOT SOUTHPAW, OUR INCREDIBLE PARENT ASSOCIATION AND SCHOOL ADVOSORY BOARD, ALL OF OUR AMAZING TEACHERS, PARENTS, STUDENT VOLUNTEERS, AND PARISH STAFF FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL
YEAR!**

CALL 773-585-6888 OR EMAIL MARKETING DIRECTOR RICHARD BANDEN AT RBANDEN@STSYMPHOROSASCHOOL.ORG TO SCHEDULE A TOUR OR TO REGISTER.



FAITH FORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

2/11: Faith Formation Classes @ St. Syms Campus. (Sat.) & Communion Retreat.

2/12: Communion Retreat.

2/14: Faith Formation Classes @ Rene Campus. (Tues.)

2/25: Faith Formation Classes @ St. Syms Campus. (Sat.)

2/26: 8th Grade Family Mass & Confirmation Retreat.

2/28: Faith Formation Classes @ Rene Campus. (Tues.)



The Eighth-Grade Family Mass will be held on Sunday, February 26th at 9:00 AM at our St. Symphorosa Church. All students who will be making their Confirmation this Spring, their Sponsors, and their families, are invited to attend this Mass.

We will feature the Eighth-Grade Saint Projects in the Narthex. The Saint Project is a requirement for the reception of the Sacrament.

We look forward to welcoming all our Confirmation families on February 26th at 9:00 AM at our St. Symphorosa Church.

SPIRIT DAY RETREAT

On February 26th, 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 our 9 AM 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.



FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

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

On February 11 & 12, our First Communion Candidates along with their parents are invited to a Special Communion Bread Meeting/Retreat. As part of this celebration, we will pray together, and tell stories about our Holy Communion Experiences from the past. We will also share Bread within the context of this gathering and each First Communicant will receive a Special Remembrance of this Sacrament.

Important information regarding the actual Communion Ceremony will be discussed. Parents are welcome to ask any questions they may have concerning this momentous occasion. In addition, at the very end of our Retreat, everyone will have the opportunity to view the film "Grandma's Bread".



("Grandma's Bread" deals with the very sensitive issue of the death of a grandparent. Therefore, if you decide you and your child need to skip this movie, you have that option.)

We are looking forward to seeing all our First Communion Families at the Bread Meeting Celebration!

Thank God for the Eucharist, and the joy it brings into our lives. Happy are we who have been called to the Lord's Table!



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 our website: TwoHolyMartyrs.org.

In the event of an emergency closing, the announcement will be the first message displayed on the website homepage.

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, FEBRUARY 5, 10-2
A CUP OF JOE
6806 W ARCHER~~

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 12-4
SHOP & SAVE MARKET
5829 S. ARCHER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 10-2
JEWEL-OSCO
6107 S ARCHER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 9-1
PEACHES AND PEARS
6435 W ARCHER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 9-1
TAMALERIA LUPITA
5904 1/2 W. 63RD ST.

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



Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s):

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph and Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on March 3rd - 5th, 2023.

Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it!
Cost is \$285 for meals and a single room.

Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY. WE WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 AT 9 AM.

PRESIDENTS' DAY

Two Holy Martyrs Lenten

FISH FRY

at our St. Symphorosa Sharp Center Social Hall
5940 W. 62nd St.



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

Dine in & carryout available

twoholymartyrs.org

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EXPLORING THE DIACONATE 2023

The Institute for Diaconal Studies (IDS) invites all men who feel the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit to attend an Exploring the Diaconate session. It is a time to pray, discuss, and learn more about the discernment process and the formation program that aspirants and candidates pursue. Please join us, with your wives, if married, as we explore the potential of a vocation, engage in dialogue and pray in search of the next step. All are welcome to attend any of the sessions.

RSVP REQUIRED

Contact Sr. Caroline Onuoha, DMMM at 847.837.4563 or conuoha@usml.edu



7:30-8:30 P.M. ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Zoom

Monday, April 24, 2023

Our Lady of Ransom, Niles

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

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