

“ I AM THE
RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE;
WHOEVER
BELIEVES IN
ME, EVEN IF HE
DIES, WILL LIVE,
AND EVERYONE
WHO LIVES AND
BELIEVES IN ME
WILL NEVER DIE.
**DO YOU BELIEVE
THIS?**”

JOHN 11:25-26

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 26, 2023

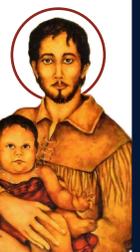


TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

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

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FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG



Imagine walking into a cocktail party. People are dressed to the nines. Various conversations are taking place. You join a group already engaged in conversation about the news

of the day and the current state of the Chicago Bears.

A few minutes later, a new face comes into the group. After some initial small talk, the new arrival tosses this hot potato into the fray. "What do you think happens when we die?"

Errrrrrrrrrrr!!! That's the sound of the conversation coming to a screeching halt. A couple people in the group suddenly need a re-fill on their gin and tonic. Another person uncomfortably looks around. The other two folks stand silent.

Let's face it, talking about death can seem morbid. And yet, death is a daily reality. Statistics show us that roughly 150,000 people die every day somewhere in the world. That's 6,600 people per hour or 110 people each minute.

Humanity has a 100 percent mortality rate. The richest person in the world will die, as will the homeless person under blankets at the bus stop. Here's an Italian proverb. "At the end of the game, the king and the pawn both go back in the same box."

Our readings for the Fifth Sunday in Lent invite us to see death not as an end. Unfortunately, many people in our culture today do view death as an end. There is nothing more. When someone dies, that's it. No wonder this view of death causes so much angst and fear.

From our perspective, human beings are not just a body. We are body AND soul; an embodied soul, to be more precise. We are both material and immaterial;

physical and spiritual. Take a moment and think about it. You are not an animal, and you are not an angel. We are somewhere in between.

Our earthly body has an expiration date, but our soul is immortal. The soul still exists when the earthly body dies. The promise of Christ is that our immortal soul will one day be join our glorified body in the new heaven and new earth. Jesus boldly proclaims, "Behold, I make all things new."

A healthier way to view the inevitable is to prepare for it. This approach gives context to how we are living our lives right now. Mindful of eternal life, we do our best to love God and love neighbor. Am I in right relationship with God? Do I live each day as an instrument of God's love? Or has my life become solely about my own comfort and convenience?

One of the great problems today is that far too many people no longer believe in God, no longer believe in the afterlife. This leaves us only with the here and now. Depressing slogans like "You only live once," rule hearts. With this mindset, we make decisions based not on the common good or for doing things for the greater glory of God, but instead we make selfish decisions. "What's in it for me," or "What do I want?"

This secular atheistic mindset also leads to dehumanization. We lose respect for the sanctity of life because without God, nothing is sacred. In our human arrogance and pride, we begin to build a modern-day technological Tower of Babel. We will be gods, so the thinking goes. We lose touch with reality amidst the growing insanity.

Jesus, however, by his suffering, death, resurrection and ascension, prepares the way for us to follow. The reality of the cross is united with the reality of resurrection; new life in Christ. This new life in Christ begins NOW (in this world) but continues through bodily death to life beyond time and space.

We tend to be afraid of the unknown. We fear the unknown. This is natural for the human condition. Christ, however,

makes death known by his own crucifixion, and he makes new life known by his resurrection on that first Easter morning. Love is stronger than death. If we share in his cross, we shall also share in his resurrection. This truly is GOOD NEWS.

Having a proper understanding of death helps us be more present to the needs of today. We begin to live with meaning and purpose as we do our best to be good stewards of the earth, and good neighbors to those around us. We no longer allow ourselves to be distracted by superficial things, things that don't last. We can forgive others because God has forgiven us.

We can re-focus our lives on what truly matters. We become aware of the fragility and brevity of our lives on earth, and we start to live for the greater glory of God, the One who is the Source of all that is.

Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

Do we believe this?

HOSPITALITY/USHER APPRECIATION

This is just a quick thank you to those men and women who are currently serving as ushers/hospitality folks at our weekend Masses.

Who are these parishioners? They are the ones who mainly help with our collection baskets and with our Communion procession. You might also see their smiling face greeting you when you walk in.

We appreciate them stepping up and serving us each week.

HOWEVER, we need more helping hands so that they don't have to "be on" each week. We will be asking other parishioners soon to please consider being an usher/hospitality volunteer. We'd like to get this ministry so that you are only on once a month; maybe twice. Thank you!

"The gift of service leads to a life of love." MARY WHITE

LET US PRAY



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 25 - MARCH 31

Saturday, March 25th

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. Matt

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Jazlin Perez - 15th Birthday (Family)

† Wood Eugene Hunter, Sr. (Gallagher Family)

Sunday, March 26th

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

† Al Beyer (Toni P.)

† Mary Ciukaj (Family)

† Maria Aurora Cornejo-Gonzalez (Flores Family)

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

† Michael Patrick Byrne (Mom & Dad)

† Virginia Blazeniak (Theresa Feddor)

† Russ Gonsowski (Arlene Scaletta)

† Luci Palumbo (Arlene Scaletta)

† Margaret Kalter - Annv. of Death (Larry Wisniewski)

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

† Keith Fox (Fox Family & Friends)

† Vince Porcelli (Judy, wife)

† Michael Liberto (Donna Topps)

† Jack Orsi (Family)

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

In gratitude for graces given & prayers answered for the Lopez Family. (Anonymous)

Monday, March 27th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Lorraine DeLauriea (Mary Kolimas)

† Edward Podgorny (Family)

† Robert Montgomery, Sr. (Wife & Children)

Tuesday, March 28th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Barbara Mikulecky (Mary Kolimas)

† Frank Nardi (Barbara Rendak)

† Mel Kieffer (Janina)

Wednesday, March 29th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Bob Mikulecky (Mary Kolimas)

† Vince Porcelli (Judy, wife)

† Laura Pelegrino & for Family Unity in Christ

† Victor & Zeneida Narea (Vincent Narea)

Thursday, March 30th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Arlene Scaletta (Mary Kolimas)

† Vince Porcelli (Judy, wife)

Friday, March 31st | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Pat Soltis (Mary Kolimas)

† Jack Orsi (Linda Dobias)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Saturday, April 1st

8:00 AM | St. Symphorosa Church

All Souls in Purgatory (Diana Schmidt)

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

† Larry Piotrowski (Jeanie)

† Louise Leahy (Family)

† Richard Merda & Phil Scaletta (Arlene, wife)

† James Inendino (Friend)

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

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

Sunday, April 2nd

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

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Steve Chavos (Nancy Shotas)

† Vince Porcelli (Judy, wife)

† Al Beyer (Toni P.)

† Mary Ciukaj (Family)

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

All Altar & Rosary Society Members, living & deceased (A&R Society)

† Virginia Blazeniak (Ruth Simon)

† Mary Ann Vaitkus (Arlene Scaletta)

† Luci Palumbo (Karen Walsh)

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

† Christian Furczon

† Jose Flores (Mary Trendle)

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

† Lucio & Guadalupe Gonzalez (Lucio Gonzalez, son)

† Thomas F. Schultz (Ann Robertson, sister)

Weekend presider subject to change without notice.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THE SICK

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



"That's who." Usually the response, "That's who," is said with a sense of relief, a final determination of who a mysterious individual is. We hear that response, that

reaction, "That's who," when a two or more people are speaking about the same individual whom they have met but might not know the person's name. I was speaking with a visitor recently about a former coworker of mine from college. After a few minutes, the visitor realized that he knew the same person; it was a "That's who," moment, which furthered the conversation.

Lent has provided us with several examples of "That's who," moments. The Parable of the Prodigal Son is a familiar annual account of God, through Jesus, revealing that He really does desire our reconciliation with Himself, analogous to the father in the parable desiring his younger son's reconciliation with himself and even later of the older son being reconciled with his younger brother. Two Sundays ago, the Samaritan Woman (Woman at the Well), whose name we do not know, becomes an early witness to Jesus among her fellow Samaritans after she speaks with Jesus and reveals that He knows her and her life. Last Sunday, the Man Born Blind, whose name we also do not know, becomes another early witness to our Lord, this time among his fellow Jews, parents, and even the Pharisees, after Jesus cures him of blindness. In just these three examples, the father and his two sons in the Parable of the Prodigal

Son, the Samaritan Woman, and the Man Born Blind all are anonymous according to the Gospels yet they have become known to billions of Christians by their examples of faith. Put another way, who is a missionary, who hands on the Catholic faith, people, such as the father of the Prodigal Son, the Samaritan Woman, and the Man Born Blind, people who realize God's mercy, love, and goodness to them, that's who.

The Gospel Reading for this Fifth Sunday of Lent shifts to specific people whom we know by name, specifically, Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. St. John the Evangelist recounts who they are for us, two sisters and one brother. at the beginning of the passage. This entire account culminates in a "That's who," revelation about Jesus as well as further demonstrating who follows the Son of God.

Recalling one of Jesus' names, a name which we hear around Christmas, Emmanuel, meaning "God with us," the Savior reveals that God is with Sts. Martha and Mary in their grief for their brother: "When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise.' Martha said to him, 'I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.'" Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went and called

her sister Mary secretly, saying, 'The teacher is here and is asking for you.' As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'" (John 11:20-32)

Both St. Martha and St. Mary profess that Jesus, if present before their brother had died, would have prevented his death. Already, they believe our Lord capable of accomplishing miracles, and now, He is with them. As the reading continues, Jesus raises one who is dead; He resuscitates St. Lazarus to life. Before accomplishing this mighty work, Christ reveals why He has waited to go to St. Lazarus and awaken him: "I am glad for you [the Apostles] that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him.'" (John 11:15) Who is Jesus? He is God with us, the author of life, the one who will conquer sin and death, that's who.

What we believe and pray: Who from the Bible or among people living on earth now have you noticed this Lent? Have you thanked God for those who have been a witness of the Catholic faith to you?

What to stop doing, sins to avoid: Do not be afraid to live realizing that God is with us or to keep Him at a distance. What to do: Remain with the Lord this Lent and follow St. Thomas' confident response, "Let us also go to die with him.'" (John 11:16)

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



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

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

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' presence in the Tabernacle help welcome our prayers into His eternal presence.

EMBRACE THE GRACE

The Weekly E-Newsletter of Two Holy Martyrs Parish



Are you signed up to receive Father Bob's Embrace the Grace Weekly Reflection?

Register your email by scanning the QR Code, calling the office, or visiting our website!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

New Parishioners and Updating Information:

Please visit the parish office or our website (www.twoholymartyrs.org) to register. If you have changed your phone number, email address, or have moved, please visit our website to update your information or call the parish office.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls:

Please contact our parish office to make arrangements. If calling after business hours please call (773) 242-7525.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Celebrated the second and fourth Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM in Church. A Parent Preparation Session is required. Please contact Maggie (ext. 248) for more information.

Marriages:

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to the proposed date of the wedding. Please do not schedule a wedding date until you have contacted the parish office. Please contact Maggie (ext. 248) for assistance.

Mass Intentions:

A stipend of \$10 is suggested for any mass intention. Advance notice is required to ensure publication in the bulletin. Mass intentions are limited to 4 per mass & are entered on a first come, first served 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 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 VICTIMS OF ABUSE** in the month of March:

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



Your donations make all the difference, thank you!

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

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Altar & Rosary Society is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4th at 12 PM at the St. René Goupil Narthex.



The next meeting of the Super Senior Club is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12th at 11:30 AM at the St. René Goupil Narthex.

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 no later than April 28th. This is a part-time, stipend-based, grant funded position.



ST. SYMPHOROSA CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

SHARE YOUR VOICE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Complete the short, 10-15 minute **anonymous** survey at catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi or scan the code, or find a paper copy in the narthex or parish office after Mass.

Available from **Ash Wednesday, February 22 to March 31.**

Don't miss this opportunity to be heard. **REMINDER!**



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.



MARCH 19, 2023
Split the Pot Collection:

\$500.00

Winning Envelope:

60041

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



TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH OFFERING

For the weekend of Sunday, March 19, 2023

\$9,479.00

Thank you for your generosity!



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Learn more by calling the parish office at (773) 767-1523 today.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

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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

Stations of the Cross

On the road to Calvary with Jesus

Last two before Easter!
Friday, March 31 & April 7
7pm at St. Symphorosa Church

**"Because, by Your holy cross,
You have redeemed the world."**



We're seeking a Parish Bulletin Editor/General Office Staffer



There is an immediate opening to fill this position. Will work directly with the Pastor and Parish/School Staff. This individual will also interact with parishioners to ensure that accurate parish information is conveyed to the entire parish community. Timely communication of current parish news, events and relevant parish/school activities will need to be accurately shared with the community. This includes a consistent monitoring/updating of the parish website, marquee and related signage.

The weekly generation of a high quality bulletin will be one of the primary functions of this position. In addition, this Parish Office role will maintain the responsibility of managing the parish calendar of events, manage the scheduling of parish facility space, communication regarding funerals, communicate parish facility problems, and assist in performing general office functions.

This position is ideally outlined as a full-time position. However, consideration would be given to sufficiently skilled individual with part-time availability.

REQUIREMENTS:

- High School Graduate - Some College (Preferred)
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office (Required)
- Previous experience with Microsoft Publisher or Adobe (Preferred)
- Knowledge of Parish Office environment would be helpful.
- Must be a responsible individual.
- Experience proofing documents (Preferred).
- Willingness to collaborate with others in the design of a weekly bulletin, as well as other parish promotional material.
- Ability to exercise sound judgment and make editorial decisions with minimal direction.
- Strong ability to plan and meet deadlines.
- Ability to be creative while working with different forms of communication.
- Ability to embrace the Catholic faith in a positive and proactive manner.

PALM SUNDAY



APRIL 2ND

SATURDAY VIGIL

4 PM - ST. RENÉ GOUPIL
5:30 PM - ST. SYMPHOROSA

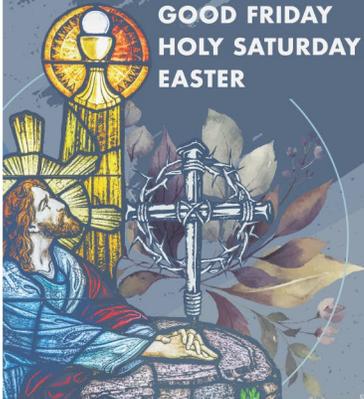
INCLUDES THE READING
OF THE LORD'S PASSION

SUNDAY

7:30 AM - ST. RENÉ GOUPIL
9 AM - ST. SYMPHOROSA
10:30 AM - ST. RENÉ GOUPIL
12 PM - ST. SYMPHOROSA

HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
HOLY SATURDAY
EASTER



HOLY THURSDAY

7 PM Mass - St. Symphorosa
Altar of Repose 8 PM to Midnight
- St. Symphorosa

GOOD FRIDAY

3 PM Liturgy of the Word - St. René Goupil (includes the reading of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross)

HOLY SATURDAY

12 PM Blessing of the Easter Baskets - St. René Goupil
8 PM Easter Vigil - St. Symphorosa

EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 AM - St. René Goupil
9 AM - St. Symphorosa
10:30 AM - St. René Goupil
12 PM - St. Symphorosa

ETERNAL REST FOR....

RUSSELL GONSOWSKI
LUCIAN MICHICICH

PATRICIA SZCZEPANSKI
VIRGINIA TOOMEY

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

Contact Kenneth Hilliard, Operations Director
khilliard@archchicago.org

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

(GRADES 4TH-8TH)



Fourth graders taught us “How-To” do a variety of tasks, like playing chess.



Fifth grade in the STEM paper plate challenge



Sixth Grade country projects!



The students worked on celebrating Black History Month by highlighting some of the important figures in African American history.



Eighth Grade indoor gym class!



Student Council packed up all our donations that our school collected for St. Vincent DePaul

FAITH FORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/25: Faith Formation Classes @ St. Sym Campus (Sat.) & Reconciliation for Confirmation Students
- 3/26: 7th Grade Family Mass & Jesus Project Display
- 3/28: Faith Formation Classes @ René Campus (Tues.) & Reconciliation for Confirmation Students
- 4/2: 1st Grade Family Mass & Palm Sunday Procession
- 4/9: EASTER SUNDAY!
- 4/11: Faith Formation Classes @ René Campus (Tues.)
- 4/15: Faith Formation Classes @ St. Sym Campus (Sat.)
- 4/18: Communion Pictures
- 4/19: Confirmation Practice
- 4/23: CONFIRMATION DAY!

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PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

We invite all our First Grade (level one) students to a Special Grade Level Family Mass on Palm Sunday. The children are being asked to carry palms and participate in the Palm Sunday procession at 9:00 am on April 2nd at St. Symphorosa Church.

Please have your child/children gather in the church narthex 10 minutes before Mass begins. The children will form a line for the procession and after the procession will sit with their families during the liturgy. *(It's important that the children know where you are sitting.)* May God bless you as we continue our Lenten Journey.

LENTEN OUTREACH

Our Faith Formation students invite all of our parishioners to participate in our Lenten Outreach project. All levels will be donating Children's Easter Basket items for the local shelters and agencies we service. Donations can be brought to our Faith Formation classes, to the Main Parish Office on Austin Ave. or dropped off in the Narthex when attending Mass.

Please note, we can always use empty Easter Baskets and the cellophane bags to wrap the baskets, after we fill them. For more information, feel free to call the Faith Formation Office. God be with you and your dear families as we journey through this Holy Season of Lent. Our 2023 Confirmandi will take part in assembling the Easter Baskets and earn service hours for their upcoming Confirmation.



FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Peg Siebenaler, Faith Formation Coordinator
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RECONCILIATION BEFORE CONFIRMATION

As the Eighth Grade Confirmation Candidates prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation they will first participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation with their classmates on Saturday, March 25th, and on Tuesday, March 28th during their regularly scheduled classes.

These students continue to work hard on their journey toward the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation on April 23rd. *We ask that you remember them, their sponsors, and parents in your prayers.*



Jesus Project

This year, our Faith Formation Students in levels Seven and Eight have focused on the person of Jesus in the Gospels.

These students used a variety of creative art forms to depict a Jesus story of their choice. The projects will be on display in the narthex for viewing by our parish community beginning March 25th.

Please take the opportunity to view these wonderful works created by our Faith Formation Students.

PRAYER REMINDER



Our Eighth-Grade students from St. Symphorosa School along with all our level eight students in our Faith Formation Program will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on April 23. Also, our St. Symphorosa Second-Grade students and all our level two Faith Formation Students will receive Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time on May 6. We invite you to please prayerfully remember all of these young people, that they will remain faithful disciples of Jesus.



The Seventh-Grade Family Mass will be held on Sunday, March 26th at 9:00 am at our St. Symphorosa church. All seventh-grade students and their families are invited to attend this Mass.

We will feature the Jesus Project Display in the Narthex. We look forward to welcoming all our Seventh-Grade families on March 26th at 9:00am at our St. Symphorosa church.

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All proceeds benefit the parish school of Two Holy Martyrs and will help in the purchase of
STEM Studio equipment, security updates and scholarship assistance.