TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

ST. SYMPHOROSA † ST. RENE GOUPIL

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Pastor Emeritus

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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 GOUPIL
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

This week the Church recognizes Catechetical Sunday.

We take this opportunity to highlight and thank all those men and women who help share the faith with our children. These are the teachers in our parish school and the folks who serve our Faith Formation program.

Consider these words from the ancient philosopher Aristotle. "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."

We want to emphasize the word formation. Becoming a Christian disciple is more than an intellectual exercise. Becoming a disciple is an encounter with a Person; the Person of Christ. Yes, we learn about our faith, but we put what we've learned into action. Following Jesus is a way of life; a surrender of our hearts to the Sacred Heart.

Parents and grandparents also play such an important role in helping raise children in faith. We need the balance of faith at home and faith in the classroom to help our children truly encounter the One we call our Savior. No one person is an island. We, ideally, work together to form the minds and hearts of our young disciples. Our children need us to authentically model the faith for them. Whether we realize it or not, they are watching us.

We appreciate every single teacher and catechist who accepts this responsibility. Please thank them, and pray for them and the children they are helping to form.

HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS

Over the course of the next weeks and months, you'll see advertisements that encourage us to volunteer in some capacity.

As we continue to awaken out of our COVID pause, we look to re-invigorate the areas a parish needs folks volunteering. Things don't happen by merely wishing them to happen. It is the hands and feet of our people that propel us forward.

We are continually reminded of the three T's of parish stewardship: time, treasure, and talent. We all have something to give. Some folks cannot give of their time, but they give of their treasure. Others might be able to live out stewardship by donating their time. We all can, in some way, share our talent.

Please pray. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you discern in what ways you are called to volunteer. We will have specific needs, but we will also have a general volunteer date-base that folks can offer their name for when we need assistance.

To help inspire us, we remember the words of the prayer of St. Francis. "For it is in giving that we receive."

Thank you!

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR

At the beginning of September, we introduced a weekly Holy Hour to the liturgical schedule.

Many folks might not be familiar with a Holy Hour, so we want to get the word out, again and again, that there is a specific time set aside each week for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

This is a wonderful time to simply get still and quiet, and be with the Lord. The Blessed Sacrament is placed into a monstrance and then set on the altar for adoration. You can stay for a few minutes or stay for the entire hour.

The Holy Hour begins at 5:45 PM every Tuesday inside our St. Symphorosa Church. If a priest or deacon is the presider, the Holy Hour concludes with Benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation also takes place on Tuesday evening beginning at 6 PM.

What do people do during a Holy Hour? Some just sit still. Others might pray the rosary quietly. You can also read scripture in the presence of the Word, and reflect on God's Word. There is no single set way to spend the time. The important thing is that our soul is nourished by the Lord Himself. The Holy Hour is a great spiritual oasis amidst the noise and busy-ness of our world.

Please consider stopping inside and re-charging your spiritual battery; even if only for 10-15 minutes. Jesus welcomes you.

JOURNALISM CONCERNS

Consider me concerned about the state of journalism in our country today.

As a former journalist trained to go out and "get the story," I have witnessed a growing trend over the past decades of blatantly biased reporting of what should be objective facts. We are to the point now where people who have one political perspective watch one news channel, and those who have a different political perspective watch the other news channel.

And then the two groups bad-mouth the other news network and anyone who watches it. This is crazy, and it is not healthy for our society. Journalism began to go astray when ratings and readership numbers became more important than discovering the truth of a story.

We might complain about what is covered by our news media, but I can assure you, sometimes the bigger concern is what is NOT covered by our news outlets and why.

If channel XYZ reports that Fr. Bob eats too many Slim Jims, and channel XBS reports that Fr. Bob never eats Slim Jims, who are we to believe? Can they both be right? Such are our times.

"Who are catechists? They are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others."

POPE FRANCIS

LET US PRAY

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17 - SEPTEMBER 23

Saturday, September 17th

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

† Samuel & Eleanore Holmes (Son Larry)
† Edward J. Robertson (Wife Ann)

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

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Rita Cernick - Birthday (Crowley Family)
† Andy Budz III (Barbara Rendak)

Sunday, September 18th | Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Catechetical Sunday)

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

† Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

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

† Claude Wiatrak (Mom Clara)
† Rev. George Schramm (Shilney Family)

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

† Rita Tomczak (Corbett Family)
† Keith Fox (Jerry Krokos & Family)

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

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

Monday, September 19th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

† Juana Nieto (Garcia Family)

Tuesday, September 20th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

All Souls in Purgatory (Rosario Battung)
† George Bartishell (Nancy Markham)
† Vivencio Battung (Rosario Battung)

Wednesday, September 21st | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for the Marino Family
† Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
† Rosemary Witt (Marie Zilka)
† Rachelle O'Connor (Jim Platt & Diana Dudek)

Thursday, September 22nd | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

† John Soltis (Pat Soltis & Family)
† William Bojarski (Barbara Rendak)
† Rachelle O'Connor (Jim Platt & Diana Dudek)
Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Domingo III & Hichelle Battung - Wedding Anniversary (Rosario Battung)

Friday, September 23rd | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Hichelle Battung (Rosario Battung)
† Deceased members of the Russ Family (Family)
† Marlene & Ray Sutkowski (Sutkowski Family)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Saturday, September 24th

8:00 AM | St. René Goupil Church

† Marion Tulik - 4th Annv. (Marge Tulik)

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

† Eliza Gose & Maria Luna (Almendarez Family)
† Providenza Chiaramonte (Chiaramonte Family)
† Filippo & Joe Chiaramonte (Chiaramonte Family)

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

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

Sunday, September 25th | Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Jeff Regan - Birthday
† Al Beyer (Toni P.)

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

† Rev. Christopher Schramm (Shilney Family)
† David A. Dansart (Tishka Family)
† John Martini

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

† Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
† Catherine Bartuch Morrell (Bartuch Family)
† Jack Orsi (Orsi Family)
† Joanne M. Biikowiecki (D & P Prendergast)

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

† Israel Garcia (Juan Garcia)

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

ETERNAL REST FOR....

Raymond Arevalo
Lorraine Rampick

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

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Arnold Adaska
Guadalupe Almendarez
Raeann Arends
Ignatius Battiato
Jean Bell
Mary Bieser
Fr. Ted Bojczuk
Kathy Calcagno
Maxine Carey
Giovanni Carrigan
Michael Clifford
Larry Cretes, Sr.
Marilyn Cretes
Margaret Dalton
Debbie Flint
Maria Flores
Ramiro Garza
Geri Gestaut
Heather Hradek
Shawn Hughes
Denise M. Jandura
Rich S. Jandura
Rick Jutton
Joan Juris
John Kappel, Jr.
Ron Kelly
Robert Kroll
Claudia Kwilosz
Sharon Labiak
James Lapsansky
Maryann Larson
Domenico Lepore
Rose Ann Lindsay
Maria Lopez
Diane Malarick
Cathy Mazieka
John Martini
Lori McCarthy
Maria Perez Montiel
Bob Pac
Eleanor Pastorek
Juan Perez
Maria Paz Perez
Stanley Polit
Jean Rayas
Letticia Reyes
Graciela Rivas
Ann Robertson
Fr. John Rudnik
Joseph Rudnik
Jack Ruggiero
John Shipper
Mary Shortall
Brian Styka
Sr. Christine Styka
Terry Styka
Michael Sutkowski
Joanne Tishka
Shirley Tloczek
Mary Trendle
Buddy Valela
Judith Webber
Becky Williams
JoAnn Wolniak
Virginia Wolniak
Beverly Zummerling
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.

Attention Lectors: *The monthly schedules are posted in the sacristy. For questions: HLopez@archchicago.org or (773) 767-1523 ext. 210*

FR. MATT'S REFLECTION

For being in the middle of September, moving through Ordinary Time, with much of our normal routines underway: work schedules, school years, activities inside and outside of the parish, the readings for this Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time have some practical moral teachings, such as respecting the lives of other people (First Reading and Second Reading), being honest in our dealings (First Reading, Second Reading and Gospel Reading) and acting prudently across different circumstances (Second Reading and Gospel Reading). These moral lessons are expressed in the texts themselves and are part of the spiritual meaning of God's word. What might pass by unnoticed is an additional layer in these readings, a spiritual meaning pertaining to Heaven. Succinctly, the lasting significance of what we hear this Sunday, what we might call, "the long game," spiritual meaning of these readings is the phrase: "to be in the world but not of the world."

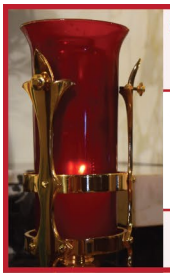
Beginning with the Gospel Reading, Jesus, both in the Parable of the Dishonest Steward and in His direct teaching, speaks to His disciples as to those who are living in the world, a real and imperfect world. The examples, which Jesus describes, are not theoretical or abstract. Our Savior is not encouraging His listeners to live with their heads in the sand below or the clouds above but to realize how ordinary life is not the sum of existence, how what they do in this life connects with the life to come. Understandably, our Lord declares, "'No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.'" (Luke 16:13) Trying to serve two different leaders can become complicated. Their individual values and goals, "the long game," each has can diverge, thus pulling a person in different directions. As Jesus clarifies for his listeners, one can be devoted to God while living in the world or be devoted to "mammon," "dishonest wealth," which is not God, what is worldly, but a person cannot equally serve God and that which is not God because the two diverge in their purpose and nature.

Working back to earlier portions of the Gospel Reading, Jesus' teaching about honesty and prudence is in service of the final teaching about choosing to serve God or mammon. Those who claim to desire God's Kingdom and eternal life show themselves to be genuine in their desire by how they act toward others and with the things of this world. For example, "'The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours?'" (Luke 16:10-12) In essence, honesty with others and prudent, not idolatrous, use of this world's goods, including earthly wealth, are ways of cooperating with God in this life and disposing ourselves for eternal life in God. For a person blessed with gifts of grace and with the responsibility of leading fellow Christians, honesty will be incumbent upon them. As St. Peter will later write, consistent with one who serves God versus one who serves mammon, "So I exhort the presbyters among you, as a fellow presbyter and witness to the sufferings of Christ and one who has a share in the glory to be revealed. Tend the flock of God in your midst, [overseeing] not by constraint but willingly, as God would have it, not for shameful profit but eagerly. Do not lord it over those assigned to you, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory." (1 Peter 5:1-4)

St. Paul elaborates his vision for the early Christians: "First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:1-4) Here too, the Apostle is not directing St. Timothy or those who will hear this letter to live in a state of delusion, to act as though they are living in an alternative world, but rather to participate as Christians in this world, serving God, not mammon, with the long game, salvation, as their goal. To act dishonestly, to be obsessed with dishonest wealth or to be idolatrous will not contribute to a quiet or tranquil life in the present or the eternal life to come. Dishonesty, imprudence, idolatry, such practices or habits diverge from God and separate a person from good relations with others as well as from God. Practically speaking, for people who have deceived you, those who have lied to you, been dishonest with you or violated your trust, do you still count them as close colleagues, friends or family members?

Am I living "in the world but not of the world"? Do I see my ordinary actions and dealings are ways of responding to God, being in relation with Him and readying myself for His Kingdom?

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



OUR SANCTUARY CANDLE, BURNING BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, IS OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF **SEPTEMBER**

For the repose of the soul of John Jack Gaca given by his wife, Eleanor Gaca.

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

Birthday blessings for Linda Light given by Mom.

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

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at our St. Symphorosa Church every Tuesday beginning at 5:45 PM.

Confessions will take place at 6 PM.

"Remain here and keep watch with me." Mt 26:38

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters as they go forth with courage and determination to face the forces of violence, weapons of destruction and hearts filled with hate.

Sgt. Jaime A. Acosta, USMC
Sgt. Ted Bartelmey
CS-1 Joel Battung
1st Sgt.Chas.Berglund,USMC
Sgt. Naveen Bobba, USMC
Sgt. Arthur A. Boruch, National Guard
Hospitalman Blythe A. Cisneros, USN
Airman Carlos Cisneros, USAF
Sgt. Frank Cisneros, USMC
Corpsman Nicholas J. Cundari-USN
Captain Kevin Dobbyn, US Army
Sgt. John Flores, IL National Guard
Pvt 1st Class Jake Fus, US Army
Staff Sgt. Andrew Gaca, USAF
Sgt. Michael Hough, US Army
Anthony Johaniewicz, US Navy
Sergeant Noah M . Konie, USMC
Lance Corp. Tim Lisenko, USMC
Trevor Lutz, US Army
Private Joseph M. Mikutis, USMC
Pvt 1st Class Daniel Morales, US Army
SPC Alex Ramos
Staff Sgt. Abel Sandoval, USMC
CW2 Richard Sobeske, US Army
Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Stuhlmacher
LCpl. Justin R. Thorpe, USMC
Cpt. Zachary White, IL Army NG

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 the **ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY** in the month of September:

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

† St.Vincent de Paul Society of
Neighbors helping neighbors®

Your donations make all the difference, thank you!

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

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022
Split the Pot Collection:
$330.00
Winning Envelope:
#63180
Reminder: A minimum of $5.00 is required to participate.

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH OFFERING
For the weekend of Sunday, September 11, 2022
$7,604.26
Thank you for your generosity!

SYMBOLON
THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained | Presented by Fr. Matt
Monday, September 19th | 6PM

The next session continues with ***Session 2: The Eucharist***. The Symbolon series is presented free of charge, and companion materials are provided at each session. All sessions begin promptly at 6 PM.

Super Senior Club Dates to Remember:

SUPER SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Super Senior Club Meeting | Flannery Hall
(All meetings commence at 11:30 AM)
September 28th | October 12th
Halloween Party - October 26th

It's Back! | Adult Choir Practice

Come practice with our NEW musical director on Wednesdays at 7 PM. Practice location varies. Please contact the Parish Office to sign-up and be notified.
God has answered our prayers with a new director!

Weekly Gospel Reflections Group

Join us for our weekly Gospel reflection as we discuss the following Sunday's Readings every Thursday at 6:30 PM at our St. René Goupil Church.
Join us and let's explore God's Word together!

THM Monthly Bingo!

Join us at Flannery Hall on the St. René Goupil Campus, TODAY, September 18th. Doors open at 12:30 PM with the first game at 1:30 PM.
$20 to play at the door.
Hot dogs, nachos, soft drinks, pastries, and other items available for purchase.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND

The archdiocesan collection for the education and formation of our future priests.

The Seminarian Education Fund provides support for the training and education of men studying for priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps to cover the cost to educate each archdiocesan seminarian as they proceed through the various stages of formation before ordination as a priest for Chicago.

Please support the men seeking to answer God's call to a life of service as a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

A second collection basket will be offered this weekend, Sept. 17th & 18th. Please look for the designated envelopes in either narthex or use the one that was mailed to you with your offertory envelopes. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Wedding Banns - I
Kristen Gonzalez & Matthew Capparelli
Wedding Banns - III
Karla Delgado & Reynaldo Delgado

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BECOMING AN ALTAR SERVER?

God is calling your son or daughter to serve at Mass. Sign-up is easy! Visit **twoholymartyrs.org** to register for the upcoming Altar Server Training Class scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24th at 1 PM.

You do not have to be a student at St. Symphorosa School to serve at Mass. This program is open to parish families.

This invitation is open to ALL students in 4th thru 12th Grade!

For more information, call (773) 767-1523 or email info@twoholymartyrs.org.

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The next Altar & Rosary Society meeting is Tuesday, October 4th at 12PM at Flannery Hall on the St. René Goupil Campus.
The Altar & Rosary Society Mass is scheduled for 9 AM on Sunday, Oct. 2 at our St. Symphorosa Church. All A&R members to attend.

Knights of Columbus "Tootsie Roll Drive"

The Two Holy Martyrs Parish Knights of Columbus Council needs your support!

Purchase your Tootsie Roll Bank after all Masses this weekend (Sept. 17th & Sept. 18th).

All proceeds benefit our SPRED Program.

$3 each or 2 for $5

While supplies last.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

New Parishioners and Updating Information:
We are so happy to have you join our parish community as we celebrate our faith. 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 reaching out after business hours (M-F 9 AM to 4 PM & Sat 9 AM to 12 PM) please call our emergency line at (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) in the parish office 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. Questions, please contact the parish office at (773) 767-1523. ***The 2023 Mass Intention Book opened Sept. 15th.***

A Catechist's Prayer

Loving Father, pour forth your Holy Spirit upon me that I may be a good catechist of your Word, your Son, Jesus Christ. Render my mind and heart so open, receptive and responsive to your Holy Spirit that, like Mary, I might become a living instrument of your Word to others. Help me to be a faithful witness to Gospel life so that your Church may become ever more alive. Let the fire of your love so enkindle my heart that I may be an instrument of drawing others to love of you in the Church of your Son. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Save the date

GRATEFUL • THANKFUL • BLESSED
Dinner Dance

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022
Flannery Hall
21+ Event | Details to follow.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Student Council Elections held at St. Symphorosa School

Our Junior High students had the opportunity this week to run for President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer. Their fellow students voted to elect who they would like to lead the Student Council. We are so proud of all our candidates and all those who participated in this important election for our school!

Learn more about our amazing school!

Contact Us

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ST. SYMPHOROSA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
OF TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

FAITH FORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/18: Catechetical Sunday & Family Mass

9/24: Faith Formation Classes - Symphorosa Campus. (Sat.)

9/27: Faith Formation Classes - St. René Goupil Campus. (Tues.)

"GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD!" PS 118:1

We take this opportunity to thank the following parishioners who responded to the call to be Catechetical Ministers here at Two Holy Martyrs Parish: Taura Basulto, Virginia Cruz, Barb Grzenia, Lilia Izguerra, Ceil Kucinsky, Annette Matulewicz, Irma Ortiz, Diana Ramirez Cortes, Rosa Rios, Nereida Sanchez, Maricela Valles, and Barb Wilschke.

Our hope and prayer is that you will embrace this ministry with joy and enthusiasm, forming our young people as followers of Jesus.

Coming Soon!

Holy Fire is a wonderful event designed around bringing young people together to witness their Catholic faith.

It is also a great opportunity for teens, particularly those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, to reflect more deeply on the gifts of the Holy Spirit which they will receive when they are confirmed.

HOLY FIRE

Please keep our upcoming 8th grade students in your prayers as they experience Holy Fire this October.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Peg Siebenaler, Faith Formation Coordinator

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Faith Formation Classes for the fall are underway. If you have not registered, please do so as soon as possible.

Our Faith Formation Program is for children in Grades One through Eight; who attend the local district schools. This program is developmental, which means that the children are encouraged to attend ALL levels in order to be fully initiated and formed into the life of the Church.

Registration forms are available on our website. Please call our office with any questions.

PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

Several of our Seventh & Eighth grade students and their parents will participate in their Confirmation Commitment service during their regularly scheduled classes on Saturday, September 24th and on Tuesday, September 27th. During the upcoming year these students will seek service opportunities to help them grow in discipleship as they serve those in need. We invite you to please remember them in your prayers during this time of preparation.

First Day of Faith Formation Class at our St. René Goupil Campus

Students visited the Sanctuary!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

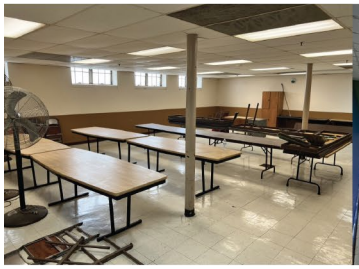
63RD STREET CAR SHOW

Food Trucks | Café 63 Special Menu | Craft Vendors
Saturday, October 1, 2022 | 1 PM - 4 PM
at Hoyne Savings Bank (63rd St. & Narragansett Ave.) & New Warsaw Restaurant (63rd St. & Mulligan Ave.)
Raffle Drawing: 3 PM | For more information, visit clearingnightforce.com

STRUMMING 4 FAITH
YOUTH MINISTRY

We're moving right along!
Your help is making our Youth Ministry a reality and we can't thank you enough!
We are still in need of help. Stay tuned!

Before



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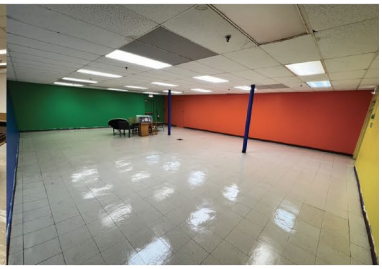

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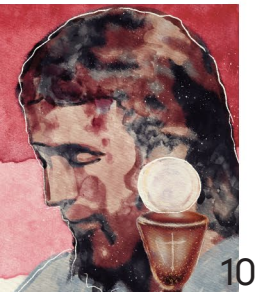

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St. Francis of Assisi | Pet Blessing
Sunday, October 2nd at 1:30 PM | St. René Goupil Campus

Official announcement coming soon!

8th Annual Holiday Extravaganza
Luncheon, Craft & Vendor Fair
Sunday, November 20th from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM
Sharp Center on the St. Symphorosa Campus

Vendor and crafter opportunities to come. Stay tuned!

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Monday, December 12th | 7 PM
Location to be determined.

MINISTRY COMMISSION *Presents:*

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Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
September 27th, 28th, & 29th 2022
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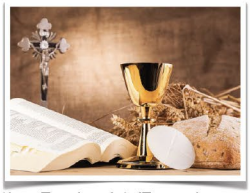

Initial Training for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (Tuesday & Wednesday) & Initial Training for Lectors (Tuesday & Thursday)

Kathy McNicholas is a pastoral associate and director of lifelong formation at Incarnation St. Terrence Parish. Her passion is accompanying adults on their Catholic faith journey.

These sessions provide training for Liturgical Ministers.

- ALL trainees attend Tuesday evening's Scriptural foundation, overview of the liturgy, and discern their call to liturgical ministry.
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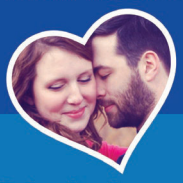

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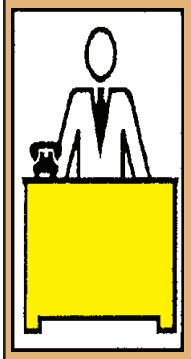

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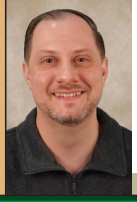

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