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**TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH**

ST. SYMPHOROSA + ST. RENE GOUPIL



# WELCOME TO TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH CHURCH SCHEDULES

## PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Robert Regan  
PASTOR

Rev. Kevin Gregus  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Rev. Norman Trela  
RETIRED PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

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PASTOR EMERITUS

Rev. Peter Paurazas  
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Rev. Idzi Stacherczak  
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## ST. SYMPHOROSA

6135 S. Austin Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60638

### SUNDAY MASS

9 AM | 12 PM

### MONDAY — SATURDAY MASS

8 AM mass is held during:

February | April | June  
August | October | December

### SATURDAY VIGIL

5:30 PM

### RECONCILIATION


TUESDAY | 6 PM—7 PM


*All are welcome to join in praying the Rosary after 8 AM mass Monday through Saturday! Come meditate on Christ with us!*

## PARISH OFFICE

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*Located on Austin between  
the school and church buildings*

 773.767.1523

 [www.twoholymartyrs.org](http://www.twoholymartyrs.org)

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

### MONDAY—FRIDAY

9 AM—4 PM

### SATURDAY

9 AM — 12 PM

## PARKING AND SAFETY REMINDER

The safety of our parish community is important and must be taken into consideration at each gathering. Should serious medical or facility issues arise unexpectedly we must be prepared. We ask that you observe parking regulations on both campus locations, churches, loading zones, etc.

## PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PARKING IN THE FIRE LANES

## ST. RENE GOUPIL

6949 W. 63rd Place  
Chicago, IL 60638

### SUNDAY MASS

7:30 AM | 10:30 AM

### MONDAY — SATURDAY MASS

8 AM mass is held during:

January | March | May  
July | September | November

### SATURDAY VIGIL


4 PM

### RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS | 3 PM—3:45 PM

## SCHOOL OFFICE

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### MONDAY—FRIDAY

9 AM—3 PM

# FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG



Anyone who has ever come to me for Confession knows my standard penance. I say to the penitent, "Please pray one Our Father but pray this one Our Father with gratitude knowing Christ died for your sins."

The one Our Father is not a case of "getting off easy." It's important to pray the Lord's prayer with reverence and realize the eternal significance of what took place on Calvary 2,000 years ago. We cannot lose sight of that historic event in time and space and how it matters for humanity, but also for each of us individually.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (**John 3:16-17**).

There is a reason this scripture verse is so well-known. It's a brief summation of the story of salvation. The Lover goes to the end of God forsakenness for the beloved. Yes, Jesus dies for humanity, but it's much more intimate than that.

He dies for YOU.

This act of self-sacrificing love on the cross is personal.

We know that Good Friday was not the end of the story. A few days later, Jesus showed us that love is stronger than death. Through the reality of the cross is the hope of new life in Christ. Jesus assured us that if we share

in his cross, we will share in his Resurrection.

Of course, there are plenty of folks in the world who reject this truth or mock this truth. There are those people who claim the Christian story is all made up; a nice comforting fairy tale that deludes us from reality.

In contrast, we'd say it's just the opposite. Our Christian faith is deeply historical and that it shakes us out of self-serving individualism so that we are more attentive to reality of the world around us all the while we peek into eternity because of the hope we have in Christ Jesus who says to us, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

There are two realities we must be prepared for: the Second Coming of Christ in glory, or before that, our inevitable bodily death. These are not to be avoided but prepared for. We use the gift of TODAY to live our faith as best we can.

We pray.

We participate in Holy Mass.

We read and ponder Sacred Scripture. We perform corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

This is how we stay prepared for the inevitable, and we do this with faith, hope and charity. Live today in gratitude, trusting in the Lord, and not letting the worries of tomorrow keep us from being present to today.

## Parish Business

Every year we are required to publish the basics of the parish finances in the bulletin. The annual report appears in this bulletin.

A special thank you to Ken Hilliard, our parish operations director, who works diligently to put this report together for the Archdiocese of Chicago and for our parishioners. A Catholic parish is a major operation with

many moving parts, which in our case, includes two campuses.

We do our best to be good stewards of our resources. The report goes into more detail about how the money comes in and how the money goes out. If anyone has specific questions or would like more details, please reach out to Ken Hilliard who is open to making sure the parish is transparent about our financial numbers.

As pastor, my heart resides more in the spiritual dimension of parish life, but I cannot be ignorant of economic reality. There is nothing more of a turn-off in church life than a pastor or minister who is constantly asking for more money; or when most of the sermons or homilies are about money and the financial state of the church. A priest is ordained to preach the Good News of salvation, not read from the financial times.

However, that being said, we cannot function as a parish (salaries, maintenance, supplies, gas, electricity, insurance, etc.) without money; just as your own personal household cannot function without income.

Thankfully, money won't be necessary in eternity, but it's part of how we barter for goods and services in this life.

Thank you to everyone who contributes financially to Two Holy Martyrs Parish. You help keep the lights on both spiritually and economically, and for this I am grateful.



# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Two Holy Martyrs Parish

## O COME LET US ADORE HIM

### Talk Series on the Eucharist

In this year of Eucharistic Revival, come reflect on the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist as we prepare celebrate his coming at Christmas

First Three Mondays  
of Advent at 7PM

- † Monday, December 4th  
Location: St. Rene Goupil Church  
Fr. Bob Regan, Pastor  
The Eucharist and Parish Renewal
- † Monday, December 11th  
Location: St. Symphorosa Church  
Fr. Kevin Gregus, Associate Pastor  
The Eucharist and Community
- † Monday, December 18th  
Location: St. Rene Goupil Church  
Fr. Kevin Gregus, Associate Pastor  
The Eucharist and Friendship with God

Receive a free copy of Bishop Robert Barron's book "This is My Body", which will serve as a guide for our reflections

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More Information  
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# PARISH FINANCES

## Two Holy Martyrs Parish FY 2023 Annual Report - Financial Background Summary

The 2023 fiscal year ended on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Church lost approximately \$135,000 with Offertory collections slightly up. However, Holiday collections (Christmas & Easter) trended lower as compared to 2022. The school lost approximately \$283,000. Yet, School enrollment remained strong (219) with a steady increase continuing this year. It should be noted that 2023 was a post COVID transition year. This signaled the sunset on some significant financial support from school grants and outside COVID support programs. The termination of this assistance resulted in a negative financial impact to the school. As a partial offset, the school extended their annual agreement with an outside grant writing firm. Accordingly, these grants are received throughout the year and have proven to be extremely beneficial over the past few years.

The 2022 Family Fest returned after a two-year COVID hiatus generating almost \$80,000 (split over multiple years). These resources are extremely important in the operations of the parish. Yet, since COVID, Family Fest costs are increasing and the complexity of planning this “mega” parish event are increasing.

During the fiscal year, the parish made a concerted effort to improve both campus locations. It is important to understand that our two campus locations are comprised of 10 insurable structures. These buildings along with their mechanicals are of varying ages and incorporate highly variable states of maintenance and repair. Just as in our homes, these entities require a considerable amount of our financial resources to keep everything operational. In addition, downstream financial planning will need to identify major expenditures such as roof repairs/replacement on multiple parish buildings. We will also need to logically stagger the implementation of key projects such as tuckpointing, interior painting and exterior concrete repair/replacement at each campus.

It is with the perspective of these future capital expenditure needs plus the ongoing increases in utility, salary/benefits and general operational costs that have driven the outside need to identify additional revenue. Likewise, a major effort was made during FY 2023 to identify and secure additional revenue sources. Likewise, the parish spent approximately 8 months working to secure a tenant for the St. Rene Goupil school building. This process was concluded during late winter by successfully engaging with Menta Group.

The agreement with Menta Group creates a new and significant opportunity for Two Holy Martyrs Parish. This agreement encompasses a 5 – 10-year agreement in which the parish will be compensated monthly for the use of parish facilities. Accordingly, this will allow the church to operate in the black and provide valuable financial resources that can be used within the parish over the coming years.

Please feel free to review the following documents which provide various levels of financial detail about our parish. Please note that there will also be more in-depth financial documents available in the back of each church for the next few weeks, As always, feel free to contact the Parish Office with and related questions

**“Numerous parish projects and repairs were completed during the 2023 FY...these include:**

### **General Parish Projects**

- Purchased a parish truck and snowplow blade
- Allows parish Maintenance to manage all snow removal and salt applications internally, resulting in a significant annual savings – depending on the severity of the winter
- Expanded weekly church cleanings with contracted service (St. Rene Goupil & St Symphorosa)
- Parish Office roof repair (temporary)

### **St. Rene Goupil Campus**

- Repaired the Air conditioning system in school building
- Moved all furniture from the upper floors of St. Rene School building to St. Symphorosa campus storage to prepare for tenant
- Replaced gas valve on Rene boiler
- Plumbing repairs in several bathrooms
- Secured a 5/10 lease agreement for shared use of the St. Rene school building

### **St. Symphorosa Campus**

- Cleared furniture inventory from three I-Bldg. classrooms to prep for Faith Formation use
- Repaired/replaced I-Building door locks
- Ongoing project of replacing gym windows
- Replaced a pump in the Sharp boiler room
- Asbestos abatement in the Parish Office Storage closet
- Repaired an underground clog in the southwest parking lot at 62<sup>nd</sup> & Austin Ave.
- Parking lot repair of potholes and striping

### **St. Symphorosa School**

- Security cameras were installed
- Concrete entrance/sidewalk was installed on north entrance to the school
- STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) Lab opened in FY 2023
- School Building/I-Building window closures were repaired and replaced
- A Building painting of selected classroom areas
- Purchase of new Viper floor cleaning equipment



# PARISH FINANCES

## Two Holy Martyrs Parish Finances 2023 Annual Report - Church Summary

<u>Income</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Sunday & Holy Day Collections	\$559,012	Increased by approx \$87 per week during 2023
Christmas/Easter/Other Collection	\$120,586	Christmas/Easter Reduced by approximately \$24,000 past 2 years
Tuition & Fees	\$31,866	Increased Faith formation Enrollment/collections
Lease/Rental	\$96,182	Added the new 2023 lease of St. Rene School building
Fundraising	\$136,854	Restart of Family Fest/income split into 2 yrs.
Interest & Investment Income	\$1,485	
Auxiliary Groups	\$4,587	Various Aux. Group Income reflected in Parish Accounts
Misc. Income	\$142,560	Candle money, Mass stipends, Special donations
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,093,132</b>	
<u>Expenses</u>		
Salaries	\$481,282	Personnel Adjustments and COLA
Health Insurance	\$62,496	
Employer FICA	\$26,488	
Fringe Benefits	\$17,012	
Professional Growth/Ministerial	\$3,352	Standard opportunities for professional growth - clergy
Books & Supplies/Non-liturgical	\$16,476	
Administrative Expenses	\$45,466	Prof. Serv. (Tech., Accounting Serv. Payroll, Outside serv., etc.)
Transportation	\$2,203	
Food Service & Meals	\$21,432	Monthly meal stipends for clergy
Heating Fuel & Electricity	\$118,557	Overall Reduction due to energy efficiency
Other Utilities	\$13,895	Stable exp-Chicago water/waste & Technology service expense
Maintenance & Building Repairs	\$140,229	Increased exp-St. Rene campus prep, Equip. purch., proj. work
Interest Expense	\$3,549	
Bingo Expense	\$55,542	Increased expenses due to vendor expenses and operating expenses
Altar & Liturgical Supplies	\$29,363	
Furnishings & Equipment	\$450	
Archdiocese Assessment	\$76,224	Reduction - AOC defined assessment based on historical Revenue
PRMAA Assessment	\$24,286	Reduction - AOC - Retired priests funding expense
OCS Assessment		
Property Casualty Insurance	\$68,621	Increased Exp - AOC insurance company defined expense
Auto Insurance	\$2,986	Increased Exp based on parish vehicles
Misc. Expense	\$18,666	Hospitality, advertising, dues, subscriptions, etc.
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,228,575</b>	
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>(\$135,443)</b>	

## Two Holy Martyrs Parish Finances 2023 Annual Report - St. Symphorosa School Summary

<u>Income</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Tuition	\$883,368	Stable enrollment of 218 students 2022-2023
Fees	\$156,344	Registration, Instructional, Lab, etc.
Outside Funding Sources	\$240,994	COVID related aid ended, Empower, Big Shoulders
Bookstore		
Fundraising	\$3,972	Fundraising generated by Aux Groups
Interest & Investment Income	\$38	
Auxiliary Groups	(\$27,150)	Aux Groups utilizing Funds during the year
Misc. Income	\$35,203	Donations
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,292,769</b>	
<u>Expenses</u>		
Salaries	\$931,216	Stable faculty/salaries w COLA increase
Health Insurance	\$143,073	
Employer FICA	\$65,768	
Fringe Benefits	\$63,373	Post COVID benefits
Professional Growth/Ministerial	\$3,160	Faculty benefit
Books & Supplies/Non-liturgical	\$23,841	
Administrative Expenses	\$48,050	Offic Equip, Supplies and Professional Service Fees
Transportation	\$1,701	Snow Plow Expense
Food Service & Meals		
Heating Fuel & Electricity	\$68,826	Prorated amount of school related utilities
Other Utilities	\$4,381	City of Chicago, Technology service expense, cable
Maintenance & Building Repairs	\$132,335	General maintenance and school projects
Interest Expense	\$10,340	Interest Expense on open loans
Furnishings & Equipment	\$1,262	
OCS Assessment	\$10,850	AOC defined annual assessment
Property Casualty Insurance	\$51,805	AOC insurance G & B predetermined defined expense
Misc. Expense	\$16,159	Various misc. School expenses
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,576,140</b>	
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>(\$283,371)</b>	



## For the week of:

NOVEMBER 18th - NOVEMBER 26th

### Saturday November 18th

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

- ✠ Josephine Pelegrino & Family Unity in Christ
- ✠ George Nowak (Wes & Debbie Szumowski)
- ✠ Robert Compton (wife)
- ✠ Dorothy Dubiel (Jean Piotrowski)

**05:30 PM** | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin

- ✠ Rosalia Karpinski - 29th Anniversary (Mary & Mike Trendle)
- ✠ Lucille Cantu (Sister & Nephews)
- ✠ Kathy Nipp (Mary Trendle & Stella Templeton)
- ✠ Ellen "Dody" Henry (Nancy Markham)

### Sunday November 19th

**07:30 AM** | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Kevin

- ✠ Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
- ✠ Rita Jasencak (Husband George)
- ✠ Al Beyer (George Jasencak)
- ✠ Lorraine Ciccio (Family)

**09:00 AM** | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

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

- ✠ Ben P & Estelle Shafer (Ben & Judy Shafer)
- ✠ Jack Orsi (Family)
- ✠ Dawn Bodoki (Mom & Dad)
- ✠ Adella Carlig (Larry Holmes)

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

- ✠ Anna Rendak (Barbara Rendak)
- ✠ Thomas J Matuszak (Donna Holmes & Rita Silva)
- ✠ Bishop Kevin Birmingham
- Health and God's Blessings for Adrian Gutierrez on his 10th Birthday (Frank Vaickus)

### Monday November 20th

**08:00 AM** | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

- God's Blessings for Wendy Sweeney (Ann Robertson & Katie)
- Happy Birthday Ethan Battung (Rosario Battung)

### Tuesday November 21st

**08:00 AM** | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Kevin

- ✠ Tom Markham (Family)
- ✠ Tony & Josephine Pelegrino & Family unity in Christ
- ✠ David Valles (Valles Family)

### Wednesday November 22nd

**08:00 AM** | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Kevin

- ✠ Magdalena Arteaga - 1 yr. Anniversary (Husband, Children and Grandchildren)
- ✠ Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
- Health & God's Blessings for Margaret Green (Family)

### Thursday November 23rd

**09:00 AM** | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

- Vincent Arteaga - Happy Golden Birthday (Family)
- ✠ Magdalena Arteaga (Husband, Children and Grandchildren)
- ✠ Patrick Hickey (Diana Schmidt)

### Friday November 24th

**08:00 AM** | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

- ✠ Leopold Staszal (Barbara Rendak)
- ✠ Herbert Sigafoose (wife)

### Saturday November 25th

**08:00 AM** | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

- Good Health & Safety to Tulik Family (Marge Tulik)
- Happy Birthday Elizabeth Battung (Rosario Battung)

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

- ✠ Abigail & Charles Toribio (Almendarez Family)
- ✠ Dorothy Dubiel (Linda Dobias)
- ✠ Rosie Byron (Jean Piotrowski)
- ✠ Mary Kay Ungarelli (Peg Medeiro)

**05:30 PM** | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob

- ✠ Encarnacion Villarreal (Daughter and Grandsons)
- ✠ Gerald Sears (Gregory Jackson & Family)
- ✠ Elvia Zayas (Mary Trendle)
- ✠ Rick Jutton (Ron & Joan Kelly)

### Sunday November 26th

**07:30 AM** | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

- ✠ Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
- ✠ Lucille S. Shotas (Nancy Shotas)
- ✠ Victor & Zeneida Narea (Vincent Narea)
- ✠ John Crowley - 6 yr. Anniversary (Mary & Family)

**09:00 AM** | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin

- ✠ Thomas Herman (Patti Grzenia)
- ✠ Alicia Gaffney (Mother)
- ✠ Rosa Cicchino (Mother)
- ✠ Margaret McGuire (Mike & Bea Byrne)

**10:30 AM** | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

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



*Presiders are subject to change without notice.*

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH | NOVEMBER 19, 2023



**OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES**

BURNING BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, ARE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF

**NOVEMBER**

**VINCE PORCELLI & MARIA PORCELLI**

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

**ROSALIA KARPINSKI**

For the repose of their souls, given by Mary Trendle.

**JOHN GACA**

For the repose of the soul, given by Wife Eleanor.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF MAGDALENA ARTEAGA**

given by Husband, Children & Grandchildren.

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**

- |                   |                       |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Arnold Adaska     | Denise M. Jandura     | Ann Robertson   |
| Guadalupe         | Joan Juris            | Fr. John Rudnik |
| Almendarez        | John Kappel, Jr.      | Jack Ruggiero   |
| Raeann Arends     | Ron Kelly             | Mary Shortall   |
| Mary Bieser       | Claudia Kwilosz       | Karen Singer    |
| Fr. Ted Bojczuk   | Sharon Labiak         | Pat Soltis      |
| Sara Bragiel      | Flavia Langan         | Brian Styka Sr. |
| Maxine Carey      | James Lapsansky       | Christine Styka |
| Judy Carranza     | Maryann Larson        | Terry Styka     |
| Giovanni Carrigan | Natalie LeCompte      | Joanne Tishka   |
| Rita Cernick      | Domenico Lepore       | Shirley Tloczek |
| Michael Clifford  | Rose Ann Lindsay      | Fr. Norm Trela  |
| Marilyn Crites    | Rosemary Litwin       | Adele Vacchiano |
| Margie Dolton     | Maria Lopez           | Buddy Valela    |
| Leon Detlaf       | Diane Malarick        | Dan Volanti     |
| Debbie Flint      | Cathy Mazieka         | Judith Webber   |
| Maria Flores      | Lori McCarthy         | Becky Williams  |
| Ken Fonte         | Maria Montiel         | JoAnn Wolniak   |
| Mia Forbes        | Edward Moriarty       | Beverly         |
| Nia Forbes        | Clarence Oleszkiewicz | Zummerling      |
| Sue G.            | Bob Pac               |                 |
| Joanne Galla      | Eleanor Pastorek      |                 |
| Mitch Galla       | Jesus Perez           |                 |
| John Garcia       | Juan B. Perez         |                 |
| Geri Gestaut      | Maria P. Perez        |                 |
| Florence Goluch   | Maria Paz Perez       |                 |
| Karen Holmes      | Stanley Polit         |                 |
| Heather Hradek    | Leticia Reyes         |                 |
| Shawn Hughes      | Graciela Rivas        |                 |



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



**Thank you for your generosity!**

PARISH OFFERTORY 11/12: \$10,897.00

Split the Pot Winning Envelope # 63039 -\$385.00

To our registered parishioners, please remember a minimum of \$5 is required to participate.



The A&R Society and Seniors Club are having their **Christmas Party on Tuesday December 5th from 12pm-4pm at Mama Luigi's** on 7500 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL 60455

**Donation is \$25.00.**

Any questions please contact Arlene Scaletta at 773.585.0914

**Reminder: Tickets must be purchased by Dec. 1st. Tickets will be available at the Nov. meeting.**



**SUPER SENIOR CLUB NEWS**

The next meeting for November will be Wednesday the 29th. **Doors open at 11:30am** meeting convenes at 12pm (noon) in the St. Rene Narthex. **SEE YOU THERE!!**

**\*Special Two Holy Martyrs Holiday Basket Raffle\***

- Baskets contain Dinner Certificates, Lottery Tickets and more!
- Tickets will go on Sale after Thanksgiving
- Tickets will be **\$5 each, 3 for \$10 or 7 for \$20**
- The drawing will take place on Tuesday December 19th at noon in the Parish Office!

**More details coming in the upcoming bulletins!**



Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday November 23, Friday November 24, and Saturday November 25** for **THANKSGIVING WEEKEND.** Parish Office will be resuming back to regular hours on **Monday November 27th 9am-4pm.**

**HAVE A GREAT & BLESS THANKSGIVING WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS**



# FAITH FORMATION



## Important!

### Upcoming Events:

**11/19:** Fourth Grade Family Mass. 9am.

**11/23:** HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

**12/02:** Faith Formation Classes  
Saturday, St. Sym's Campus.  
9am - 10:30am.  
First Reconciliation @ 1pm.

**12/05:** Faith Formation Classes  
Tuesday, St. Sym's Campus.  
6pm.

**12/07:** First Reconciliation @ 6pm.

### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

As we approach the season of giving thanks, the Two Holy Martyrs Faith Formation Program will be remembering the less fortunate. This year, we will join with our fellow parishioners in once again fulfilling one of the Corporal Works of Mercy ...

#### Feed the Hungry.

When our students attend Mass or when they come to Faith Formation classes, we are asking them to bring in non-perishable food items. We are thankful for your participation in the Thanksgiving Food Drive.



### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The students in our Faith Formation Program along with the students at St. Symphorosa Catholic School will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please remember these young students in your prayers as they journey closer to Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In our Faith Formation Classes we are learning about the Saints! Pictured Below: "Saints in the Making".



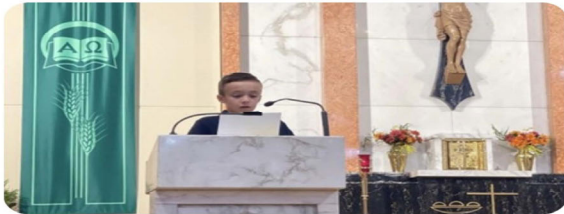
### JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

At Baptism, we are all given a lighted candle. This reminds us to live as followers of Jesus, *The Light of the World*. Our Faith Formation families will be constructing their own lighthouses. The lighthouse creations will be on display in the narthex at both our worship sites, this December and into the New Year. Please take a moment and visit our display. May these lighthouses serve as a reminder, for us to be *Shining Lights, In Today's World*.



# PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS (GRADES 3RD-8TH)



Third grade led the prayer service this month.



Fourth graders were inspired by artist Georgia O'Keefe to make watercolor flowers.



Fifth grade by the St. Francis window after the prayer service for his feast day.



Sixth grade enjoying the Walk-A-Thon!



Seventh grade buddies visit their First grade buddies.



Eighth (and Seventh) grade at the Walk-A-Thon!

CALL 773.585.6888 OR EMAIL [RBANDEN@STSYMPHOROSASCHOOL.ORG](mailto:RBANDEN@STSYMPHOROSASCHOOL.ORG) TO SCHEDULE A TOUR!

The GRATEFUL THANKFUL BLESSED Dinner  
proudly presents:

