

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." - Mt 10:31

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WELCOME TO TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

CHURCH SCHEDULES

Rev. Robert Regan

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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

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

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

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MONDAY—FRIDAY

9 AM-4 PM

SATURDAY

9 AM - 12 PM

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MONDAY—FRIDAY

9 AM-3 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



Jesus tells his first followers – and us today - to "Fear no one." And yet, how easily we slide into fear, at times. Fear of what might happen.

Mark Twain tapped into this when he wrote, "I've had a lot of worries in my life, most of which never happened."

We can really get ourselves worked up into a tizzy by worrying what's around the corner. This is certainly aggravated today with our 24/7 news cycle. We have information overload, and it seems every day we are greeted with another "News Alert."

If we are not balancing all this fear with the good news of salvation, we become neurotic (anxious, depressed, obsessive behavior, hypochondria). And what is the good news of salvation? That Love is stronger than death, and Love is Who went to the cross to die so that we might have life; and this means more than biological life. The Greek word we want to remember is zoe; and this is the supernatural life. We also call this grace or the God-life.

Jesus says in our Gospel this Sunday, "And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can kill both body and soul in Gehenna."

Earthly tyrants all through history counted on people fearing death to control them. Think about that. If someone (or some group) must use intimidating threats, physical violence, and/or murder, we might want to question who or what it is they are living for.

Let's face it, we fear what we don't know. And what exists beyond bodily death

FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

appears for many folks to be an unknown. Jesus, however, has made it known by his suffering, death, resurrection and ascension. He died, but on that first Easter morning, He shows us that death is not the victor.

It's not a coincidence that as active faith declines in a culture, then over-concern for the body increases. People no longer "go to church" but they go to the gym. They won't go to Confession for a spiritual check-up but they will go to the M.D. for a physical check-up. People vacation at Disney but would never consider a week-long silent retreat. We tend to our bodies but forget the importance of our soul.

We don't like to think about it, but our earthly body has an expiration date. None of us knows that date. What do we know, though? That the soul is immortal. The soul lives on, and the promise of God is that one day the immortal soul is joined with a new glorified body in a new heaven and new earth. This is the GOOD NEWS, thanks be to Jesus Christ.

From the perch of eternity in God's glory, our earthly bodily death (whatever the cause of death) will seem like a mere Band-Aid being pulled off. Jesus is asking us to TRUST HIM on this. The gore of Good Friday becomes the glory of Easter. The earthly tyrants who cooperate with evil have no more power. Love is stronger than death, and God is Love, and you are precious to the One who loved you into existence; body and soul. Take care of your body? Yes. But remember the importance of the soul, too. The Creator gave us both.

Jesus gives us everything we need to nourish our soul; especially the gift of the Eucharist. But also, prayer, sacred scripture, the other sacraments, the works of mercy. The spiritual life is important. This is the primary reason our parish exists: to be the visible place in the Clearing/Garfield Ridge area of Chicago where people can nurture their spiritual life.

We want to be a parish that worships God's

reverently and joyfully, and then serves our neighbors in need. In this, we do God's work.

Welcome, Fr. Kevin Gregus

Next weekend we welcome into our Two Holy Martyrs Parish community our new associate pastor: Fr. Kevin Gregus.

Please say hi to him when you get a chance.

Fr. Kevin was ordained on May 20, 2023, by Cardinal Cupich. He spent six years at Mundelein Seminary. He celebrated his Mass of Thanksgiving (First Mass) on May 21 at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Crystal Lake.

He will be the presider at the July 1, 4 PM evening Mass at our St. Rene church. A light reception will follow in the St. Rene church narthex. On Sunday, July 2, Fr. Kevin will have the 9 AM Mass at our St. Symphorosa church, and the 10:30 AM at our St. Rene church.

It is important that we all realize Fr. Kevin is a newly ordained priest. He will be patient with us, and we will be patient with him. Our being assigned a newly ordained priest is a huge compliment to our parish by the Priest Placement Board. We are being entrusted by the Cardinal to help Fr. Kevin's first few years of priesthood be successful.

I was able to attend Fr. Kevin's Mass of Thanksgiving, which was beautiful. He has a wonderful family that supports his vocation and his priesthood. I joked with his mom and dad that the Midway area is a bit of a trip from Crystal Lake. I know they will be visiting on occasion.

Thank you to Fr. Norm Trela for helping me keep the house in order these past two months after Fr. Matt's departure to be a chaplain in the U.S. Army. We welcome Fr. Kevin's arrival with opens arms.

Quote -- "Since love grows within you, so beauty grows. For love is the beauty of the soul." -- St. Augustine



Saturday June 24th

04:00 PM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

05:30 PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Norm For Blessings & Love of family between Julian & Fernando Valenzuela (Gloria Valenzuela)

Sunday June 25th

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

令Vince Porcelli (Judy Porcelli)

∜Victor & Zeneida Narea (Vincent Narea)

⊕Jose Colon (Garcia Family)

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

♣ Virginia Blazeniak (Tony & Kelli Alvarez)

☆ Kathy Calcagno (Marge & Maria Lihosit)

骨 John Turek (Janina)

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

♣ Robert Zeutschel (wife Dolores)

骨 Rita Tomczak (Corbett Family)

骨 John Chavez (Maria Chavez)

12:00 PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Knotek 90th Birthday Blessings for Joan Wash (Irene Korosa) Congratulations - God Blessings Fr. Ted Bojczuk (Joan Hamann)

Monday June 26th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob

☆Keith Fox (Fox Family & Friends)

Carlos Arenas - Praying for health (Garcia Family)

Tuesday June 27th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob

⊕Anthony Sanfratello (Sanfratello Family)

Marie Peceniak - For her full recovery (Ann Robertson)

Praying for the health of Jessica & Yenny (Gloria Valenzuela)

Wednesday June 28th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Norm

令Vince Porcelli (Judy Porcelli)

骨Anna & Tony Tomassini (Eugene Tomassini)

Praying for the health of Jessica & Yenny (Gloria Valenzuela)

MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 24TH-JULY 2ND

Thursday June 29th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Norm

Hope & Serenity for Amparo Ocampo

Marie Buchreiter - For her Health (Mother)

Praying for the health of Jessica & Yenny (Gloria Valenzuela)

Friday June 30th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob

Antonio & Gloria & Valenzuela Family

Saturday July 1st

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

All Souls in Purgatory (Diana Schmidt)

�Oliver Canales (Canales Family) - 6yr Anniversary Prayer for

Oliver Canales

骨Jean Bell (Marie Zilka)

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

骨Tomas Murray (Family)

骨Julio Martinez (Family)

⊕Victor Roa (Family)

05:30 PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Norm

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

Sunday July 2nd

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

令Sgt. Omar Saucedo - 18th yr. Anniversary of death (Family)

⊕ Jerome Woywerowski (Ted Wiecek)

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

Altar & Rosary Members (A&R Society)

♣ Virginia Blazeniak (Frances Hisson)

☆ Kathleen, Ann & Thomas Calgagno (Shirley & Wish Kucik)

⊕ Gloria Iuliano (Yakes Family)

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

骨Vince Porcelli (Judy Porcelli)

骨 Rita Tomczak (Corbett Family)

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

☆ Frances Block (C. Moran)

Presiders are subject to change without notice.

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH | JUNE 25, 2023



OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES

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

JUNE

JOSEPH LODUCA & MICHAEL LODUCA

For the repose of their souls, given by Nancy Loduca.

MARGO LULLO

Arnold Adaska

Rick Jutton

In loving memory, given by Kathy Calcagno.

VINCE PORCELLI & MARIA PORCELLI

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

ROBERT ZEUTSCHEL—1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

For the repose of the soul, given by Dolores Zeutschel.

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

John Kappel, Jr.

Alliola Adaska	Joini Kappei, Jr.	
Guadalupe	Ron Kelly	
Almendarez	Claudia Kwilosz	
Raeann Arends	Sharon Labiak	
Mary Bieser	Flavia Langan	
Fr. Ted Bojczuk	James Lapsansky	
Maxine Carey	Maryann Larson	
Judy Carranza	Natalie LeCompte	
Giovanni Carrigan	Domenco Lepore	
Rita Cernick	Rose Ann Lindsay	
Michael Clifford	Rosemary Litwin	
Marilyn Crites	Maria Lopez	
Margaret Dalton	Diane Malariak	
Leon Detlaf	Cathy Mazieka	
Debbie Flint	Lori McCarthy	
Maria Flores	Maria Montiel	
Ken Fonte	Edward Moriarty	
Mia Forbes	Clarence Oleszkiewicz	
Nia Forbes	Bob Pac	
Sue G.	Eleanor Pastorek	
John Garcia	Jesus Perez	
Geri Gestaut	Juan B. Perez	
Karen Holmes	Maria P. Perez	
Heather Hradek	Maria Paz Perez	
Shawn Hughes	Stanley Polit	
Denise M. Jandura	Leticia Reyes	
Joan Juris	Graciela Rivas	

Fr. John Rudnik Joseph Rudnik Jack Ruggiero Mary Shortall Pat Soltis Brian Styka Sr. Christine Styka Terry Styka Michael Sutkowski Joanne Tishka Shirley Tloczek Adele Vacchiano Buddy Valela Dan Volanti Judith Webber Becky Williams JoAnn Wolniak Beverly Zummerling



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

Ann Robertson



What is TotusTuus?

The Totus Tuus program aims to inspire young people to long for holiness, develop a deep desire for conversion and personally renew their faith with a stronger prayer life. Through evangelization and catechesis, Totus Tuus seeks to foster openness to the sacrifices and blessings of the various Christian vocations.

The program began in 1987 as a vacation bible school program in the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas. In 2007, Totus Tuus of Chicago launched its pilot program with two teams serving 10 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Joliet. The program continues to expand, now serving over 24 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago.





Totus Tuus 2023

PARISH SCHEDULE

Week 1	St. Damian	5300 155th St.	Oak Forest, IL 60452
June 11 – 16	St. Juliana	7200 N. Osceola Ave.	Chicago, IL 60631
	St. Paul the Apostle	6401 Gages Lake Rd.	Gurnee, IL 60031
	St. Thomas of Villanova	1201 E. Anderson Dr.	Palatine, IL 60067
Week 2	St. Francis de Sales	135 S. Buesching Rd.	Lake Zurich, IL 60047
June 18 – 23	St. Peter Damian	109 S. Crest Ave.	Bartlett, IL 60103
	Holy Child Jesus Parish	2324 W. Chase Ave.	Chicago, IL 60645
	Prince of Peace	135 S. Milwaukee Ave.	Lake Villa, IL 60046
Week 3	Queen of All Saints	6280 N. Sauganash Ave.	Chicago, IL 60646
June 25 – 30	St. Mother Theodore Guerin	3020 N. 76th Ct.	Elmwood Park, IL 60707
	St. Elizabeth of the Trinity	6020 W. Ardmore Ave.	Chicago, IL 60646
	St. Leonard	3318 S. Clarence Ave.	Berwyn, IL 60402
Week 4	St. Mary – Lake Forest	175 E. Illinois Rd.	Lake Forest, IL 60045
July 9 – 14	Mary, Seat of Wisdom	920 W. Granville Ave.	Park Ridge, IL 60068
	St. Julie Billiart	7399 W. 159th St.	Tinley Park, IL 60477
	Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	601 Biesterfield Rd.	Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
Week 5	St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook	1809 Walters Ave.	Northbrook, IL 60062
July 16 – 21	Our Lady of the Wayside	434 W. Park St.	Arlington Heights, IL 6000
	St. Emily	1400 E. Central Rd.	Mt. Prospect, IL 60056
	Our Lady of Mercy	4432 N. Troy Ave.	Chicago, IL 60630
Week 6	St. Anathasius and St. Joan of Arc	1615 Lincoln St.	Evanston, IL 60201
July 23 – 28	St. Edward	4350 W. Sunnyside Ave.	Chicago, IL 60630
	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	1775 Grove St.	Glenview, IL 60025

February 15, 2023



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



STARTS ON JULY 20-JULY 23

4-Day Wristbands go on sale and sold at:

Mass: starting on July 1 & 2, 8 & 9, 15 & 16

Parish Office: begins on July 5th during regular business hours

Prices:

CASH/*CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED (*cc is a 4% service fee) NO Checks accepted

\$60 - Pre-sale (Pre-sale ends Wednesday July 19th)

\$70 - during fest

\$35 - 1 day is sold during fest

Volunteer's are still needed (please contact the parish office for more info)

Donation/Sponsor (please contact the parish office for more info)

GRAND RAFFLE UPDATE!

\$20 each or 6 tickets for \$100

Please do not delay in purchasing your "Lucky" Grand Raffle Tickets for next month's Family Fest (July 20-23). Don't miss your chance at \$500 with the Early Bird Drawing on June 13th. Remember, there is no cost to take Grand Raffle Tickets until they are sold!

Please take some tickets and sell them to family and friends over the summer!

Two Holy Martyrs Parish is currently about \$5,000 behind last year's record Grand Raffle sales. Please take some tickets and sell them to family and friends over the summer!

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FAITH FORMATION

Important!



We Need You!

"The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest". Matthew 9:32-38

Recruiting *Catechetical Ministers* is a year round challenge and, particularly so, when we are approaching a new year of faith formation. The dictionary defines the word ministry as "to give service, care, or aid; to attend to wants or needs". In that sense, all people of good will are ministers. However, for some of us, ministry is a conscious choice that forms an important part of our Catholic identity, helping us grow in our relationship with Jesus.

With these thoughts in mind, we invite you to consider joining our Faith Formation Program for this coming year. We are in need of Catechists! Please give it some serious thought and give us a call.

Thank you!





Registration for the upcoming 2023 – 2024

Faith Formation School year are now open! New and returning families are invited to register.

Registration materials are available on our Parish Website. You may also register at the Main Parish Office. We will continue to offer Faith Formation Classes for grades 1-8. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, from 6:00pm until 7:30pm.

In addition Classes will be offered on **Saturday** mornings, from 9am until 10:30am...

All our classes, (both Tuesdays and Saturdays) will be held at our St. Symphorosa Campus.

Classes begin after Labor Day!

Please call Miss Peggy, with any questions. We are grateful for your support. (773) 767-1523 ext. 226

Faith Formation Classes
Resume after
Labor Day.

Confirmandi Reflection.....

What was your most meaningful service opportunity that you performed as you prepared for Confirmation....?

My most meaningful service opportunity was when I volunteered for Family Fest 2022! It was really meaningful working with many families and being able to talk to a lot of people! During the Carnival I helped with the Kids Games and I helped the kids in my community have fun through games! My service was a Corporal Work of Mercy because I donated my time to help those around me. I was able to help others in my community with some of their needs and at the same time is was FUN!! This has really impacted me by showing me that Acts of Service can be FUN!! These Acts of Service are NOT boring or a waste of time! By: Olive H.

I hope others who read this Reflection sign-up to Volunteer at our upcoming Carnival! We can Serve God and Our Community!! And Have Some Fun in the Process!!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

6/26—Monday

Spring Run Club | St. Rene Goupil at 5:30PM

6/27—Tuesday

- Summer School | St. Symphorosa at 8:30AM
- Core Meeting | St. Symphorosa at 2PM Varsity Volleyball Team Practice | St. Symphorosa at 6:30PM

6/28—Wednesday

- Summer School | St. Symphorosa at 8:30AM
- Spring Run Club | St. Rene Goupil at 5:30PM
- BSA Troop Committee Meeting 1439 at 7PM

6/29—Thursdav

- Summer School | St. Symphorosa at 8:30AM
- Summer Band Lessons | St. Symphorosa at 9AM

7/01—Saturday

PARISH OFFICE CLOSE

7/02 – Sunday

PARISH OFFICE CLOSE

7/03—Monday

PARISH OFFICE CLOSE

7/04-Tuesday

- PARISH ÓFFICE CLOSE
- No Holy Hour & No Confessions
- Varsity Volleyball Team Practice | St. Symphorosa at 6:30PM
- Narthex Committee Knights of Columbus | St. Rene Goupil at 7PM

7/05 - Wednesday

- Summer School | St. Symphorosa at 8:30AM
- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting | St. Symphorosa at 6:30PM

7/06—Thursday

- Summer School | St. Symphorosa at 8:30AM
- Summer Band Lessons | St. Symphorosa at 9AM

KINDLY NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE IF DATES FOR THESE **EVENTS HAVE CHANGED.**







PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH OFFETORY 6/18: \$8,496.00

Split the Pot Winning Envelope # 63145 - \$385.00

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



ONLINE/ELECTRONIC DONATIONS \$7,942.00

May 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023

Total number of transactions:

251



Seasonal/Full or Part Time Maintenance Person BORN INTO
Eternal Life

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

Eternal Rest

Minnie Tonissen Helen Ketchen Thomas Herman Ronald Mendoza, Jr.

We are currently accepting resumes for a Seasonal, Part or Full Time Maintenance Position. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter, highlighting experience and interest to khilliard@archchicago.org



Please apply ASAP if you would like to be considered for assistance for next school year.

The committee has met several times and our funds are getting low to help

A \$30.00 processing fee is required to be paid online when submitting the application.

The FACTS application for Financial Assistance must be completed, submitted, and verified for a student and family to be considered to receive Financial Assistance from the parish. The FACTS application is also needed to continue to receive CARITAS or any other aid from the Archdiocese.

To apply online, click on the link below. Be sure to fill out every portion of the application including the short essay portion. All applications are reviewed thoroughly by the Financial Aid Committee.

FACTS Application

If you have any questions, please call Maggie Koziar at 773-585-6888 ext. 248 or email at mkoziar@archchicago.org.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

(GRADES PK-2ND)



All of Pre-K enjoyed the letter H for Hat day during our ABC countdown!



The Kindergarten class adopted "Bunny," the Reindeer, at Brookfield Zoo, with the proceeds from their lemonade stand



First grade room 206 at a Friday assembly



Ms. Baisa's class at the Preschool Mother's Day tea



First grade room 105 enjoying spring by playing a fun game of duck duck goose!



Second grade, you will be missed. We have shared a long sweet journey together this year.