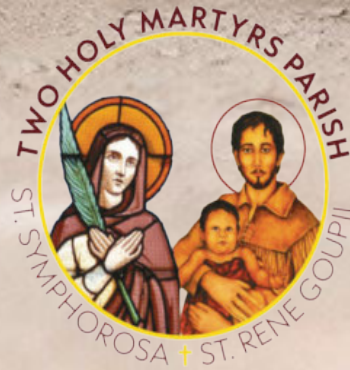


# TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

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SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

HAS NO ONE  
CONDEMNED

**YOU?**

— JOHN 8:10 —

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# WELCOME TO TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH MASS SCHEDULES

## 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

### RECONCILIATION

TUESDAYS | 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!*

**PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PARKING IN THE FIRE LANES**

## PARISH OFFICE

6135 S. Austin Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60638

*Located on Austin between  
the school and church buildings*

☎ 773.767.1523

🌐 www.twoholymartyrs.org

✉ info@twoholymartyrs.org

### MONDAY—FRIDAY

9 AM—4 PM

### SATURDAY

9 AM — 12 PM

## SCHOOL OFFICE

6125 S. Austin Avenue  
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🌐 www.stsymsschool.org

✉ office@stsymphorosaschool.org

### MONDAY—FRIDAY

9 AM—3 PM

## FAITH FORMATION

☎ 773.767.1523 Ext: 226

✉ msiebenaler@archchicago.org

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St. Vincent de Paul at (312) 316.3725



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FORMED FOR OUR PARISH

LOG IN TO OUR PARISH ACCOUNT AND  
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- 1 Go to [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org).
- 2 Type in our parish name.
- 3 Enter your name and email.



TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH | April 6, 2025



# FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

anything about the rule of law engraved in the hearts of men and women, when it does not listen to the voice of conscience, it turns against humanity and society.” Freedom involves responsibility on the part of each citizen.

Viktor Frankl gives us some more food for thought. He wrote, “That is why I recommend that the Statue of Liberty on the East Coast be supplemented by a Statue of Responsibility on the West Coast.”

As Christians, we ascent to God’s love and God’s law; to love and truth, which must go together. Woe to us as human beings when we attempt to separate love and truth, and that is precisely what is happening in our culture today. Truth is on trial as we slide toward total relativism, which insists there is no such thing as objective truth.

This is much bigger than speeding, red lights, and honking. The disregard for authentic freedom and the twisting of right and wrong, good and evil, begins to permeate all corners of our culture; from elected officials to corporate CEOs to media personnel to church leaders. Why is it wrong to run a red light when those who make the laws flaunt the law in other areas of life? Our leaders consciously or unconsciously live the mantra, “Rules for thee but not for me.”

This leads the general populace to lose trust in our leaders. We sense that the law only applies to the little guy while those in positions of power can do whatever it is they want to do. This is a crisis of integrity; a crisis of leadership. Wearing a fancy business suit or donning a bishop’s miter does not exempt someone obeying God’s law, which includes “You shall not murder. You shall not steal. You shall not lie.”

Lawlessness is not the route to go for us; not in the streets, not in our homes, not in our businesses, not in our government, not in our churches. We must live our lives mindful of God and mindful of one another as human beings made in the image and likeness of God. This is called reverence. This is called respect. And our man-made laws must be guided by love and truth, which means guided by a Law (God) that is much bigger than any politician, judge, lawyer, or clergyman.

A majority vote can go ahead and declare murder legal. However, making something legal doesn’t make it morally right, no matter how much we seek to fool ourselves.

May we as Christians do our part to be personally responsible for our words and actions, and may we be beacons of light for those growing tired of the darkness.

**Quote --** “The fullest freedom I had ever known, the greatest sense of security, came from abandoning my will to do only the will of God.” --  
**Fr. Walter Ciszek**



The quality of driving on our streets has decreased significantly in the past few years.

Perhaps you’ve seen this, too. Excessive speeding on 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Austin Ave., Archer Ave., and Cicero Ave. There is also reckless abandonment by drivers at stop signs and red lights. It seems stop signs and red lights are now optional for some people. Impatient drivers honk their horns as soon as the traffic light turns green. And of course, we’ve witnessed or heard about the street takeovers at intersections that take place late at night.

Why bring this up in a parish bulletin? Because this aforementioned traffic behavior is but one external symptom of a much deeper issue plaguing our culture. Individualism, selfishness, and impatience are on the rise. This is not good for the common good.

Freedom is confused with license. They are not the same thing. Freedom comes with responsibility and involves words like “could” and “should.” License, however, is doing whatever you so desire without concern for individual or societal consequences, and far too many of our fellow citizens think freedom means license to do whatever.

St. John Paul II wrote, “When freedom does not have a purpose, when it does not wish to know





# FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

adopted child of God, and thus a "partaker of divine nature"

- Becoming a temple of the Holy Spirit
- Incorporating us into the Church
- Seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark
- Becoming a priest, prophet, and king

As Catholic Christians, we believe that baptism is the entry point for any person to come into the Church and the family of God. This harkens back to the Great Commission Jesus gave to his disciples shortly before his Ascension: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Baptism was what came before the teachings, the doctrines, and the other aspects of the Christian life. In the creed, then, we "confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins". I'm reminded of this every time I baptize a child, such as my niece Kathryn (picture below).

Regardless of who baptizes a specific believer, if he or she is baptized with water "in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," then that individual is baptized into the community of faith we call the Church. This one baptism unites all followers of Christ, regardless of denominational differences. It is a one-time event that is not repeated and is never revoked. Christ instituted a Church, entered into by baptism, through which the ongoing work of salvation, started at the Incarnation, is carried out.

Baptism has a number of effects for those who receive it:

- Washes away the original sin inherited from our first parents and all other sin
- Becoming a "new creation" as an

At the time it was established, the action of baptizing was not loaded with the meaning we understand and celebrate today. Prior to Jesus, the Greek word *baptizo* had the sense of dipping, submerging, or immersing an object. Some had seen John the Baptist practicing it as a penitential act of repentance. That baptism was a gesture of humility before God that invited a new beginning. By being immersed in the water, those who came to John recognized that they had sinned and begged God for purification. It was a literal immersion into water that symbolized regeneration.

The baptismal rite we celebrate today still features water and an immersion, but this immersion brings with it actual regeneration. The life, death, and resurrection of Christ changed the entire concept of baptizing beyond just purification and toward actual union with God. Indeed, a more accurate translation for the command Jesus gives is that the disciples baptize people into the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. There is a sense of movement, not a mere indication of location.

Jesus is asking us to be dynamically immersed into Trinitarian life, into the intimate relationship and love shared by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This is the renewal that Christ brings - fullness to the concept of baptism as submersion. Through this act with water, God's love is poured out upon them,

cleansing them, and inserting them into the very life and relationships of Jesus. Baptism's cleansing waters destroy what cannot coexist with God's holiness and love. In its place, the Blessed Trinity becomes the new vital principle of life.

So, when we witness a baptism or use holy water, our hearts as believers should be drawn to this full idea of immersion and submersion. We are asked to submerge ourselves into the Trinity again and again, and then live out of that relationship. The initial submersion at baptism is a pivotal event in life. It allows us to return over and over to God the Father with Jesus his Savior in the power of the Holy Spirit.

It's an event that deserves remembrance. I encourage everyone to celebrate their baptism every year as you would a birthday. When you celebrate, be reminded of what baptism means and what is given to us. We are tapped into the source. Through the baptismal entry door, we are empowered to stay close to the Church and her sacraments that will help us all live this life submerged in self-giving Trinitarian love. From that font, we grow and mature in our faith to bear fruits of holiness.





### OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES

Burning before the Blessed Sacrament are offered for the following intentions for the month of

### APRIL

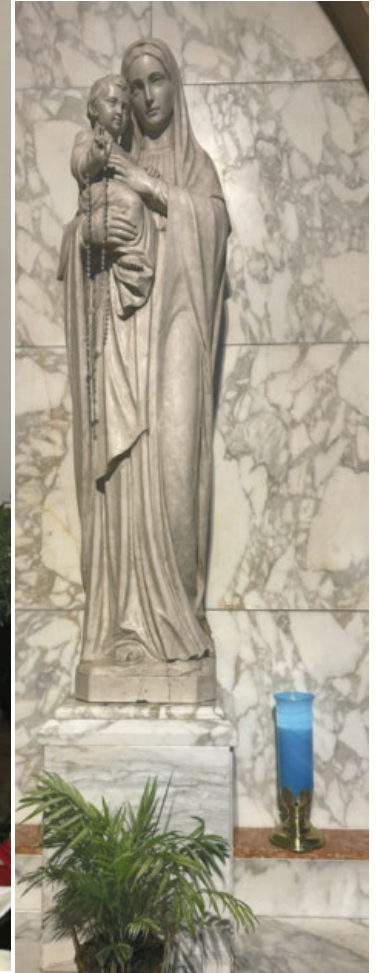
#### VINCE PORCELLI & MARIA PORCELLI

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

#### 4th ANNIVERSARY FOR RAFAEL ALVAREZ, SR.:

given by Prendergast Family.

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.



### OUR MARIAN CANDLES

Lord God, with the lighting of this candle, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His mother, please hear our intentions for the month of

### APRIL

#### ALL LIVING & DECEASED OF THE KOUNTIS, BARA, & KUDWA FAMILIES:

given by Dee.

#### 4th ANNIVERSARY FOR RAFAEL ALVAREZ:

given by Family.

#### ALL LIVING & DECEASED OF THE SULLIVAN & PRENDERGAST FAMILIES:

given by Family.

In the lighting of the Marian candles we ask for the Blessed Mother's intercession as we honor a loved one, living or deceased.



### Please join us in Praying for the Sick

- |                      |                       |                   |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Arnold Adaska        | Joan Juris            | Ramon Perez       |
| Guadalupe Almendarez | Ron Kelly             | Christine Petry   |
| Marlene Annerino     | Sharon Labiak         | Ann Robertson     |
| Walter Annerino      | Elena LeCompte        | Michael Roman     |
| Sharon Arends        | Natalie LeCompte      | Adan Sanchez      |
| Fr. Ted Bojczuk      | Debbie Lipien         | William Serpico   |
| Glenn Boyle          | Mary Liszka           | Katrina Sigafoose |
| Maxine Carey         | Rosemary Litwin       | Karen Singer      |
| Rita Cernick         | Joelee MacMaster      | Manuel Soto       |
| John Clementi        | Rich Marcello         | Fr. Norm Trela    |
| MaryEllen Compton    | Cathy Mazeika         | Christine         |
| Margaret Dalton      | Clarence Oleszkiewicz |                   |
| Karen Holmes         | Eleanor Pastorek      |                   |



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: 03/30/25: \$9,836.00

Split the Pot Winning Envelope #: 63706: \$415.00

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



ONLINE/ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

\$8,441.75

February 1, 2025 to February 28, 2025

Total number of transactions: 252



# For the week of:

## April 5th - April 13th

### Saturday April 5th

**04:00 PM** | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob  
✠Bob Compton & Kim Boll (Wife & Mother)  
✠Thomas Murray (Family)

### Sunday April 6th

**7:30 AM** | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Kevin  
✠Joseph & Josephine Dyniakoski (Family)  
✠Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)  
✠Kathy Arvetis (Husband)  
✠Theodore & Stella Szydowski (Family)

**9:00 AM** | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob | **Choir**  
✠Mike Byrne (Wife Bea & Family)  
✠Michael P. Lynch (Nancy Markham)  
✠William Wantuck Sr. (Kolasinski Family)  
All Members Living & Deceased of the Altar & Rosary Society  
(Altar & Rosary)

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

**12:00 PM** | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob  
✠Marico Paul Nambo, Jr. (Mary Trendle)

### Monday April 7th

**08:00 AM** | St. Symphorosa  
✠Herman & Verna Bartkowiak (Rudar Family)  
✠Janis Marie Rapacz (Peg Siebenaler)  
✠Lori O'Connor (Sister & Family)  
✠Victoria Michalec (Daughter Angela)

### Tuesday April 8th

**08:00 AM** | St. Symphorosa  
Birthday Blessings for Daniel Sarlitto (Mary Sarlitto)  
Health & God's Blessings for Jack Ruby (Mary Kolimas)  
All Living & Deceased Members of the John & Mary Kolimas  
Family (Mary Kolimas)

### Wednesday April 9th

**08:00 AM** | St. Symphorosa  
✠Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)  
Health & God's Blessings for Fr. Norm (Mary Kolimas)  
Health & God's Blessings for Pat Soltis (Mary Kolimas)

### Thursday April 10th

**08:00 AM** | St. Symphorosa  
Health & God's Blessings for Fr. Kevin (Mary Kolimas)  
Health & God's Blessings for Arlene Scaletta (Mary Kolimas)  
Health & God's Blessings for Janet Magiera (Mary Kolimas)

*Presiders are subject to change without notice.*

### Friday April 11th

**08:00 AM** | St. Symphorosa  
Peace for Daniel Sarlitto  
Health & God's Blessings for Idzi Stacherczak (Mary Kolimas)  
✠Christine Newsome (Midway Fellowship Club)

### Saturday April 12th

**08:00 AM** | St. Symphorosa  
✠Eileen Woulfe (Woulfe Family)  
Health & God's Blessings for Fr. Matt Compton (Mary Kolimas)  
✠Rosemary Healy (Jonathan Myslinski)

**04:00 PM** | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Kevin  
Kathy Calcagno (Lullo Family)  
✠Larry Piotrowski (Jeanie)  
Birthday Blessings for Amelia E. Cruz (Family)  
God's Blessings for a Safe & Healthy Delivery for Jocelyn &  
Baby Vaca (Love)

### Sunday April 13th

**7:30 AM** | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob  
✠Joseph & Josephine Dyniakoski (Family)  
✠Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)  
✠Ceil Bohan (Mary Sarlitto)  
✠Carole Signore (Pat Soltis & Family)

**9:00 AM** | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin  
✠Heavenly Anniversary for Rafael Alvarez Sr. (Family)  
✠Stanley Witkowski (Arlene Scaletta)  
✠Joe Murphy (Margaret Scanlon)  
All Living & Deceased Members of the Byrne & O'Leary  
Families (Bea & Family)

**10:30 AM** | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob | **Choir**  
✠Ben P & Estelle Shafer (Ben & Judy Shafer)  
✠Mercedes Valentin & All Deceased Members of Valentin  
Family (Family)  
✠Robert Hilbruner (Kuhtic Family)  
✠Henry & Helen Kroll (Family)

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



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**

Ann Schreck  
Aaron Orman  
Lorraine Kafka  
David Quinlan





# HOLY WEEK

## Palm Sunday Masses April 13th

*4pm (Vigil Mass on Saturday) - St. Rene*

*7:30am - St. Rene*

*9am - St. Symphorosa*

*10:30am - St. Rene*

*12pm (Noon) - St. Symphorosa*

## Holy Thursday April 17th

*7pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Symphorosa Worship Site*

*St. Symphorosa Church open until midnight for*

*Prayer & Adoration*

## Good Friday April 18th

*3pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion - St. Rene Worship Site*

*7pm - Stations of the Cross - St. Symphorosa Worship Site*

## Holy Saturday April 19th

*12pm (Noon) - Blessings of Easter Baskets - St. Symphorosa Worship Site*

*7pm - Easter Vigil Mass - St. Rene Worship Site*

## Easter Sunday April 20th

*7:30am - St. Rene*

*9am - St. Symphorosa*

*10:30am - St. Rene*

*12pm (Noon) - St. Symphorosa*

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Mission Mondays Lent 2025

**April 7** - Holy Hour w/ Reflection & Taize (@St. Syms)  
at 7pm

**April 14** - Mercy Monday: Confession available (@ St. Rene)  
at 5pm-8pm

*Come Join us - No Admission Fee*



**St. Symphorosa Church**  
62nd St. & Austin Ave.

**St. Rene Goupil Church**  
64th St. & New England Ave.

**TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH**  
ST. SYMPHOROSA • ST. RENE GOUPIL

**St. Rene Goupil**  
6340 S. New England Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60638

**SUNDAY APRIL 13TH, 2025**

Doors open at 11:30am  
Games begin at 1:00pm

*Refreshments & Food are available for purchase*  
**FREE COFFEE**

**Admission \$20 at the door**

**SUPER SENIOR CLUB NEWS**

You're invited to join us for our next meetings on

**Wednesday**

**April 16<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Doors open at 11:30am  
meeting convenes at 12pm (noon) in the  
**St. Rene Narthex**

**Altar & Rosary SOCIETY**

Join us **Sunday April 6, 2025**  
for **Mass at 9am** at our **St. Symphorosa** worship site.

You are welcome to join us on  
**Tuesday April 8, 2025** for some fun  
Crazy Bunco at  
St. Rene narthex at 12pm (noon).

**See you there!!**



# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**SPRING  
Cub Scouts Fundraiser**

Spring is here, and our Cub Scouts are preparing for new adventures and experiences. We are excited to share our 3rd annual Spring Flower Bulbs Fundraiser with you, where Scouts will earn 50% of sales to help fund our pack's spring camping trip.

Order online by May 15 using this link and your bulbs, seeds, or supplies will ship to your home.

<https://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/marketplace/seller/profile/shop/CubScoutPack4439>



**PROJECT LINUS  
MAKE A BLANKET DAY**



April 12, 2025  
9:30am - 12:30pm  
St. Rene Goupil - Flannery Hall  
6340 S. New England Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60638

Please bring 2 yards of printed fleece fabric, suitable for a child up to 18 years of age. We will teach you how to make a no sew blanket for a child in need.

New, handmade knit, crocheted, quilted or flannel blankets can be donated, also.

Coffee and sweets will be served.  
Raffle tickets will be sold to raise funds for our organization.

**B I N G O**

St. Daniel the Prophet  
SUPER BINGO  
April 12th  
6:00-10:00 pm in Brennan Hall

Doors open at 6:00 pm.  
The first of 10 games will begin promptly at 6:30 pm.  
Each ticket will provide the player with 10 playing sheets (9 cards per sheet).  
Food and water or soda is included.

**Tickets are \$40.00 per person and can be purchased from the rectory or school**  
Checks made payable to St. Daniel the Prophet.  
Sorry, no refunds. Money due April 10th.

Cash Prizes, Door Prizes,  
Pull-tabs and The Wheel!

\*Our goal is to play 10 games,  
the quantity of games played will depend on timing.  
Questions Contact Maria Molinaro-Whalen  
815-922-3463

**We're Steppin' Out**

*to Swing into Spring for an afternoon filled with great music and joy! At the Magnificent Sanfilippo Estate in Barrington Hills  
Tuesday, May 6, 2025*

We will begin at noon with an elegant, sit-down lunch Served with wine in the beautiful Carousel Pavilion and Demonstrations of Dance, Band and Fairground Organs with Big Band and the 1890 Eden Palais Carousel.  
and we may board the train cars & admire the collections.

At 2pm we will enter the theatre for an 80-minute live Organ Concert with Organist Zach Frame on the 7,000 +pipe Wurlitzer Organ.  
Selections will include Big Band favorites, Swing, and music from the Great American Songbook.  
Everyone is encouraged to Dress in your best Spring outfits and most striking hats!  
Following the Concert, guests may visit the Sanfilippo Residence and its Collections of Automatic Music Instruments, with demonstrations by the Docents.

Bus leaves 10:30 AM Returning 6:00 PM  
Meet at Foran Funeral Home Parking lot  
7300 West Archer Avenue  
\$120 per person  
**For Reservations: 708-458-0208**  
Reserve by April 28, 2025 - Seating Limited

# \$ EARLY BIRD \$

## Next Tuesday Drawing

## LUCKY CHEST Filled with \$500 Lottery Tickets

### DON'T WAIT!!!

### \$20 EACH

### 6 FOR \$100



## The W's and How's of SPRED...

### WHAT is SPRED?

SPRED (Special Religious Development) is a program which trains and guides parishes to provide faith formation to persons with developmental disabilities and/or learning problems and become integrated into parish life.

### WHO is served by SPRED?

SPRED serves children and adults with various developmental and cognitive disabilities such as Down's Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, anyone in the Autism Spectrum, seizure disorders, learning disabilities, etc. Participation starts at the age of 6 and may continue throughout adulthood.

### HOW can faith be nourished in those with developmental disabilities?

A relationship with God is accessible to all. Friendship is the human experience closest to understanding the presence of God in life. By calling to mind life experiences, sharing these experiences in a circle of friendship, the small community of faith becomes aware of the sacredness of all life and then returns to life changed.

### WHY SPRED?

In SPRED, each person is partnered with a catechist, a model of faith and friendship. As trust is established and friendship deepens, we all become aware of our place in the family of God and celebrate it in our community of faith that extends to the greater parish community.

### WILL my son or daughter or the person in my care participate liturgically and sacramentally in the church?

Sacraments and liturgy are a right of all people and are accessible to all. Participation in a SPRED community helps to facilitate readiness to enjoy the Sacraments with reverence and a new awareness.

### HOW can I or my child participate in the SPRED program?

Contact the Two Holy Martyrs SPRED Chairperson, Ann Smolucha at 773-914-1900 or ann@smolucha.com to facilitate placement. Two Holy Martyrs' SPRED group is for 22 years of age and up. However, we can help place your loved one into an age appropriate group. Please contact Ann if you have any questions.



## SPRED Family Mass

### Special Religious Development

SPRED is a small community of faith which serves children and adults with various developmental and cognitive disabilities. SPRED has been in the parish for over 40 years.

*Please join our group in the celebration of the Eucharist*

## ST. RENE WORSHIP SITE

### APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> 10:30AM MASS

THERE WILL BE A SMALL RECEPTION WITH  
LITE REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS



ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD INVITES YOU TO:

**SEAS THE CHALLENGE!**

# TRIVIA NIGHT WITH FR. KEVIN



**MAY 10, 2025 | 6PM**

**I HALL - 6148 SOUTH MASON AVENUE**



**BYOB & FOOD**

**\$250 TEAM ENTRY**

**21+ EVENT**

**TRIVIA GAMES**

**TEAM PRIZES**

**BEST TABLE THEMES**

GATHER YOUR TEAM OF 6-8 PEOPLE, PICK A TEAM THEME & GET READY TO OUTSMART FR. KEVIN AS HE PUTS YOUR TRIVIA SKILLS TO THE TEST!

CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE, RECTORY OR EMAIL [SCHOOLBOARD@STSYMSSCHOOL.ORG](mailto:SCHOOLBOARD@STSYMSSCHOOL.ORG) TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY! TEAM TABLES MUST BE RESERVED BY MAY 1ST!



Representatives (family members of a Misericordia resident) will be collecting for the Annual Misericordia Candy Days on **Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27th at all Masses.**

Your donations directly support the programs and services provided to over 600 residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Your donation is appreciated.

If you would like more information about Misericordia, go to [www.misericordia.com](http://www.misericordia.com). Thank you.



## St. Vincent de Paul Drop Box Donation

Please note that our St. Vincent de Paul drop box location has moved from the St. Rene Campus to our St. Symphorosa Campus. Accordingly, the "BLUE BOX" now resides in the interior parking lot at **6135 S. Austin Ave., on the NW corner of the Sharp Building, facing St. Symphorosa Church.** This relocation will allow for improved management of the box inventory with pickups scheduled for **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of every week.** Remember, your bagged donations of used clothing, shoes, purses, and linens can really make a positive difference to those in need. **THANK YOU!**



## Two Holy Martyrs Parish is Hiring

### Part-Time Employment

The Parish is currently searching for an individual to work PT maintenance, Summer, Weekend Projects, etc.

If interested please send a resume to the Parish Office or call the office and ask for Ken Hilliard, Operations Director.

773.767.1523

info@twoholymartyrs.org

6135 S. Austin Ave., Chicago, IL

## Eucharistic Adoration

✠ Come spend intimate time with The Lord in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday

○ Exposition  
5:45pm

○ Confession  
6-7:00pm

○ Benediction  
7:00pm



at Two Holy Martyrs Parish - St. Symphorosa Church



# PARISH FAITH FORMATION

## Upcoming Events:

- April 8:** First Communion Picture Day.
- April 12:** Faith Formation Saturday Class @ St. Syms Campus. **CANCELLED .**
- April 13:** First Grade Family Mass, & Palm Sunday Procession.
- April 15:** Faith Formation Tuesday Class. @ St. Syms Campus.
- April 20:** **HAPPY EASTER!!**



## PRAYER REMINDER

Our second students from St. Symphorosa School along with all our level Two students in our Faith Formation Program will receive Jesus in the sacrament of the Eucharist, for the first time on May 3rd. We invite you to please prayerfully remember all of these young people ... that they will remain faithful disciples of Jesus.



## 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 the 9:00am on April 13th at St. Symphorosa Church or the 10:30am Mass at St. Rene.

Please have your child/children gather in the 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 2025 Confirmandi are invited to take part in assembling the Easter Baskets and earn service hours for their upcoming Confirmation.

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