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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!

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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.

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MONDAY—FRIDAY 9 AM—3 PM



There are certainly times in life when it seems Jesus is asleep in the boat.

The strong winds and fierce waves of the world crash all around and we grow fearful. There are times it seems like evil is winning and good is waning.

Good things happen to bad people and bad things happen to good people.

More specifically, the Church throughout the centuries faces determined opposition from those who would prefer we finally do away with the Church. In these attempts to "delete" the Church, many Christians over the past 2,000 years have been martyred because of their faith in Jesus, the Christ. This martyrdom continues today.

Our Gospel this Sunday reminds us that even though it may seem the Lord is asleep; he still is the God who has authority over all things; even the wind and the waves. We are called to trust and to have faith; a faith that remains even when the wind and waves seem overwhelming.

We, like the Apostles in the boat, often yell out, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

The fear of suffering and death is often used by tyrants to control people. This is why street thugs, mafia thugs and corrupt government thugs will use threats, coercion, intimidation, violence and murder to advance their cause; whatever that cause might be. Think about that!

FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

Someone must use threats, violence, and murder. What does that say about their cause?

The way of Christ is in direct opposition to the aforementioned.

Love is always a summons; an invitation to a better way. This does not mean we become doormats, but it does mean we will walk humbly with the Lord; in faith and in trust.

"We know that by turning everything to their good God cooperates with all those who love Him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose." (Romans 8: 28).

Allow Jesus to speak to your troubled heart. Hear his words. "Quiet! Be Still."

The Church is Mission

The word catholic means universal. We're mindful of the universality of the Church this weekend as we welcome a representative from Comboni Ministries based out of LaGrange Park, Illinois.

For 150 years, the Comboni missionaries have traveled to nearly every corner of the world, sharing the good news of Christ and working to protect the dignity of all people.

Founded in 1867 by St. Daniel Comboni, the Comboni Missionaries are an international Catholic organization dedicated to ministering to the world's poorest and most abandoned people, often working in an unstable political climate, in the midst of extreme poverty.

Despite these challenges, the missionaries are dedicated to the mission of serving God's people. Please welcome our mission speaker this weekend, and please provide financially for Comboni Missionaries as best you are able. Thank you!

Family Fest Reminder

As we move into July, questions about Family Fest will emerge. We can help remind folks that our parish Family Fest has been suspended.

There will not be a Fest this summer. Why? When parish leadership and former Fest coordinators sat down to discuss Family Fest, there were at least 8-9 areas of concern. The decision to suspend the Fest was not one single reason, but the totality of all the reasons. This was not solely about safety. An event the size and scope of Family Fest doesn't just happen by wanting it to happen.

The Parish Pastoral Council, the former coordinators of the Fest, and myself all agreed that the Fest needed to take a break until conditions change.

If you'd like a more detailed explanation about the suspension of the Fest, please stop by the parish office during business hours and pick up the goldenrod sheet of paper at the front desk that goes into more detail.

There are many folks who are sad about the suspension of Fest. I get it.

This is a tough decision, but a decision made in consultation taking the big picture into account.

Could Family Fest return? Yes. How? A new group of dedicated coordinators along with more favorable economic conditions and safety conditions.

Quote -- "Life comes at us in waves. We can't predict or control those waves, but we can learn to surf." --Dan Millman





Having been made worthy and invited to come forward to receive his body, the faithful come forward to receive the Body of Christ from the priest, deacon, or an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. Following the Second Vatican Council, each person has the option to receive on the tongue or in the hand provided that each is done in a reverent manner.

Once all Catholics who are prepared to receive communion have done so, the ministers return to the altar and give their ciborium to the priest or place it on the altar.

The priest or deacon consolidates the remaining consecrated hosts and brings them to the tabernacle.

All the vessels – chalices, patens, ciboria, pyxes, etc. – must be purified. This means that any remaining particles or liquid that remain must be consumed. Even the smallest particle or drop are still the Body and Blood of Christ and must be treated as such. Since it is meant to be consumed, the priest and deacon purifies the vessels with water and then drinks the water. The priest will often purify his fingers as well to ensure no particles have stuck to them.

FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

This is more than just "doing the dishes after a meal". It can be done by a priest or deacon and is accompanied by a prayer. We can think of it as another liturgical action that gives honor and praise to the Lord; again, it is not a mere cleaning. We can connect it to the ceremonial washing of hands the priest performs prior to the Eucharistic Prayer. There is both a practical and spiritual purpose to these actions.

As the priest uses the water to collect all the particles, he says this prayer: "What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity." He acknowledges that we have indeed consumed the Bread of Life. What we do in the temporal, material world has bearing on what we will do and where we will be for eternity.

You may ask why this needs to be a part of the Mass ritual. Couldn't the priest wait until after the dismissal to purify the vessels?

While that is an option if there are a large quantity of vessels, I believe it is good for it to be done as soon as possible. One, it shows the people the honor due to the Eucharist that we don't let any particle go unconsumed. Two, we don't want to risk anyone forgetting after Mass or for any particle to get lost while the vessels sit on the table. Three, it gives the faithful some moments of silence or time during a hymn to reflect and pray about what they have just received. This is the most intimate moment you will have with Jesus all week!

As a priest, I use these moments of purification to reflect and pray myself. I offer thanksgiving to God for being able to be his representative at this Mass for his people and for allowing me to participate in his saving actions. I try to say the purification prayer with great humility, knowing that I did nothing to earn it but am able to receive him in so close a way.

The purification ritual after communion may seem like a small and irrelevant action, but it does a lot to help encourage and reinforce belief in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Even the smallest particle of Jesus ought to be treated with the highest respect.

The priest is, as in all things, doing this on behalf of the people in honoring the Eucharist and asking God to open our hearts and souls to the full power of this great sacrament. It is not a chore or obligation, but a gift.



For the week of:

June 22nd -June 30th

Saturday June 22nd

Sunday June 23rd

9:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob PRO POPULO

Monday June 24th

Tuesday June 25th

Wednesday June 26th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa ☆Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy) ☆Ron Cempel 1st Heavenly Anniversary (Loving Family) ☆Francie Browne (Monica Normoyle & Family) ☆Kieran Normoyle (Monica Normoyle & Family) ☆Val Normoyle (Monica Normoyle & Family)





Thursday June 27th

Friday June 28th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil Peace for Daniel Sarlitto 令Anna & Tony Tomassini (Eugene Tomassini) 令Graziano Zamudio Sr. & 令Graziano Zamudio Jr. (Micaela Zamudio)

Saturday June 29th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa ∜Victor & Zeneida Narea (Vincent Narea) Health & God's Blessings for Rosario Martinez (Micaela Zamudio

Sunday June 30th

7:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob ☆Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy) ☆Arleen Gammicchia (Parish)

9:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin ⊕Reverend George & Christopher Schramm (Mary Shilney) Deceased Members of the Prendergast Family (Dan & Patti) Health & God's Blessings for Mike Walsh

(Art & Katie Carpenter) Health & God's Blessings for Gary & Michelle Carpenter (Art & Katie Carpenter)

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

12:00 PM | St. Symphorosa| Presider: Fr. Bob ☆David Krug (Grandma Ela & Aunt Patricia) ☆Rose Gurgone (Phyllis Valela) ☆Paul & Nancy Lantz (Family) ☆Fr. John Rudnik (Ruth Petta)



Presiders are subject to change without notice.



OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES

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

<u>JUNE</u>

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARGO LULLO

For the repose of her soul, given by Kathy Calcagno.

FOR ALL BIRTHDAYS & SOULS IN PURGATORY Given by the Battung Family.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROBERT ZEUTSCHEL

For the repose of his soul, given by wife Dolores.

VINCE PORCELLI & MARIA PORCELLI

For the repose of their souls, given by 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.



Please Join Us in Praying for the Sick

Arnold Adaska Guadalupe Almendarez Sharon Arends Fr. Ted Bojczuk John Clementi Maxine Carey Margaret Dalton Joanne Gallas Mitch Gallas Karen Holmes Joan Juris Ron Kelly Sharon Labiak Natalie Lecompte Debbie Lipien Rosemary Litwin Joelee MacMaster Rich Marcello Cathy Mazeika Clarence Oleszkiewicz Ramon Perez Ann Robertson Michael Roman Adan Sanchez

William Serpico Katrina Sigafoose Karen Singer Manuel Soto Shirley Tloczek Fr. Norm Trela Judith Webber 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.





Thank you for your generosity!

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Split the Pot Winning Envelope #: 63747: \$350.00

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



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\$8,100.00

May 1, 2024 to May 31, 2024

Total number of transactions: **249**

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Vicariate V Vigil Mass and Eucharistic Devotion

Saturday, June 29, 2024 | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Parish 8245 West 111th Street, Palos Hills, IL 60465

Join us as we celebrate the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in the Archdiocese of Chicago!

Vicariate V invites you to join us for our Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m., Adoration and Benediction at 5:30 p.m., and Reception at 6 p.m.

droel@sacredheartpalos.org

To learn more and register for this event, please visit EucharisticRevivalChicago.org.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lottery Basket #4 Winner





Ticket # 05036 by Tom DeRose The winner is Mr. Ken Krupowicz

THIS IS IT!

YOUR FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO BUY A GRAND RAFFLE TICKET IS THIS SUNDAY JUNE 23rd **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 12PM (NOON) MASS AT ST. SYMPHOROSA CHURCH.** You are also invited to attend the Grand Raffle Drawing... Estimated Drawing Time: 2 pm in the Sharp Social Hall NOTE: No Grand Raffle Tickets will be sold in the Sharp Social Hall prior to the drawing! \$20 per Ticket

or

6 Tickets for \$100 We are Approaching \$50,000 in Sales... HOW ABOUT 1 MORE TICKET?

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



ATTENTION MEN OF TWO HOLY MARTYRS

IT'S TIME TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

WE ARE A CATHOLIC MEN'S ORGANIZATION THAT BENEFITS:

- HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND ADULTS
- DEPLOYED SOLDIERS ACROSS THE GLOBE (AND LOCAL VETS)
- YOUR CHURCH AND SCHOOL
- LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

OUR GROUP MEETS THE FIRST TUESDAY NIGHT OF EACH MONTH - USUALLY DOING SOMETHING WORTHWHILE. WE'VE BEEN KNOWN TO GO OUT FOR **"REFRESHMENTS"** POST MEETING.

CHECK US OUT

CONTACT: JERRY 773.485.0146 DARRIN 773.418.3060



The Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus

The Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus were founded by Saint Daniel Comboni, the first Bishop of Central Africa, in 1867. Originally, they were a group of priests and brothers from all over Europe doing mission work in Africa under the name of "Institute for the African Missions." They became a religious society in 1895. Up to recent years they were popularly know as "Verona Fathers." In 1979 the name was changed to the present form to honor both the founder and the spirituality of the society.

Presently the Comboni Missionaries number close to 1,500. There are just as many Comboni Missionary Sisters. They serve in over thirty countries of Africa, Europe, the Americas and Asia.

The Comboni Missionaries care for the poor and most abandoned people in any area of the world that the Holy See may want to entrust to them. Their evangelizing method is directed to the liberation of the whole person through the preaching of the Gospel and the institution of social and educational structures, in cooperation with existing resources and in a spirit of service to the local Church. They are very active in the formation of religious and lay leaders, in education, in the field of mass media and, when needed, in relief work and refugee relocation, especially in Africa.

Funds we collect go toward supporting our community in LaGrange Park and into a "small mission projects fund" that sponsors people-related projects in Africa and Latin America. Currently many of the projects are directed toward COVID relief, refugee resettlement in the Sudan (Darfur included), Uganda and Congo, AIDS prevention and AIDS orphans assistance, training of local missionaries both lay and religious, women's education at the secondary level, and establishing wells and other sources of safe water for desert dwellers in Ethiopia, Eritrea and Kenya.

In North America the Comboni Missionaries have a small contingent of about 25 members in the Archdioceses of Chicago, Cincinnati, Los Angeles and Newark and in the Diocese of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. They work among minority groups, educate young people for service in the foreign missions and conduct programs of global mission awareness. The COMBONI MISSIONS magazine is an integral part of this effort. Their main center in North America is located at 1318 Nagel Road, Cincinnati, OH 45255.

For more information and access to our magazine, please visit www.ComboniMissionaries.org.

Rev Godwin Kornu, mccj



PARISH FAITH FORMATION



Registration for the upcoming 2024 – 2025 Faith Formation School year is now open! New and returning families are invited to register.

*The Registration Form is available on our Parish Website. You may also register at the Main Parish Office. We will continue to offer Faith Formation sessions for grades 1- 8. Classes will be held every other Tuesday evening, from 6:00 – 7:30pm. and every other Saturday morning from 9am until 10:30am. (All classes will be held at our St. Symphorosa Campus.)

Classes begin after Labor Day!

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

*Tuition Due at the time of Registration



THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!!

As we celebrate the end of our Faith Formation year, we thank all our Volunteer Catechists and Office Assistants!!! Many thanks, to all those who contributed their time and talents in any way to make our Faith Formation program effective.

A very special "Thank You" to all our parents / guardians who entrusted their children with us this year.



CATECHIST FORMATION MEETING

Whether you are a veteran or first-time catechist THANK YOU for making a commitment to the catechetical ministry and forming young people in our Catholic faith. To ensure that all our children receive quality faith formation, our catechetical community will gather for a planning session. All our current catechists will be notified about our Summer Time Catechist Formation Meeting. We will gather for prayer, planning and fellowship. Please make an extra effort to attend! Attendance at these sessions is vital to the success of our program. We look forward to seeing you!



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

If you are reading this, you are most probably interested in nurturing and exploring your own faith and possibly sharing it with others. If you have faith to share and want to fulfill your Baptismal commitment, consider being a Catechist for the young people enrolled in our Faith Formation Program?

Feeling inadequate? Please know that all your materials are prepared for you for each class. You will have the opportunity to meet with other catechists in our Program for a training session..... you will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss any concerns that you may have.

As we prepare for the start of a new school year.... there will be a need for Catechists. If you are able to make the commitment, please call Peggy in our parish office. May God graciously reward your wonderful generosity of spirit.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

As the school year came to a close, students walked the red carpet one last time. They gathered for Mass & 3rd Trimester Awards. Students were recognized for Academics, Viking Virtue Awards & won Oscars for Special Recognitions. This is the final bow of the 2023-24 school year!



DAY CARE TEAM MEMBER

We are seeking an individual to join our daycare staff for the 2024-25 school year.

This is a part-time, hourly position. M-F 6:15am-8:00am and 2:45pm-4:00pm. Responsibilities include keeping our children safe, taking care of their needs before & after school hours. Experience working with children preferred.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WHO BELIEVES ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD, A COMMUNITY OF KINDNESS, LOVE & SUPPORT EQUALS SUCCESS & OUR CHILDREN ARE STEWARDS OF GOD'S GIFTS, PLEASE SEND YOUR RESUME TO KBERRY@STSYMSSCHOOL.ORG BY JUNE 28TH



WE ARE A

Open Positions for 24-25 *Junior High Math/8th gr. teacher

St. Symphorosa School is looking for teachers who believe...

- A community of kindness, love, and support equals success
 Our students are steward's
- Our students are stewards of God's gifts
 All things are possible with
- God

SEND YOUR RESUME TO KBERRY & STSYMS SCHOOL.ORG



For more information or to schedule a tour, email marketing@stsymsschool.org We are excited to provide you with all the details of the student community & educational opportunities St. Symphorosa School has to offer!



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