



## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

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**October 27, 2024**

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



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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**

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*Located on Austin between  
the school and church buildings*

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

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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

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- 2 Type in our parish name.
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# FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

There is a story of a mother helping her young daughter learn her catechism. At one point, mom tells her child about the universal call to holiness and how we are all called to be saints.

A slightly sour face came upon the girl. Mom looked at her and asked, "What's wrong, darling?" The girl responded, "But I don't want to be a statue."

We can chuckle at this cute story, but it does reveal how we can begin to perceive the canonized saints of the Church; that they were always overly pious and overly stoic marble people who lacked joy.

However, saints are people filled with joy, even when enduring life's hardships and challenges, because saints trust in the truth of Christ's suffering, death, resurrection and ascension (Paschal Mystery).

This Friday (November 1) is the Solemnity of All Saints, and this year it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Here at Two Holy Martyrs Parish, Mass will be celebrated at 8 AM in our St. Rene church, and at 7 PM in our St. Symphorosa Church.

We certainly honor and venerate all the canonized saints of the Church, but we also honor and venerate all those saints who are not officially canonized but are saints, nonetheless. It is also a day to remind ourselves we, too, are called to be saints; to remember the universal

call to holiness.

The Lord has given us the Church on earth for two main reasons: for the salvation of souls and for the sanctification of the people. We should never forget this as we make our pilgrim way Home.

French Catholic novelist Leon Bloy wrote, "The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint."

And yet, we can sometimes slip into the distorted view of the little girl from our statue story and think all this salvation and holiness stuff is boring. Prayer is boring. Mass is boring. Sacred Scripture is boring, and God is boring, and then we go looking for love in all the wrong places.

The good Lord has given us everything in His Church as a blessing. It should not be seen as a burden or as boring. We need grace and God has given us the means to receive grace in and through His Church. The Holy Spirit is at work, whether we realize it or not. Our hearts need to be receptive to authentic love.

A life of sin ultimately makes us sad. Trust me! A life of grace makes us joyful. It does not mean life suddenly becomes problem free or without struggle, but we can face these problems and struggles in faith, hope, and love.

St. Teresa of Calcutta reminds us, "Saints are sinners who keep trying."

Do we fall along the way? Yup! We make mistakes. We choose wrongly, at times, but we get back up, ask for the Lord's forgiveness, and keep on keepin' on in the life of faith. We keep our spiritual eyes fixed on Christ; He who is the way, and the truth, and the life.

The promise of Christ is life (the Greek word *zoe*); and this is more than mere biological life. Jesus desires us to share in His divine life with us. This is grace. We must receive it and cooperate with it as we do our part to build the kingdom of God on earth until the day the Lord brings everything to fulfillment, and those whose hearts are surrendered to the Sacred Heart of Jesus shall share in God's eternal glory.

## Not Feeling Well?

This is simply a loving reminder that being ill is a completely valid reason to excuse yourself from participating in person at Sunday Mass.

If you have the flu, a bad cold, a constant cough/sneeze, then prudence encourages us to rest. Sometimes people think they must be at Mass even if they are seriously sick and possibly contagious. The Church encourages us to attend to our physical health.

If you are sick and unable to participate in Holy Mass, there are some television options, and possibly still some livestream Masses. If not, please spend time in prayer and read the readings of the day (can be found at USCCB.org). The Lord knows you are ill. Jesus is with you, and the community looks forward to your return.

**Quote** -- "The true way to advance in holy virtues is to persevere in holy cheerfulness." **St. Philip Neri**





# FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

Trinity are distinguished in their relationships. God is love, and perfect love at that. For love to be perfect, a person must love someone equal in dignity and perfection and that love is perfectly reciprocated. One way of looking at the Trinity is in light of giving and receiving love. You'll notice that the names of the Trinity are relational, as you can't have a father without a son.

and women reveals the fullness of who God is. So, we can confidently hear from God something like, "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you" (Is 66:13), and still call God Father as revealed to us by the Son. In many ways, we are limited by language, which I will explain more in the next column.

God's existence is something that can be deduced and reasoned just by looking at the world around us. St. Thomas Aquinas put forth five arguments that God exists just by observing the nature of the universe using our sense experience. For example, he saw that everything must be caused by something else, such as parents causing children or a push causing an object to move. But, there must have been some first cause because there can't be an infinite chain of causes. We call this first cause "God". This observation and reasoning can all be done by humanity alone.

The Father is the source of love, giving love freely and completely without demanding it in return. This doesn't mean that the Father created the Son and the Spirit, but that from all time, he has been giving love that the Son receives, and then the Father and the Son jointly love the Spirit. Humanity, through Jesus, receives the love of the Father in as full a way as we are able. This love is revealed by God in time and space so that we can experience it. We see the love, goodness, and generativity of the Father lived in the actions of Jesus in his mission. Much of the creed is dedicated to clarifying the equality of the Father and Son while maintaining the truth that the Father is the uncreated source.

This is one of the truly unique aspects of Christianity – we can call on God as Father. He is not distant, nor merely a creator or judge. He is the perfect Father from whom the whole concept of fatherhood flows. Even if we received less than we should have from our own biological fathers, we have a Father who is a provider, a protector, and a merciful giver. Through Jesus, we can receive the inheritance due to a child. In faith, looking to God as Father recognizes that he is at once the transcendent source of all things who is also intimately present to supply kind and compassionate care for all his children.

What humanity can't reason on its own, however, is that God is a Triune God. No amount of observing the world would lead us to the knowledge of the Trinity, that God is three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This required God to reveal it to us, primarily through the Incarnation and Jesus coming to dwell among us. He told us that he was the Son of God and that he was sent by his Father to accomplish the mission of redeeming humanity. He also told us that he would send his Holy Spirit to remain with us as an advocate and guide.

Now, we know that outside of the Incarnation, God is not material; he has no body and thus, no gender. So, why do we use the term "Father" when God also demonstrates some motherly qualities? One, "Father" is how Jesus reveals him over and over in scripture. Two, the nature of God giving love is analogous to how a father gives love and a mother receives love.

In the creed, we state that we first believe in "God, the Father almighty". This is the first acknowledgement of the Trinity. United in essence, nature, and substance, the persons of the

Calling God Father in no way prioritizes one gender over the other. We know from Genesis that God created humanity in his image, "male and female he created them" (Gen 1:27). The complementarity of men







### OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES

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

### OCTOBER

#### **WILLIAM, ELIZABETH, and TONY BOJARSKI**

For the repose of their souls, given by Bas Rendak.

#### **IN LOVING MEMORY OF TERESA GUERRERO**

For the repose of her soul, given by Guerrero-Arteaga Family.

#### **VINCE PORCELLI & MARIA PORCELLI**

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

#### **FOR ALL BIRTHDAYS & SOULS IN PURGATORY**

given by Battung 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        | Ron Kelly             | Christine Petry    |
| Guadalupe Almendarez | Sharon Labiak         | Ann Robertson      |
| Marlene Annerino     | Elena LeCompte        | Michael Roman      |
| Walter Annerino      | Natalie LeCompte      | Adan Sanchez       |
| Sharon Arends        | Debbie Lipien         | William Serpico    |
| Fr. Ted Bojczuk      | Mary Liszka           | Katrina Sigafoose  |
| Glenn Boyle          | Rosemary Litwin       | Karen Singer       |
| John Clementi        | Joelee MacMaster      | Manuel Soto        |
| Maxine Carey         | Rich Marcello         | Shirley Tloczek    |
| Margaret Dalton      | Cathy Mazeika         | Fr. Norm Trela     |
| Karen Holmes         | Clarence Oleszkiewicz | Judith Webber      |
| Joan Juris           | Ramon Perez           | 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.

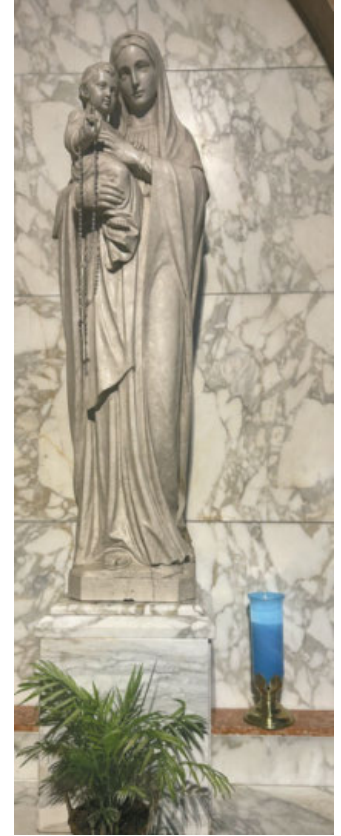


Join us Sunday November 3rd, 2024 for Mass at 9am at our St. Symphorosa worship site.

You are also welcome to join us on Tuesday November 5th, 2024 for our meeting and luncheon in the St. Rene narthex at 12pm.

We will have a **Salad Luncheon** in the St. Rene narthex. In lieu of \$7.00 charge members are asked to bring a salad. Fellowship to follow regular order of business.

**SEE YOU THERE!!**



### 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

### OCTOBER

#### **JOHN "JACK" GACA**

For the repose of his soul, given by Wife.

#### **HELEN, VIRGIE, and ALICE**

For the repose of their souls, given by Arlene Scaletta.

#### **SULLIVAN, PRENDERGAST, ALVAREZ, & NOVAK FAMILIES**

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

#### **70th BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR JOE PULIDO**

given by Wife Josie.

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



### **Thank you for your generosity!**

PARISH OFFERTORY 10/20: \$7,656.34

Split the Pot Winning Envelope #: 63388: \$448.00

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

# For the week of:

October 26th - November 3rd



## Saturday October 26th

**04:00 PM** | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob  
✠ Teresa Guerrero 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Guerrero-Arteaga Family)  
✠ Casimir & Helen Gerlick (Chiaramonte Family)  
✠ George Vallianatos (Sharon Labiak)  
Heavenly 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary for Stanislaw Michalek (Family)

## Sunday October 27th

**7:30 AM** | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Kevin  
✠ Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)  
✠ Jeanette Prati (McNamara Family)  
✠ Joseph & Josephine Dyniakoski (Family)  
✠ Valerie Sekerka (Casey)

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

**10:30 AM** | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Kevin  
✠ Jack Orsi (Family)  
✠ Verna Bartkowiak (SVDP Society)  
✠ Frank Ciabattari (Gina Ciabattari)  
Health & God's Blessings for Joan Orsi  
(Steve & Florence Wilton)

**12:00 PM** | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob  
✠ Dalila Gonzalez (St. Symphorosa Teachers & Students)  
✠ Elio Albertini (C. Moran)

## Monday October 28th

**08:00 AM** | St. Symphorosa  
✠ Jeanette Prati (McNamara Family)  
✠ Richard Jovanovich (Wife)  
Health & God's Blessings for Joey DeWitt  
(Altar & Rosary Society)

## Tuesday October 29th

**08:00 AM** | St. Symphorosa  
✠ Victor & Zeneida Narea (Vincent Narea)  
All Living & Deceased Members of the John & Mary Kolimas  
Family (Mary Kolimas)

## Wednesday October 30th

**08:00 AM** | St. Symphorosa  
✠ Nick Alderfer (Pat Soltis)  
✠ Lagrimas Cordova & All Poor Souls in Purgatory  
(Rosario Battung)  
✠ Regina Kraujalis (Denise, Kevin & Family)  
✠ Leon Kozicki (Denise, Kevin & Family)

## Thursday October 31st

**08:00 AM** | St. Symphorosa  
✠ Jeanette Sochacki & John Julius Sochacki (Brother)  
✠ Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)  
✠ Kathy Arvetis (Husband)  
✠ Walter & Rosemary Labno (Family & Friends)

## Friday November 1st

**08:00 AM** | St. Rene Goupil  
**ALL SAINTS DAY - PRAY FOR ALL SAINTS & SOULS**

## Saturday November 2nd

**08:00 AM** | St. Rene Goupil  
**ALL SOULS DAY - PRAY FOR ALL SOULS**  
**04:00 PM** | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Kevin  
**ALL SOULS DAY - PRAY FOR ALL SOULS**

## Sunday November 3rd

**7:30 AM** | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob  
✠ Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)  
✠ Petra & Miguel Parra (Almendarez Family)  
✠ Mike Sheeran (Murphy Family)  
✠ Christian Furczon

**9:00 AM** | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin  
✠ Valerie Kosiek (Debbie Campagna)  
✠ Rita Mae Sullivan (Family)  
✠ Patrick Carmody (Kathleen Ross & Carmody Family)  
All L&D Members of the Altar & Rosary Society (A&R)

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

**12:00 PM** | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin  
✠ Nancy Janda (Douglas Janda)  
✠ Macaria Battung & All Poor Souls in Purgatory  
(Rosario Battung)  
✠ 40 Day Anniversary of Passing for Ronnie Giron (Family)



The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed  
(**All Souls' Day**) this year is on **Saturday, November 2nd**.

The parish office is now collecting **FRAMED PHOTOS** of deceased loved ones from parishioners who would like them included in our Remembrance Altar.

Please bring the photos to the Parish Office. On the back of the frame/photo, please include your name and phone number (so that we can return it), and also designate which church site you'd like the photo displayed.

Photos can also be given to an usher at any weekend Liturgy.

*Presiders are subject to change without notice.*



# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



## TWO HOLY MARTYRS PASTA DINNER THANK YOU



**The Knights of Columbus and numerous Parish organizations and volunteers -** want to express gratitude to those who donated to, worked and attended this fundraiser.

***Credit must go out to:***

**The groups:** Altar and Rosary (Arlene Scaletta), Senior Club (Linda Dobias), SPRED (Norine Abramovic), St. Vincent De Paul (Cathy Kordelewski) and BINGO (Kathy Clepp).

**The volunteers:** Vince Bell, Bryan Devan, Darrin Bourette, Glenn Gagnon, Brenda Capparelli, Kelly Alvarez, Donna LeCompte, Charlie Murphy and Marifran Casey

**The bakers:** Lois Beyer, Karen Fuss and Joe and Suzie Elizalde

**The cooks:** Tim Capparelli and Mike West (BRAVO!)

**The servers:** Peg Siebenaler's Faith Formation kids

Kudos for the donations from **Falco's Pizza** in Burr Ridge, **Fair Share Grocery** on 63rd Street and **Talerico Martin Bakery** in Summit (Patronize please!)

Finally, the success (we know there's things to work on) is due to those who came to get together with us that evening.

***"For a memorable dinner party it's not what you put on the table but who you put in the seats!"***

**Tom and Jerry (DeRose and Hughes)**



## Holiday Riches Double Draw Raffle is NOW on Sale

Stop by the Parish Office and buy a few lucky tickets...\$10 each and 3 for \$25...**Bonus 15 for \$100**  
2 Separate Drawings - December 17th and January 14th - 6 Amazing Prizes in each Drawing

### One Chance can win both Drawings!

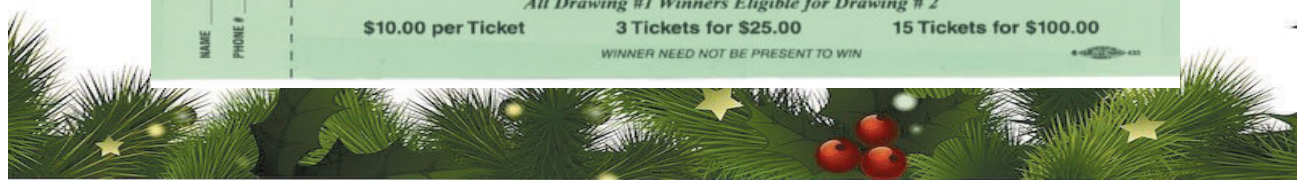
Cash, Prizes, Lottery Baskets, Special Experiences...more

**THE BEST PART....Winners choose the prizes they want from the Remaining Drawing Prizes!!**

| Two Holy Martyrs Parish<br>Holiday Riches Double Draw Raffle |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| Winners Receive Choice in Order of Draw (6 Prizes Per Draw)  |  |  |
| Drawing #1   | December 17, 2024  | Drawing #2   |
|  |  | January 14, 2025   |
| 1  | Amazing Dinner Out for Four with Fr. Bob & Fr. Kevin <i>or</i> | 1 "Priceless" Home Mass (Mutually Agreeable Date - Chicago Area) <i>or</i> |
| 2  | \$1,000.00 Cash <i>or</i>                                      | 2 Night Galena Home Rental <i>or</i>                                       |
| 3  | \$500.00 Cash <i>or</i>  | 3 Massive \$500.00 Lottery Tickets Basket <i>or</i>                        |
| 4  | Large Basket of Gift Cards & Certificates <i>or</i>            | 4 Large Basket of Gift Cards & Certificates <i>or</i>                      |
| 5  | MEGA \$400.00 Lottery Tickets Basket <i>or</i>                 | 5 65" QLED Smart TV <i>or</i>  |
| 6  | New HP ChromeBook  | 6 \$100.00 Lottery Tickets Basket  |
| All Drawing #1 Winners Eligible for Drawing # 2              |  |  |
| \$10.00 per Ticket   |  | 3 Tickets for \$25.00      15 Tickets for \$100.00                         |
| WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN                            |  |  |

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# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

(O.C.I.A.)

**Never Been Baptized?  
Baptized in another Christian tradition?  
Been baptized but never received your First  
Communion or Confirmation?**

Two Holy Martyrs Parish would like to invite all individuals who are seeking to further their faith and grow closer to God by joining us for our first Order of Christian Initiation of Adults meeting. With the help of the parish community, individuals interested in joining our Christian community have an opportunity through O.C.I.A. to explore and deepen their relationship with Christ and grow in their knowledge of the truths of the Catholic faith.

Our first meeting will be held on Saturday, November 9th beginning at 9:15am. We will meet in the parish school, St. Symphorosa, located at 6125 S. Austin Ave. Please contact the parish office and ask to speak with someone in regards to O.C.I.A. if you have any questions and need more assistance.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
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The St. Vincent De Paul Society of Two Holy Martyrs Parish is having their

**BUNDLE WEEK-END**  
at St. Symphorosa Church at  
62nd & Austin on  
Sat. Nov. 2nd, 2pm to 6pm  
&  
Sun. Nov. 3rd, 8am to 1pm.

We are collecting clothing, shoes, purses etc., small kitchen appliances & utensils, linens for bedroom, bath & kitchen, home decorations, household items, books, CDs, DVDs.

We **cannot** accept any electronics or baby items due to recalls. **Please box or bag your donations.** Any unusable clothing/linens can be sold for rags. Mark these "RAGS" only.

We appreciate your support and thank you in advance for your donations as well as your continued support of our St. Vincent De Paul Society which enables us to help those in need in our community.

 **ONLINE/ELECTRONIC DONATIONS**

**\$8,881.00**

September 1, 2024 to  
September 30, 2024

Total number of transactions:  
**263**



**SUPER SENIOR CLUB NEWS**

Join us for our next meeting on Wednesday October 30th.  
**Doors open at 11:30am,** meeting convenes at 12pm (noon) in the St. Rene Narthex.

**SEE YOU THERE!!**

Two Holy Martyrs Parish invites you to our 10th annual **Holiday Extravaganza luncheon, craft & vendor fair**

Sunday, November 24 10:00am-2:30pm  
Sharp Center, 5940 W. 62nd Street

Arbonne International, Blest Art, Blue Creations 63, ColorStreet, Hi Sweetie Candle & Soap, Mary's Decor & More, Pampered Chef, Paparazzi, Scentsy, Sports Cards, Tastefully Simple, Sweets & Treats, Auntie's pretties, Herstory, Crafts By Judy, Julie Baby cupcakes & Dog Treats, Lulu's cakes & Treats, Maxi Creation AND MORE!!!

No entry fee, for patrons, raffle baskets & split-the-pots  
Featuring a pasta plate for \$10. Hot dogs, nachos, chips & beverages available

Attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for our Thanksgiving food drive to benefit the St. Blaise food pantry in Summit IL. Each donation receives a complimentary raffle ticket (limit 5 tickets).

Hosted by the THM Parish Transformation Committee

Two Holy Martyrs *Prost!*

PRESENTS OUR THEMED **OKTOBERFEST BINGO**

**BINGO**

\$20 admission at the door

Take a chance on Fall & Halloween raffle baskets

6148 S. Mason Street, Chgo IL 60638  
in the Hall on the St. Symphorosa Campus

Sunday October 27th

DOORS OPEN AT 12:30 GAMES BEGIN AT 1:30

Split-the-pot Brats, pretzels, hot dogs, nachos, chips & beverages available for purchase Pull tabs

Hosted by the THM Parish Transformation Team



# PARISH FAITH FORMATION



## Upcoming Events:

- 10/29:** Confirmation Parent/Student/Sponsor Meeting.
- 11/02:** Faith Formation Saturday class/Movie Event @ St. Syms Campus.
- 11/05:** Faith Formation Tuesday class/Movie Event @ St. Syms Campus.
- 11/09:** Faith Formation Saturday class @ St. Syms Campus.
- 11/09:** Faith Formation Bingo Event.
- 11/17:** Fourth grade family Mass @ 9am. **2nd year Conf.** students should attend this Mass as well.
- 11/17:** Port Lunch Event for Confirmation Students. In the I-Hall, 10am until 11am.
- 11/05:** Faith Formation Tuesday class @ St. Syms Campus.
- 11/23:** Faith Formation Saturday class @ St. Syms Campus.
- 11/28:** **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



The Fourth-Grade Family Mass will be held on, **Sunday, November 17th at 9:00am at St. Symphorosa Church.** Families are asked to bring non-perishable Lunch items to be used for an upcoming Port Lunch Event. (Ex. Apples/oranges, granola bars, breakfast bars, individual bags of chips or cookies, etc. A donation box will be available in the Narthex.) We look forward to welcoming all our Fourth-Grade Families on November 17th.



October is the Month of the Holy Rosary.

Fun-Games-Prizes!



Faith Formation  
**Bingo**

Saturday, November 9

Thank you to all the students who have registered. We are looking forward to hosting this event!

\*Snacks will be sold for an additional charge.



The students in our Faith Formation Program continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please remember them in your prayers.



### **Confirmation Parent/Student/Sponsor Meeting**

We will welcome our Confirmation candidates, their parents and sponsors to a Confirmation Preparation meeting.

Our Pastor, Fr. Bob Regan will be the presenter.

We happily anticipate his time with us because we know he will encourage our Confirmation candidates to share the good news of Jesus by their witness to Gospel values and their care for those in need.

Please remember to include the Confirmation Candidates, their parents and sponsors in your prayers.

**(The meetings are scheduled for Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>)**

# PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

## Seas the Day at St. Sym's School

### SUPERINTENDENT VISITS THE SCHOOL FOR SPECIAL RECOGNITION

St. Symphorosa School proudly welcomed Mr. Greg Richmond, Superintendent of the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools, for a special visit in recognition of our outstanding achievement last spring. Out of 151 schools, we earned the highest Catholic Identity score! At a special assembly, Mr. Richmond presented Dr. Berry with a Certificate of Achievement, acknowledging the dedication of our staff, students, and parents. He also spent time visiting both our Kindergarten & 8th Grade STEM classes, taking a closer look at the innovative learning happening at St. Sym's.



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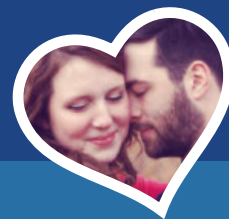


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