

“HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL PASS AWAY, BUT MY WORDS WILL NOT PASS AWAY.” - MK 13:31

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November 17, 2024

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH
ST. SYMPHOROSA + ST. RENE GOUPIL



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ST. SYMPHOROSA

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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

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6949 W. 63rd Place
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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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FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

During the funeral homily for Francis Cardinal George, the homilist (bishop Peter Sartain) referenced the phrase, "The only thing we take with us when we die is what we've given away."

The phrase struck me when I first heard it, and the phrase has stayed with me since.

As our liturgical year concludes in the month of November, our readings for Holy Mass take on an "end of time" tone. We're being reminded of the Four Last Things, which are death, judgment, heaven and hell. Try bringing this subject up at a cocktail party.

Many people in our culture prefer to deny or ignore this reality, as we busy ourselves or distract ourselves. Instead of preparing for our bodily death, we avoid the reality. This is not spiritually healthy. In fact, it's denial.

The Church has long used the Latin phrase, "Memento Mori." This means, "Remember your death." It's not meant to be morbid but instead a constant reminder to live now for the greater glory of God and to prepare for eternal life.

How easy it is for us to lose perspective during our lifetime. We

forget about God and begin to live exclusively for the false idols of wealth, pleasure, power and honor/fame. These are not necessarily bad things, but they are not God, and they will not fill the God-shaped hole in our hearts.

The rich and the powerful begin to think they are immune from bodily death. There is a reason why a handful of billionaires are spending a lot of money to find ways to avoid death. They've made their "heaven" on earth, and they don't want to leave. Message to them ... not a dime goes with us.

The cars, the houses, the autographed baseballs, the expensive art, our 401K, the gold and silver will NOT go with us when we die. Our love (or lack thereof) will go with us; how we have given of ourselves in service to God and to others. This matters more than all the tea in China; or Riverside, Illinois.

St. John of the Cross wrote, "In the twilight of life, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and human success, but rather on how much we have loved."

This invites us to ask ourselves, are we driven primarily by our love? Or do we find ourselves being driven more by our hatred? That's a heart-probing question we need to ask ourselves on a regular basis.

Without Christ at our center, it's easy to lose our way. With Christ at our center -- and the eternal love of the Holy Trinity -- we are then able

to love as He loves. We find the courage and strength to choose love even when others might be mired in hatred of God and hatred of the "other."

Is it natural to fear bodily death? Yes. We often fear what we do not yet know. Thankfully, Jesus has made death known and He shows us by way of his Paschal Mystery that death is not the victor. Love is stronger than death, and Love is Who went to the cross and rose from the dead. This is the hope we need amidst so much despair caused by godlessness and sinful living.

Take time during the last weeks of the liturgical year to look inside your heart. Are you in a good place with God? Are you in a good place with family and friends? Has something of this earth become more important to you than God?

And remember, the only thing we take with us when we die is what we've given away.

Quote -- "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain. For the old order of things has passed away." -- Revelation 21:4





FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

When God created out of nothing, he had in mind both the natural and the supernatural worlds. While distinct, they are intertwined, most notably within the human person as a composite of body and soul. In professing God as the creator "of all things visible and invisible," we are affirming the origin and existence of the natural realm of visible and sensible material and one that is invisible, yet accessible through faith and experience.

We are tempted to elevate one over the other. One of the earliest Church heresies was that of Gnosticism. The Gnostics believed in being saved through some secret knowledge (gnosis means "knowledge" in Greek). Those in the inner circle who possessed this knowledge considered themselves above the rest of society. They used Christian terminology and symbols, but didn't believe that Christ really came to save all through his passion and death.

Along with this secret knowing, the Gnostics put a premium on the spiritual realm. Their value of knowledge sought to place blame on the material world for limiting and restricting the pure knowledge they possessed. The spiritual element in man reflected the

dualism of the cosmos. Therefore, the natural material world was evil and governed by a dark power that was on par with God.

Of course, we know this to be false. As God created, "he saw that it was good." He wasn't just speaking of spirits but of the physical world. What's more, the Son of God took on flesh and dwelt among us. Jesus didn't just appear to be human, but actually possessed a human nature with a body and soul. If material was bad or evil, God would not have let himself become human. Rather, Christ did not come merely to inform us or tell us about God, but his taking on flesh was the centerpiece of our salvation; material was essential. It was because he took on flesh that he saved us in a full and all-compassing manner.

Human beings have the privilege of having both a body and a soul. Both were created by God. At conception, we are given our bodies by our parents and our souls by God. This gives us access to both the material and the spiritual worlds. Our soul, as created directly by God, is immortal. Our bodies do die, but will be reunited to our souls in a glorified manner after the second coming of Christ. This soul-body composite carries with it the *imago Dei* – the image of God. It reflects the very nature of God. We are able to choose between good and evil, enter into relationships, and serve as God's ambassadors to creation.

It's important to remember that humans and angels are entirely different species. Angels are pure spirit that serve as God's

messengers, soldiers, and praisers. When we die, there is no possibility of us becoming angels; we were created as humans and will be humans forever. Sometimes you'll hear that, "God has gained another angel," when someone passes away. The sentiment may be sweet and well-intentioned, but it's not quite right. Instead, we pray that they may become saints and get to experience the resurrection of the body in heaven.

Yes, angels are at a higher level of existence than us, but this shouldn't make us despair. Because we have bodies, we have two things the angels will never have. First, as St. Maximilian Kolbe said, "If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion." Angels don't need food, and humans do, so we are able to partake of the bread of Life. Second, God did not take on angelic form, but human form. We will forever share this with Jesus. He became man and remains as true God, true man for eternity.





OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES

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

NOVEMBER

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MAGDALENA ARTEAGA

For the repose of her soul, given by Husband, Children, & Grandchildren.

SVASTISALEE FAMILY, ALL BIRTHDAYS & SOULS IN PURGATORY

For the repose of their souls, given by 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

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| Guadalupe Almendarez | Sharon Labiak | Christine Petry |
| Marlene Annerino | Elena LeCompte | Ann Robertson |
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| Sharon Arends | Debbie Lipien | Adan Sanchez |
| Fr. Ted Bojczuk | Mary Liszka | William Serpico |
| Glenn Boyle | Rosemary Litwin | Katrina Sigafosse |
| John Clementi | Joelee MacMaster | Karen Singer |
| Maxine Carey | Rich Marcello | Manuel Soto |
| Margaret Dalton | Cathy Mazeika | Shirley Tloczek |
| Karen Holmes | Clarence Oleszkiewicz | Fr. Norm Trela |
| Joan Juris | Eleanor Pastorek | 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.



WEDDING BANNES:

November 23, 2024 - Sara DeVan & Alex Estrada (III)



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

NOVEMBER

JOHN "JACK" GACA

For the repose of his soul, given by Wife.

ROSALIA KARPINSKI ON HER 30TH ANNIVERSARY

For the repose of her soul, given by Family.

SULLIVAN, PRENDERGAST, ALVAREZ, & NOVAK FAMILIES

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

BOB & DOROTHY ZALUD

given by Kathy Roberts.

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 11/10: \$10,637.00

Split the Pot Winning Envelope #: 63747: \$405.00

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

For the week of:

November 16th - November 24th



Saturday November 16th

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

Sunday November 17th

7:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Kevin

- ✠ Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
- ✠ Ann Kopyszka (Pat Soltis)
- ✠ Rita Jasencak (Husband George)
- ✠ Al Beyer (George Jasencak)

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

- ✠ Lucille Cantu (Sister & Nephews)
- ✠ Donald Sodini (Arlene Scaletta)
- ✠ Winnie Wahlen (Arlene Scaletta)
- ✠ Jeanette Prati (McNamara Family)

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

- ✠ Ben P. & Estelle Shafer (Ben & Judy Shafer)
- ✠ Joseph & Josephine Dyniakoski (Family)
- ✠ Matias Almendarez (Family)
- 9th Heavenly Anniversary for Nick Janeteas (Wife Sandy & Family)

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

- ✠ Juergen Fischer (Janet & Steve Lazzara)
- ✠ Brian Kurtovich (Cathy & Pat Carone)
- ✠ Cody Cihlar (Joan & Ron Kelly)
- God's Blessings for Healing & Strength for the Max Family (Joan & Ron Kelly)

Monday November 18th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

- ✠ Josephine Pelegrino & Family (Family)
- ✠ David Juris (Joan Juris)
- All Members Living & Deceased of the Antonangeli Family (Eugene Tomassini)

Tuesday November 19th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

- ✠ Anna Rendak (Barbara Rendak)
- ✠ Dominic & Grace Fosco (DFamily)
- ✠ Linda June Lisek (Bob & Kids)
- ✠ Nancy Hernandez (Family)

Wednesday November 20th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

- ✠ Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
- ✠ Walter & Rosemary Labno (Family & Friends)
- ✠ Dionisia Battung (Rosario Battung)
- Birthday Blessings for Ethan Battung (Rosario Battung)
- 7th Birthday Blessings for Eleonora

Presiders are subject to change without notice.

Thursday November 21st

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

- Heavenly Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Tony & Josephine Pelegrino (Family)
- Birthday Blessings for Caleb Svastisalee & All Poor Souls in Purgatory (Melinda Svastisalee)
- ✠ All Members Living & Deceased of the Colucci Family (Eugene Tomassini)
- ✠ David Valles (Family)

Friday November 22nd

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

- ✠ Magdalena Arteaga on her 2nd Anniversary (Husband, Children & Grandchildren)
- Peace for Daniel Sarlitto
- 1st Heavenly Anniversary for Joe Kasper (Love Nancy)
- Birthday Blessings for Chad Svastisalee & All Poor Souls in Purgatory (Melinda Svastisalee)

Saturday November 23rd

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

- ✠ Patricia Biniewicz (Marie Zilka)
- ✠ Ronnie Giron (Giron Family)
- ✠ Edward Gilda (Gilda Family)

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

- Health & the Lord's Blessings for Dorothy Fritz & Family (Chiaramonte Family)
- ✠ Rosa Muñoz (Giron Family)
- ✠ Abigail & Charles Toribio (Almendarez Family)
- ✠ John Finlay (Eileen Quirke)

PRO POPULO

Sunday November 24th

7:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

- ✠ Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
- ✠ Joseph & Josephine Dyniakoski (Family)
- ✠ Joe, Jean & Peter Balsamello (Family)
- ✠ Eileen Woulfe (Mary Sarlitto)

9:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin

- ✠ Leopold Staszal (Barbara Rendak)
- ✠ Ted & Helen Hermanowicz (Nancy & George Groszek)
- ✠ Encarnacion Villarreal (Daughter & Grandsons)
- ✠ Theresa Wodarczyk (Arlene Scaletta)
- ✠ Officer Enrique Martinez (Arlene Scaletta)

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

- ✠ Jack Orsi (Family)
- ✠ Lucille Salamendo (Terri & Dan Domarsky)
- ✠ Israel Garcia (Son & Family)
- ✠ Israel Garcia, Jr. (Garcia Family)

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

- ✠ Jeanette Prati (McNamara Family)
- God's Blessings for Eagle Scouts (Troop)
- ✠ Eileen Woulfe (Don Gray)
- ✠ Bronislaw & Genowefa Radwan (Family)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Remember your loved ones



Sponsor a Christmas Poinsettia Memoriam
 Every \$25 Donation will receive a special mention in our expanded Christmas Bulletin and all of these intentions will be displayed in the Sanctuary alongside Poinsettias and a candle.

Please note: These are sponsorships and not the purchase of poinsettias
 Only a few weeks remain before Sponsorship closes!



Holiday Riches Double Draw Raffle are now on Sale
Only \$10 each and 3 for \$25...Bonus 15 for \$100

One Chance can win both Drawings Dec. 17th and Jan. 14th
 Cash, Gift Card Baskets, Lottery Baskets, Special Experiences...more

THE BEST PART...Winners choose the prize they want from the remaining Drawing Prizes!!

Tickets may be purchased in the Parish Office or after Mass on
Nov. 23 and 24
Dec. 7,8,14 and 15
Cash, Check or Credit Card (Parish Office)

**Two Holy Martyrs Parish
 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	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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us Sunday December 1st, 2024
for Mass at 9am at our St. Symphorosa worship site.

You are also welcome to join us on
**Tuesday December 3rd, 2024 for our
Christmas Party at Mama Luigi's on
7500 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL 60455**

Donation is: \$30

SEE YOU THERE!!

**Our next meeting will not be until
March 2025
Have a great and Happy Holidays!!**



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Snacks, gum and non-chocolate candy

Most items available at Dollar or drug stores!

Donations for postage accepted in

Sunday collection or Parish Office

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COLLECTION BOXES IN BOTH CHURCHES

NOV. 30th TILL DEC 15th - THANK YOU!!!

THM THANKFUL TREES

WE INVITE ALL MEMBERS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH THANKFUL TREE. PLEASE VISIT THE TABLES IN OUR GATHERING SPACES THE WEEKENDS OF NOVEMBER 9/10 & 16/17 TO WRITE ONE THING YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS THANKSGIVING ON THE COLORFUL AUTUMN LEAVES NEXT TO OUR TREES.

ALL OUR WORDS OF THANKS WILL BE INCORPORATED IN OUR WORSHIP SPACE FOR THE THANKSGIVING WEEKEND. THESE WORDS OF THANKS WILL COME FROM OUR PARISHIONERS, SCHOOL CHILDREN AND RE CHILDREN. OUR TREES ARE A VISIBLE SYMBOL AS A REMINDER OF ALL THAT GOD HAS GIVEN TO US.



Two Holy Martyrs Parish invites you
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Holiday Extravaganza
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Sunday, November 24 10:00am-2:30pm

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Real Time Pain Relief	El Rinconcito Baked Goods
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Celestial Home Decor	First Catholic
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	Scentsy

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).

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PARISH FAITH FORMATION



Upcoming Events:

- 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.
- 11/19:** 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.



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Students in our Faith Formation Program along with the students at St. Symphorosa Catholic School will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on **Thursday, December 5th and on Saturday, December 7th.** Please remember these young students in your prayers as they journey closer to Jesus in the sacrament of Reconciliation.



Thank You, LORD!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

As we approach the season of giving thanks, the Two Holy Martyrs Faith Formation Program will be remembering the needy. This year, we will join with our fellow parishioners in once again fulfilling one of the **Corporal Works of Mercy...Feed the Hungry.** When our students attend Mass or when they come to Faith Formation classes, we are asking them to bring in non-perishable food items.

We are thankful for your participation in the Thanksgiving Food Drive.



PORT LUNCH EVENT

Our Faith Formation Confirmation Students will participate in a Port Lunch Event on **Sunday, November 17th.** The students and their families are invited to attend the 9am Mass at our St. Symphorosa church. Immediately following Mass, the confirmandi are invited to help prepare lunches for **The Port Ministries** in the I-Hall. Donations are welcome for this endeavor such as fresh fruit (apples or oranges), individual bags of chips or cookies, breakfast/granola bars, small bottles of water, or juice boxes. We look forward to welcoming you, on November 17th for Holy Mass and Port Lunch Event! Use the link below to find out more about The Port Ministries and all the good work that they do. <http://www.theportministries.org/>

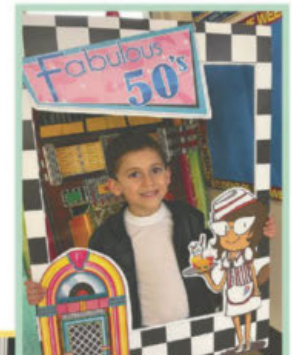
Faith Formation students participated in a Bingo Event.... all proceeds will benefit our upcoming Port lunch Outreach project, which will take place on Nov. 17th.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Seas the Day at St. Symms School

KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATES 50 DAYS OF SCHOOL

Mrs. Gasior's Kindergarteners marked their 50th day of school in true '50s style! From hula hooping and dancing the twist to sipping on root beer floats, the day was filled with smiles and retro fun!



We are incredibly grateful for the outpouring of support for this year's Grateful~Thankful~Blessed Dinner! Thanks to your generosity, we're able to strengthen our school community and enrich our students' educational journey. Whether you attended, sponsored, donated, or spread the word, your involvement has made a meaningful impact. We truly feel grateful, thankful, and blessed to have such a generous THM community.



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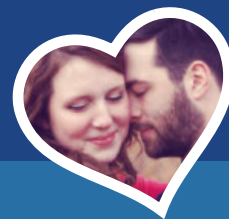


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