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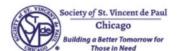
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MASS SCHEDULES

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

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8 AM mass is held during:

January | March | May July | September | November

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SATURDAYS | 3 PM-3:45 PM

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MONDAY-FRIDAY

9 AM-3 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.

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PARKING IN THE FIRE LANES



One of my favorite authors is Abraham Joshua Heschel.

His writings invite the reader to live in radical amazement of all things, and his writing summons us to live in the mystery of God.

Rabbi Heschel was born in Warsaw, Poland, and he is considered one of the leading Jewish theologians and Jewish philosophers of the Twentieth Century.

This man had his pulse on God and on the human condition.

Here is one of his more popular quotes: "Our goal should be to live in radical amazement. ... Get up in the morning and look out at the world that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed."

Rabbi Heschel did not allow theological differences to obscure his wonder for the mystery of God. We as Christians see Jesus as fulfillment of all prophecy; the long-awaited Messiah. Our devout Jewish friends do not. And yet, through all this, Heschel helps us stay Godcentered so that we as human beings are lifted toward divinity instead of allowing ourselves to slide into depravity.

Unfortunately, it is quite easy for us to lose our wonder. We risk getting numb to life and we adopt the "Time to make the donuts" mantra toward everyday life. We say things like, "Another day, another dollar." We risk getting caught

FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

up in the economic hamster wheel of production and consumption and we lose sight of the greater "why" of life, and the greater "why" of life is Love (capital L), and God is Love.

The Old Catechism summed it up quite well. Why did God create us? God made us to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him forever in the next.

To know God means more than mere intellectual knowledge. To know involves intimacy. This is also a matter of the heart. A young student could get an A+ on a religion class exam and yet never have prayed; never have spent heart-to-heart time with God. When we truly get "to know" God, we allow our Love for God to move us toward service.

Friends, our time in this world is brief.

Cherish each day. Live for Love. Keep things in perspective. Serve God and serve others.

Last Sunday, Fr. Ed Cronin died suddenly. He was the pastor at St. Jane de Chantel (now St. Faustina) for many years and the pastor of St. Alexander in Palos Heights. Prior to my entering the seminary, Fr. Cronin let me live at St. Al's for six months. He was very supportive of me and always gracious to me.

Fr. Cronin was preaching the homily during Mass (the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ), when he suffered a massive heart attack.

Attempts to resuscitate him were unsuccessful. He died in the sanctuary of a church in Sawyer, Michigan.

May Edward Cronin rest in God's peace and may we all live our remaining days on earth with our hearts on fire in radical amazement for God and for God's creation. Keep Rabbi Heschel's quote about radical amazement nearby for those days when you lose sight of the big picture. Grand Raffle Update Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Two Holy Martyrs Parish Grand Raffle.

This Grand Raffle is exceptionally important this year; a result of the suspension of Family Fest. Quick reminder, Family Fest is NOT permanently cancelled. There is always the potential to bring Fest back should various conditions change, and we discover 3-4 people who want to help run Family Fest.

The proceeds from the Grand Raffle will be used to pay out to the various raffle winners as well as being used for various parish expenses. Some of our ticket sellers have told me they get asked "Where's the money going?" This question is asked with honest curiosity, but it is also asked, at times, in a rather untrusting suspicious tone.

One thing you learn quickly as a pastor are the economics of parish life. Just because we are a church does not mean we are exempt from the cost of doing earthly business. The funds raised from the Grand Raffle are for parish use. A cut of the profit does not get sent "downtown" or to the Vatican. Our current Two Holy Martyrs Parish expenses are, on average, \$114,000 per month (this includes payroll and benefits). That helps put things in perspective.

The Grand Raffle is a PARISH fundraiser for parish costs/expenses.

Thank you for your participation in the raffle, and for helping sell raffle tickets to friends and family. There is still time to buy tickets and to sell tickets.

Quote -- "Dear Lord, grant me the grace of wonder. Surprise me, amaze me, awe me in every crevice of your universe. Each day enrapture me with your marvelous things without number."



Following the exchange of peace and forgiveness, the priest and the faithful begin to carry out two parallel actions.

The people, led by the choir, chant the Angus Dei, which may be better known as the Lamb of God. "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us," is sung twice, followed by, "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace." I'll say more about Jesus as the Lamb of God in the next article.

Meanwhile, the priest or deacon retrieves the reserved hosts from the tabernacle that have already been consecrated. Upon returning to the altar, the priest breaks the large celebrant host (the one he elevated at consecration) in half, and then breaks off a small segment that he adds to the chalice. As he does this, he says quietly, "May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it."

This is an ancient practice. Back in the early Church, the pastor of every parish participated in the bishop's Mass and carried back to

FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

his parish church a small fragment of the Eucharist. During Mass celebrated at the parish, this fragment was placed into the chalice to remind the gathered faithful that they were united to their bishop and the other parishes of the diocese.

The comingling of the Body and Blood of Christ in the chalice is a representation of the reunited person of Jesus after the Resurrection. It's not Christ's broken and beaten body that won us eternal life, but his triumph over death and the resurrection that we can all share in.

The breaking of the host is an essential aspect of the Eucharistic feast. We see time and again that Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave. The priest refers to this at consecration: "He himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples." This breaking of the bread at Mass dates back to the earliest days of the Church.

You may wonder why the priest doesn't break the host when he says the words as a part of the Eucharistic Prayer. One, consecration at Mass isn't a dramatic reenactment of the Last Supper. Two, the purpose of the Eucharistic Prayer is offering thanks and praise to the Father, so dramatic gestures strip away the essential meaning of the rite at that moment.

Third, the bread is broken after it becomes Jesus, which at that point has not yet happened. Note that the priest says "<u>this</u> mingling". While it's the same Body and Blood of Christ present to us at Mass, the Father has returned it to us with the prayers, intentions, and offerings from those celebrating at this particular time and place. It's not the holiness of the priest or the people offering the sacrifice, but that it is given over to Jesus to be united to him.

It always helps to refocus ourselves into the Mass we are celebrating now and where we are with God at that moment.

While the people kneel, the priest says the following prayers quietly with his hands folded: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your Death gave life to the world, free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to your commandments, and never let me be parted from you."

The priest and the people take this moment to prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Although the bread is broken, we remember that it truly is Christ himself who feeds us. He is in no way diminished by being broken; we each share in the whole Christ.



For the week of:

June 8th -June 16th

Saturday June 8th

O4:00 PM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Kevin ☆Robert Compton (Wife Mary Ellen) ☆Walter & Frances Szumowski (Wes & Debbie Szumowski) ☆George Nowak (Friend) Successful surgery for Rich Shatkus (Mary Trendle) PRO POPULO

Sunday June 9th

7:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob 骨Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy) ⊕Victor & Zeneida Narea (Friend) 骨Al Beyer (Toni Ptak) 9:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin ✤Irene Podlasek (Pozniak Family) 令Michael Loduca (Family) 10:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob 令Arleen Gammiccia (Parish) God's Blessings for all Two Holy Martyrs Faith Formation Catechists (Grateful Parishioner) 12:00 PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin 骨Theodore Balicki (Hamann Family)

Monday June 10th

Tuesday June 11th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa Health & God's Blessings for Fr Norm (Two Holy Martyrs Parish)

Wednesday June 12th



Thursday June 13th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa ☆Richard Jovanovich Birthday Blessings for Antonia Angolvan (Rosario Battung) In Honor of St Anthony for Thanksgiving (Rosario Battung)

Friday June 14th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil Priest Vocations ⊕Charles Biondo (Diane Biondo) Birthday Blessings for David Shilney (Mary Shilney)

Saturday June 15th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa ☆Mieczyslaw Plewa (Barbara Rendak) 04:00 PM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Kevin ☆Jeanette Nych (Family) ☆Kenneth Oczkowski & Living & Deceased Members of

Sunday June 16th

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



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

the parish office to add or remove a name.

Sharon Labiak Natalie Lecompte Debbie Lipien Rosemary Litwin Joelee MacMaster Rich Marcello Cathy Mazeika Clarence Oleszkiewicz Ramon Perez Ann Robertson Michael Roman Adan Sanchez

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added by immediate family members. Please call

Katrina Sigafoose Karen Singer Manuel Soto Shirley Tloczek Fr. Norm Trela Judith Webber Beverly Zummerling Stewardship

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH OFFERTORY 06/02: \$10,110.00

Split the Pot Winning Envelope #: 63656: \$395.00

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



If you would like to make your donation online, please visit our website at www.twoholymartyrs.org click on the DONATE tab, it will direct you to make your donation.

Thank you.



ONLINE/ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

\$8,250.00

April 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024

Total number of transactions: **247**

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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.

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



June 14, 2024 - Alexandra Montgomery & Ricardo Garcia (III)

WEDDING BANNS:



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lottery Basket #2 Winner



Ticket # 05218



The winner is Mr. Joseph Koperczak

The next two weeks will each feature another Massive Lottery Basket Drawing and then...

On Sunday Afternoon June 23rd there will be 7 additional "Lucky" Grand Raffle Tickets drawn to share more than \$18,500 in Cash Prizes!

More than \$42,000 has been sold... Do you have a Ticket?

Tickets are \$20 each or 6 tickets for \$100

SPECIAL NOTE:

Total Grand Raffle Sales are now \$1,500 short of THE ALL TIME GRAND RAFFLE SALES RECORD

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 Pro-Life Action League invites you to join the upcoming "Face the Truth" Tour, an annual pro-life public education initiative that reached tens of thousands of people with the reality of abortion.

From June 14-22, pro-life volunteers will hold signs at major intersections across Chicagoland, depicting the beauty of life in the womb as well as the horrible injustice done to the unborn victims of abortion.

The Face the Truth Tour changes hearts and minds, guides postabortive women and men to healing and peace and saves babies from abortion. For more information on this powerful pro-life campaign, including the complete Tour schedule, visit ProLifeAction.org



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10:00 am 2:30pn

Two Holy Martyrs, St. Symphorosa Sharp Center 5940 W. 62nd Street, Chgo. IL, 60638 Booth fee 840 (no chairs), Table fee 845 (2 chairs) Electricity fee 85 Please contact Taura Basulto at (708) 736-1004 or thmvendorfair@gmail.com to secure your spot!

Two Holy Martyrs Parish St. Rene Goupil Campus





Sunday June 9, 2024

Doors Open 11:30AM - Games Begin 1:00PM

Refreshments & Food are Available for Purchase FREE COFFEE

Admission \$20 at the Door

For More Information Call 773-767-1523

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



TOP TEN REASONS FOR BEING A CATECHIST

(compiled by Joe Paprocki, National Consultant for Faith Formation, Loyola Press – Author and Catechist)

1. You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.

2. Your baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.

3. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the good news of Jesus.

4. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.

5. You have much to share with those you'll teach and you'll have opportunities to share faith with other Catechists.

6. Today's catechetical textbooks/resources offer outstanding support.

7. You'll be challenged, you'll have fun, and you'll make new friends.

8. You'll be helping young people deepen their relationship with Jesus. (You'll be evangelizing!)

9. You'll be handing over a 2,000 year old tradition that changes lives.

10. It's our job: Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations".

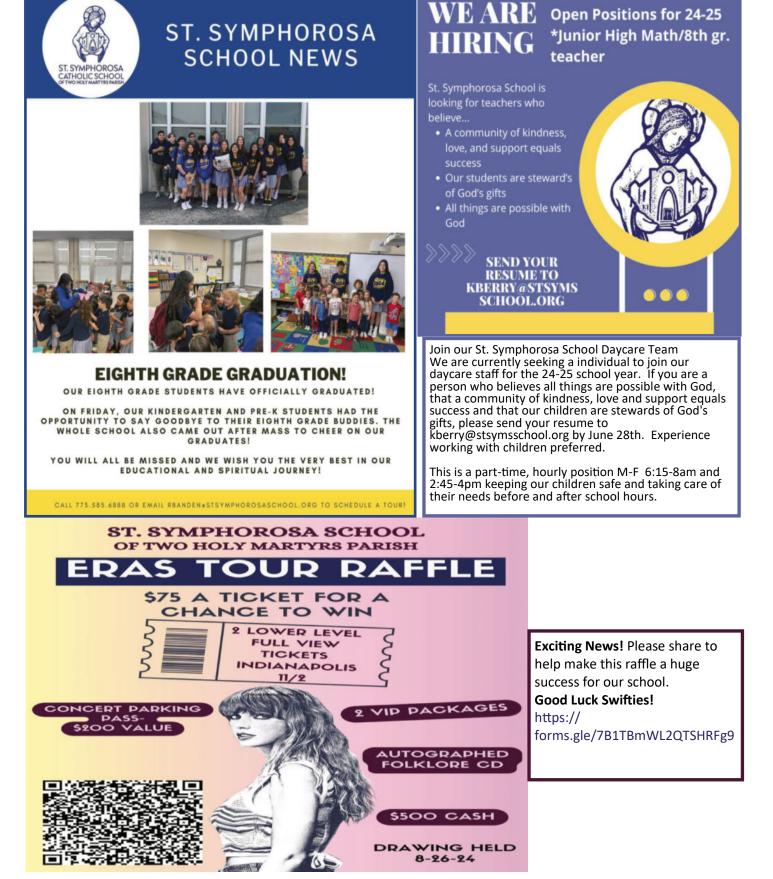




"Go and Teach All Nations"

Recruiting Catechists for our Faith Formation Program is a year round process. We are always "on the alert" for faith-filled and generous parishioners who have a desire to share their faith with our young people. As we approach another year of faith formation beginning in September, we share the following thoughts on becoming a Catechist

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