

NOVEMBER 3, 2019

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Edward Baley
Antoinette Bartz
Robert Borik
Jeffrey Pat Bybee
David Chikerotis
Rosa Cicchino

Barbara Darragh
Thomas Davern
Charles DeLauriea
Robert Deuser
Patricia Doyle
Edward Drozd
Kenneth Estrella
Colette Findysz
Robert Fitzgerald
Lucille Francesconi
Arlene Gervasio
Thomas Louis Gomez
Karen Lee Gricus
George Heinz
Marie Hoffman
Marion Jenson
Patricia Kubik
Jane Larson
Josephine Lauricella
Gloria Jean Lojas
Felipe Lopez
Beatrice Lucio
Walter Marciniak
Donald Masnjak
Margaret McCarthy

Charles McDermott
Mary Ann Moynihan
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Kieran Normoyle
Bessie Oracki
Raymond Oracki, II

Kathy Pater
Barbara Jean Pavilonis
Loretta Pozniak
Elena Puente
Carmen Ramirez
Georgianna Richards
Thomas George Richards
Nancy Rickard
Jacinta Sadia
Bernard Sajdak
Gregoria Sanchez
Lyndia Schwerfeger
Ann Marie Senase
Gerald Edward Shields
Marie Simonetti
James Suchy
Jeanette Sullivan
Gloria Terrill
Nancy Webb
Michael Kenneth White, Jr.
Jerome Witcher
Eleanor Wittack
Lawrence Wysocki
Marianne Therese Wysocki

*The souls of the
righteous are in
the hand of God,
and no torment
shall touch them.*

Wisdom 3:1

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Today's readings invite us to reflect on our relationship with God and God's love and mercy in our lives. We are encouraged to know God more each day and to know God's presence with us.

The first reading, from the Book of Wisdom, is a reflection on the human condition and on what the author believes about God. God has mercy on all of us. God does not want us to die or to perish in our sins. Rather, God wants to forgive us. It is this realization that God wants to forgive us that can help us acknowledge who we are before God.

The Book of Wisdom is pretty blunt about our human condition: we want God, but we often don't want God enough to seek only God and not seek out only our own pleasure, joy and satisfaction. It is important to pay attention here, because there is nothing totally wrong with pleasure, joy and satisfaction! Jesus does not come to teach us that human life is basically bad! Instead, Jesus comes to tell us that we are loved—and this is also the message of the Book of Wisdom.

We see this same message repeated in the Gospel. Zacchaeus wants to see Jesus and then wants to follow Jesus. This is such a wonderful account in the Gospel. Because Zacchaeus is short, he needs to find a way to get higher. He is humble and simple enough to climb a tree! And Jesus invites himself to dine with Zacchaeus.

Today we can ask if we are as simple and humble as Zacchaeus?

Are we so interested in Jesus Christ that we are willing to be a bit foolish in our following of him? Can we really trust Jesus that much?

And are we willing to risk being misunderstood by others and perhaps even being judged harshly by them?

In Jesus' day, tax collectors were not popular people. They were collaborators with the Romans and were despised by many Jewish people. The tax system allowed them to charge more than what was required so that they could make a profit for themselves. Thus, they were considered sinners by their countrymen. Observers in the crowd that day grumble because Jesus dines with a sinner.

Throughout Scripture, Jesus' choice of dinner companions set him apart from other observant Jews of his time. In first century Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not generally dine with foreigners and sinners. Yet, Jesus chooses to honor the tax collector, Zacchaeus, by staying at his house.

Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature, climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled

himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree.

Jesus recognizes the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation.

Jesus' invitation to follow His way of living is an invitation to change the way that we live. In order to follow Jesus, we must begin by changing our own vision of what real life is about. We must recognize that real life is about loving others and not about getting our own personal pleasure, joy and happiness. Again, we need to remember that there is nothing totally wrong about pleasure, joy and happiness. On the other hand, if getting our own pleasure, joy and happiness is our goal in life, then we have missed the teachings of our Lord Jesus.

Let us take a few moments today and look honestly at our own lives. Let us renew our commitment to Jesus and to following what he taught us. Let us rejoice in God's love and forgiveness and learn how to love and forgive one another. Blessed be God for ever.

Taken from christinthedesert.org



The faithful all around the world are invited to join with Pope Francis for his special intention. Won't you join in?
The intention for the month of November is for Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East.

**That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East,
where diverse religious communities share their lives together.**

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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
9:00 am—7:00 pm

Saturday
9:00 am—12:00 pm

Schedule of Masses

Sunday

7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

Saturday Evening Mass
5:00 pm

Weekdays: 8:00 am
Monday through Saturday

Holy Days:

7:30am, 9:30 am and
7:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance

Monday - Saturday
after the 8am Mass

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Parish School

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773-585-6888

Congratulations

to **Larry Wisniewski** on receiving the 2019 Christifidelis Award. Larry has spent many hours helping within the parish as part of the Transformation Team, doing gardening around the campus, and helping many outside of this parish. Thank you for your continued faith and support of St. Symphorosa Parish and congratulations on this amazing accomplishment.

~Fr. Idzi



Grateful ☀ Thankful ☀ Blessed

Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 6:30-11:00pm
Sharp Center (21+ event)

Back by popular demand:

**DARIO RADIO DUELING
PIANOS**



Student Art Auction, Amazing Raffle Baskets, 50/50

Advance tickets are **\$35** per person. Tickets may be purchased at the door for **\$40**. Tickets include dinner, dessert, beer, wine, pop & water.

Call the School Office (773.585.6888) of the Parish Office (773.767.1523) for more information and tickets!

*All proceeds raised from this event benefit
St. Symphorosa School.*



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NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK 2019

November 3-9

As we celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week, we ask our Lord for more dedicated holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.

If you have questions regarding your vocation, please contact **Fr. Tim Monahan** at **312.534.8298** or tmonahan@archchicago.org.

VOCATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

We beg you for good and holy priests.

In every age you call men to follow you as servants and shepherds of your people.

Open their hearts to your call and give them the courage to follow you. Be their rock of refuge and their light as they discern.

Help us to support them on their journey, and to love them as your disciples.

We thank you for all that you are and all that you do.

In your name we pray.

Amen.

OPERATION SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Help us support those who are serving our country in harm's way!!

During the weekends of Saturday, November 9 through Sunday November 17, after all Masses, two members of our St. Symphorosa parish community will be accepting donations for this cause. A list of some of the needed items can be found below. You can also visit their website at, <http://www.osotamerica.org/get-involved/itemsneeded/>, to see the full list of items. Monetary donations will also be accepted and are used towards mailing the packages to our troops. Cost of sending one package is about \$25.

Thank you for supporting our troops and please pray that they may be kept from harm's way and return to their families quickly and safely!

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| -Individual Wet One wipes | -Individual Cold Drink Mix
(Gatorade, Lemonade, Propel) | -White Athletic Socks |
| -Tums/Roloids/Antacids | -Individual Packets of Instant Oatmeal | -Snack Crackers/Cookies |
| -Eye Drops/Saline Solution
(2oz or less) | -Dental Floss | -Deodorant |
| -Travel Size Mouthwash | -Chapstick | -Single Toothbrushes |
| -Ibuprofen (100 count or less) | -Fruit Snacks | -Body Wash and Lotion
(16 oz or less) |
| -Individual Packets of Hot Chocolate | -Gum | -Crossword/Sudoku/Puzzle Books |
| -Individual Packets of Coffee | -Mints | And so much more. . . |



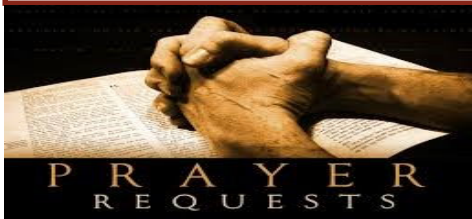
Lord Jesus, you speak to us today,
as you spoke to holy men and
women who have gone before us. In
every age and in our own time, you
call to us and say: Renew My
Church.

Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit
upon us, and so enable us
to hear you clearly
to listen to each other attentively
to imagine our future boldly
to discern your direction wisely

Renew My Church Prayer

to persevere in your holy will courageously
to stay together in charity
to surrender our own plans readily
to embrace the greater good
to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed
Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints. May
their example and presence inspire us with patient
confidence in the work of your grace. We ask this of
you who live and reign with the Father in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.



Join us as we begin a new, weekly,
social media prayer request. Each
Friday, we will post a prayer request on
our social media pages. If there is
something that you would like us, as a
family celebrating Faith to pray for,
please add it in the comments section.
These prayer requests will be prayed
for during our intercessions at our
weekend masses.



Calling All Vendors & Crafters

St. Symphorosa Parish Transformation Team presents the

6th Annual Holiday Extravaganza

Luncheon, Craft & Vendor Fair

Sunday, November 24, 2019

10:30am - 2:30pm (Sharp Center)

For information and table registration, please contact Monica
at 773-814-6116 or holidayext2019@gmail.com

St. Symphorosa Senior Club Christmas Party

Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Time: 11:00am to 3:30pm

Location: Mayfield Banquet
6072 S. Archer Ave

Cost: \$28.00 per person
Includes dinner, dessert,
open bar and entertainment

Payment must be received by
November 14, 2019.

Please make all checks payable to the
St. Symphorosa Senior Club.

Bring your dancing shoes and
Come Join Us for a Merry Christmas!!

Questions should be directed to
Alberta Kwiatkowski at 708.354.1608



St. Symphorosa Altar & Rosary Society News

The Altar & Rosary meeting being held on Tuesday, November 5th, from **Noon to 2pm** will be in the Social Hall of the Sharp Center. This meeting will be a Salad Luncheon. Cost is \$7 per person, or if you are interested in bringing a salad, please contact Grace at (708)301-0234. If you contact Grace to bring a salad there is no cost to attend the luncheon.



Split the Pot

October 27, 2019

Received this week: \$285

Winning envelope: #481

Reminder: A minimum of \$5.00 is required to participate.



**Offerings for the weekend of
October 27, 2019**

Weekly Budget (Est.): \$9,000.00

Contributions: \$4,642.67

Envelopes: 221

Thank you for your support & generosity!



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Family, and Academic Excellence.*



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St. Syms Preschool Open House

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

9:00am-11:30am

Tour our school and see our Preschool classes in action!

6125 S. Austin Ave Chicago, IL 60638

WALK INS WELCOME!

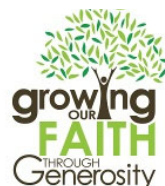
Full and Half Day Programs

Before and After Care available
until 6pm

Weekly classes in music, gym,
art, computers, and Spanish

Supportive and nurturing staff

**ENROLLMENT STILL OPEN FOR
2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR!!!**



During the month of October, the following amounts were collected for special Collections.

All Saints' Day.....	\$131
All Souls' Day.....	\$177
Building & Maintenance.....	\$2,295.05
Candle Money	\$1,479.61
Parish Debt Reduction	\$759
Saint Vincent de Paul.....	\$50
School Support.....	\$217
Seminarian Education	\$60
Sharing Parish (Maternity BVM)	\$361
World Mission Sunday.....	\$1,029

Thank you for your kindness & generosity!

Altar and Rosary Society Christmas Banquet

When: Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Where: New Warsaw Restaurant
6250 W 63rd St.

Time: 11am-2pm

Donation: \$20 per ticket

Cash or checks may be dropped in the collection basket, brought to the rectory, or you can contact Pat Soltis (773.350.6929) or Arlene Scaletta (773.230.6059) for more information.



Our Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of November is offered for the following intentions:

For the repose of the soul of Tom Bogumil given by Dorothy Bogumil & Family

For the repose of the soul of Marie Novak given by the Novak Family

For all members of the Valdepenas & Svastisalee Families, Living and deceased, prayers for health and all the Lord's blessings for Chalida Svastisalee, and birthday blessings for all family members celebrating a November birthday. given by Svastisalee Family

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' presence in the Tabernacle help welcome our prayers into His eternal presence.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 2, 2019

All Soul's Day

- 5:00pm Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Fran Szumowski
(Joan Hamann)
†Edward Feddor, Sr. (Theresa Feddor)
†Nick Bouzios (Janina)
†Jan Turek (Janina)

Sunday, November 3, 2019

- 7:30am All deceased members of the Dybicz Family (Family)
†Urban & Connie Zielinski (Clara Wiatrak)
†Bob Borik (Bob & Barb Mikulecky)
9:30am †James Thorpe (Family)
†Caitlin van der Westhuizen (Beemsterboer Family)
†George "Al" Heinz (Pat Perepechko)
†Karen Lee Gricus (Altar & Rosary Society)
†Dorothy Krygowski (Altar & Rosary Society)
11:30am †Walter Marciniak (Family)
†Florence Wilk (John Rosenthal)
†Stephanie Gora (Family)

Monday, November 4, 2019

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

- 8:00am Health & Birthday blessings for Jacob Petrosky (Robin Battung)
†Charles DeLauriea (Darlene & Joe DeYoung)

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

- 8:00am Health & Birthday blessings for Arlene Wilus (Mary Kolimas)
†Christa Antonaitis (Carmen Duran)

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

- 8:00am †Kristen K. Egan (Quinn Markham)

Thursday, November 7, 2019

- 8:00am †Kathy Arvetis (Husband)
†Michael & Josephine Kompanowski (Elaine McCarthy)

Friday, November 8, 2019

- 8:00am †Karol Marzec, Joanna Marzec, Jan Szkodon and their parents
(Ilona Szkodon)
†Nancy Webb (Joanne Tishka)

Saturday, November 9, 2019

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

- 8:00am For all Parishioners, Living and Deceased (42)
5:00pm †Colette "Cookie" Findysz (Mary Kruzel)
†Esther Margetes (Arlene Scaletta)
†Nancy Catizone (Angie & son Andrew Sorice)

Sunday, November 10, 2019

- 7:30am In Thanksgiving for Blessings received for the Wolniak Family
(Family)
Health & Birthday blessings for Dominick Battung
(Rosario Battung)
†Frank F. Pidal (Arlene Scaletta)
9:30am Health & all the Lord's blessings for Patrick Carmody (Fr. Idzi)
†James Thorpe (Family)
†George "Al" Heinz (Pat Perepechko)
†Ray Oracki (Ray & Mary Lou Kolasinski)
†Nancy Catizone (Carmella Sorice)
11:30am †Tony Pecelunas (Jim & Tricia Ramazinski)
†Carmen Ramirez (Chris Doherty)
1:00pm Baptisms



Prayer

*There are in the end three things that last:
Faith, Hope, and Love, and the greatest of
these is LOVE.*

Ignatius Battiato
Mary Bieser
Dorothy Bogumil
Fr. Ted Bojczuk
Pat Carmody
Michael Clifford
Florence Comiso
Norma De Stefano
Chris Doherty
Juan Figueroa
Carol Golab
Carol Gress
Suzann Gunter
Kathy Haars
Megan High
Dawn Hoyt
Heather Hradek
Denise M. Jandura
Rich S. Jandura
Joan Juris
Lee Karpinski
Dennis Kline
Antoinette Kloppman
Walter Kokoszka, Sr.
Claudia Kwilosz
Norman Kwilosz
James Lapsansky

Donna Lauritzen
Domenico Lepore
Debbie Lipien
John Martini
Lou Mackey
Kathleen McAuliffe
Thomas Minnich
Christine Mosqueda
Genevieve Nagle
Florence Panzarella
Baby Alexander J Pentz
Gi Gi Picciolini
Marie Pratt
Ann Robertson
Edward Robertson
Fr. John Rudnik
Joseph Rudnik
Gloria Schillings
Coltyn Schmidt
Kristyn Schmidt
Joseph Serpico
Chalida Svatisalee
Terry Styka
Mary Thorpe
George Trendle
Barb Ziegler
Michelle

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family.
Please let us know when to remove a name.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Sgt. Jaime A. Acosta, USMC
Sgt. Ted Bartelmey
CS-1 Joel Battung
1st Sgt. Chas. Berglund, USMC
Sgt. Naveen Bobba, USMC
Sgt. Arthur A. Boruch, National Guard
Hospitalman Blythe A. Cisneros, USN
Airman Carlos Cisneros, USAF
Sgt. Frank Cisneros, USMC
Corpsman Nicholas J. Cundari-USN
Captain Kevin Dobbyn, US Army
Sgt. John Flores, IL National Guard
Staff Sgt. Andrew Gaca, USAF

Sgt. Michael Hough, US Army
Anthony Johaniewicz, US Navy
Corporal Noah M. Konie, USMC
Lance Corp. Tim Lisenko, USMC
Trevor Lutz, US Army
Corporal Zachary Maderak, USMC
Private Joseph M. Mikutis, USMC
Pvt 1st Class Daniel Morales, US Army
SPC Alex Ramos
Staff Sgt. Abel Sandoval, USMC
WO-1 Richard Sabeske, US Army
Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Stuhlmacher
1LT Zachary White, IL Army NG

Join us for Bible Study every Thursday
evening beginning at 7pm in the Parish
Office meeting room. For more information
please call the office at 773.767.1523.

**HOLY
BIBLE**



In the Gospel today, Zacchaeus accepts our Lord joyfully; and the sign of his acceptance is his open house and his resolution to give half of his goods to the poor.

Through your gift to Society of St. Vincent de Paul you also show your acceptance of our Lord by joyfully sharing your goods with your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.

St. Vincent de Paul phone number: (773) 682-3342

Let us pray...

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Fritz Plank