

AFTER JESUS WAS BAPTIZED,
HE CAME UP FROM THE WATER AND BEHOLD,
THE HEAVENS WERE OPENED FOR HIM,
AND HE SAW THE SPIRIT OF GOD
DESCENDING LIKE A DOVE
AND COMING UPON HIM.

MATTHEW 3:16



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 12, 2020

SAINT SYMPHOROSA PARISH

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Renew My Church: Divine Providence and Waiting on the Holy Spirit

Our Grouping Feedback & Discernment Team presented to the Executive Committee of the Renew My Church Commission last week. It was a very good discussion about the local realities of our parishes and communities.

Next Steps

1. The Executive Committee will form a recommendation for the full Renew My Church Commission.
2. The Commission will convene and discuss the recommendation, ensuring that the Grouping Team's feedback and the foundational principals for structural viability and vitality have been fully considered.
3. Per Canon Law (i.e., Church law), the Commission forwards the recommendation to the Presbyteral Council (an elected body of priests) for their consultation with Cardinal Cupich.
4. The Cardinal will discuss the recommendation with the Presbyteral Council and after this consultation, the Cardinal will make a final decision.
5. We expect to learn of the Cardinal's decision in **late January / early February**. As more details emerge specific to timing, we will share that with everyone.



What are we to do as we wait? When we feel that so much hangs in the balance? When we are uncertain as our Lord calls us to step out onto the water and meet Him? St. Paul tells us very directly: **“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.” (1 Th 5: 16-17)**

Pray for Cardinal Cupich, our bishops, the Presbyteral Council, St. Rene Goupil Parish, St. Symphorosa and the lay faithful who are leading the work of renewal within our archdiocese.

And remember that no matter what the future holds, our Lord already holds us. We are instruments of His grace and He will use us to make disciples, build communities, and inspire witness.

As always, for more information, visit RenewMyChurch.org.



It is with a warm heart and a large smile I would like everyone to extend their thanks and appreciation to **Kathy Pacino, Margaret Scanlon and Arlene Wilus**. These three wonderful people have donated their time every Tuesday morning to clean our church. Through their act of love and labor every week our church continues to shine and look as beautiful as ever.

Words cannot fully express the gratitude that should be bestowed upon all three of you for your dedication. God will reward you for your kindness and time given to your parish. May God bless all three of you! Thank you so very much!

~Fr. Idzi

Parish Staff

Rev. Idzi Stacherczak
Pastor

Rev. Ted Bojczuk
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Norman Trela
Retired Priest

Ken Hilliard
Operations Director

Deacon Raul Duque
Music Director

Magdalan Barry
Parish Secretary

Nancy Markham
Office Coordinator

Judy Banasiak
Religious Education
Coordinator

Kathy Berry
Principal

Chris Garza
Assistant Principal

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

Parish Office

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Parish School

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773-585-6888



Renew My Church Prayer

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.

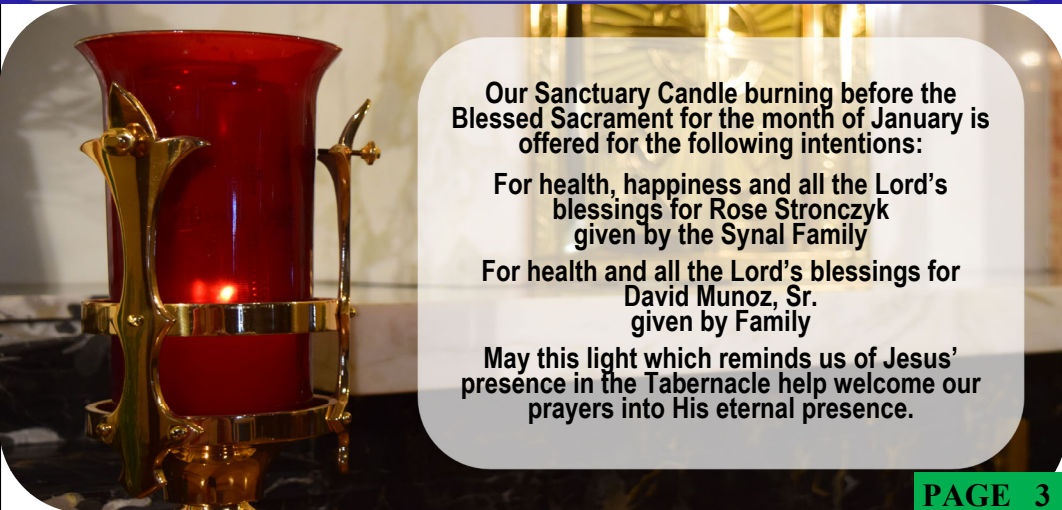
Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us to hear you clearly to listen to each other attentively to imagine our future boldly to discern your direction wisely to persevere in your holy will courageously

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.



On Sunday, January 5th, members of our Parish Faith Community, family and friends came together for our 3rd Annual International Christmas. Those gathered shared delicious food, fellowship, Christmas Carols and learned about other Christmas traditions and celebrations. May God continue to bless each of our families and the parish community of St. Symphorosa.



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

For health, happiness and all the Lord's blessings for Rose Stronczyk given by the Synal Family

For health and all the Lord's blessings for David Munoz, Sr. given by Family

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

St. Symphorosa Parish
Transformation Team
invites you to...



WHERE:

St. Symphorosa Sharp Center
62nd & Mason, Chicago, IL 60638

TIME:

Sunday, February 9, 2020
Doors open at 12:30pm
Games begin at 1:30pm

PRICE:

\$20 at the door includes one set of game cards
& jackpot coverall game

DETAILS:

14 Regular Games – Pays \$50 each

Special Split the Pot Game

Requires separate card - \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00
\$100 minimum prize guaranteed

Jackpot Coverall \$300 Minimum Guarantee

Rises to \$400 at 75 players and \$500 at 100 players

(2) 50/50 raffles one drawing at halftime and the second before
the coverall game. \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Tickets for pull tab games will be available at \$1.00 each

Prize money varies by type of pull tab.

Must be 18 years of age or older to participate



*Offerings for the
weekend of
December 29, 2019*

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

Contributions: \$6,035.25

Envelopes: 244

*Offerings for the weekend of
January 5, 2020*

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

Contributions: \$5,890.75

Envelopes: 285

Thank you for your support & generosity!



Split the Pot

December 29, 2019

Received this week: \$366

Winning envelope: #5465

January 5, 2020

Received this week: \$320

Winning envelope: #

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



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

All Saints' Day	\$15
All Souls' Day	\$8
Assumption	\$10
Building & Maintenance	\$1,815
Candle Money	\$1,857.36
Cath. Campaign for Human Development	\$21
Christmas	\$21,999
Christmas Flowers	\$2,204
Immaculate Conception	\$936
Parish Debt Reduction	\$629
Thanksgiving/St. Vincent de Paul	\$110
Religious Retirement	\$1,897
School Support	\$444
Sharing Parish (Maternity BVM)	\$8
Solemnity of Mary	\$185
World Mission Sunday	\$60

Thank you for your kindness & generosity!



St. Symphorosa
Catholic School



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WWW.STSYMPHOROSA.ORG

Catholic Schools Week Open House

Sunday, January 26, 2020

11:00am-1:00pm

*Come see our school, meet our teachers, and learn more about how St.
Symphorosa can provide your child with Faith, Family, and Academic
Excellence.*



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ST. SYMPHOROSA IS A FAMILY CELEBRATING FAITH

**St. Symphorosa
2019 Contribution
Statements**

If you would like a statement
of your contributions for
2019, please call the Parish
Office at 773.767.1523 to
request one.

You may also email at
symphorosa@comcast.net.
The statement can be picked
up in person with a photo ID
or emailed to you. Thank you.

St. Symphorosa

December School News

1st grade performed their Christmas Play! Mrs. Green taught them about Agriculture and the 'Three Sisters'.

Grade 5 at Family Mass. The children were involved in the readings, petitions and offertory.

4th grade students performed Reader's Theater plays.

The preschool and kindergarten saw Mrs. Claus the musical at the Beverly Art Center which helped our students learn that the true meaning of Christmas is in your heart.

Sixth grade boys enjoying time together at the sixth grade breakfast.

Mrs. Green brought "Agriculture in the Classroom" by teaching the second graders lessons about corn. Thank you, as always!

The 7th grade celebrated their graduation from G.R.E.A.T with Officer Perez.

Eighth graders showing charity by making cards for their fourth grade "jingle" buddies.

Third graders were excited to make candy cane reindeer and sing "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" to their sixth grade Jingle Buddies.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 11, 2020

5:00pm †Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Baptism of the Lord

7:30am †Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

†Claude Wiatrak (*Wife Clara*)

9:30am †Dorothy Harvey (*St. Symphorosa Super Club*)

†James Dunne (*Gia Palm*)

11:30am †Patrick McGrath (*McGrath Family*)

Monday, January 13, 2020

Saint Hilary, Bishop

8:00am Healing, Peace & Grace for Mary McTernan
(*Loving Family*)

†Nick Bouzios (*Janina*)

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

8:00am †Jane Loye (*Phil Kujawa*)

†John Kolimas (*Mary Kolimas*)

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

8:00am Continued Hope and Blessings for
Ashley & Brandon Fearnheyough (*Mom*)

Thursday, January 16, 2020

8:00am †Andrzej Z. Nawalaniec (*Nancy Markham*)

†Rosa Cicchino (*Rosa Rodriguez*)

†Antonette Crescenzo (*Barbara Ann Rendak*)

†Daniel Plewa (*Barbara Ann Rendak*)

Friday, January 17, 2020

Saint Anthony, Abbot

8:00am †Bob Kolimas (*Mary Kolimas*)

Saturday, January 18, 2020

8:00am For All Parishioners, Living and Deceased (5)

5:00pm †Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

†Robert Johnson (*Family*)

Sunday, January 19, 2020

7:30am †Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

†George Simon (*Arlene Scaletta*)

9:30am †Rich and Millie Newtoff (*Family*)

†James Thorpe (*Family*)

11:30am †Joseph Slowinski (*Daughters and Families*)



*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
Norma De Stefano
Chris Doherty
Juan Figueroa
Carol Golab
Carol Gress
Suzann Gunter
Kathy Haars
Megan High
Susie Hoyt
Heather Hradek
Denise M. Jandura
Rich S. Jandura
Joan Juris
Lee Karpinski
Dennis Kline
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
Marilyn Polit
Marie Pratt
Ann Robertson
Edward Robertson
Fr. John Rudnik
Joseph Rudnik
Coltyn Schmidt
Kristyn Schmidt
Joseph Serpico
Chalida Svatisalee
Joyce Stalmack
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 Johanievicz, 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



After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

Have you considered joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that you can live your Baptism more fully?

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



E-Giving (Electronic Giving)

One Stop. One Source. One Solution.

After the 2019 State of the Parish presentation, several parishioners expressed an interest in increasing their donation through e-giving. For those of you interested in increasing your donation, we ask that you please contact Nancy Markham in the parish office. Nancy will be happy to help you with this task as the platform used for e-giving has been updated recently and may look different from your initial sign on. If you would like to register for e-giving please follow the directions below.

Since e-giving is compatible with any computer, smartphone or tablet, you can create an online account and give a single donation or even schedule a series of donations, based on your budget, directly from your checking account or by using your debit or credit card.

Our online E-Giving URL address is: <https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/stsymphorosa>

Visit the above website or you can visit our Parish Website at "stsymphorosa.org" and click on the "Donate" tab. Please follow the directions online. It's simple!

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at **773.767.1523** and we will be glad assist you.