



## SAINT SYMPHOROSA PARISH

*A Family Celebrating Faith*  
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A collage of four photographs showing students in various school settings: a girl looking through a microscope, a group of boys running happily, a girl in a lab coat using a pipette, and a boy and girl studying together. In the center is a circular logo for 'CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' with a colorful cross. The logo's outer ring contains the text 'Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service' and 'CNSCE' at the bottom. At the bottom of the collage, the text 'JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 1, 2020' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The background of the collage features a faint line drawing of a church building.

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

In the gospel this Sunday Jesus meets people while they doing their ordinary daily work of fishing and mending their nets on the sea shore. They weren't on their knees praying in the temple or the synagogue. Jesus called these men by their own names, so he must have seen them before and known them. Today in the same way, Jesus continues to call us by our name. In the Old Testament, there are two beautiful pieces of scripture through which God says, *I have called you by your name, you are mine* and that *I have written your name on the palms of my hands*. This is how personally and intimately God knows and loves each of us.

Jesus calls us wherever we are, regardless of who are. Each of is called by Jesus. He breaks into our world through our ordinary daily lives and activities. Jesus has not stopped calling people to follow him. Today we are the ones he looks at, calls by name and says, *'Come follow me.'* Those in the gospel dropped everything they were doing and followed Jesus when he called them. This was all very sudden and dramatic. Our response may not be as quick and decisive. But it doesn't need to be. We all follow Jesus at our own pace, in our time and in our own way.

The important thing to remember and realize is that Jesus never stops calling us by our name. He is still inviting us to follow him with these words, *if you want to be disciple, come, take up your cross and follow me*.

After Jesus called these men and women to follow he sent them out in his name to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God. He sent them



out in *his* name, not their own. Today we are the ones who are not only called, we are also sent out to proclaim the gospel through how we live; through what we say and what do.

This very day Jesus is calling you by your name, what is *your* response?

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This Sunday marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. This is a week long annual celebration of Catholic education within the United States. The theme for this year is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

I would like to personally extend a very warm invitation to visit our own school this Sunday, January 26, 2019 for an Open House in honor of the beginning of this week long celebration.

St. Symphorosa School uses many teaches tools, including the use of some of the newest technology to teach our youth. Our teachers are some of the best in the area and our students also benefit from the opportunity of a well organized athletics program.

St. Symphorosa School will be open from 11am to 1pm with an opportunity to meet faculty and other staff members.

Thank you,  
Fr. Idzi



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 January is for the Promotion of World Peace.

**We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.**

### 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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Chicago, Illinois 60638  
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## 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.

## Project Linus

*Providing Security Through Blankets*



### National Make A Blanket Day

Saturday, February 15, 2020

Sharp Center from 9am-1pm

Project Linus is a National Organization devoted to making blankets for children of all ages in crisis situations.

The Southwest Chicagoland Chapter will be making "no sew" fleece blankets on this day. They will teach you how to make these blankets and ask only that you donate two 1.5 yard pieces of fleece fabric. One print suitable for a child up to 18 years of age, and the other a coordinating solid. Please bring fabric scissors for your personal use. Each blanket takes about 1 1/2 hours to complete.

New handmade quilts and crochet blankets can be donated on this day too.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary at [mmmda32@aol.com](mailto:mmmda32@aol.com)



**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 Stroncsek 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.**



## SAVE THE DATE

On Monday, February 3, 2020 members of the "Renew My Church" team from the Archdiocese as well as both St. Symphorosa and St. Rene Parishes are asked to gather at 7pm. This gathering is to inform all parishioners of the final decision for our grouping. More information will be printed in next weekend's bulletin.



*Offerings for the weekend of  
January 19, 2020*

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

**Contributions: \$4,252.35**

**Envelopes: 180**

*Thank you for your support & generosity!*



**Split the Pot**

**January 19, 2020**

**Received this week: \$200**

**Winning envelope: #3220**

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

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



### WHERE:

St. Symphorosa Sharp Center  
62<sup>nd</sup> & 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*

**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**

**NO LONG TERM PARKING  
WHEN SNOW IS  
OVER 2 INCHES**

## TOW ZONE

With the cold weather and snow upon us, the parish office would like to remind all parishioners that overnight and long term parking in any church parking lot is not allowed. Parking like this makes it difficult for our plowing company to plow the lot and make it accessible for all. Please contact the parish office if you have any concerns. Thank you for your cooperation.

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](mailto:symphorosa@comcast.net). The statement can be picked up in person with a photo ID or emailed to you. Thank you.

# YEAR IN REVIEW 2019

My Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we begin this new year, there is no better opportunity than the present to look back at the many activities and programs that were led by our Parish Transformation Team in 2019.

I would like to thank and recognize the members of this team for their energy, commitment, and dedication to our parish community: Taura Basulto, Janine Brzezicki, Tom DeRose, Nincy Giron, Lara Hess, Mary Lou Kolasinski, Ray Kolasinski, Ceil Kucinsky, Arlene Wilus, Larry Wisniewski and Monica Wodke.

May God continue to bless you and your families in the New Year! On behalf of the entire St. Symphorosa Parish Family, thank you for all that you do!

~Fr. Idzi

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|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>International Christmas</b><br>(January) | <b>Luau BINGO!</b><br>(May)                              | <b>St. Francis Pet Blessing</b><br>(October)                        |
| <b>Valentine's BINGO</b><br>(February)      | <b>Spring Grounds<br/>Cleanup/Planting</b><br>(May/June) | <b>Oktoberfest BINGO!</b><br>(October)                              |
| <b>Paczki Sale</b><br>(February)            | <b>*Father's Day Memorial</b><br>(June)                  | <b>Veteran's Day Memorial</b><br>(November)                         |
| <b>Lenten Supper</b><br>(March)             | <b>*Latin Mass</b><br>(June)                             | <b>6<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday<br/>Extravaganza</b><br>(November) |
| <b>*Latin Mass</b><br>(April)               | <b>Feast of St. Symphorosa</b><br>(July)                 | <b>*Thanksgiving Food Drive</b><br>(November)                       |
| <b>Mother's Day Flower Sale</b><br>(May)    | <b>Patriot's Day Memorial</b><br>(September)             | <b>Parish Giving Tree</b><br>(December)                             |
| <b>*Mother's Day Memorial</b><br>(May)      |                                                          | <b>Cookbooks and Christmas<br/>Cards</b><br>(December)              |

*\*in partnership with the Parish Liturgy Team*

## Mass Intentions for the Week



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

**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

### **Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle**

5:00pm †Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)  
†Greg Golab (*Mom & Dad*)  
†Esperanza Escamilla (*Hilda Escamilla*)  
†Bob & Steve Reiser (*Barbara Reiser*)  
†Anita Toczylowski Chainey  
(*Wodke and Toczylowski Families*)

**Sunday, January 26, 2020**

### **Catholic Schools Week Begins**

7:30am †Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)  
†George Simon (*Mary Thorpe*)  
†Carolyn Morgan (*Dad, Ray*)  
†Joe & Loretta Paciga (*Niemczyk Family*)  
9:30am †Raymond Pieczynski-20th Anniversary of his passing  
(*Family*)  
†Susan Cambron & Philip Pieczynski (*Family*)  
†James Thorpe (*Family*)  
11:30am †Estelle Cyrnek (*Valerie & Dave*)

**Monday, January 27, 2020**

### **St. Angela Merici, Religious Founder**

8:00am †Penny Uram (*Barbara Rendak*)

**Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

### **St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest**

8:00am †Virginia Rich (*Arlene Scaletta*)

**Wednesday, January 29, 2020**

8:00am †June I. Crowley (*Diana Schmidt*)

**Thursday, January 30, 2020**

8:00am †John Plewa (*Barbara Rendak*)  
†Amanda Jarosz (*Maggie Barry & Family*)

**Friday, January 31, 2020**

### **Saint John Bosco, Priest**

8:00am †Charles DeLauriea (*Lorraine DeLauriea*)

**Saturday, February 1, 2020**

8:00am Health and all the Lord's blessings for Jonathan Temple  
(*Mary Shilney*)

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

**Sunday, February 2, 2020**

### **The Presentation of the Lord**

7:30am †Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)  
†George Simon (*Mary Thorpe*)  
†Joe & Josephine Dyniakoski (*Niemczyk Family*)  
9:30am †James Thorpe (*Family*)  
†Dorothy Bogumil (*Kolasinski Family*)  
†Mary Nevills (*St. Symphorosa Altar & Rosary Society*)  
11:30am †Geraldine F. Kostka (*Jim & Tricia Ramazinski*)

Ignatius Battiato  
Mary Bieser  
Fr. Ted Bojczuk  
Pat Carmody  
Michael Clifford  
Norma De Stefano  
Chris Doherty  
Juan Figueroa  
Carol Golab  
Carol Gress  
Suzann Gunter  
Kathy Haars  
Megan High  
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  
Brian Styka  
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



In this Sunday's Gospel, we find that Jesus "...went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people."

**This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to proclaim the good news of the kingdom to the poor by providing food and every day necessities to those in need within our parish.**

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

*Let us pray...*

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

*Dorothy Bogumil  
Mary Nevills*