

MARCH 1
2020



First Sunday
of
Lent

ONE DOES NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE,
BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES
FORTH FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.

~ MATTHEW 4:4

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



On Wednesday we began the season of Lent which is our preparation for the Easter celebration of Jesus' resurrection. It is a time in imitation of Jesus spending forty days in the desert. Jesus fasted in the desert, and overcame the devil's temptations.

Lent is an invitation to us to take the courageous step of "going into the desert" and not hiding from what lies hidden deep within us. Lent is a time to put our souls before a mirror and see ourselves as we really are. Lent is an invitation to allow our sin and darkness and wounds come to the surface so that we can deal with them and allow them to be healed by the grace of Jesus.

During these forty days of Lent, we do not hide from our sinfulness or prevent God speaking to us or healing us during this Lent. During Lent we say no to the devil's temptations to continue committing sin, and instead we trust in our heavenly Father like Jesus in the desert. The words of Jesus can be our words this Lent, "Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matt 4:4) Lent is not only about helping others, about doing something, it is also very much about the type of person we are.

Since the early centuries the Church has suggested three things that we undertake during Lent - prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is for this reason that the Gospel text for Ash Wednesday every year is Jesus' advice on prayer, fasting and almsgiving (Matt 6:1-6, 16-18).

During Lent we want to pray more, fast and help the poor.

Lent is a time for more prayer. We live busy lives and there is much emphasis on enjoying life but a life without prayer is a life without the joy of the presence of God. If we do not pray we are not Christians at full potential; we are only walking when we could be flying. Martha was busy serving when Jesus came but Mary spent time with him and Jesus said, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." (Luke 10:41-42) Lent is not only about helping others and doing something, it is also very much about the type of person that we are. We pray because all goodness comes from God and when we pray we touch God.

Fasting is a penance the Church encourages us to undertake during Lent. From the spiritual point of view, fasting symbolizes our dependence on God. It expresses the fact that we really are trying to put God first in our life. The Bible tells us that fasting from food must go together with fasting from violence and fasting from oppressing people (Isa 58:3-12).

In other words, when we fast from food it is to be accompanied by a loving and forgiving attitude towards others. We could say that fasting from food in itself is not what is important, it is what the fasting symbolizes that really matters. So to fast in a way that is

genuinely pleasing to God, can we make an effort to forgive those who have hurt us and not harbor resentment any longer?

For almsgiving or helping the poor, the Church makes it easy for us by giving us the opportunity to contribute to Catholic aid agencies. Helping the poor during Lent brings the words of Jesus to mind, "Whatever you did to one of the least of these you did to me." (Matt 25:45)

The word "Lent" is an old English word which means "springtime." May this Lent really be a new springtime in the lives of each of us. Through prayer, through fasting from food accompanied by forgiving others and not bearing grudges, and through donating from our surplus to help the poor, may we like Jesus in the desert for forty days overcome temptation and thus be well prepared to celebrate Easter.

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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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Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

The Southwest Chicagoland Chapter of Project Linus would like to thank everyone who attended their recent “National Make a Blanket Day” held on February 15th. With the great outpouring of support and generosity the event supplied the organization with 448 blankets. These blankets will be heading to Christ Hospital, Little Company of Mary Hospitals and to Catholic Charities.

Thank you once again to the entire community in and surrounding St. Symphorosa Parish for their ongoing support of this event.



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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.



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

For repose of the soul of Stanley Novak
given by the Hess & Novak Family

For the repose of the souls of Mary Szlembarski &
Tony Bojarski
given by Barbara Rendak

For the repose of the souls of Richard Merda &
Philip Scaletta
given by Arlene Scaletta

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



St. Symphorosa Parish Lenten Mission

“The Two Ways: The Way of Life and the Way of Death”

presented by Fr. Bob Regan

Monday, March 2 - Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 7pm in the Church

Fr. Bob Regan is currently the pastor of St. Rene Goupil Church. He is a native of Berwyn, Illinois and a graduate of St. Leonard Grammar School, Morton West High School, Northern Illinois University, and the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary.

Ordained in May 2015, Fr. Regan served as associate pastor for three years at St. Julie Billiart Parish in Tinley Park before being named pastor at St. Rene. He most recently completed a three-year spiritual director certification process through the Institute for Priestly Formation out of Creighton University.

Fr. Regan’s theme for the 2020 Lenten Mission is “The Two Ways: The Way of Life and the Way of Death.” Figuring prominently into his reflection is the Parable of the Prodigal Son. There really are only two ways to walk in life – toward God and away from God. Lent gives us an opportunity to take an honest look about the direction of our respective lives.

Prior to rediscovering his call to the priesthood, Fr. Regan worked 15+ years in the newspaper business; mainly on the editorial side but also some years in advertising. As a young boy, he grew up caddying at Riverside Golf Club and had the opportunity to caddie in the 1984 and 1986 Western Open in Oak Brook. His love for the game continues today. During his newspaper days, he was the writer who came up with former NFL running back Michael Turner’s nickname “The Burner,” when Turner played for Northern Illinois University before two pro stints (San Diego and Atlanta).



St. Symphorosa Parish will be hosting a Life Line Screening event on Monday, March 2, 2020. The event will be held in the school building located at 6125 S Austin Ave.

Please preregister by going online at www.lifelinescreening.com or by calling 1.800.718.0961.

STATIONS — OF THE — CROSS

*We adore you, O Christ,
and we bless you.
Because by your holy cross
you have redeemed the world.*

Join us every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the church as we pray the Stations of the Cross together.



Split the Pot

February 23, 2020

Received this week: \$320

Winning envelope: #1525

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



***Offerings for the weekend
of February 23, 2020***

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

Contributions: \$5,602.00

Envelopes: 266

Thank you for your support & generosity!



**Dates: January 1, 2020 to
February 9, 2020**

**Transactions: 219
Amount: \$6,481.00**



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

Ash Wednesday	\$10
Building & Maintenance	\$2,156
Candle Money	\$1,466.81
Christmas	\$20
Church in Latin America	\$15
Easter Flowers	\$10
Immaculate Conception	\$5
Parish Debt Reduction	\$671
School Support	\$457
Solemnity of Mary	\$22

Thank you for your kindness & generosity!



We're raising money for St. Symphorosa School, and we need your help! Shop Boon Supply's collection of reusable bags and eco-friendly home products. Catalogs can be picked up in the St. Symphorosa Parish Office.

Catalog orders must be turned in by March 12, 2020. Or shop online at www.boonsupply.com/707110



St. Symphorosa Altar & Rosary Society

When: Saturday, March 14th & Sunday, March 15th
Where: The St. Symphorosa Gathering Space
Time: After all weekend Masses

Please help support the members of the Altar & Rosary Society as they work to raise funds for needs within our church.



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 8th at 2 am.



St. Symphorosa Parish Transformation Team presents

Lenten Supper Fish Fry

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Social Hall – Sharp Center
5940 West 62nd Street
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February 28, March 6, March 13,
March 20, March 27 and April 3

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THE JOY OF LENT

DAILY REFLECTIONS

Monday, March 2, 2020

Love without Limit

Readings: Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Matt 25:31-46

Scripture: "When did we see you a stranger and welcome you or naked and clothe you?" (Matt 25:38)

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Shattered Bonds

Readings: Isa 55:10-11; Matt 6:7-15

Scripture: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful. . . So shall my word be. (Isa 55:10a, 11a)

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Sitting among Ashes

Readings: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32

Scripture: They proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small put on a sackcloth. (Jonah 3:5b)

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Carved Anew

Readings: Esth C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matt 7:7-12

Scripture: When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me. (Ps 138:3)

Friday, March 6, 2020

Reaching Out of the Depths

Readings: Ezek 18:21-28; Matt 5:20-26

Scripture: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice! (Ps 130:1-2a)

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Today

Readings: Deut 26:16-19; Matt 5:43-48

Scripture: Today you are making this agreement with the Lord; he is to be your God and you are to walk in his ways. (Deut 27:17a)

Sunday, March 8, 2020

A Tender Attentiveness

Readings: Gen 12:1-4a; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Matt 17:1-9

Scripture: But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." (Matt 17:7)

MENU

Fried Fish Dinner \$10.00

Two breaded Pollack filets, french fries, coleslaw & slice of bread with butter

Bowl of Homemade Soup served with bread & butter \$4.00

o Potato o Mushroom

Homemade Potato Pancakes (3 per order) \$5.00

o Apple Sauce o Sour Cream

Pierogi (4 per order) \$4.00

o Potato o Sweet Cheese o Fruit o Mushroom

Grilled onions? o Yes o No

Homemade Mac n Cheese \$4.00

Served with a Slice of Bread & Butter

Kid's Meal \$5.00

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Chips, Apple Slices, Cookie and Juice Box served on a frisbee

Tossed Salad \$2.00

o Italian Dressing o Ranch Dressing

Soft Drinks \$1.00

o Coke o Diet Coke o Sprite o Bottled Water

Hot Beverages (Complimentary)

o Coffee o Tea

Dine In or Take Out!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 29, 2020

5:00pm †Daniel O'Keefe (Nancy Markham)
†Bernard Sajdak (Family)
†Janet & Steve Molnar (Hohm Family)

Sunday, March 1, 2020

7:30am Health & birthday blessings for Corazon Santiago
(Rosario Battung)
†Dorothy Bogumil (Marge Garbacz)
†Janet & Steve Molnar (Hohm Family)
†Mary Gleason (Kathy Hynes)
†John Rosenthal (Kathy Hynes)
9:30am †Lillian Gaydos (St. Symphorosa Altar & Rosary Society)
†Dorothy Bogumil (St. Symphorosa Altar & Rosary Society)
†Mary Nevills (St. Symphorosa Super Club)
†Colleen Strock (Kolasinski Family)
11:30am †John & Cathy Ryan (Cathy & Pat Carone)

Monday, March 2, 2020

8:00am †Joseph Loduca (Family)
7:00pm Parish Lenten Mission

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Saint Katharine Drexel

8:00am †Joseph Filipiak (Son & Daughter)
†Mary Szlembarski (Barbara Rendak)
7:00pm Parish Lenten Mission

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Saint Casimir

8:00am †Tony Bojarski (Barbara Rendak)
7:00pm Parish Lenten Mission

Thursday, March 5, 2020

8:00am †Carol Golab (Arlene Scaletta)

Friday, March 6, 2020

8:00am †Kathy Arvetis (Husband)
†Thomas Czuprynski (Schmidt Family)

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Saint Perpetua

Saint Felicity

8:00am †Chalida Svastisalee (Smets & Svastisalee Families)
†Domingo Battung, Sr. (Rosario Battung)
†Remedios Ramirez & all the Poor Souls in Purgatory
(Rosario Battung)
5:00pm †Janet & Steve Molnar (Hohm Family)
†Frank Richards (Family)
†Robert Johnson (Family)

Sunday, March 8, 2020

7:30am †Janet & Steve Molnar (Hohm Family)
†Carolyn Andruscavage (Nancy Markham)
†Mary Lou Madej (Husband Ray)
9:30am †Dorothy Rzasa (Donna Holmes & Family)
†Chalida Svastisalee (Ray & Mary Lou Kolasinski)
†Jan Kukulka (Family)
†Maria Krol (Family)
11:30am †Rosa Munoz (St. Symphorosa Transformation Team)



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

Ignatius Battiato
Mary Bieser
Fr. Ted Bojczuk
Pat Carmody
Michael Clifford
Norma De Stefano
Chris Doherty
Juan Figueroa
Carol Gress
Suzann Gunter
Kathy Haars
Megan High
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Walter Kokoszka, Sr.
Claudia Kwilosz
Norman Kwilosz
James Lapsansky
Donna Lauritzen
Domenico Lepore
Debbie Lipien
Maria & Martinez Family

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
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.

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Sgt. Jaime A. Acosta, USMC
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Lent is a call to "give alms for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.
Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

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



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 March is for Catholics in China.

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

New Parishioners: Welcome to our Parish! We are so happy to have you join us.
Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls: Please contact our Parish Office to make arrangements.
Sacrament of Baptism: Second & Fourth Sunday at 1:00pm in Church. Parent Preparation Session: First Thursday of every other Month at 6:00pm. Please contact Maggie in our Parish Office for assistance.
Marriages: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to the proposed date of your wedding. Please contact Maggie in our Parish Office for assistance.