

You are the

*light of
the world.*

A city set on a mountain
cannot be hidden.

Matthew 5:14

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February 9, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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RENEW MY CHURCH DECISION

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



63rd Street Renew My Church Grouping Update: February 3, 2020

The 63rd Street Renew My Church grouping includes St. Rene Parish and St. Symphorosa Parish and School.

Discernment Process

The 63rd Street Renew My Church grouping began the review and discernment process in spring 2019. The Grouping Feedback and Discernment Team, which was made up of members from each parish community, met to review and discern the future parish structure for the area. Based on their meetings and discussions with the larger parish community, they submitted a feedback report to the Archdiocesan Standards and Recommendations Commission, which included representatives from across the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Commission met to review the feedback report and other materials and information, including demographic data, financial summaries, and parish and grouping trends.

Outcome

Over the course of the past several weeks, Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, archbishop of Chicago, the archdiocese's auxiliary bishops, and the archdiocese's Presbyteral Council met to discuss the Commission's recommendation. Based upon those discussions and prayerful consideration, Cardinal Cupich made the following decisions regarding the grouping's structure.

St. Rene and St. Symphorosa will unite to form a new parish, effective July 1, 2020.

Both churches will continue to hold regularly scheduled Mass within the new parish. St. Symphorosa will be designated the parish church, where the business office and records are kept. St. Symphorosa School will serve as the parish school.

Parish leadership, as good stewards focused on mission imperatives of renewal, will continuously assess how its structures are serving the parish's mission. The sustainability of maintaining multiple campuses while fostering unity and the ability to grow mission outreach will be a focus going forward. To ensure discernment of this important subject continues, **Cardinal Cupich asks parish leadership to submit a formal evaluation each year with a final determination within three years regarding whether continuing to operate at two campuses best supports the new parish's mission and ministry or if focusing the parish at one campus will more effectively foster unity, steward parish resources, and grow mission outreach.**

Next Steps

Over the next few months, the archdiocese and the pastors will support the communities to transition to the new parish structure. Cardinal Cupich and Bishop Wypych are grateful for the parish and school leaders who gathered as a grouping team over the recent months.

The archdiocese's Priests' Placement Board will gather feedback on the gifts and skills needed in a pastor for the new parish and seek to recommend a candidate no later than mid-March.

Parish leadership and parishioners will discern possibilities for the name of the new parish, within guidelines provided by the archdiocese, and submit their considerations to Cardinal Cupich for his decision on the permanent name of each new parish.

The new parish will soon embark upon the next phase of the renewal process to become a stronger, more sustainable presence for the future capable of reaching more people in their work of making disciples of Jesus Christ, building communities with one another and inspiring witness in the world around us.

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

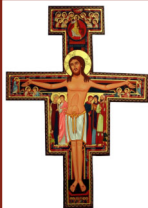
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Renew My Church Prayer

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



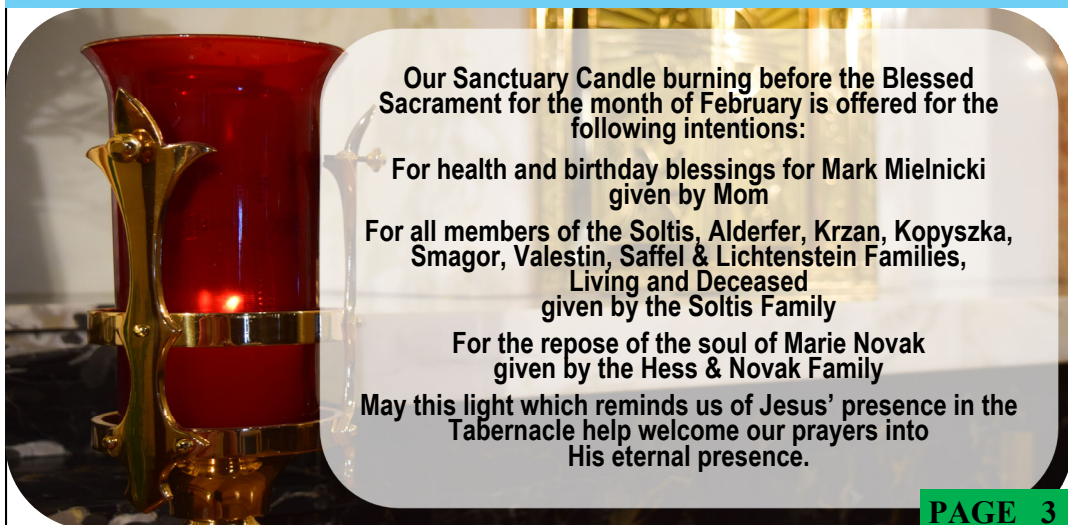
Our Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of February is offered for the following intentions:

For health and birthday blessings for Mark Mielnicki given by Mom

For all members of the Soltis, Alderfer, Krzan, Kopyszka, Smagor, Valetin, Saffel & Lichtenstein Families, Living and Deceased given by the Soltis Family

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

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





The eighth graders were working on activities for Catholic Schools Week



January School News

St. Symphorosa 2020



First grade enjoyed dojo reward day!



Fifth graders created "Superheroes of Science" research reports.



Seventh grade was enjoying an out of uniform day thanks to our guest principal Emilio Perez.



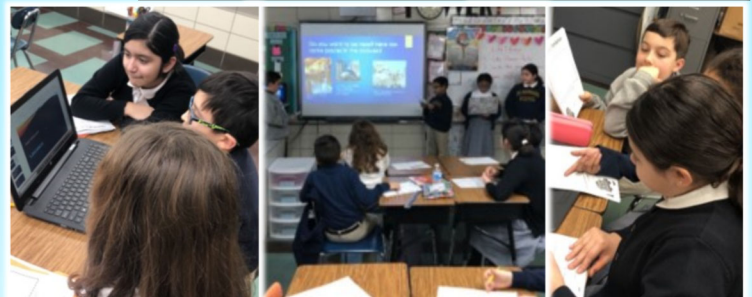
Sixth graders enjoying time with their Kindergarten buddies



Second graders made dioramas of their researched animal and its habitat.



Third and preschool buddies met during Catholic School's Week to listen to Mrs. Baisa read a Pete the Cat book. Then they had fun making sunglasses.



4th graders used technology to create Powerpoint presentations about the United States regions.



Kindergarten celebrated the beginning of 2020 with a "Noon Years" celebration at 12 noon, instead of midnight. Happy Noon Year to all!



This month, the preschool classes learned all about transportation and made their very own cards with their families! They even got to go to a "drive in" movie and get their "drivers licenses"!!!

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COME, FOLLOW ME...
and heal our world

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal



Please Make Your Gift to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

Come, follow me...and heal our world

Please spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal brochure that you received with your bulletin. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledged campaign commitment where you can make a gift payable in installments. A pledge is a promise to make a gift over a span of time.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer Jesus' call to "Come, follow me... and heal the world."

Once we reach our parish goal of **\$29,524** in paid pledges, any additional funds come back to our parish to help fund our needs.

If you received your pledge from in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend.



*Offerings for the
weekend of
February 2, 2020*

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

Contributions: \$6,569.00

Envelopes: 301

Thank you for your support & generosity!



Split the Pot

February 2, 2020

Received this week: \$320

Winning envelope: #7073

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

Bring Your Palms!

If you saved your blessed palm fronds from last year's Palm Sunday Mass, we kindly ask for you to place them in the provided baskets located in the gathering space of our church by Monday, February 24th. We will burn them to be used as ashes on Ash Wednesday.



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St. Symphorosa Parish

**Lenten Supper
Fish Fry**

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Social Hall – Sharp Center

**February 28, March 6, March 13,
March 20, March 27 and April 3**

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 8, 2020

St. Jerome Emiliani

St. Josephine Bakhita

5:00pm Health & all the Lord's blessings on the 25th Wedding Anniversary for Georgeann & Frank Losurdo (*Family*)
†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
†Robert Johnson (*Family*)

Sunday, February 9, 2020

7:30am †Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
†Elaine Scarbrough (*Mike & Debbie Soja*)
†Claude Wiatrak (*Wife Clara*)
†James Suchy (*Family*)
9:30am †Josephine Wodarczyk (*Barbara Rendak*)
†James Thorpe (*Family*)
†John Mielnicki (*Mielnicki Family*)
†Kazimiera Karbarz (*Koziar & Kowalski Families*)
11:30am †Carmen Ramirez (*Barry Family*)
†Bob T., John, Bob, Nick, Miriam & Mickie (*Soltis Family*)
†Arnold Anzaldúa - 6th Anniversary (*Family*)

Monday, February 10, 2020

St. Scholastica

8:00am Health & all the Lord's blessings for Pat Lynch (*Mary Kolimas*)
†Edward Feldhaus (*Family*)
†Chalida Svastisalee (*Smets & Svastisalee Families*)

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00am †Sophie Budz (*Barbara Rendak*)
†Maria Rodriguez Esparza (*Nancy Markham*)

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

8:00am †Monica Erpelo (*Erpelo Family*)

Thursday, February 13, 2020

8:00am †J. Robert Saffell (*Soltis Family*)
†Marian Stoch (*Family*)

Friday, February 14, 2020

St. Cyril, Monk

St. Methodius, Bishop

8:00am †Chuck DeLauriea (*Nancy Markham*)
†Rosa Cicchino (*Rosa Rodriguez*)
†John & Irene Simonelic (*Simonelic Family*)
†John Kolimas (*Mary Kolimas*)

Saturday, February 15, 2020

8:00am For all parishioners, Living and Deceased (8)
5:00pm †Marie Novak (*Hess & Novak Family*)
†Greg Nicpon (*Labno & Kocheny Families*)
†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
†Dorothy Bogumil (*Claire Moran*)

Sunday, February 16, 2020

7:30am †Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
†George Simon (*Pat Soltis*)
†Thomas & Mary Ciukaj (*Niemczyk Family*)
9:30am Health & birthday blessings for Marek Mielnicki (*Family*)
†Ann Calcagno (*Kathy Calcagno*)
†James Thorpe (*Family*)
†Malgorzata Stoch (*Family*)
11:30am †John & Irene Simonelic (*Simonelic Family*)
†Sam Miglieri (*Steve & Sally Ives*)

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

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

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.

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

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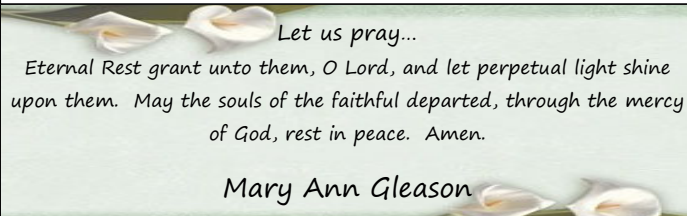
1LT Zachary White, IL Army NG



In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world," he is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds.

Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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 February is to Listen to the Migrants' Cries.

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.