

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Let us celebrate
with a feast,*

**because
this son
of mine
was dead,
and has
come to
life again;
he was lost,
and has been
found."**

Luke 15:23–24

SAINT SYMPHOROSA PARISH

A Family Celebrating Faith
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PLEASE JOIN OUR FIRST PARISH CONVERSATION ON *RENEW MY CHURCH*

I would personally like to invite you to join parish leadership team for our first Renew My Church parish conversation on ***Monday, September 16, 2019*** at ***6:30pm*** in the ***School Building located at 6125 S. Austin Ave.***

This will be an opportunity for us to come together as a parish to pray and to discuss this process. It will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have and learn some information about our grouping. It will also be an opportunity to gain answers to the rumors and gossip that has been spreading with this process. I look forward to seeing all of you on this evening with us.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Renew My Church is a faithful response to Christ's call to renew His Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago; it is a journey that is both spiritual (to re-encounter Jesus Christ as disciples and parish communities) and structural (to ensure our parishes have adequate resources for vitality).

Through Renew My Church initiatives, the Archdiocese will re-commit our local Church to our gospel commission to make disciples, build vital communities of faith and inspire witness to bring the light and hope of Christ to a world in need. These mission imperatives guide all that we do in and through the spiritual and structural efforts of renewal.

One initiative of Renew My Church is focused on increasing the vitality of our local communities. Cardinal Cupich has asked our parish to come together with the other parishes in our grouping to start a process of reflection, discernment, and planning to consider how we can collaborate and combine resources so that we are better equipped to bring Jesus Christ to the world today.

Our journey from now through December will entail collaborating with our neighbors to:

- ⇒ Assess the current situation in our community,
- ⇒ Understand the criteria and principles for our planning efforts,
- ⇒ Discuss possible scenarios for how our grouping's parishes and schools could be structured in the future,
- ⇒ Compile our feedback to share with Archdiocesan leadership and Cardinal Cupich

Let us hold each other, our school and the other parish community in our grouping in prayer as we enter this time of rededication to our faith in Jesus Christ and planning for the future.

As always, for more information, visit RenewMyChurch.org, or call the parish office.

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



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 September is for the Protection of the Oceans.

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

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

6125 S. Austin Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60638
773-585-6888

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



WHERE:

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

TIME:

Sunday, October 13, 2019

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

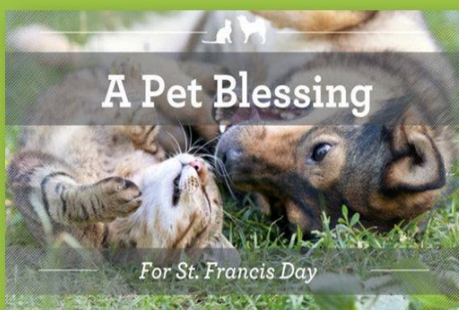
Our Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for
the month of September is offered for the following intentions:

For health and all the Lord's blessings for Linda Mielnicki
given by Mary Mielnicki

For the repose of the souls of the Karbarz, Kowalski, Koziar &
Stacherczak Families given by Family

For the repose of the souls of Mr & Mrs Huber
given by a Friend

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



Join us on
Saturday, October 5, 2019 – 11:00am
St. Symphorosa Parish
Church Parking Lot
(62nd & Austin)

Grab a special treat for your furry friend
from the Fido To Go Food Truck, take a chance
on some great raffle prizes and grab a snack at
our concession stand.



Need A Laugh???

Then Save the Date

Comedy, Comedy, Comedy

Sunday, Sept. 22, 2019

2:00 pm—4:30 pm

St. Rene Church's Flannery Hall

Come join St. Rene Church for an
afternoon of delight with comedian
VITO ZATTO

Expect a fun-filled afternoon

Tickets are \$15 each on sale in the St.
Rene Church narthex and the St. Rene
Parish Office (773.229.8523). This is a
BYOB event.



**Offerings for the weekend of
September 8, 2019**

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

**Contributions: \$5,073.75
Envelopes: 231**

**Thank you for your support &
generosity!**



Split the Pot

September 8, 2019

**Received this week: \$276.00
Winning envelope: # 3992**

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



**Dates: August 5, 2019
to August 25, 2019
Transactions: 107
Amount: \$2,587.00**

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



THERE IS
JOY
IN
HEAVEN
OVER
THOSE
WHO
REPENT



ANointing OF THE SICK

**COMMUNAL ANointing AND MASS FOR THE SICK
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019 AT 3PM**

WHO MAY BE ANointed?

- Anyone who is seriously sick and has not been recently anointed during the last six months.
- Anyone whose physical condition has worsened since their last anointing, no matter how recently.
- Anyone preparing for surgery in the near future.
- Anyone suffering from chronic (continuing) ailments, such as arthritis, diabetes, etc.
- Anyone who is growing older and feeling the weakening effect of growing older (especially senior citizens).

If you know of a neighbor or a friend who you think would like to participate, please do not hesitate to pass on this article. This Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation for that day.

If you yourself are interested, please fill out the following form and return to the parish office or in the contribution basket at Mass. You may also register by calling the Parish Office at (773)767-1523.

Pre-registration is not required but recommended. Thank you!

COMMUNAL ANointing REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this form as soon as possible.

I **WILL** attend the Anointing
of the Sick.

I am unable to attend but wish
to receive the sacrament at
HOME.

Full Name: _____

Age: _____

Telephone: _____



An Invitation to Join* the Roman Catholic Church through the RCIA Process

*or perhaps become fully initiated into the sacramental life of the Church.

If you are (or know someone who is):

- An adult who has never been baptized;
- An adult who was baptized in another denomination or faith tradition;
- An adult who is baptized Catholic but would like to complete his or her Sacraments of initiation (receive the Eucharist / celebrate your First Holy Communion; celebrate your Confirmation.

On Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7:00pm, our parish will begin the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process with the period of inquiry and questioning – there is no formal commitment at this time. The only requirement at this point is the desire to explore one's relationship with God through the Catholic Faith. In a supportive group setting, we will learn about the teachings of the Catholic Faith, share stories, and journey together toward greater intimacy with our God through the reception of the Sacraments.

For more information, contact our Parish Office at 773.767.1523 or via email at stsymsrcia@gmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Society



*Bundle
Sunday*

The St. Symphorosa St. Vincent de Paul Society will have their donation truck in the church parking lot at 62nd St. and Austin Avenue on **Saturday, Sept. 21** and **Sunday, Sept. 22**. The hours on Saturday will be from 4pm to 6:30pm and on Sunday from 6 am to 1pm. We can accept your gently used clothing and small kitchen items. **NO ELECTRONIC ITEMS OR FURNITURE (TV, computers, etc.) CAN BE ACCEPTED.**

Be sure to get your donation receipt for tax deduction purposes. Thank you for your generosity!!

St. Symphorosa School Celebrates the Feast of the Archangels



St. Symphorosa School will celebrate the Feast of the Archangels on Friday, September 27th at the 8am Mass. We are inviting all **POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS, PARAMEDICS** and EMTs to join us in celebration and prayer.

All police officers, firefighters, paramedics and EMTs in attendance are asked to begin lining up in our church gathering space at 7:45am for an opening procession.

Uniforms are optional, but the students love seeing our special protectors in their finest! Please join us for this very special annual event.



Patriot's Day Remembrance Prayer Service & First Responder Thank You

September 8, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 16, 2019

Saint Cornelius, Pope

Saint Cyprian, Bishop

8:00am †James Thorpe (*Pat Soltis*)
†Dr. John W. Shimkus (*Cheryl Shimkus*)

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop

8:00am †Andy Budz III (*Barbara Rendak*)
†Bob Kolimas (*Mary Kolimas*)
†David Dantzer (*Mike & Elaine Clifford*)

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

8:00am †Barbara Darragh (*Bill & Marilyn Sobczak*)
For a successful surgery for Mike Clifford (*Family*)

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Saint Januarius, Bishop

8:00am †John Neumann, Jr. (*Wife*)
†Robert Neumann (*Mother*)
†Ted Partynski (*Family*)

Friday, September 20, 2019

Saint Andrew Kim Taegön, Priest

Saint Paul Chông Ha-sang

8:00am †Kieran Normoyle (*Brian Markham*)

Saturday, September 21, 2019

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00am †Gloria J. Olejniczak (*Fran Fenton*)
5:00pm For health, peace and all the Lord's blessings for
Maria Lopez (*Dorothy*)
†Joseph Loduca (*John Kapusciaz*)
†Greg Golab (*Mom and Dad*)

Sunday, September 22, 2019

7:30am †John Soltis (*Soltis Family*)
†Claude Wiatrak (*Wife Clara*)
†Carolyn Madej (*Dad Ray*)
†Walter Marciniak (*Family*)
9:30am †Wm. Bojarski (*B. Rendak*)
†Alica Kouba (*Family*)
†James Thorpe (*Family*)
†George "Al" Heinz (*Carol & Phil Lauricella*)
11:30am †Jimmy Gillies (*Bill & Mary Skowronski*)
†Martha Gielow (*Silva Family*)



In Today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the shepherd rejoices when he finds one lost sheep. The story tells us that nothing and no one is insignificant to God who is compassionate and loving to all.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. . . WE WANT TO HELP!

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.

Edward Baley



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

Ignatius Battiato
Dorothy Bogumil
Fr. Ted Bojczuk
Pat Carmody
Michael Clifford
Florence Comiso
Norma De Stefano
Chris Doherty
Juan Figueroa
Geri Gestaut
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
Lori McCarthy
Kathleen McAuliffe
Thomas Minnich
Christine Mosqueda
Genevieve Nagle
Ray Oracki
Baby Alexander J Pentz
Gi Gi Picciolini
Marie Pratt
Ann Robertson
Edward Robertson
Fr. John Rudnik
Joseph Rudnik
Gloria Schillings
Coltyn Schmidt
Kristyn Schmidt
Chalida Svatisalee
Terry Styka
Mary Thorpe
Nancy Webb
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	Staff Sgt. Andrew Gaca, USAF
Sgt. Ted Bartelmey	Sgt. Michael Hough, US Army
CS-1 Joel Battung	Anthony Johaniewicz, US Navy
1st Sgt. Chas. Berglund, USMC	Lance Corp. Tim Lisenko, USMC
Sgt. Naveen Bobba, USMC	Trevor Lutz, US Army
Sgt. Arthur A. Boruch, National Guard	Corporal Zachary Maderak, USMC
Hospitalman Blythe A. Cisneros, USN	Pvt1st Class Daniel Morales, US Army
Airman Carlos Cisneros, USAF	SPC Alex Ramos
Sgt. Frank Cisneros, USMC	Staff Sgt. Abel Sandoval, USMC
Corpsman Nicholas J. Cundari-USN	WO-1 Richard Sobeske, US Army
Captain Kevin Dobbyn, US Army	Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Stuhlmacher
Sgt. John Flores, IL National Guard	1LT Zachary White, IL Army NG

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