

MARCH 15
2020



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Lent

A WOMAN OF SAMARIA
CAME TO DRAW WATER.
JESUS SAID TO HER,
"GIVE ME A DRINK."

~ JOHN 4:7

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Dear St. Symphorosa Parish and School Community members,

We have been monitoring the news about the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), particularly the cases identified in the Chicago area. The archdiocese has issued guidelines for worship services (printed in last weekend's bulletin) based on advice from public health authorities and we have joined with the Holy Father in praying for all affected by this epidemic.

We are writing today to share developments that may have an impact on some archdiocese facilities. The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) has recently confirmed a case of COVID-19 involving a staff member at Vaughn Occupational High School, a Chicago public school. The CDPH has stated that the immediate health risk to the general public from this case remains low. The CDPH recommended that anyone present at Vaughn School between February 25 and March 6 self-quarantine. The CDPH and CPS also advised that:

“People who were *not* at Vaughn between February 25 and March 6 do *not* have restrictions at this time, even if they have been in contact with someone at Vaughn. They can attend work and school, as long as they are not sick. This applies to:

- Family members, care providers or those who share a household with Vaughn students, staff, and service providers
- Students, faculty and staff at other schools or other members of the community who may have come into contact with members of the Vaughn community
- Students who shared the bus with Vaughn students”

Based on this guidance, and our own contacts with CDPH and Illinois Department of Public Health we are not closing archdiocese schools where a student or staff member has a connection with Vaughn.

We will follow the same guidance for other cases of secondary family exposure. Students and staff with a family member who might have had contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case will be allowed to attend work and school, as long as they are not sick.

The health and safety of our Parish and School communities is our first priority. We ask that you join us in protecting our community by following the guidance of public health authorities and your medical provider. It is critically important that our community share only trusted sources of information.

For the most reliable information, please visit:

- Chicago Department of Public Health www.chicago.gov/coronavirus CDPH has developed [an FAQ](#) that will be updated regularly as the situation develops.
- The Illinois Department of Public Health www.dph.illinois.gov
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

We will continue to follow the guidance of local, state, and federal health officials will update you as our situation changes or more information becomes available. Please email preparednessaoc@archchicago.org if you have concerns or questions of the archdiocese or the Office of Catholic Schools.

As a faith community, we must respond with compassion and prayer to everyone affected by the COVID-19 epidemic around the world, particularly those who do not have access to medical and community support. We will include these brothers and sisters in our prayers for the sick and those who have died. Please keep our community in your prayers and know that we are praying for you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop Ron Hicks
Vicar General

Dr. Jim Rigg
Superintendent, Office of Catholic Schools

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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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Lenten Taizé Prayer



In this reflective season of Lent, as we face the work and hectic activities of our busy lives, come and spend some quiet time, and enter into the contemplative rhythm of this hour of prayer. Hear God's word proclaimed, and join in prayer, quiet reflection, and singing the simple and beautiful chants and responses. This prayer centers our spirits and opens our hearts.

Why Should I Attend a Taizé Prayer Service?

If you long to quiet your mind, to find stillness, and to reestablish the connection with God, Taizé Prayer fosters an intimate and encompassing relationship with God. It offers tranquility, appreciation, connection, gratitude, hope and bliss. Contemplative and meditative prayer are long-established traditions in the Catholic faith.

Please join us at St. Rene Parish for a Lenten Taizé Prayer Service on Thursday, April 2, at 7pm.



St. Symphorosa Parish Transformation Team presents

Lenten Supper Fish Fry

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Social Hall – Sharp Center
5940 West 62nd Street
Chicago, IL 60638

March 20, March 27 and April 3

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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!



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 Szlebarski &
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.



Jacqueline Diaz and Supriya Jena, who have been involved in intense preparation through our parish RCIA program since September were recommended and sent forth by Fr. Idzi Stacherczak and the community of St. Symphorosa during the Rite of Sending on Sunday, March 8th at the 11:30am mass. That afternoon, Jackie and Supriya were presented to Bishop Andrew Wypych at the Rite of Election at Holy Name Cathedral. Bishop Wypych, in the name of Christ, called them to the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation on Holy Saturday evening at the Easter Vigil.

As a parish faith community, we congratulate Jackie and Supriya and assure them of our prayers as they continue their journey to the Easter Vigil.

THE JOY OF LENT
DAILY REFLECTIONS

Monday, March 16, 2020

Getting the Message

Readings: 2 Kgs 5:1-15a; Luke 4:24-30

Scripture: Send forth your light and your fidelity; they shall lead me on and bring me to your holy mountain, to your dwelling-place. (Ps 43:3)

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Living on Mercy

Readings: Dan 3:25, 34-43; Matt 18:21-35

Scripture: Peter Approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him?" (Matt 18:21a)

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Taking the Hint

Readings: Deut 4:1, 5-9; Matt 5:17-19

Scripture: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets." (Matt 5:17a)

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Unsurprised

Readings: 2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

Scripture: "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49b)

Friday, March 20, 2020

The Scent of Mercy

Readings: Hos 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

Scripture: His splendor shall be like the olive tree and his fragrance like the Lebanon cedar. (Hos 14:7b)

Saturday, March 21, 2020

What is Love?

Readings: Hos 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

Scripture: For it is love that I desire, not sacrifice, and knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. (Hos 6:6)

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Cost of Light

Readings: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14;

John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Scripture: Live as children of light. (Eph 5:8b)



Offerings for the weekend of March 8, 2020

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

Contributions: \$5,770.00

Envelopes: 246

Thank you for your support & generosity!



Split the Pot

March 8, 2020

Received this week: \$335

Winning envelope: #2536

Reminder: A minimum of \$5.00 is required 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



On Shrove Tuesday, February 25th, St. Symphorosa School attended a special prayer service in the church leading up to a quick step outside to burn last year's palms for use in this year's Ash Wednesday Services. Thank you to all who donated their old palms to keep this tradition going.



Super Club Raffle Winners for March are:

- Ted Curran, Jr. \$25
- George Kouba \$25
- Jorge Salazar \$50
- Kathleen Sears..... \$100

Congratulations to you all!!



St. Symphorosa School News for



This month the preschoolers learned all about love and friendship! They learned what it means to be a good friend and how to love one another like Jesus taught us!



First grade royalty on fast food day and sharing treats on Valentine's Day.



Second graders colored Alleluia banners that will be stored away for the Lenten season and brought out for the Easter season.



4th graders skyped with two famous authors on World Read Aloud Day



Fifth grade shows off the totem poles they created in Social Studies class



The third graders have taken over leading the morning meetings.



An Egyptian project in grade 6



Eighth grade during their Stock Class.



It is amazing what the children look like after 100 days of Kindergarten! Celebrating a mile stone in the school year and looking forward to many more exciting days.

Seventh grade had an opportunity to Skype with author Barbara Dee recently and listen to her do a reading of her book, *Maybe He Just Likes You*. The students were also allowed to ask her questions about her writing as well.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 14, 2020

5:00pm †Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
 †Patricia Crotty (*Cherie Berardt*)
 †Dorothy Bogumil (*Claire Moran*)
 †Margie Walsh (*Katie & Art Carpenter*)

Sunday, March 15, 2020

7:30am All Members of the Wiatrak & Orzech Families,
 Living & Deceased (*Clara Wiatrak*)

†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
 †Kieran Normoyle (*Barry Family*)
 †Dorothy Bogumil (*Arlene Scaletta*)
 †LuAnn O'Donnell (*Family*)

9:30am †John & Irene Simonelic (*Simonelic Family*)
 †Jan Stoch with Family (*Family*)
 †Kieran Normoyle on the 1st Anniversary of his passing
 (*Family*)

11:30am For all Parishioners, Living & Deceased (*14*)

Monday, March 16, 2020

8:00am †Kieran Normoyle on the 1st Anniversary of his passing
 (*Family*)

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

St. Patrick, Bishop

8:00am †Virginia Rich (*Barbara Rendak*)
 †John Kolimas (*Mary Kolimas*)

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop

8:00am †Richard Merda (*Mary Kolimas*)

Thursday, March 19, 2020

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am †Richard Sarge (*Barbara Rendak*)
 †Marvin Simpson (*Barbara Rendak*)
 †Joseph Loduca (*Family*)
 †Joseph Slowinski (*Daughters & Families*)
 †Bob Kolimas (*Mary Kolimas*)
 †Rosa Munoz (*Giron Family*)

Friday, March 20, 2020

8:00am †Edward Kmak (*Kmak Family*)

Saturday, March 21, 2020

8:00am †Betty Villanova (*Shilney Family*)
 5:00pm Health and all the Lord's blessings for Patrick Carmody
 (*Kathleen*)
 †Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
 †Greg Golab (*Mom & Dad*)
 †Mel Keiffer (*Janina*)
 †George Schramm (*Mary Shilney*)

Sunday, March 22, 2020

7:30am †Claude Wiatrak (*Wife Clara*)
 †Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
 †Dorothy Madej (*Husband Ray*)
 †Loretta Leigh (*Arlene Scaletta*)
 9:30am †Stanley Novak (*Hess & Novak Family*)
 †Chalida Svastisalee (*Arlene Scaletta*)
 11:30am For all Parishioners, Living & Deceased (*15*)



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

Ignatius Battiato
 Jeff Beginski
 Mary Bieser
 Fr. Ted Bojczuk
 Lydia Brown
 Pat Carmody
 Michael Clifford
 Norma De Stefano
 Chris Doherty
 Juan Figueroa
 Carol Gress
 Suzann Gunter
 Kathy Haars
 Catherine Hier
 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
 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
 Elliana Sterk
 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. Michael Hough, US Army
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Hospitalman Blythe A. Cisneros, USN	Private Joseph M. Mikutis, USMC
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Sgt. John Flores, IL National Guard	Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Stuhlmacher
Staff Sgt. Andrew Gaca, USAF	1LT Zachary White, IL Army NG

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: *"My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work."*

Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

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.

*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.