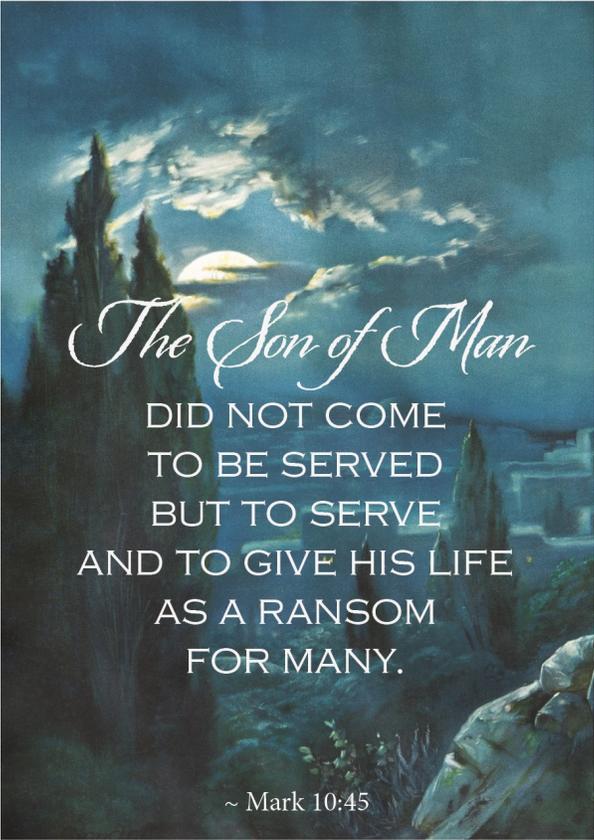


OCTOBER 21, 2018 | TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**ST. SYMPHOROSA PARISH**  
*A Family Celebrating Faith*

# TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Gospel reading for this weekend gives us Jesus' teaching as he deals with the problem of ambition among his apostles. They all want to be the leaders in this new movement which has been inaugurated. James and John give voice to their ambitions. They ask Jesus, "**Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left.**" The others are indignant, probably because these two brothers have had the gumption to put into words what they themselves wanted. They had all forgotten the lesson that Jesus had been teaching them.

Jesus reminds them that to be part of the new movement also means the acceptance of suffering; "**Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?**" and "**the giving of one's life as a ransom for many.**"

Today we celebrate Mission Sunday as a day to thank the Lord for the gift of our faith; for indeed, our faith is a precious gift from God which none of us could ever earn or deserve. Through some mysterious design of God, it was given to us and not to others. We have been richly blessed by the gift of Christian faith. Through it we have come to know the true and triune God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the origin and purpose of our life, and our eternal destiny.

Two thousand years after Christ sent his apostles to preach the Good News to all nations, only about one

third of the world population has received the gift of faith. This means that two out of three persons in the world—a great majority—have not heard or have not received the Good News of the Gospel. We are lucky to be in the minority of believers.

It is this awareness of being lucky, of being blessed and enriched by God's mercy, that impels us to do mission work. It is with the gift of faith that we can share with others the beauty and the richness of our belief. It is not that we want to preach and engross our ranks for the sheer joy of being the largest religious denomination. *Rather*, it is the desire to share with others the treasure of our faith. We want others to enjoy the blessings we have received from God. That is our understanding of mission—and Mission Sunday.

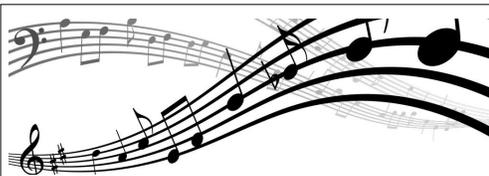
The fact that, after 2000 years, only one third of the world's population has received the Christian faith should make us think: Why so few? Why so slowly? Have we not perhaps been remiss in our task of proclaiming the Good News, as commissioned by Christ? An old Chinese lady, when told by a foreign missionary that he was visiting her because that is what Jesus had told us to do two thousand years ago, replied: Two thousand years ago? Where have you been all this time?

A good question indeed to ask ourselves on Mission Sunday: Where have we been all this time? You might say: But Father, you said ear-

lier that faith is a gift from God. So, it is something we cannot give; only God can give it. You are right there. But faith is like a seed that is sown in the heart and mind of people. And Christ, in his goodness, has chosen us to help sow the seed of the Gospel. He has also told us to "ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers to his harvest" (Lk. 10:2). God produces the yield, yes, but we **have to** do the sowing.

Wherever you will be in life has been designed by God. If you are connected with him in faith and obedience you will rise to your position. It does not really matter how long it takes you or how tough the road is; the point is that you will get there. Many people are not successful in life because they gave themselves positions that God never intended for them. Some people are in the wrong places in life and if you are in the wrong place it will all be wrong. To get to the right place follow God, but remember, although it may be a tough road with faith in God you **WILL** get to your rightful place.

~Fr. Idzi



**Today's Responsorial Psalm Is:**  
*I will always thank the Lord;  
I will always praise God's name.*

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Pastor

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Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Norman Trela  
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Coordinator

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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

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**It's Not Goodbye;  
It's See You Around!**

At the beginning of this school year Linda Kline, our school art and library teacher, began her retirement. She was a fixture within our school for the past 31 years and has been within our parish for much longer. She was always happy to help decorate the halls, bulletin boards and many other things. Linda devoted many long hours to make our book fair and other large events a success for our school and she will be greatly missed within the halls of St. Symphorosa. Thank you for all that you did during your time here at St. Symphorosa.

~Fr. Idzi

St. Symphorosa School would like to thank Mrs. Linda Kline for 31 years of service. Mrs. Kline's artistry will

forever be remembered by students and faculty and we wish her good health, happiness and peace in the next chapter of her life.

As we prepare for this year's Advent Giving Tree Project, we are once again seeking volunteers to assist in putting together the ornaments. Volunteers are asked to attach a ribbon and a label to the ornaments. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact the Parish Office at 773-767-1523 or Mary Lou Kolasinski at [kolasinski@aol.com](mailto:kolasinski@aol.com). The packet of supplies will be available for pick up in the Rectory on Wednesday, November 7, 2018. All completed ornaments should be returned to the Rectory by Wednesday, November 14, 2018. Thank you in advance for your help!



*Offerings for the weekend of  
October 14, 2018  
Weekly Budget (Est.): \$9,000.00  
Contributions: \$5,847.50  
Envelopes: 26  
Thank you for your support  
& generosity!*



*Split the Pot  
October 14, 2018  
Received this week: \$356.00  
Winning envelope: # 4475  
Reminder: A minimum of \$5.00 is  
required to participate.*



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

**For thanksgiving for Rosario Battung, blessings for Elmer Battung, birthday blessings for Hanah Battung, good health for Erlinda Coldova, and the repose of the souls of Paz Cordona & Pedro Battung given by Rosario Battung**

**For the repose of the souls of William, Elizabeth & Tony Bojarski given by Barbara Ann Rendak**

**For the repose of the soul of Stanley Novak given by Family**

# SEPTEMBER SCHOOL NEWS

## Pre-K - 4th Grade



This school year, the preschoolers have been having a blast!! They have spend the first month of school getting to know their classmates, class rules, and their teachers!

We teachers at St. Symphorosa School would like to sincerely thank the St. Vincent DePaul Society! The wonderful people of this organization graciously and generously gave us gift cards to purchase items we need for our classrooms. We are also so grateful to the parish because your donations to St. Vincent DePaul helped them to help us. We are lucky to work in a place that takes such wonderful care of us. Thank you!  
Warmly, The Faculty at St. Symphorosa School



Second graders testing the strength of paper towels, tissue, and wet wipes.



Kindergartners are thankful for so many things! We celebrated the gift of water by watering plants and drawing beautiful

Third graders made wind socks to help them remember to pray for all of the people who were involved with 911.



This month the fourth graders began Daily Five Literacy Stations: guided reading with the teacher, reading to themselves, listening to texts and answering questions on the iPads, word work centers and writing centers.

First graders finish their review unit entitled welcome back super kids.





They say all good things must come to an end. Sadly, after 18 years, we have announced our resignation as Music Directors of St. Symphorosa Parish. Our last weekend will be October 27/28.

For many years, we have been part of this community and have enjoyed this family celebrating faith. As music directors, we have loved working with the talented people in our ministry and sharing music with all of you. This was a difficult decision for us as St. Sym's has become our home. We will remember our time here fondly, and wish nothing but the best to the priests, staff and all of you.

Thanks for the memories!

Sue & John O'Keefe



## Thank you and Good Luck!

On behalf of St. Symphorosa Parish, I would like to say thank you for the past 18 years that Mr. & Mrs. John & Sue O'Keefe have devoted and dedicated to our parish.

John and Sue O'Keefe have spent many hours within our church providing the beautiful music we hear at Mass. They spent a great amount of time with our choir, working with them, teaching them and practicing with them to ensure St. Symphorosa had a wonderful choir to enjoy.

Thank you for the memories, the joy, and most importantly the music. They say music feeds the soul and so, I say, **THANK YOU** for helping feed the spiritual soul of St. Symphorosa Parish for the past 18 years.

*You are cordially invited to.....*

# GRATEFUL *Thankful* BLESSED

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 10, 2018  
**WHERE:** St. Symphorosa Sharp Center  
 5940 W 62<sup>nd</sup> Street  
 Chicago, IL 60638  
**TIME:** 6:30-11:00 pm

**COST:** Advance tickets are \$35 per person; Tickets at the door are \$40  
 Tickets can be purchased in the School Office(773-585-6888)  
 and Rectory Office (773-767-1523).

(Ticket cost includes Thanksgiving Feast, Beer, Wine, Pop and Water)

There will be a Student Art Auction, Raffle Baskets and much more!  
 All proceeds raised from this event are donated directly to the school.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, October 22, 2018**

**Saint John Paul II, Pope**

8:00am †Elizabeth Bojarski (*Barbara Rendak*)

**Tuesday, October 23, 2018**

**Saint John of Capistrano, Priest**

8:00am †Bernelle Anderson (*James Ramazinski*)

**Wednesday, October 24, 2018**

**Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop**

8:00am †John Shimkus (*Barbara Rendak*)

†Concha Moreno (*Family*)

**Thursday, October 25, 2018**

8:00am †Glen Nevills (*Wife*)

†Frank Knetl (*Mary Nevills*)

**Friday, October 26, 2018**

8:00am Birthday Blessings for Moria Montes  
(*Lorraine & Chuck DeLauriea*)

**Saturday, October 27, 2018**

8:00am For All Parishioners (42)

5:00pm †Jack Doherty (*Wife & Family*)

†Jean Kibler (*Lorraine & Chuck DeLauriea*)

†Nick Bouzios (*Janina*)

†Guadalupe De La Cruz (*Family*)

**Sunday, October 28, 2018**

7:30am †Robert J. Ketchen, Sr. (*Family*)

†Antionette Tribuani (*Son*)

†Robert Soltis (*Slivka Family*)

9:30am †Margaret Stachon (*Family*)

†Joseph Stachon (*Family*)

11:30am Health & Blessings for Mary Rita Wish (*Michael Carone*)

†Angeline Mateja (*Ruben Vazquez & Nancy Pablon*)



Our parish community will be remembering all those who have entered into eternal life at 7pm Mass on Friday, November 2, 2018. Our rectory office is currently collecting photos of deceased loved ones from family that we can display on our remembrance board in our church throughout the month of November. If you would like your photo displayed please bring it to the rectory office at any time during regular business hours. You may also place your photos in the collection basket at Mass or email them to [symphorosa@comcast.net](mailto:symphorosa@comcast.net). If you would like your photo returned to you please print your name, number and address on the back of the photo(s) so that we may return them.

## WEDDING BANNS

II- *Melissa Torres & Alexander Wych*



In the Gospel today Jesus tells his disciples: *"Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all."*

**Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**

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



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

Dorothy Bogumil  
Fr. Ted Bojczuk  
Pat Carmody  
Michael Clifford  
Charles DeLauriea  
Chris Doherty  
Geri Gestaut  
Carol Golab  
Suzann Gunter  
Kathy Haars  
Megan High  
Heather Hradek  
Denise M. Jandura  
Rich S. Jandura  
Lee Karpinski  
Claudia Kwilosz  
Norman Kwilosz  
James Lapsansky  
Donna Lauritzen  
Domenico Lepore  
John Martini  
Lou Mackey

Thomas Minnich  
Christine Mosqueda  
Genevieve Nagle  
Joe Paciga  
Baby Alexander J Pentz  
Gi Gi Picciolini  
Marie Pratt  
Ann Robertson  
Fr. John Rudnik  
Joseph Rudnik  
Ben Sajdak  
Coltyn Schmidt  
Marie Simonetti  
James Suchy  
Chalida Svatisalee  
Terry Styka  
James Thorpe  
Mary Thorpe  
Nancy Webb  
Barb Ziegler  
Michelle

## 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

SRA Andrew Gaca, USAF  
SMSGT Joseph Gaca, USAF  
Sgt. Michael Hough, US Army  
Anthony Johanievicz, US Navy  
Lance Corp. Tim Lisenko, USMC  
Trevor Lutz, US Army  
Corporal Zachary Maderak, USMC  
Pvt1st Class Daniel Morales, US Army  
SPC Alex Ramos  
Staff Sgt. Abel Sandoval, USMC  
Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Stuhlmacher  
1LT Zachary White, IL Army NG



Are you a St. Symphorosa parishioner interested in supporting the school? If so, please consider applying to be a school board member. We are looking for someone who understands and will support the mission and charism of the school, defer their personal agendas to provide for the educational needs of the students in the school, model the Catholic faith and support the decisions that have been approved by the administration. If you have questions and/or are interested in applying, please email the principal at [kberry@stsymphorosaschool.org](mailto:kberry@stsymphorosaschool.org) no later than November 2nd.