

FEBRUARY 10, 2019 | FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to Simon,

"PUT OUT INTO DEEP WATER AND LOWER YOUR NETS FOR A CATCH."

~ Luke 5:4



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Last Sunday, we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. In the verses that follow, Jesus travels to the town of Capernaum and begins his ministry of teaching and healing. While in Capernaum, Jesus cures a man possessed with a demon and heals Simon's mother-in-law. After spending some time there, Jesus prepares to preach in other places. The fact that Jesus had previously been in Simon's home and healed his mother-in-law suggests that this encounter is not the first between Jesus and Simon Peter. We can read today's Gospel, therefore, as a description of the developing relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.

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As history tells us, the grace of God has not been in vain. Isaiah, Paul and Peter were most grateful to the Lord God for having chosen them and they have made a great effort to answer their calling to the best of their capabilities. This is not to say that they were perfect. Isaiah wished at times that God would have chosen someone else because the people would not listen to him. St. Paul started on the wrong track by persecuting the Christians. St. Peter ran and denied Jesus during the last twenty-four hours of His life. All of them were weak. All of them made mistakes. But, what was most important, all of them had sincere hearts and overcame their weaknesses by placing their complete trust in the Lord God.

"How would we behave if we suddenly found ourselves in the Divine Presence

of the Lord Jesus?" Many of us can answer that question in absolute truth. You see, Jesus is physically present in the Holy Eucharist and in the Holy Tabernacle. In the past, how have we behaved in His Sacred Presence?

In the physical presence of the Lord, do some of us fall down with our faces to the ground? Do some of us genuflect piously before Him? Do some of us half genuflect as a habit and forget why we are doing it? Do some of us deny ourselves the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist? Or, do some of us pass before the Holy Tabernacle without displaying any honor and respect towards the Lord Jesus? What we have done in the past is but a reflection in the mirror of what we will truly do when we find ourselves in the Sacred Presence of Jesus. If we have never shown honor and respect for the Lord Jesus in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, nor before the Holy Tabernacle, should we behave differently before Him when we will see Him, surely Jesus will call us hypocrites. To avoid being called hypocrites, we must now begin to give the Lord Jesus the honor and respect that He truly deserves.

~Fr. Idzi Stacherczak



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 Human Trafficking.

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

Parish Staff

Rev. Idzi Stacherczak
Pastor
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Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Norman Trella
Retired Priest
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Music Director

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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

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Project Linus

National Make A Blanket Day

Saturday February 16, 2019

Sharp Center

9am-1pm



Project Linus is a National Organization devoted to making blankets for children of all ages in crisis situations.

The Oak Park, Illinois 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 mmmdq32@aol.com



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COME, FOLLOW ME... and share the Word

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

Please Make Your Gift to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

During the last few weeks, many parish families received a letter from Cardinal Cupich requesting your participation in pledging to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal. We ask that you respond as generously as possible.

The Appeal supports both Parish and Archdiocesan ministries, and funds services that are a great help here in our Parish. For example, Appeal funds support Religious Education programs, Lay Formation, Parish Life and Catholic Relief Services.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is "Come, Follow Me...and share the Word." We have all received God's love. By financially supporting the ministries and services funded by the Annual Catholic Appeal, we help to extend God's love to many, many others.

As you review the mailing from Cardinal Cupich, take note of those services that directly support the work of our parish and please give generously. When our parish reaches its goal of \$28,623.18 in paid pledges, all additional funds contributed will be returned to us for use in our Parish.

~Fr. Idzi Stacherczak



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

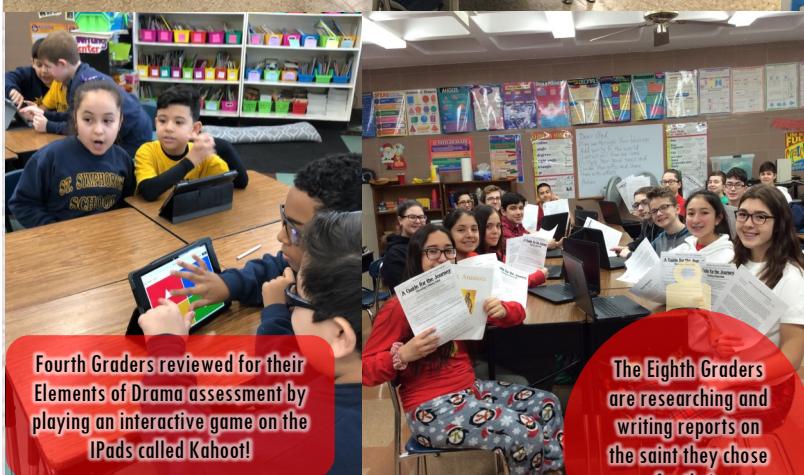
For health and blessings for Chuck & Lorraine DeLaurie and Sue Gasior along with the repose of the soul of Gregg Gasior given by Family

For all members of the Soltis and Alderfer Families, living and deceased given by Family

For all members of the Krzan and Kopyszka Families, living and deceased given by Family



DECEMBER SCHOOL NEWS



Ms. Aggie, from Ag in the Classroom, visited the Kindergartners to talk about how important farmers are in the production of pizza. We need farmers for pizza crust, sauce, cheese and all the other yummy ingredients needed to create a delicious pizza. The children created their favorite personal pizza using a paper plate and construction paper.



Paczki Time!

This year, Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday) will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 5th.

Place your order for fresh, delicious Paczki by completing the order form below. A member of our Parish Transformation Team will be in the back of church after the weekend masses throughout the month of February to accept orders. In addition, orders/payment may also be dropped off at the Parish Office in an envelope marked "Paczki Order". All orders are due no later than Monday, February 25th.

Pre-ordered Paczki may be picked up in the gathering space of the church after all masses on March 2/3.

NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

FILLING	4 for \$5.00	$\frac{1}{2}$ dozen for \$7.50	Dozen for \$14.00	Total
STRAWBERRY				
RASPBERRY				
APRICOT				
ROSE HIP				
SUBTOTAL	\$	\$	\$	\$

All orders must include payment. Checks and cash only. Please make checks payable to St. Symphorosa Transformation Team.

Thank you for your support!



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

Offerings for the weekend of February 3, 2019

**Contributions: \$6,687.50
Envelopes: 205**

Thank you for your support & generosity!



February 3, 2019

Received this week: \$382.00

Winning envelope: # 7730

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



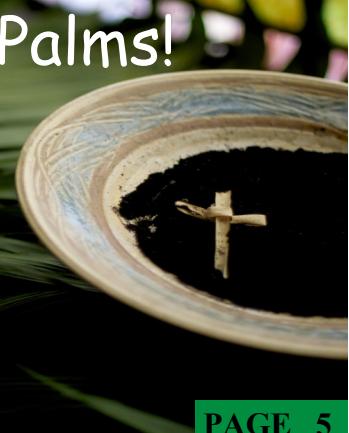
Dates: January 1 to January 27, 2019

Transactions: 164

Amount: \$3,688.00

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, March 5th. We will burn them to be used as ashes on Ash Wednesday.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 11, 2018

Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00am †Sophie Budz (Barbara Rendak)

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

8:00am †John F. Soltis (Mom)

†Monica Erpelo (Mom)

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

8:00am †Robert Saffell (Soltis Family)

Thursday, February 14, 2019

Saint Cyril, Monk

Saint Methodius, Bishop

8:00am All the Poor Souls in Purgatory (Diana Schmidt)

†John Kolimas (Mary Kolimas)

†Marlene Feldhaus (Pat Soltis & Family)

†Roberta J. Maksymowicz (Jim & Diane)

Friday, February 15, 2019

8:00am †John & Irene Simonelic (John Simonelic Family)

Saturday, February 16, 2019

8:00am For All Parishioners, Living and Deceased (15)

5:00pm †Joseph Loduca (John Kapusciarz)

†Janet Hohm (Dad)

†Theresa Pudelek (Pudelek Family)

† Richard Frank Cernick (The Cernick Family)

Sunday, February 17, 2019

7:30am †Janet Hohm (Hohm Family)

†Nick Bouzios (Janina)

†Tom & Mary Ciukaj (Niemczyk Family)

9:30am †Ann Calcagno (Kathy Calcagno)

11:30am †John Stachon (Family)

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

Ignatius Battiatto

Dorothy Bogumil

Fr. Ted Bojczuk

Pat Carmody

Michael Clifford

Charles DeLauria

Chris Doherty

Geri Gestaut

Carol Golab

Carol Gress

Suzann Gunter

Kathy Haars

Megan High

Dawn Hoyt

Heather Hradek

Denise M. Jandura

Rich S. Jandura

Lee Karpinski

Dennis Kline

Claudia Kwirosz

Norman Kwirosz

James Lapsansky

Donna Lauritzen

Domenico Lepore

John Martini

Lou Mackey

Lori McCarthy

Kathleen McAuliffe

Thomas Minich

Christine Mosqueda

Genevieve Nagle

Bess Oracki

Ray Oracki

Baby Alexander J Pentz

Gi Gi Picciolini

Marie Pratt

Ann Robertson

Fr. John Rudnik

Joseph Rudnik

Ben Sajdak

Gloria Schillings

Coltyn Schmidt

Kristyn Schmidt

Marie Simonetti

James Suchy

Chalida Svatisalee

Terry Styka

James Thorpe

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.



In the Gospel today, the disciples decide to leave everything to follow Jesus. We are also called to follow Jesus, who tells us that "whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me."

Your gift to the poor can bring the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

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

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Sgt. Jaime A. Acosta, USMC

Sgt. Ted Bartelmey

CS-1 Joel Battung

1st Sgt. Chas. Berglund, USMC

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Sgt. Arthur A. Boruch, National Guard

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Trevor Lutz, US Army

Corporal Zachary Maderak, USMC

Pvtl st Class Daniel Morales, US Army

SPC Alex Ramos

Staff Sgt. Abel Sandoval, USMC

Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Stuhlmacher

1LT Zachary White, IL Army NG



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.

Jacinda Sadia

Donald M. Masnjak

New Parishioners: Welcome to our Parish! We are so happy to have you join us.

Sacrament of Penance: Monday through Saturday after 8:00 am Mass

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 7:00pm. 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.