

NOVEMBER 11, 2018 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



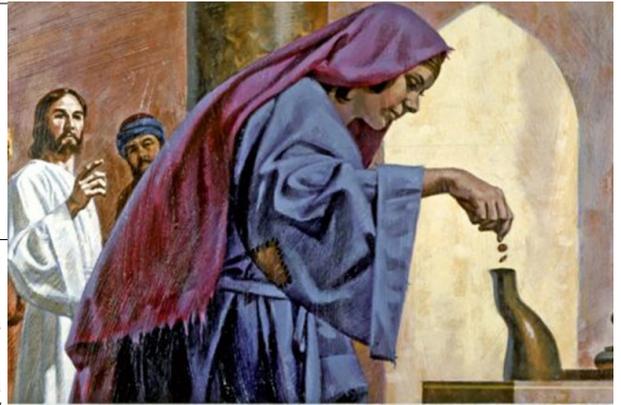
Veterans Day



ST. SYMPHOROSA PARISH

A Family Celebrating Faith

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Today's Gospel narrative involves no miracle but remembers Jesus' observation and reflection upon the generosity of the little people in his own day. The Jerusalem Temple was the center of both Jewish religious life and of social services. In the Temple precincts, people saved their excess wealth and made contributions for the poor. The Temple staff dispensed aid to the needy from among its reserve for them during hard times, so much so that the Temple had become a sign of God's Providential justice and love. Jesus pointed out the example of a poor widow who contributed to the Temple's charitable storehouse not from her excess, but from her substance, from what she had to live on. Her generosity meant that she would have less to eat herself only so that another could have more. Jesus was subtly critiquing and chastising those among the wealthy who saved their surplus instead of sharing it, even while being aware of the dire needs of so many others around them. Jesus was teaching a lesson about justice rather than about charity.

During Jesus' time it was understood that the wealthy had been entrusted by God with the means to aid and assist those who did not have enough to thrive. Among their purposes in life was to seek ways to give to those in need not merely out of pity, but out of the justice, which human dignity requires. Jesus admired the poor widow who shared significantly no matter how difficult so that others would be afforded some of the dignity which compassionate justice provides. Jesus' praise went to the one who gave out of justice, who was first of all thankful for blessings received, and who appreciated that genuine gratitude should lead to true compassion and justice.

The practice of almsgiving was very important for the Jews. It was considered a "good work" (Mt 6:1-4), because the law of the Old Testament said: "*There will never cease to be poor people in the country, and that is why I am giving you this command: Always be open handed with your brother, and with anyone in your country who is in need and poor*" (Deut 15:11). Alms placed in the treasury, whether for the cult, for the maintenance of the temple, or for those in need were considered an act pleasing to God. Almsgiving was a way of sharing with others, a way of recognizing that all goods and gifts belong to God and that we are but administrators of these gifts, so that there may be abundance in this life for all.

It was from the book of Exodus that the people of Israel learned the importance of almsgiving, of sharing. The forty years' journey in the desert was necessary to overcome the desire for accumulation that came from the Pharaoh of Egypt and that was well implanted in the minds of the people. It was easy to leave Pharaoh's country. It was difficult to free oneself of Pharaoh's mentality. The ideology of the great is false and deceiving. It was necessary to experience hunger in the desert so to learn that what is necessary for life is for all. This is what the manna teaches: "*No one who had collected more had too much, no one who had collected less had too little*" (Ex 16:18).

But the tendency to accumulate is there all the time and is very strong. And it constantly reappears in the human heart. It is precisely because of this tendency to accumulate that the great

empires in the history of humanity were formed. The desire to possess and to accumulate is at the very heart of the ideology of these human empires or kingdoms.

The practice of sharing, of almsgiving and of solidarity is one of the marks of the Spirit of Jesus, given to us on Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13), and that He wishes to make present in the communities. On the one hand, the arrival of rich people into the communities made it possible to expand Christianity, because these offered better conditions to the missionary movement. However, on the other hand, the accumulation of goods blocked the movement of solidarity and sharing inspired by the force of the Spirit of Pentecost.

We all need to become students of that poor widow who shared what she had to live on, so as to learn the way to the Kingdom (Mk 12:41-44). The widow realized her poverty relative to those others in greater need, made her rich enough to have something to share. She might have asked herself as we must ask ourselves: Am I rich? Am I grateful? Am I compassionate? Am I just? Or not?!?! How do I measure? How to I truly believe?

~Fr. Idzi



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 in Service of Peace.

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

Parish Staff

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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

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St. Symphorosa Parish presents our....

5th Annual Holiday Extravaganza

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Try your luck! Great raffles
& 50/50 drawings, too!

10:30am – 2:30pm

Sharp Center

Start your holiday shopping
early! Over 30 crafters & vendors
will participate!

Come to shop...stay and eat!
Enjoy a homemade Italian lunch
with Penne Pasta, Meatballs, Salad
and Garlic Bread.

Just want a quick bite?
Be sure to visit
Santa's Snack Shack!



Hope to see you there!

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Give Thanks to God
and join us on Thanksgiving,
Thursday, November 22nd, at 9am
for a special Thanksgiving Mass.

There will be no 8am Mass this day.

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

For the repose of the soul of Rosalia Karpinski
given by Mary Trendle

For all members of the Synal Family, living and deceased
given by Shirley Synal

For the repose of the souls of all the deceased members of the
Karbarz, Koziar, Kowalski, & Stacherczak families
given by Family



742126 **THE ST. SYMPHOROSA SUPER CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS ARE...** **742126**

Congratulation to the November Super Club Raffle winners:

- Rosemary Labno \$25
- Father Idzi \$25
- Barb Grzenia \$50
- Ted Curran \$100

Good Luck to all for the next drawing.

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



WORKING ON THE MARGINS

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.



November 4, 2018
Received this week:
\$362.00

Winning envelope: # 427

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



Offerings for the weekend of
November 4, 2018

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

Contributions: \$6,580.46

Envelopes: 277

Thank you for your support & generosity!



ALL SOUL'S DAY 2018

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



LET US PRAY FOR OUR VETERANS...

FATHER, IN THE NAME OF JESUS, I THANK YOU FOR OUR VETERANS AND FOR ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES DEFENDING AND UPHOLDING FREEDOM.

I THANK YOU FOR THEIR WILLINGNESS TO RISK ALL SO THAT OUR NATION MIGHT DWELL IN PEACE AND SAFETY.

MAY THEY FIND THE HONOR, RECOGNITION, AND PEACE THEY DESERVE.

IN THE NAME OF YOUR DIVINE SON, I PRAY THAT YOU WILL HEAL THE PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WOUNDS SOME OF THESE VETERANS HAVE SUFFERED.

BRING PEACE TO FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHERS WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF THEIR SONS, DAUGHTERS, AND FALLEN OR MISSING COMRADES.

FATHER, I PRAY THAT OUR NATION WOULD LEARN TO RESPECT AND ACKNOWLEDGE THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED THEIR COUNTRY WELL.

THIS WE ASK IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN.



Altar and Rosary Society

Christmas Banquet

When: Tuesday, December 4, 2018

Where: New Warsaw Restaurant
6250 W 63rd St.

Time: 11am-2pm

Donation: \$20 per ticket

Cash or checks may be dropped in the collection basket, brought to the rectory, or you can contact Pat Soltis (773.350.6929) or Arlene Scaletta (773.230.6059) for more information.



MASS INTENTIONS

Our 2019 Mass Book has been opened. The suggested donation is \$10 per Mass.

If you would like to reserve an intention come to the rectory office or call at (773) 767-1523.



FUNDRAISING DAY

Let's Make Some Dough Together

**Thank You for Supporting
St. Symphorosa School**

**30% of all proceeds go
directly to your organization!**

Dine In – Carry Out

Not valid with any other offer or promotional coupon.
Please present a hard copy or electronic version of this flyer when paying for your order.

Date: Monday, November 12, 2018

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Location: Home Run Inn Pizza

Home Run Inn - Archer

6221 S. Archer Ave.
773-581-9696

Dine In – Carry Out

*The distribution of promotional materials on Home Run Inn premises is prohibited.



The next CAPS Meeting will be held in the Parish Center (Sharp Center) this Wednesday, November 14th at 7pm. The Parish Center is located at 5940 W 62nd Street.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 12, 2018

Saint Josephat

8:00am †John Shimkus (*Barbara Rendak*)
†Domingo Battung, Jr. (*Rosario Battung*)

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini

8:00am †Albina Strzelec (*Barbara Rendak*)
†Stanley Michalec (*Soltis Family*)
†Geri Norbut (*Family*)
†Marilyn Stygar (*Family*)

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

8:00am †Nick Janeteas (*Marcello Family*)
†John and Irene Simonelic (*John Simonelic Family*)
†John Kolimas (*Wife and Family*)

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Saint Albert the Great

8:00am †John & Catherine Scanlon (*Margaret Scanlon*)

Friday, November 16, 2018

**Saint Margaret of Scotland
Saint Gertrude**

8:00am For All Parishioners (46)

Saturday, November 17, 2018

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00am †Ann Kopszka (*Soltis Family*)
†Bob Kolimas (*Mom & Family*)
5:00pm †Eugene J. Rooney, Jr. (*Vahess Family*)
†Eileen Styka (*Barb Grzenia*)

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Bible Sunday

7:30am †Robert Huber (*Friend*)
†Marlene Quinn (*Vahess Family*)
†Jan Kwak (*Vahess Family*)
†Robert J. Ketchen, Sr. (*Family*)
†Robert Soltis (*Slivka Family*)
For the Tree of Life Synagogue and all of its members
(*Friends*)
9:30am Health and all the Lord's blessings for Greg Topor
(*Family*)
†James Metcalf (*Olson Family*)
†Jean Kibler (*Al & Donna Heinz*)
†John Smoter (*Family*)
11:30am Health & Blessings for Mary Rita Wish (*Mr. & Mrs Carone*)
†John Stachon (*Family*)



In today's Gospel Jesus tells us: "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on."

Ask yourself "Am I only giving from my surplus wealth?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be able to know God's love and care.

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
Suzann Gunter
Kathy Haars
Megan High
Heather Hradek
Denise M. Jandura
Rich S. Jandura
Lee Karpinski
Dennis Kline
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 Bartelme
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 Johaniewicz, 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

WEDDING BANNS

III- *Elizabeth Humay & John Lucia*

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.