



Transformation Team Recap

St. Symphorosa Parish
October 7, 2017



We the people of God at St. Symphorosa Parish are a Family Celebrating Faith in the Roman Catholic tradition. We assemble to worship God, to share the bread of the Eucharist, to bring our lives to faith and to bring faith to our lives.

Our Team



Back to the Beginning





Transformation Mission 2013

As a Family Celebrating Faith, the parish family of St. Symphorosa welcomes fellow Christians and renews the commitment to our faith in Communion with Christ.

At St. Symphorosa Parish, we strive to live our membership in God's Family by:

- ✓ Our call to holiness as we come together uniting in **PRAYER** and celebrating **SACRAMENTAL LIFE** that is both the right and duty of a Catholic Christian;
- ✓ Offering **RELIGIOUS FORMATION** through formal programs and the example of Christian living;

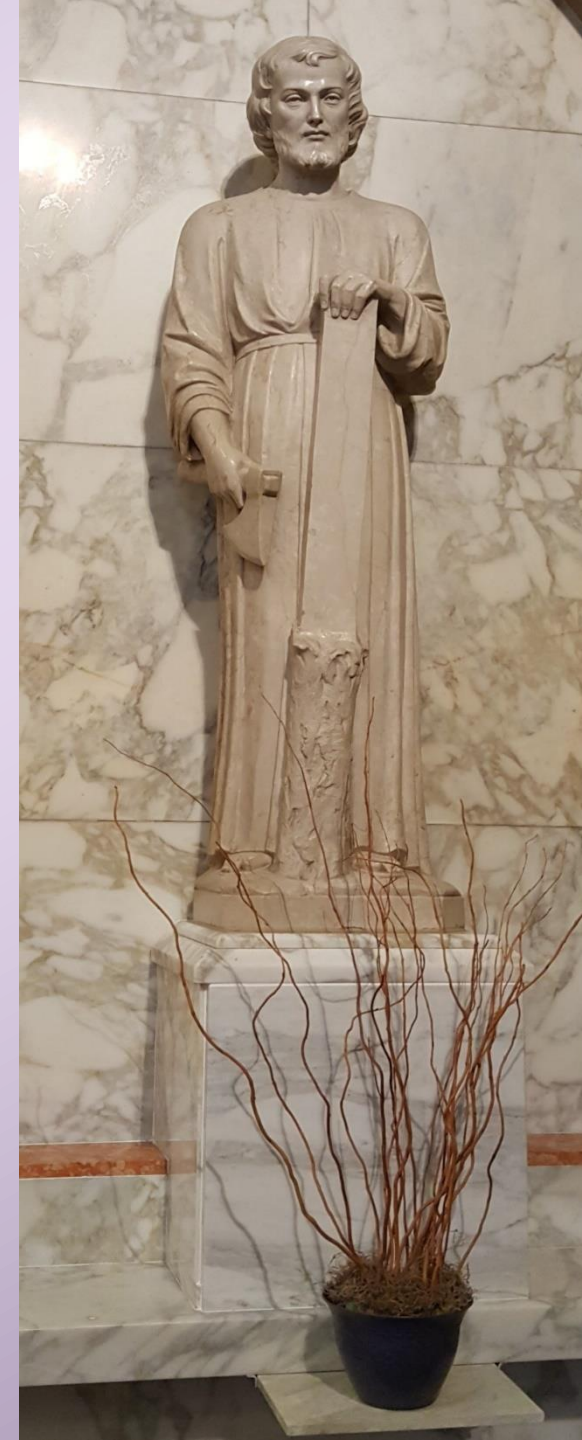


Transformation Mission 2013

- ✓ Fostering our **SPIRITUAL STEWARDSHIP** – personal involvement – as a response to meeting the needs of God's family by the dedication of each individual's time and talents as well as his or her financial support;
- ✓ Promoting **SOCIAL JUSTICE** through nurturing awareness of truly living the Gospel message of Jesus Christ;
- ✓ Connecting with one another through **PARISH ACTIVITIES** that enhance faith, give meaning to our lives, and promote a spirit of joy and cooperation that bespeaks a celebrating family of faith.

MISSION ACTION PLAN FOCUS

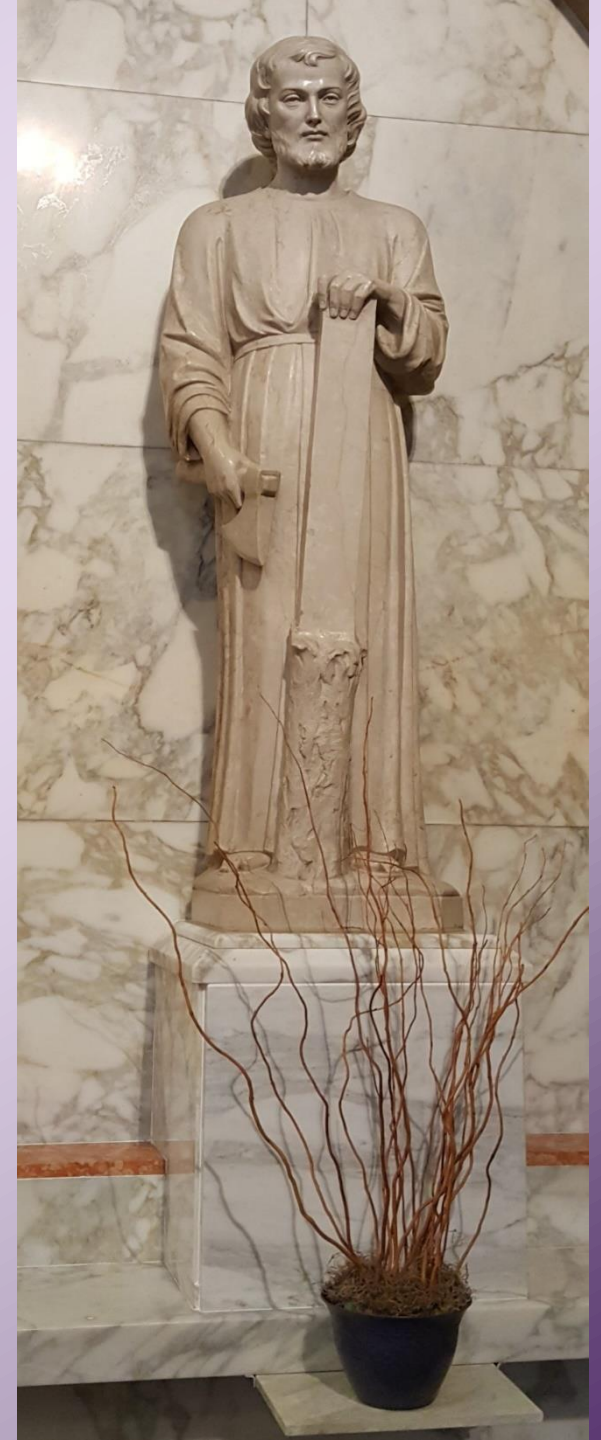
- Communion
- Call to Holiness
- Spiritual Stewardship



ACTIONS REQUIRED TO STRENGTHEN OUR FOUNDATIONS

- Mission*
- Finance
- School

*Action plan revised in June, 2014



TOWNHALL MEETING

September, 2013



September, 2013 – February, 2015

- Continued to meet as a team monthly (9 times per year with summer break);
- Three subgroup leaders were identified (Mission, School, and Finance);
- Each subgroup worked individually to accomplish their specific action plans;
- Struggled to secure the commitment from all members;

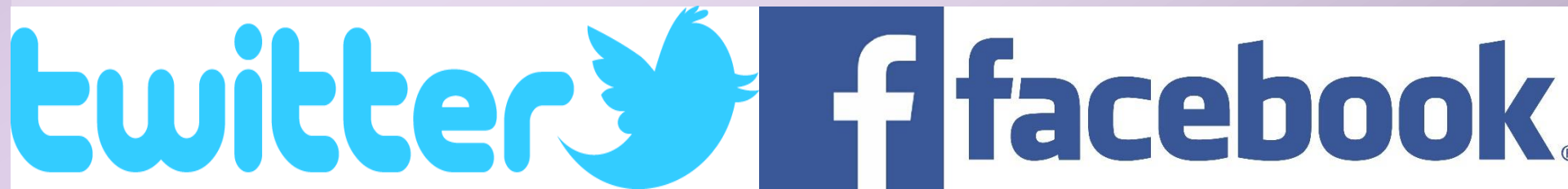
Our initiatives included...

- Holiday Extravaganza & Spring Fling Vendor & Craft Fairs - raising \$3000.
- Marian Celebrations (Our Lady for Guadalupe, Our Lady of Lourdes, Mary Untier of Knots & Our Lady of Czestochowa)
- New parishioners recognition by name listed in Parish Bulletin
- Quarterly financial reports given at mass
- School open house



Our initiatives included...

- Street barricades for before and after school safety
- Upgraded technology in school
- 5K Run/Walk to benefit our parish school
- Changed face of bulletin.... more informative and in color
- Increased media & social media through Facebook, Twitter & neighborhood papers



Recap Meeting with Bishop Wypych and Fr. Ron Lewinski – February, 2015



February, 2015 through December, 2015

- Theology on Tap
- Tri-lingual Holy Week Celebrations
- Telephone outreach to those who we haven't seen recently
- St. Sym's window stickers to all parishioners



Our Parish Survey

- Conducted October 10 - November 15, 2015
- 46 Questions
- 87 Responses



Survey Highlights

- “Our church needs to be more vibrant and a center of activity”
- “St. Symphorosa has to promote the sense of community! We need to see each other outside of Sunday masses to form bonds and friendships with our neighbors.”
- “Our church needs to develop its’ identity and do more to excite the parishioners. Activities like Sunday afternoon movies, Bingo, social gatherings, etc.”
- “More energy.”

Survey Highlights

- “If we don’t know what is needed, how can we help? Let us know what needs to be done.”
- “Consider putting a removable calendar in the Sunday bulletin each month. It can be an activity reminder for the month”
- “We need more activities and opportunities. You won’t bring in people unless you have something to entice them. Pick up the paper in the city or suburbs and there are tons of activities at churches.”
- “At least two specially arranged masses/blessings with oil for handicapped people”
- Can we have a Spanish Mass? What about celebrations to honor our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Czestochowa?

Post Survey – January/February, 2016

- Reviewed survey results in detail as a team
- Changed meeting dates from monthly to bi-weekly
- Formed subgroups to brainstorm ideas for 2016
- Formulated calendar of events for March – December, 2016



And so it began.....



1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt March 26, 2016





Food Drive for St. Blase Food Pantry



Mother's Day Flower Sale 2016 & 2017

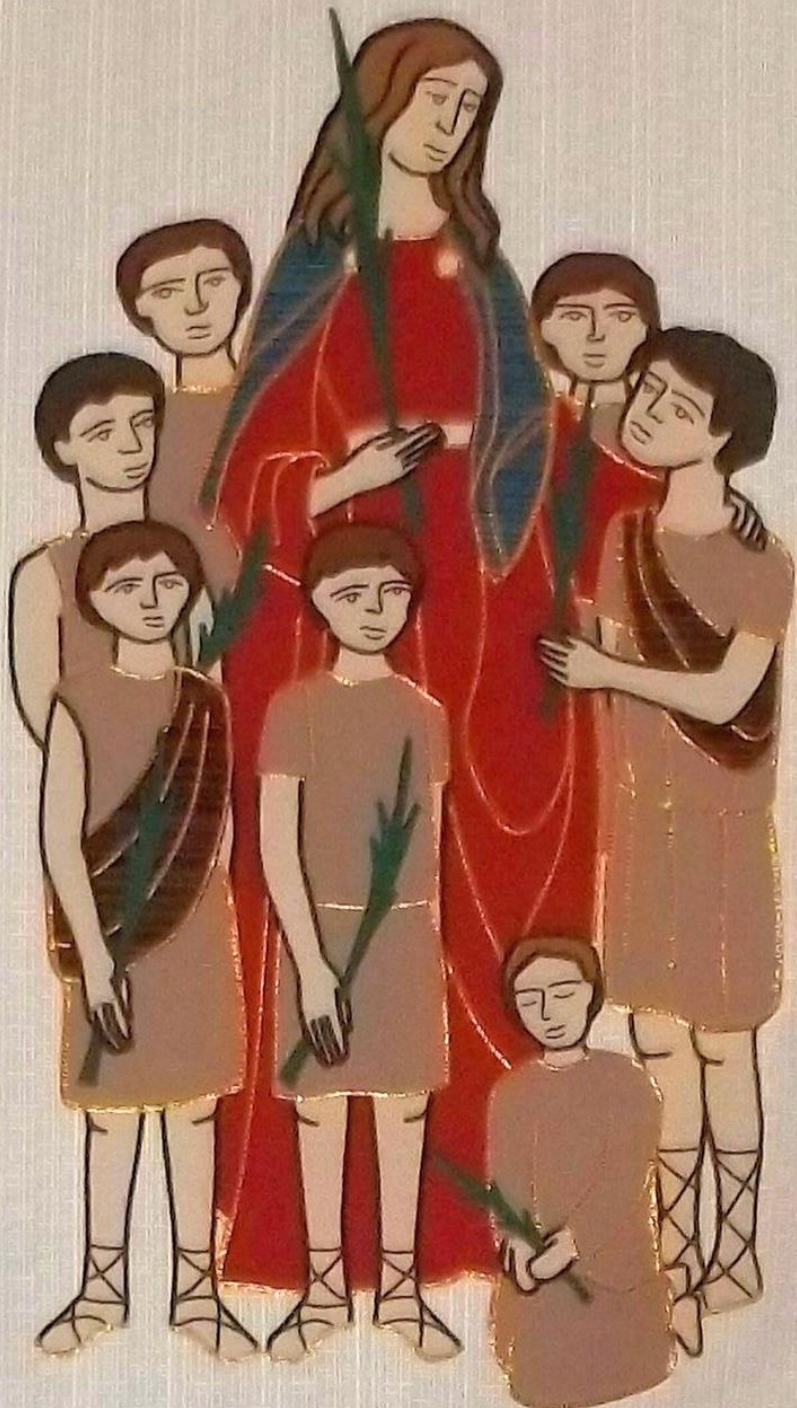




Family Summer Movie Nights

Summer of 2016 & 2017





St. Symphorosa Feast Day Celebration



st. sym's
furniture
sale

Saturday,
August 27th
12:00pm – 4:00pm
6148 S. Mason



cash only!



great deals!



brand new!



come early!



Furniture Sale – August, 2016



Our Lady of Czestochowa Feast Day Celebration 2016 & 2017

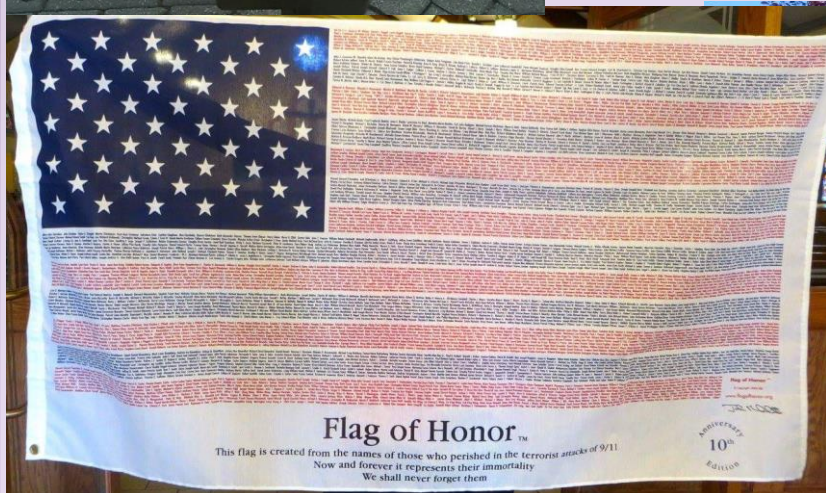


Food Truck Sunday 2016





Patriot's Day Celebration September 11, 2016





St. Francis
Pet Blessing
October, 2016



Painting Party





Anointing of the Sick Liturgy 2016 & 2017





Spring Fling & Holiday Extravaganza Craft & Vendor Shows



Our Lady of Guadalupe, 2016



Giving Tree





Winter Movie Nights 2017



**Paczki
Sale**



Returns to St. Sym's!!





Friday March 10
5-7PM



The Sharp Center
Social Hall

Lenten Suppers

St. Symphorosa Parish



LENT, 2017



Transformation Progress Update with Bishop Wypych March 22, 2017



American Passion Play (Bloomington, IL) April, 2017





2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt April 15, 2017



Patriot's Day Memorial Service

Sunday, September 10, 2017



Parish Grounds Summer Clean Up Initiative



Annual Pet Blessing Sunday, October 1, 2017





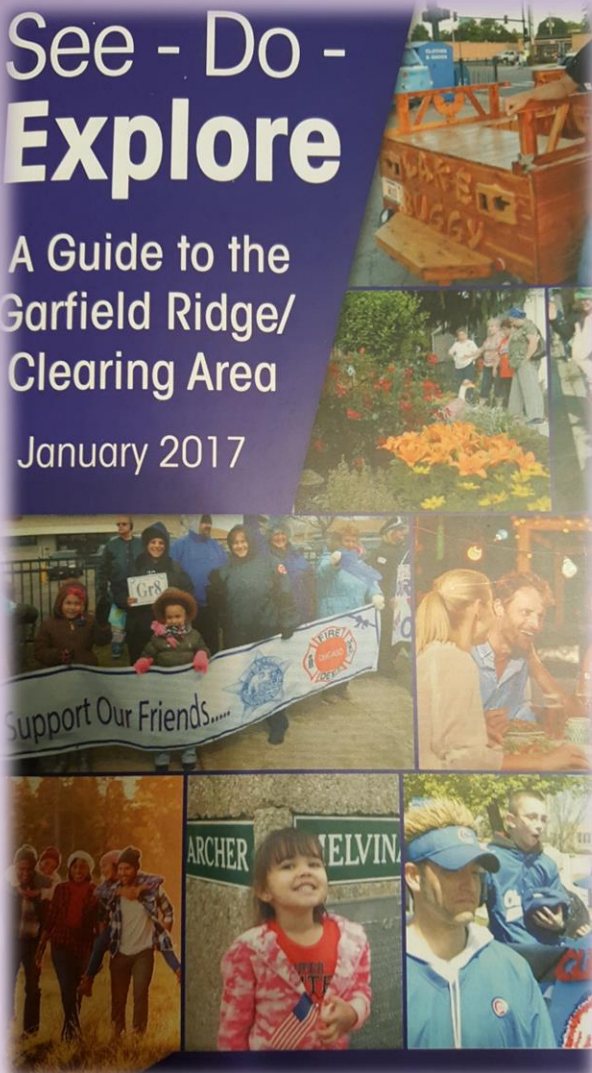
Looking Ahead through December, 2017

Looking Ahead in 2017

- November 11, 2017 – Painting Party
- November 11/12, 2017 - Veteran's Day honors at weekend masses
- December 12, 2017 - Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 7:00 PM.
- December 30, 2017-International Night-Christmas Celebration after 5:00 PM Mass

See - Do - Explore

January 2017



Facebook Outreach/Advertising

- St. Symphorosa Parish Facebook Followers Total 1,254
- Total neighborhood reach through eleven (11) Facebook pages is approximately **39,345** through Facebook





Thank You!!