



Transformation Team Recap

St. Symphorosa Parish
Fr. Idzi Stacherczak
February 7, 2018

Agenda

- Parish Mission Statement
- Transformation Team Introductions
- A Quick Look Back to Our Beginning
- Our Progress Since We Last Met....
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- Questions/Comments



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 our lives to faith and to bring faith to our lives.

Our Team



A Quick Look Back to Our 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



A marble statue of the Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child, set against a marble wall. A potted plant with bare branches is in the foreground.

ACTIONS REQUIRED TO STRENGTHEN OUR FOUNDATIONS

- Mission*
- Finance
- School

*Action plan revised in June, 2014



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.”
- “I think we need someone who is passionate and spiritual and truly ‘feeds’ the soul.”
- “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 and leadership.”

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.”
- What about celebrations to honor our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Czestochowa?

Since We Met Last in March, 2017





Friday March 10
5-7PM



The Sharp Center
Social Hall

Lenten Suppers

St. Symphorosa Parish



LENT, 2017



American Passion Play (Bloomington, IL) April, 2017



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2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt April 15, 2017



Mother's Day Flower Sale – Weekend of May 13/14, 2017



Rectory Courtyard Transformation Project







Fr. Idzi's Garden





Summer Movie Night Series
June & July, 2017



St. Symphorosa Feast Day Celebration

**CONGRATULATIONS
REV. IDZI STACHERCZAK**



Seventh Pastor of
the St. Symphorosa
Parish Faith
Community

August 12, 2017

May God Bless
You Always!



We Officially
Welcomed Our
New Pastor,
Fr. Idzi Stacherczak

Our Lady of Czestochowa Feast Day Celebration



Patriot's Day Memorial Service

Sunday, September 10, 2017



Parish Grounds Summer Clean Up Initiative



Annual Pet Blessing Sunday, October 1, 2017





90th Anniversary Celebration October 7, 2017





Bingo
Returns
October, 2017



2nd Annual Painting Party November, 2017





Remembering
Veteran's Day
November 11/12, 2017



Giving Tree





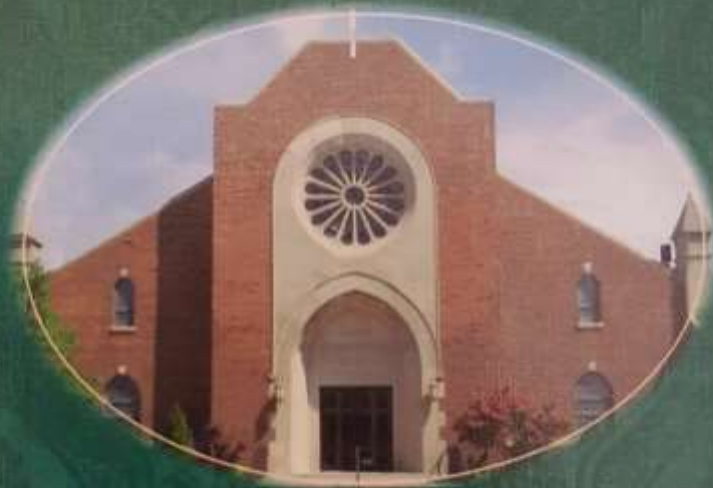
Holiday Extravaganza Craft & Vendor Show



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12, 2017



Recipes
& Remembrances



St. Symphorosa Parish
90th Anniversary Edition

90th Anniversary
Cookbook



Christmas Decorations



Christmas, 2017



<https://youtu.be/7QtREGXqAQg>

1st Annual International Christmas Celebration





Looking Ahead

February – June,
2018

Looking Ahead in 2018

- Paczki Sale This Weekend
- BINGO Returns Once Again.....This Weekend
- Lenten Suppers (February 23rd, March 9th and March 23rd)
- Shrine of Christ's Passion - Spring, 2018
- Spring Fling & Pierogi Fest – Sunday, April 15, 2018
- Mother's Day Flower Sale
- Summer Movie Nights Return!

Advertising Opportunities

See - Do - Explore

A Guide to the
Garfield Ridge/
Clearing Area

January 2017



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St. Symphorosa opens doors for games of chance

Ango is making a big comeback. St. Symphorosa will be the place to be for bingo this Sunday, Feb. 19. Doors open at noon with games starting at 1:30 p.m. in the St. Symphorosa Hall, 6148 S. Mason Ave. Admission is \$15 per person. Attendees must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Play a total of 16 games, including a \$300 coverall. Take a chance on pull tabs and split the pot tickets will be sold throughout the afternoon. More information can be obtained by calling (773) 767-1523.

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adults should consider attending the presentation of Attorney and Medical Director...
...the first at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, is sponsored by the Metropolitan Family Aid Society. This program highlights that protect seniors' financial and medical should they later lack the capacity to manage their own affairs.
As much as we don't like to think about these very important documents, unnecessary problems should they arise, the presentation, attorneys will be available to help you understand the importance of these documents.

St. Symphorosa presents....

2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15, 2017 - 1:00pm
Msgr. Maniola Prayer Garden

Photos with the Easter Bunny, crafts and much, much more!!

For more info, call 773.767.1523

Photos from St Symphorosa Church

January 8, 2017—The Epiphany of the Lord

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"A Family Celebrating Faith"

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Boost Post

Laura Altmayer and 2 others

Laura Altmayer
Mass was very exciting for us today... this was the

Posting as St Symphorosa Church



MailChimp

- System currently used in other parishes including Old St. Pat's and St. Giles;
- New email system implemented in November, 2017;
- Weekly email sent out on Thursday or Friday
- Currently 68 individuals receive our email each week;
- Average of 75% open rate each week;
- Compliments our bulletin, FB page, and website
- Confidential with opt out available;
- Service is free



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A Family Celebrating Faith



HOME OUR PARISH LITURGY & MUSIC SACRAMENTS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS PARISH TRANSFORMATION GIVING SCHOOL

Altar Server Program
Bible Study
Music Ministry
Eucharistic Ministers
Hospitality Ministers
Lectors
Quinceañeras



IMPORTANT LINKS

Today's Readings

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



COME, FOLLOW ME

This week, please spend some time reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal brochure that is included in our parish bulletin.

Each pledge makes a difference as all parishes, including St. Symphorosa, participate in this campaign and the gifts of many enable the Archdiocese of Chicago to deliver the needed ministries and services to answer Jesus' call to "Come Follow Me".

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...

Lenten Bible Study Series begins Thursday, February...

Team·work *(noun)*
cooperative or combined
effort of a group of persons
working together as a
team for a common cause

Our
Team





Bishop's Comments

Questions or Comments





Thank You!!