

CARA SURVEY OPEN-ENDED QUESTION

On what need or program should the parish most focus in the next one to three years?

(480 Responses Total)

Outreach/Ministry to the Margins (131)

- The church in general must continue to make acceptance/compassion a priority
- Outreach to disenfranchised
- The needy
- Prison ministry
- Ministry to lonely
- Community outreach
- The Poor
- Bringing back people who have left the church
- Outreach to inactive Catholics
- Ministry for Latinos
- Outreach
- Spiritual growth for divorced and single adults
- Acceptance of gays and embracing all people
- Take care of senior citizens
- Community outreach – Warrick and Vanderburgh
- Spend money helping poor and needy instead of redecorating church
- Reaching out to with love and acceptance
- Outreach within parish
- Fallen away Catholics
- Single, separated, divorced
- Outreach to inactive Catholics – hard for new people to feel welcome
- Help the needy
- Reaching out to those in need
- Community engagement
- Connecting more lost people
- Marginalized – poor and elderly
- Community involvement
- Community involvement
- Help poor and needy
- Welcome inactive Catholics - LGBT. single etc.
- Outreach for homebound
- Community building

- Outreach to inactive Catholics
- Outreach to divorced and separated Catholics
- Getting inactive Catholics to attend church
- Helping those depressed
- Non practicing Catholics
- Love of Jesus and others
- Helping poor – local
- Community
- Forgiveness of all
- Divorced and single support groups
- Attract people back to church
- Outreach to poor
- Senior citizens
- Feed hungry and homeless
- Serving those in need
- Bringing Catholics home
- Helping more people locally
- Social outreach for needy in our community
- Outreach to needy
- Helping poor
- Catholics coming home
- Helping those in need
- Bring Catholics home
- Equality and non-discrimination
- Making parish a community
- Work on inactive Catholics
- Inactive Catholics
- Attract more people to come back to church
- Help poor
- Inactive Catholics
- Welcoming new members
- Bring back inactive Catholics
- Reach out to those who have left parish
- Helping poor
- Outreach to community
- Help those who have fallen away
- Local outreach
- Bring inactive Catholics back
- Finding ways to energize those not involved
- Outreach to those with mental health issues
- Social justice education about Catholic faith
- Outreach
- Outreach to poor

- Medical mission trips
- Inactive Catholics
- Outreach to former St. John church members
- Helping poor
- Enjoy homilies and welcoming of people
- General outreach
- Parish outreach
- Outreach to poor
- Be a community and family
- Evangelization of lost and inactive especially divorce
- Family outreach
- Helping poor
- Diversity
- Grieving
- Engage the poor
- The poor
- Making church open to LGBTQ and divorced
- Ministry to poor and needy
- Inactive Catholics
- Outreach to lapsed Catholics
- Sick, bereaving and homeless
- Bring Catholics back
- Take care of elders (as mentioned by Fr. Henry)
- Give money to poor rather than updates
- LGBTQ education and support
- Feeding poor
- Help single parents and divorced parishioners
- Social justice outreach
- Helping those in need
- Continue to welcome and include all
- Help less fortunate
- Serving those in need
- Connecting more lost people
- Getting inactive Catholics involved
- Inactive Catholics
- LGBTQ
- Community involvement
- Community among parishioners
- Single, divorced, widowed
- Help LGBTQ feel welcome in church
- Ministry to LGBTQ – don't contradict teachings of church
- LGBTQ all welcome!
- Helping poor

- Bring home Catholics making people feel welcome
- Those in need
- Help needy
- Veterans, elderly
- Involve people in helping needy
- Sick, bereaving and homeless
- More social issues
- Visitation nursing homes, hospitals, prisons
- Help single parents and divorced parishioners
- Continue to welcome and include all
- Helping poor
- Senior grief counseling and visitation
- Grieving
- Continue to welcome and include all
- Connecting more lost people

Youth & Young Adult (126 responses inc. Children & Family responses at end)

- Youth
- Youth programs and welcome new parishioners
- Youth and Young Adult Ministry
- Youth Ministry/Scouting
- Youth Ministry
- Youth Group, opportunities to volunteer outside the church/bring back those who have left
- Involve our youth as much as possible
- Young Adult Groups
- Young adults need more attention
- Getting young people to remain involved
- Teens
- Young Adult Ministry
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- Young Adults
- Encouraging youth
- Youth Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Focus on getting things for college students
- Youth Ministry – teens and young adults
- Single young adults
- Teens through Confirmation
- Young adult college age
- Young adult programs

- Youth and teen involvement for those who do not attend school
- Youth formation
- Bible studies and youth education
- Focus on youth
- Children and young adults
- Youth Ministry
- Young adults
- Keeping young adults interested in Catholic faith
- Faith and young adults
- Youth
- Youth Ministry
- High School teens
- Work with teenagers
- Young adults
- Keeping young adults active
- Youth and young adults
- Youth education with parental component
- Young adults, senior citizens and Warrick County homeless
- Young adults
- Youth ministry
- Young adults
- Faith education for parents, children, young families
- Young adults
- Young adults
- Youth ministry
- Teens/Faith formation
- Try to get more young adults to come to church
- Getting more young people to attend mass
- Teaching high school and college age
- Youth Group
- Youth Group
- Youth outreach for those not at StJb School
- Young adult outreach to inactive
- Young adults
- Young adults
- Engagement of youth
- Youth ministry
- Teen programs
- Teen involvement
- More youth involvement
- Keep young adult faith alive
- Youth programs
- More field trips for young people

- Adult and teen ministry
- Teens
- Young adults – college age
- Adult formation and youth ministry
- Youth education
- Youth group
- Young married couples
- Teen ministry
- Young adult groups
- Youth
- Outreach in positive and fun way to young teens
- Youth and young adults
- High school teens
- Youth formation
- Youth
- Youth groups
- Young adults
- Youth and school top priorities
- Keep teens involved
- Youth ministries
- Young adults and teens
- Draw youth to church
- Cater to youth better
- Young adults, fallen away, divorced, LGBTQ
- Young adults
- Building interest for children and teens
- Young adults
- Youth
- Young adults
- Young adults and community service
- Keep youth involved
- Parish outreach to young adults
- Young people to be involved
- Something for young adult singles
- Young adult outreach to divorced and LGTBQ
- Youth activities
- Youth and adult faith formation
- Young adults
- Youth ministry
- Young adult ministry
- Focus on teens role in church
- Teenagers/homebound and mission trip activities
- Children's programs

- Children, youth and family activities
- Children and young adults
- Children
- Children
- Children
- Children
- Children and poor
- Children
- Need cry room where parents can be with active kids
- Children's education – history
- More programs that help families and young children
- Educating parents with children faith formation
- CCD times for working parents
- Special programs to be offered in public schools
- Family life
- Family outreach

Liturgy...Homilies/Music/Environment (56 responses)

- Discuss church's position on current events and political issues.
- Homilies
- World problems
- No jokes at Mass
- Educating parishioners on The Mass
- Sermons more about today's events and needs
- Quality of preaching
- Stress and encourage people to read the bible
- Offer Catholic view on current issues
- Like quality of sermons given by Fr. Henry
- Homilies related to daily life
- Homily more personal, not too theoretical – need to move my heart
- Not doing surveys when there should be a homily
- Relating homilies to everyday life and issues
- Lead vision from pulpit and pastor – lead flock back to well (Henry)
- Fr. Henry is excellent
- Focus on liturgy in at least one mass per week – no music
- Explain church stand on social issues
- Preach on important issues such as contraception, mortal sin etc.
- World issues
- Enjoy homilies and welcoming of people
- Like Fr. Henry's preaching and feel comfortable with him
- Reverent liturgies that draw people to God

- Improve liturgy – more prayerful and more prayerful music, not loud and entertaining music
- Offer confession after mass
- Traditional liturgy – blessed sacrament on altar
- Keep sarcasm to yourself
- More reverence, less comedy
- Homilies that will touch our hearts
- More homilies on sin, not just mercy
- Music – songs of Mary during her feast days and months; play some of old songs instead of same...more variety
- Music variation
- More music
- I love the music
- Greater variety of music
- Larger print for missals
- Need better acoustics
- Broadcasting for elderly with sound
- Sound in choir box too hard to hear
- Convenience for physically impaired adults; use of sound system
- Too cold in church
- Too cold
- Too cold most of time
- Save by turning A/C warmer in summer
- Lower heat in winter
- Saturday evening Mass at 4 or 4:30
- Saturday mass change to 4 p.m.
- Keep Sunday evening Mass
- Consider adding additional masses on Sundays and holidays
- More Spanish Masses
- 24-hour adoration
- Tabernacle in church, crucifix front and center, 24-hour adoration
- Talk more about sacraments, purify vessels at altar
- Cushions for pew
- First Friday communion and sacrament of the sick around noon
- Keep saying who masses are being said for

School-Related (40 responses)

- Help & strengthen Schools
- Build up preschool program
- Have church support school – Fr. Tom leads this
- Reduce school tuition
- Keep school tuition costs low
- Quality of school

- School – leadership and consistency
- More involved in serving church and school
- Make all children, even those who don't attend school, part of church
- Improve school
- Combine church with school more, do not feel cohesive
- Outreach to young families who do not attend school
- School – great school, just need more promotion
- Promote StJB School
- School
- School/Preschool
- Continue upgrades to school
- Build school to what it was 10 year ago
- School
- Build preschool and school ministry
- StJB School – absence of welcoming
- Increase support for our school
- My children did not feel welcome from other students at St. John
- Special programs to be offered in public schools
- Inclusion of non-school families
- Sense of community for those who don't have children at StJB
- School needs work – priest and deacon connection with members
- School
- Kids left school because of bullying and social problems – behind when started public schools
- Three grown children all attended StJB School and they say they will never send kids here
- Make preschool feeder to school
- Focus on children outside StJB School
- Support school
- School
- Preschool & Childcare, Center, Playground
- School – misplaced priorities
- Support StJB School
- Need to feel we belong here like with last principal
- Combine church with school more, do not feel cohesive
- School needs work – priest and deacon connection with members

Adult Education & Formation (26 Responses)

- Connecting on real world issues
- Teach more about the Mass
- Adult education
- Spiritual formation primary focus
- Guidance in living holy life

- Adult education formation, genuine
- Missions
- Faith formation
- Keeping engaged once a program is started
- Retreats – too many missionaries
- Bible study opportunities – not communicated
- Spiritual retreats for adults
- Adult faith formation
- Religious Ed for adults
- Adult formation and youth ministry
- Follow up with those who may be falling behind in faith
- Adult faith formation
- Teach adults catechism and importance of daily mass
- Adult formation
- Catholic teaching and living it
- Educating Christ's teachings
- Missionary work for our parishioners
- Adult faith formation
- Religious Ed for parishioners
- Spiritual warfare
- Help members be best Christians they can be!

Small Groups/Community (24 Responses)

- Parish Sense of community
- Restore CHRP
- Bible studies for different age groups and genders at different times
- Community
- Small groups formed like many Christian churches
- Having group for older women
- Small group faith formation
- Small groups
- Programs for engaged couples and newly married
- Make sure young couples ready for marriage
- Married couples group
- Married couples
- Small groups
- Continue parish sense of community
- Welcoming new parishioners individually rather than in group
- Be a community and family
- Small adult groups
- Sense of community, men's adult community

- CHRP
- Community among parishioners
- Get more people involved
- Adult bible study and education
- Engage middle aged
- Small adult groups

Spending/Remodeling (19 Responses)

- Stay out of debt
- No debt
- Finish remodeling plans
- No more debt – pay cash
- Parishioner involvement in spending decisions outside normal operating costs
- Buy more property such as apartments
- Parish work done by parishioners not outside contractors
- Use volunteer help on construction programs
- No spending on large projects
- Parking lot and paint church inside, leave chapel alone
- Congregation input for remodeling – do not remove aspect of prior generations
- More conservative view financially – money spent on ministries not enhancements
- Be careful about remodeling plans – some of them stink!
- Spend time on God, not money
- Leaving present altar and podium where it is and not replacing it
- I like simple, don't need to spend money on big and fancy
- Help members better manage money (Dave Ramsey)
- Other parishes in diocese that have no priests but we have 3
- Maintaining adequate services to such a large parish

Involvement/Participation (16 Responses)

- Participation
- Growing Catholics, increasing number who attend masses
- Finding ways to energize those not involved
- Getting people involved in parish ministries – more than 10 percent, older ones tired
- Keep people up to date on events and how to be more involved
- Get more people involved in ministry that interest them
- More parishioner participation
- More interaction with priests and children in religious education
- Pastor should attend major parish events
- Have information on all ministries – especially when joining

- New member engagement
- Bring in new people
- Regular mass attendance by all parishioners
- More intentional opportunities to meet parishioners
- Encourage more volunteering
- Increase Sunday mass attendance beyond Easter and Christmas

Social Justice (9 Responses)

- Social justice education about Catholic faith
- Social teachings
- Social justice
- Social justice
- Social justice
- Social justice outreach
- Social justice
- Social justice outreach
- More social issues

Positive/Keep up good work (9 Responses)

- Maintain current status
- Not a member but enjoy it/Split time with our parish
- Keep up the great work!
- Love what we see here!
- Like environment
- Excellent job!
- Doing great!
- Great parish!
- Feel so welcome here! (Good Shepherd members)

Communications (7 Responses)

- Maintain integrity and transparency
- Communicating strategic plans and developing outreach for those in health care crisis
- Promote Catholic identity
- In bulletin, put deceased, recently deceased and hospitalized
- Helping in communicating
- More education on the Mass in bulletin
- Better communication on ministries and how to join

Community Relations & Role Modeling (5 Responses)

- Being a leading source for community issues
- Being leader in community
- Become role model for community
- Relevance of Catholic community to overall community
- Relationship with other churches

Evangelization (5 Responses)

- Evangelization and outreach
- Evangelization of lost and inactive especially divorce
- Evangelization
- Evangelization and outreach
- Evangelization and outreach

Other (7 Responses)

- Easter
- No parking on the driveway in!
- Stop relocating priests
- I want to know how to love and not judge – what situations should I judge or speak out?
- Women in ministry and clergy
- Parish Council needs to listen to needs of people and not be led by priests or one parishioner
- Stable enduring priests that will continue to grow StJB