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What brought you to this parish? (Choose up to 3)	# of Responses
Activities offered for my children	36
I liked the activities of the church	21
I liked the music	22
I liked the facilities	40
I liked the Liturgy	60
I liked the ministry staff	35
I liked the pastor	144
It is a friendly church	104
It is located near my home	217
I've always attended this parish	182

What has continued to interest you at this parish? (Choose up to 3)	# of Responses
Adult Formation	39
Hospitality	119
Liturgy	212
Faith Formation	58
Social Events	64
The Clergy	172
The Community	184
The School	87

What is your opinion regarding these statements about the direction of our church?	Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
I understand the purpose/mission of our parish	342	28	42
I understand the future direction of our parish	268	56	85
Our parish has asked me how I can contribute to our parish mission	254	58	86
Our parish is effective in communicating our mission	286	58	65
Our parish is welcoming to visitors and new church members	319	40	54
Our parish cares about its members	318	46	45
This is a place where my family belongs and we want to become more involved	222	29	142

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What Mass do you typically attend

Saturday 4pm -- 117

Reasons for attending this Mass

22 responses referred to convenience  
21 respondents gave no reason  
8 responses were simply "time" or "timing"  
6 responses referred to "works with our schedule"  
Always like going on Saturday  
Because confession are that day  
Best choice now for my busy lifestyle  
Best option  
Best time for me, a college student  
Can sleep in on Sunday  
Convenient time for us - so happy it was moved to this earlier time!  
Evening is better for our family.  
Daylight when I come home  
Depends on how we feel in the morning  
Easier for my children  
Have no preference  
good time  
Habit  
have always gone to sat. mass  
honor obligations  
I gives me all day Sunday to whatever I want.  
I am busy Sunday  
I can still have time to do things at home before and after  
I don't always go to this mass but it is my first preference due to traveling on Sunday  
I really don't know.  
I have always preferred the Saturday masses  
I like going on Saturday  
I like the time of this mass.  
Ideally, I would prefer 9:00 a.m. on Sunday  
I'm not a morning person  
I really prefer when the Mass was at 5PM  
I usually have other obligations on Sunday with family. But what I love about this time is if I can't make it Saturday I have Sunday options.  
It frees up Sunday  
It is the only time I have off from work.  
It fits my life.  
It fits with my college schedule better.

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It works well with my work schedule  
It's like meeting family every week  
It used to have a wonderful choir which I wish they would bring back.  
It used to have a wonderful choir with instruments, which I wish they would bring back.  
Lazy on Sunday  
It's more casual  
My husband and I have always gone to 4pm  
Makes Sunday openly available  
My husband likes this one, I prefer Sunday at 8:30am.  
Like to relax on Sunday  
Makes Sunday more free  
Normally does not conflict with work schedule  
often have to work on Sunday  
My Sundays are busy.  
so I don't have to wake up early  
So that my non-Catholic wife can attend as she works Sundays  
personal preference  
Prefer going to mass on Saturday  
transportation  
So we can sleep in on Sunday's after working all week.  
So the kids can sleep in on Sunday  
Time fits my schedule or lack of one.  
We have dinner after mass  
We started going when my child started serving, and it has now just become a favorite.

Sunday 8:30am -- 170

Reasons for attending this Mass

21 respondents did not give a reason  
17 respondents referred to "Time" or "Timing"  
8 respondents referred to "convenience"  
12 respondents simply said "Early" or "Early in the morning"  
9 respondents answered "Fits my schedule"  
4:00 and 11:00 times are not convenient  
4:00 and 11:00 times are not convenient  
Able to focus better on Sunday morning, but also like 4:00 in the winter.  
Always have gone at this time  
Always liked to go to Mass early. Served 6 AM for years.  
Because 4:00PM on Saturday is too early  
Because 4:00PM Saturday is too early  
because it is on the radio

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Because my parents make me  
Because my son takes me.  
Early and convenient  
Early but not too early  
Early enough to be home for Sunday afternoon.  
Early riser, the people  
Early, nice to start the day  
Fits my schedule best. It is about the time we get up and go out every other day.  
Fits our life style  
Gets Sunday off on the right track to focus on God and family  
gets the day started well  
good start to the day  
Good start to the day  
good way to start the day  
Good way to start the day.  
Great way to start the day.  
Great start to Sunday  
I actually preferred when there was a 7:30 am mass  
I am a morning person  
I am a morning person.  
I am always up early due to work  
I am an early riser  
I am an early riser. I do serve as Eucharistic minister at the 11 am mass, because that is where I am needed.  
I don't really know  
I go to it if I don't go Saturday  
I have always went to it. So I am used to its place in my week  
I like an early Sunday mass.  
I like to experience the liturgy in the mornings.  
I like to go to church on Sunday and I don't want to go so late.  
I prefer Sunday Mass and I am a morning person  
I usher during this time  
I was taught, "You can do anything on Sunday....AFTER you go to Church." Gives me more time.  
I'm a morning person  
I'm an early riser  
In summer months 4pm is to early in the middle of the day, and 11am is also in the middle of the day.  
It fits in our lives and has children in attendance similar to pur children's ages.  
It gets me up in the morning  
It is a nice way to start the day, and from a practical perspective, the other two Masses cut up the day more than I like.

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It is early and I am a morning person.  
It is early and on Sunday.  
It is early and on Sunday.  
It is on Sunday and early  
It is right before REP  
It is the earliest and most convenient.  
It is what I am used to  
It is when I serve Eucharist  
It leaves the remainder of the day to spend with family.  
it leaves time in the day for other activities  
It works best for my kids and allows us to do other activities on the weekends as well.  
It works best for us.  
It works for my family. I like Saturday Mass time better, but 8:30 works best.  
It works with my youngest sleep schedule  
It's just early enough and doesn't interrupt the entire day  
It's just the right time  
It's offered at a sensible time of day.  
We are up anyway  
Just comfortable attending this mass  
Just comfortable attending this mass  
Kids  
Kids, great way to start the day.  
Like Early Mass  
Morning  
My son takes me to this mass  
My work schedule prohibits Saturday...11 Sun too late  
No interfere with morning  
On Sunday and early.  
other families and time of day  
Prefer attending mass at early in day.  
prefer early Mass  
prefer early morning  
prefer mass first thing in the am  
Saturday is too early, would even prefer earlier on Sunday.  
  
Saturday is way to early for the "active" adults in the church community. We do attend the 11:00 sometime but prefer the "early" mass to enjoy the rest of the day with family.  
School Masses held at this time  
So I can visit family  
Start the morning off with church  
Sunday

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Starts the day off correctly

Sunday Morning

That is when my family ususally attends.

The Mass my dear mom and I went to, she recently passed  
the time suits me

The time suits me. In fact, earlier would be ok with me, too.

This is the mass I have always attended. It is a nice start to my day.

This is the Mass we are in the habit of attending. Now I prefer it because of the  
sense of community.

Tradition

tradition-meet family there

Up early , leaves Sunday open.

We are early birds

up early and get on with the rest of my day

works with our Day

You can get an early start on the day.

Sunday 11am -- 128

Reasons for attending this Mass

16 respondents did not give a reason

16 respondents referred to convenience

13 respondents answered "Time" or "Timing"

10 respondents answered "Works with our schedule" or something similar  
have always attended this mass

Just a little later I don't feel rushed in the morning,

?

4 & 8:30 are too early

4 o'clock mass is too early in the day.

8:30 is too early. Not crazy about 11 am either wish we still had 9am

8:30 Sunday

Actual go to both 8:30 and 11

Children's liturgy

Church community.

congregation participates in prayer responses and singing

Easier to get a larger family there at that time.

easier to make

Easier with multiple kids

Easiest to attend for our schedules

Easy to attend with kids.

God is right in the middle of Sunday. Thinking about him when I am getting ready.  
Then reflecting on what Father said in his homily.

Have almost always attended this mass

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have always attended this mass; lector at this mass; Eucharistic Minister

Have time to enjoy my morning and end with mass.

I don't like 4:00 - too early

I don't really prefer it. It just fits in the schedule.

I go with someone that prefers this time, I am flexible.

I liked 5:30 Saturday. I switched to 11:00 because it doesn't conflict with my wife going to 8:30 at the Methodist church.

I work 6PM to 6 AM can't get any others

I work during the other mass times.

I work full-time so I like to sleep in on Sunday

I work late nights on Saturdays, this mass is most agreeable to my sleep schedule

I would prefer a Sunday evening mass

In the morning

it is best for me

It is convenient for my schedule while attending classes at Clarion University.

It is easier for my wife to attend and I also Usher at this mass

It is the time I have been going to for years.

It is the most convenient time that our family can attend together.

It takes me a little longer than most people to get ready so I find it more accommodating to my needs

It varies between this time and 8:30. Both are convenient.

It was never a habit to attend Saturday afternoon and we like to have family time before we go to church Sunday morning.

It's not too early!

It's good & the spirit is present with us.

It's quiet

Late in the day

later in the day

My parents prefer it

My wife use to go with me? No more

No reason

No reason, it just works out better most of the time.

No rushing to get around in the morning

no special reason

not a morning person:)

other masses are too early

Personal preference

Personal schedule, Also liked 5:30 but 4:00 pm is too early in the day on the weekend.

rep and works for my family

Sat is an inconvenient time and 8:30 is too early

Saturday 5:30pm

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Saturday evening would be my preference as for pm is too early. Sunday I like to sleep in and not be rushed.

Seems to fit our schedule best. Also attend 4 pm on Saturdays.

Sleep in

Sleep!

sleeping in

So there is one day each week we don't have to rush out the door!

The other two are to early in the day for us.

They sing and I don't have get up early

That's when we have time

The first one is too early

This is the time I have always gone to mass on Sunday.

We can go as a family

This day and time works the best for my husband and I.

We can go as a family

We used to attend Saturday night more but now it's hard to make the 4:00pm mass. Sunday at 11:00am is better with kids.

Would prefer Saturday Eve but 4pm is too early

We like to take our two toddlers to the Holy Mass but they wake up around 10:am

No Selection Made -- 5

Reasons for this answer

No preference

Easiest to attend for our schedules

5:30 PM daily, 12:30 PM daily

None of these are the best times for me.

I attend Mass every week but not any particular one

Is Father available for help when you are in need?

When I've been in need, I've been able to either speak with Father on the phone or schedule an appointment to see him 187

I have not had a need to schedule an appointment with Father 210

When I've been in need, I have not been able to reach him 16

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Please indicate your experience with the following areas related to Mass.	All of the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	Never	No Response
Sunday Mass is a good experience	206	168	34	4	35
When I attend Mass, I experience a sense of hospitality and feel welcome	251	116	40	11	29
Mass enriches my relationship with Christ through the Eucharist	308	89	15	7	28
Homilies are directly related to Scripture	176	195	43	3	30
Homilies are directly related to my real life experiences	107	162	132	16	30
The quality of the music, including instruments, musicians, and hymn selection enables me to participate	122	156	118	26	25
The music raises my heart and mind in prayer and adds reverence to the Mass	143	136	117	22	29
The speaker system makes it easy for me to follow and understand what is happening during the Liturgy	303	90	19	9	26

Please rate your experience with the parish staff:	All of the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	Never	No Response
Parish office staff is welcoming	272	64	22	3	19
Parish office staff is knowledgeable	265	61	15	0	27
Parish office staff is helpful	262	68	14	0	26
Faith Formation staff is welcoming	196	37	16	0	30
Faith Formation staff is knowledgeable	182	44	20	0	28
Faith Formation staff is helpful	184	42	17	2	33
School staff is welcoming	138	28	10	3	26
School staff is knowledgeable	132	25	9	3	29
School staff is helpful	135	25	8	4	26

What is your opinion/evaluation of your church in the following areas?	Effective	Needs Work	No Response
Physical church building	370	56	21
Seating in the church	357	68	22
Parking	396	27	24
Quality of sound system	358	63	26
Accessibility for families with children	356	53	38
Handicap accessibility	361	55	31

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Which two methods would you prefer to use as methods of communication about activities, events, and announcements from your parish? (Please select only 2)

Bulletin	328
Website	73
Pulpit announcements by Father	176
Pulpit announcements by parishioners	23
Facebook	31
Instagram	7
Twitter	1
Parish App	18
Flyers and benners around campus	5
Parish-wide emails	193

How often do you use the below forms of communication?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Rarely	Never
Bulletin	33	324	25	20	16
Website	16	54	98	112	96
Facebook	59	21	15	52	246
Parish App	5	20	21	66	277
Parish-wide emails	89	157	39	29	86

Evaluate the effectiveness of these forms of communication.

	Effective	Needs Work	No Response
Bulletin	403	16	28
Website	241	68	138
Pulpit announcements by Father	377	20	50
Pulpit announcements by parishioners	316	42	89
Facebook	116	121	210
Parish App	107	116	224
Parish-wide emails	294	46	107

Do you use our free mobile app as an enhanced means of communication?

Yes	53
I didn't realize we had one	183
I have a smartphone but am not interested	112
I don't have a smartphone or tablet	64
No Response	35

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Would you follow the parish on social media?

Facebook	180
Twitter	16
Instagram	37
None of these	219

Do you know someone who would benefit from live streaming of Sunday Mass?

Yes	153
No	264
No response	30

Do you participate in any parish ministries or organizations outside of attending weekend Mass?

Yes	224
No, but I want to	46
No and I do not want to	135
No response	42

Please rate the effectiveness of the following areas of our parish.

	Effective	Needs Work	No Experience	No response
Hospitality	341	50	12	44
Welcoming new parishioners	264	36	38	46
Social activities	240	102	55	50
Outreach to unchurched	70	119	203	55
Outreach to the local community	150	112	133	52
Service to those outside of our church community	131	105	159	52

I would be more willing to volunteer to support parish functions if:  
(Check all that apply)

I felt appreciated	50
I had the time	188
I knew the needs	85
I was given training	39
I was invited	65

What would make you participate more?

- 367 respondents gave no response
- Already involved
- I do volunteer
- I already volunteer

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Would be interested in inter-faith programs

Childcare is provided.

Too old

Handicapped

Now, if I was able.

Feel there is plenty of outreach for opportunity to volunteer.

There are many families that have one parent that is a born in Catholic. The church does not offer any services for families with only one born in Catholic.

I was still capable to do particular tasks.

and energy

If we had a different priest.

Would be more welcomed and considered a college parishioner

Too old

If we had the choir

not sure of long term situation

Informed and invited

disabled

I feel good already

I volunteer as much as I can

I was younger

Too old

If I were able

Not so old

I have a lot of responsibilities to my husband.

I help when and where I can

Was younger

I was able

I am on hospitality

I'm physically impaired

Would volunteer more if I had time.

Too old

I am unable because of health.

Too old cannot hear well enough

Elderly. Sometimes unavailable.

I already volunteer when time permits

Work consumes much of my time

My age and health

I support many functions now

if faith related and of interest

Just do it.

If I had childcare.

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If I didn'ty already.

Kids are older

unable

unable

limited physically

not interested

I am disabhhled and unable to support activities

I work quite inconvenient hours

We attend all functions and love them all

I offered or signed up but never heard back from anyone

Due to health issues I prefer not to volunteer because I never know if I can make it for sure

I already volunteer as much as I can.

Not physically able to do a lot of the things volunteers are needed.

I work a lot.

my opinion was valued

my opinion was valued

currently volunteer

I travel a great deal for work and personal but love to be involved when time permits.

Uncertain

If I lived in Clarion

Was not uncertain of how much longer I would be living in this area

Sadly, I will be moving and unable to help.

If I knew the needs

I offer when want to do it! For me it's a privilege!

I have a few more years yet until I have time. Then I plan to be more involved.

I have done so in the past

Husband disabled..requires time and attention.

The pastor holds grudges and has hurt people deeply.

If the pastor treated all parishoners with respect and brought back the choir.

Child care while working event

when we were younger, we did a lot of volunteering --- lector, usher, ccd teacher, vice president of ladies guild, etc.

All ready help social activities

No comment.

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I was pushed away SEVERAL times when I tried to volunteer because I am not a catholic but yet raising my children catholic.  
More diverse service opportunities

As we look at the future of our parish, which of the following groups or activities would you be interested in joining? For a full list of current ministries, visit our website. (Check all that apply)

Bible Study	117
Family Nights	59
Jail/Prison Ministry	12
Local Mission Work	63
Men's Groups	39
Mother's Groups	21
Prayer Groups	60
Respect Life Ministry	20
Social Events	137
Adoration	44
Women's Groups	89
Visit Homebound	48

Please indicate your level of experience with the following areas.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A or No Response
My Pastor has asked me to make an annual financial commitment to our weekly offertory	172	144	15	4	116
My Pastor and the Finance Council are transparent about how money is used at our parish	159	158	38	5	91
Our parish is financially healthy	185	170	6	1	89
My pastor shares how the money we contribute is making a difference in our community	152	160	41	8	90
My pastor is always asking for more money	54	101	149	36	111

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Our family most closely aligns with the following attitude(s) regarding treasure. (Check all that apply)

Everything we have is a gift from God and we should give back to God financially through the offertory	201
Our family has set aside a certain percentage of our income to give to the parish and other charitable organizations	172
We have never thought about giving a budgeted amount of money to our parish	54
Our parish does not spend money wisely so we do not give to the offertory	3
We are not financially able to contribute to the parish at this time	14
We give whatever cash is left over in our wallet on Sunday morning	32

I would be motivated to increase my financial support if: (Check all that apply)

I clearly understood the need	72
I could afford to do so	225
I could specifically designate the use of the donation	67
I knew my financial support was appreciated	32
I knew the impact of my contribution	59
Other (30 respondents)	
I could get "it" together	
Feel my present financial support is appreciated.	
If I knew it stayed in our parish and a percent was not given to the diocese	
Graduate	
I am underage	
I have increased from time to time	
I'm not interested	
I have no idea	
Know needs	
Increased offertory based on raises at work.	
not interested	
money stayed in the parish	
I give what I feel is suitable and I give anonomously to restrict judgement or recognition. It's my business how much I give.	
I'm in the RED, But working on it.	
If I knew none of my money was going towards the corrupt priests	
Knew for sure that nothing I gave went to support, in anyway, the diocese's and total church's sexual abuse expenses	

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I give from my heart! If I had it you would get it  
 The sex abuse scandal has decreased our interest in contributing more money  
 We give what we can.  
 The Catholic Church needed it, but they do not  
 We tithe. We will continue to tithe 10% and share more when we are able  
 I have lost trust in people and I don't know who to believe anymore....  
 I don't give a lot because we're you think the money is going does not always go to that  
 cause  
 we believe in faith giving  
 Still have oncerns about my \$\$ spent on priests that have ben abusers

I understand the concept of stewardship to be:  
 (Check all that apply)

Growing in relationship with God	245
Using my talents to serve others	269
Giving money to the parish	202
Everything I have is a gift from God	236

Please indicate how often you do the following:	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Rarely	Never
Attend Mass	19	337	31	9	1
Consider church teaching when making decisions	201	58	44	34	20
Invite someone to Mass	3	21	36	178	80
Go to confession	0	1	31	117	78
Participate in Adult Formation activities	1	16	29	99	187
Pray a novena	25	11	30	101	163
Pray before meals	218	58	29	62	19
Pray Liturgy of the Hours	16	11	14	96	201
Pray the Rosary	57	44	36	120	97
Read a spiritual book	71	40	60	95	48
Read scripture	75	86	53	88	48
Read the catechism	6	22	25	136	152
Read the work of the saints	16	26	27	123	131
Spend quiet time in prayer	238	79	15	27	14
Talk about your faith	83	121	65	66	13
Volunteer in the community	32	80	99	78	38
Watch online/TV Catholic content	16	35	32	99	168
Listen to Catholic radio/podcasts	24	27	33	93	179

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I participate in the following Adult Formation activities available in our parish: (Check all that apply)

Video series	54
Book groups	26
Bible studies	40
Faith sharing groups	51
Special speakers	64

Other

I don't attend

Not sure if it is offered for college students

Homebound

I'm in faith formation

Different special services for Easter and Christmas

was not part of them

Campus Ministry

I'm usually working instead of attending these activities

none

family required

Family

Faith Formation.

Late Night Lectio Divinia

none

None of these

Have yet to look in to this.

none

I pray for a Good Shepard daily! I want to know the truth

I would participate in book groups.

participated when we were younger

Do not participate

none

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At which time(s) are you most likely to participate in Adult Formation activities? (Check all that apply)

Mornings	35
Afternoons	35
Evenings	136
Weekends	49
I'd like to participate digitally (from recordings)	63
I'm not interested in participating	120

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion
Our parish school is a valuable part of our parish life.	293	18	
Our parish school is a major part of our parish mission.	290	21	

	Yes	No	No response
Do you have school age children?	94	310	
Do your children attend Immaculate Conception Parish School?	39	57	

Do your children participate in Faith Formation?

Yes, my children enroll in the program each year for Faith Formation	54
My children attend Catholic school	28
I have children of age, but we have not participated in the program	5
No response	354

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If you have children in grades PreK-6th, what prevents you from enrolling your children in Immaculate Conception Parish School?

the education doesn't prepare them for the local public school

I am happy with the public school

Perception of other parent

As a public school teacher, I believe in supporting our local public schools and feel that my children get a good experience being with more peers who come from varying backgrounds, and I appreciate that they have more opportunities to work with many teachers each year. I believe that I.C. does a great job educating kids, but I don't feel strongly about sending my own children to a Catholic school.

limited socialization with small class size

I was called to homeschool them.

I feel that my children are receiving a good education at the public school and are exposed to more resources and opportunities.

Conflict with spouse

They are too old now to attend

Personal decision

Cost

my spouse and money

Distance

Tuition (too much)

Cirriculum.

money, personal reasons

My wife

Financial.

Unsure of the level of preparedness to public school.

Satisfied with public education.

School schedule, transportation.

Time and schedule

Have considered but need Special Services not provided by IC. (IEP)

Never gave it a thought

She will attend next year

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I don't feel that it is worth the cost.

Friendships already made at public school.

cost

My kids are older

They do not live close to Clarion.

the number of students are too small

Personal choice to send our children to public school

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We like our public a school  
Cost and convenience  
personal decision

Are you registered at Immaculate Conception  
Parish? (Note: all registered households receive  
offertory envelopes)

Yes	364
No	33
No response	50

How long have you been a member of the parish?

21 or more years	229
11 to 20 years	81
6 to 10 years	29
1 to 5 years	37
Under 1 year	10
No response	61

What is your gender?

Male	135
Female	260
No response	52

What is your age?

Over 80	26
70-79	74
60-69	84
50-59	82
40-49	52
30-39	37
18-29	19
Under 18	20

What is the primary language spoken in your  
home?

English	394
Spanish	3
Vietnamese	1
No response	48

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What is your marital status?

Married	275
Single	61
Separated/Divorced	21
Widowed	38
No response	52

How many children are living in your home?

Zero	250
One	50
Two	46
Three	29
Four	10
Five	1
Other (such as "live with adult children", or "I am a child living a home")	6
No response	55

Please indicate your child's experience with the following areas:	All of the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	No experience
My children often share stories of what they learn in Faith Formation	21	18	34	9
My children are excited to attend faith formation/L.I.F.E. Gatherings	15	30	17	11
My children like attending Faith Formation Camp during the summer	14	11	11	40
My middle school teen is interested in a youth ministry program	8	5	9	55
My high school teen is interested in a youth ministry program	6	4	9	59
My teen is interested in activities at the parish during the summer	5	6	17	47
My children and/or teens are welcome at Sunday Mass	67	11	5	4

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What do you like most about our parish?

Very personable - welcoming from priest. Comfortable Mass for all.

The personal feeling from our priest - Father Monty

The strength of the Sacramental life in the beauty of the Liturgies, lived out in community.

Large, faith community. Seating and sound in church good for seeing and hearing

Friendly members, great liturgy

The parishioners

People in our mass treat each other like family.

daily Mass, holy oils, a priest you can respect

Feels like a family.

It cares about transmitting the faith to all the people and off course the Holy Mass

All the options to grow in my faith along with mass.

Feels comfortable

The people.

Community; attending mass & activities

Well planned liturgies with generally good participation are uplifting.

the other parishioners

The members of the church and the parish staff. There is a strong sense of an authentic unity.

I like the liturgy and social events.

I enjoy Father Monty's sermons and I really like the video series for adult faith formation.

The people

It allows me to usher but needs to get more kids in the church

10th grade Sunday school teachers

Communion

The people, The songs.

Father Monty and his staff

Moved to Clarion many years ago and immediately felt welcomed and I think the parish does a wonderful job of building community and outreach to members of the church on a daily basis.

Physical space, sound system, parking, church members

Parishioners are friendly and caring

The interaction with the people I go to church with.

It feels like a family.

Friendliness of others

masses, social events, having a school

our pastor

People

I can be reclusive or very sociable and staff and parishioners treat me well in most situations.

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Not sure

Father Monty is a strong leader. I have the sense that if there were trying times he would lead the parish or individuals through it. Also, he can give very compassionate and unifying sermons.

Parishioners, open and spacious feel inside our church

Fr. Monty and staff

I'm comfortable here ( Been here most of my life)

Some of the people.

Close to campus

Mass

Praising Him through hymns

I feel a sense of community.

Father, The layout of the mass, and the professionalism.

mass schedule

Liturgy

Routine

The people, Friendly, announce Masses with incense so can be avoided

Seeing the people every week

The hospitality

It's pretty big

The 10th grade Sunday school teachers

The involvement

The hospitality

Good Mass

Fr. Monty is a visionary

How welcome I feel at Mass and social functions

most everything

Our Pastor

How nice and how welcomed you feel when you come in

Fr. Monty and his staff

Pastor

Father Monty, Mass, Angel Tree

The good speakers in church and bingo.

The hospitality and the sense of family

The fundraisers we do

Many church times / flexible hours

People are nice

The activities

The pastor

Hospitality

Choir

Liturgies, opportunities to participate in ministries

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I feel I belong

It's convenient

Convenience, early Mass

Fr. Monty and the liturgies

When Fr. Monty gives his sermon walking around. When he talks to you and doesn't read the homily.

The Church

The McMillen sisters' hard work & dedication

kneeling in prayer, making sign of peace to each other

The facility, Liturgy, Sacraments

The way Father Monty relates homily to real issues.

Fr. Monty, Office Gals are so accommodating. Rectory so handy.

Atmosphere, It makes me feel at home, comfortable and blessed.

The 4pm Mass

To do what I desire, no pressure, very friendly and helpful

It is a beautiful place to worship with friendly people

hospitality and friendship

The Priest and the speaker system.

The priest and the sense of community

Friendly and welcoming

faith formation

Being welcomed

usually quiet and peaceful like

Close to home

Friendly

The hospitality of parishioners

Lots of things. I feel at home and close to God in three persons, The Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Feeling always welcome

Hospitality Ministry

the priest

Opportunity for many activities-both religious in nature and social

Fr Monty

The family like connection

Convenience of location

Mass is predictable.

The parish family

The closeness

People

Father Monte

Family, and singing

The congregation and the pastor

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Good location for college students.  
the parishioners are friendly and staff is as well  
The family and community based atmosphere and how everyone is so very  
welcoming.  
mass  
Daily mass  
The friendliness of the staff & priest  
Everyone is friendly and my child learns about God & how to love him  
the discipline but openness of the priest and others  
Clean, Inspirational, grounding  
friendly  
Helpful and welcoming.  
I know the personnel.  
The community of people.  
Father, volunteering, service, staff.  
family feeling  
Friendly  
community  
it's close  
Children's Liturgy.  
Friendly, welcoming.  
The sense of community.  
Children's liturgy on Sundays.  
Welcoming/accommodating even though we rarely attend mass.  
Welcoming. The care for our children.  
Relaxed environment.  
handicap accessibility  
homily  
I have always felt welcome and over 40+ years all priests have made me feel  
welcomed and loved.  
Friendly Parish  
Welcoming  
I like the atmosphere and that our parish gives back to the community.  
liturgies  
Church, priest, convenience of time  
welcoming/friendly  
Father Montey  
It is part of my life.  
close to home  
Congregation is very friendly  
People  
People

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Community involvement

stressed that we are responsible for our journey toward God

Father Monty as a person and that he no longer reads his sermons.

The closeness to the Lord

It feels like home

neighbors become friends become family

I like how friendly and welcoming everyone is.

EVERYONE ALWAYS FREINDLY

diversity of parishioners: age, race, status, etc.

The members and pastor

dedicated pastor

I like how welcoming and friendly our members are when attending mass. Also, I really like the variety of activities and events there are to participate in.

Everything

going to weekly mass

The school and family oriented enviroment

Fr. Monty

I always feel at peace there

Everything

The Great Educational experience the children receive

We choose to stay because this is our family

Fr. Monty

I like everything about the parish; hospitality, caring people, sense of community

The Pastor, the people, and the feeling of community

Convenience in town

the liturgy

Church Community; father has good sermans

Welcoming, relevant homilies.

Our parish is friendly. The priest does a wonderful job with Mass.

The liturgy and welcoming pastor

I like the friendship and I think the pastor has great homilies.

Welcoming

Mass...

The people who attend mass

Familiarity, comfort level, pastor

Fr. Monty

friendly staff and the church is well organized

welcoming and friendly parish for the most part

LArge family based

It is the curch I was born and raised in. I enjoy watching all the children and their activiites at mass as the learn the faith.

Community

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The sense of community and being at home.

It's comfortable, inviting and we feel like we belong.

Father Monty

The fellowship it shows to all.

sermons

The "welcome" feeling, and the liturgies.

Priest

It will always be my home parish I like the pastor

Everything, especially the pastor

Monty

The school and other programs for our daughter

I feel comfortable here

Father Monty keeps the school open so local families can have a faith-based education

Familiarity

being with the parish community at Mass

Father Monty and his warmth and the kindness of the people at mass

It's the longest parish I lived in

Father Monty

It is family oriented and everyone knows one another

Social Activities

Mass

Choice of times for masses.

Beautiful facility, location

Location and school

The people

my church family

being with the parish community at Mass

It is close to home.

Friendliness

The atmosphere is very friendly

parish family

The pastor

Father Monty and the friendly members.

Fr. Monty

The building is nice. Some of the people are genuine. Location

Church times. Friendly parish members. Close to my house. Helps the school

Nothing specific, I just like it

Welcoming

Friendly atmosphere

we like the radio mass

Vidio series

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Father Montey  
Welcoming and helpful parish members  
Father Monty, The people  
Proximity  
Mass  
It is very welcoming  
The Prest  
The People  
Serving others through Eucharistic minister  
Large amount of community members attend  
feel at home; know people  
our pastor  
Connection to school  
I liked the parish get together like the parish picnic we use to have  
We always help each other out. Lots of caring people.  
homily and Mass  
Father Monty  
Monty  
That is has a school. The reason I joined the parish  
The welcoming church community  
It is home.  
the welcoming of the clergy and parishinors

I participate (or do not participate) in activities at our parish because:

Minimal - recently moved  
We feel wanted, and we want to learn more and become better disciples.  
I participate in activities that are of interest to me, or that fit with other  
commintments and I support the variety of offerings.  
It feels like the right thing to do in quest of everlasting life  
I like to help and socialize with other members of the parish  
I believe God has called me to do so.  
I want Christ to be the center of my life & and my children's life. To stay centered  
you must spend time with other people who feel the same way.  
I feel as though I need to give back for my blessings  
Church is the center of our family.  
I do not because I don't have enough time but is something I am looking to do in  
the future  
I feel it is an important part of my faith life.  
I want to  
Time, where I live.  
I enjoy it. I would participate more under other circumstances if my husband was  
more supportive  
Health issues have been an obstacle to greater participation

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I participate in activities that interest me, but not others. I realize that some of the activities that do not appeal to me do appeal to others. (Noisy events with a focus on games of chance do not appeal to me.)

I participate when able. Mostly, when I do not participate, it is due to other conflicts such as work or family obligations.

I would participate in more activities if I had the time and if childcare was available.

I participate as I can.

Timing of events

I need a sense of purpose, being a part of something greater than me. The same reliable people will volunteer. How can we stimulate participation?

I participate in ushering and formation but I don't participate in many activities like bingo

I do because I want to better our church

Handicapped

I want to learn more.

I do on occasion, I would do more if I had more time.

I have always found any activity in which I have participated to be a positive experience.

Practicing faith is more than just attending Mass

personal time constraints limit my ability to participate

I do not because the parish does not involve my family.

Because my children are older, I have just recently started participating in activities.

The same people are always involved and control the dynamic

I do what I have time for

I enjoy learning more deeply my faith

Work and traveling has limited my time to participate

They are relevant to enhancing my faith and assisting me with the challenges I face in my immediate life stage.

I enjoy the activities

to be honest, sometimes I feel it is a numbers game - the diocese maybe requires so many functions go on and then it's kind of a competition to see how many people will attend, also daily life is so busy with work/homes/family/care of older parents & their homes - time is scarce

Timing

I like myself and family to be involved.

I want to do my part to make us a vibrant community

I don't participate because I don't like the priest and I think the Catholic Church is hypocritical, uninviting, and condescending.

I was a Eucharistic Minister

once in awhile

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Altruism is crucial  
it is my responsibility and I enjoy doing so.  
I am relatively new to the parish and don't know many people  
have not taken that step yet  
Do not: discouraged  
My disabilities. The church/congregation is not disability friendly  
Not able to walk well Sat PM Mass too early  
I like hanging out with my friends while I'm there  
I don't have time  
I'm part of it  
It makes me feel good  
Makes me feel good  
I need service hours  
I want my faith to be strong  
I feel that it is necessary to run an effective parish and #1 I do it for God.  
I'm too lazy  
I like them  
A privilege  
I participate as usher  
Active at another parish  
They help children.  
makes me feel good  
I enjoy helping my parish.  
I participate sometimes  
I like to volunteer  
I get to see my other friends there.  
I do because they give me service hours  
Father took away all activities that we enjoyed.  
My husband is ill and requires a lot of time.  
I'm getting too old

You must give back to the parish and the school. 1. Served as school board member. 2. Served as parish council member 3. Boys and girls basketball coach. 4. Usher for 23 years 5. Chair of 3 IC golf tournaments 6. Active member of IC choir 7. Helped with many fundraisers.  
It's another way to "give back" and I enjoy the chance to help out and help others  
I enjoy the fellowship and feel it, my way to contribute  
Retired from activities  
Do not drive at night  
I am physically unable to do much  
ill health, hardly able to do my own work at home, hire people to help me.  
do not participate, don't have the time  
I love hospitality

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No excuse. Sometimes just lazy and a little too old. Trying to correct the lazy can't do anything about the old part!

People will see that Catholics are part of a faith that is special.

It's a good way to interact with other parish members.

I am physically limited

I want to. It enriches my life and centers me.

I am 86 years old and I don't do much driving. Not in good health.

I enjoy the people of our church

I feel it is my responsibility and I enjoy it

Socially awkward

live out of town

If I have time I do, but am very busy with a couple of elderly people my mother and a friend.

Time

I feel it's important to contribute to organizations I belong to.

Health

they are fun

Because of being busy w/ my work.

I do not have time we work schedule

I enjoy volunteering

I participate when able

I want our parish to remain active for my grandchildren.

i enjoy the "cause" and the people involved

work schedule prohibits more participation

I love to connect with people and enrich my relationship with God

I like to help with the liturgy

Participate when needed.

I do not

The people 😊

To feel like a part of the church community.

Busy schedules.

I have time issues due to being in school

I usually don't participate because my social skills are lacking

It is the right thing to help. It is hard to always participate

Enjoy being with like minded people

Do not participate, we were both very involved in our former parish, do not want to start again.

I never really know what or when the activities are or they conflict with other things

I have already promised to do or my college schedule.

when interested

I do not feel welcomed

I like and support our parish

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most of the time I am working.

it is important to our community

I enjoy participating in mass

lack of free time

Helping.

Don't always have the time.

Prior engagements often conflict.

Participate as much as possible.

most are required

I was asked

our children want to

I want to show my children about participating in church.

Our schedules are busy and I don't always make the time.

We have young kids. We participate when it is kid friendly.

I don't have time.

Enjoy the community.

Duty.

unable

lack of time

I truly feel a sense of belonging here but have \_\_\_\_ time (working to free up more in future)

My kids like to see their friends

Time constraint

I participate in activities at our parish because it gives me a sense of community within the church.

I do not

I do not participate because of old age.

I have participated more in the past but my schedule has made it harder.

can't at the moment or rarely because of taking care of parent.

not interested

We are out of town so much and miss the activities

I was asked

Faith and practice goes beyond just Sunday mass

want to be near people of strong faith

Do not because I am disabled.

I enjoy the activity that I am attending

I have gifts given by God, and I like to use them for His glory

not sure what is involved

I enjoy the company of others in the parish.

I PARTICIPATE

I want to continue to develop my walk with Christ

I work a lot of hours and it would be nice to have more evening activities.

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they are fun

I participate in activities, because I like being involved and being an active member of our parish community.

I participate all I can

participate in Adult Formation, interesting content

They are rewarding

It gives back to our church and community, as well as teaching our children the importance of giving back. Both of which are very important to our family.

Oh health issues

They are too materialistic

I like the group of people I work with on the events

I participate

We choose to stay because this is our family

of my crazy work schedule and feelings of inadequacy, and depression.

I love to give back to the community and to the parish

They are fun and provide ways for me to stay connected in my faith.

I don't participate much because often feel like an "outsider"

I feel like I belong.

I don't have much time

Occasionally

When I do not participate in events it is because the time does not work for me.

Time constraints

I participate to help make things better and to see others that I enjoy spending time with.

I participate in activities to be involved and it is in areas I am interested in.

Mainly lack of time.

They are not what they used to be. My family enjoyed helping with Church Picnic and other community activities until they were changed.

To share and learn more faith with others

I believe in stewardship.

I give the time I can

It is a good way to know others and reach out.

Enriches my own faith life

Mainly do not because feel not welcomed

I enjoy participating and would like to do so more often as time permits.

God's call

I do not live close enough.

Working

So busy w life

I enjoy the fellowship.

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I no longer participate because, Like many organizations there is a core group that asks for help but doesn't really want new ideas or help. There is always the same 4 or 5 members that are involved.

I want to

I do not live in the area

Time

I do not have the time

I can

Too busy

It makes me feel good

You get a sense of community when you help out

I do, when time allows.

My Catholic faith is important to me. The Church offers me ways to increase my faith through learning activities and connecting with the parish community.

I attend some things.

I do little things, that mean nothing to others

My schedule is intense. I commute a long distance to work. My kids are active in high school and I just don't have an opportunity to do too much right now.

I enjoy helping

We support fundraisers.

Currently turned off because of the deep hurt caused by the pastor to people who are important to me.

The pastor does not treat all parishoners with respect

it increases my involvement in the celebration of mass

My Catholic faith is important to me. The Church offers me ways to increase my faith through learning activities and connecting with the parish community.

I do not feel welcome at all. We are ridiculed and almost made to feel guilty about things...similar to 'you better attend services during Holy Week because.....'

I enjoy helping out any way I can.

i feel appreciated

I am an usher, Knight of Columbus and take communion to Hospital.

time constraints

Just haven't made the time.

off the friendly members.

Father Monty is very difficult to work with. Cynical. Berating. Rude. Pretentious. We need a change!

School

Timing. It all depends on what is going on in our lives

It enriches my life

participate

I want our family to be involved

because of my age ( femail ) i cannot participate

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I want to learn more about my faith  
I participate in first Eucharist preparation  
No time  
interest  
Because it is good to be apart of the parish community.  
Enjoy Helping  
I enjoy it  
do not feel welcomed  
meeting people is important to me  
My children want to go  
I use to do REP. Sense we move to faith formation they never called me. I use to just show up but they don't need me. So I stopped coming  
I participate, because I was asked to and I want to.  
do not like social activities  
I can  
It is our job as Catholics to participate.  
I participate because I want to help and be part of the church  
I am (someone is) needed.  
I do because it feels needed and appreciated.

What do you like least about our parish?

Bureaucracy and some mild clericalism  
Getting people to participate  
Too large of a parish for one priest.  
There isn't a youth group  
people talking out loud while others are in prayer! Excessive noise, gossip before, during and after Mass.  
The focus on raising money. The limited music in mass. The lack of community inclusion.  
I cannot think about anything that I don't like  
The music  
Mass times.  
Those few who are bitter  
Beautiful facility but the HVAC system often makes it uncomfortable.  
Celebrating the Saturday Mass at 4:00 instead of 5:30  
The lack of general participation from the mass majority of the assembly at parish events and activities. In other words, it is the same people helping or participating at all events.  
Attending Mass is difficult with small children since the children's Mass is only for part of the time and its location eliminates anywhere to take crying babies.  
Sometimes the music isn't the greatest.  
  
Lack of relevant faith formation that I am interested in; homilies are too generic. .

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Preconceived attitudes. Guilt by association.

Not allowing new people in even if they got married here

The lack of spirit. I think we need a youth group and live band

Sound system

No Comment

Music/songs

No choir; no youth ministry

Pastor is not always kind and compassionate of parishoners

The older pastor is only talking about how he is almost done with his term. We need a new young pastor apprentice.

It's always cold.

Little consideration of other's ideas. Father and his support staff decide what they want, not what the opinions of others are.

Not much I do not like

we have no choir

Lack of focus on young adults and college students

Some folk who can be as closed-minded as I can be!

Gossip, same people asked to take leadership positions

at times a bit too much micromanaging which can feel very negative

Extra attention to wealthy , constant plug for monetary donations, lack of in-depth spiritual connection for support, which is often been looked for through sermon and seems to be to complex for most seeking spiritual guidance in their daily life.

The lack of child involvement and activities.

I live too far away ( not your fault)

The priest.

Not welcoming to college students and allowing us to do what parishioners do

We need baby changer in restrooms also need sanitary.

very money oriented

Cliquishness; disrespectful; superficial; vision seems to be modernistic, going away from traditional Catholic teaching and practice. Music is not important. Pastor is at times rude and caustic, disrespectful.

The church/congregation is not disability friendly

Daily Mass too early too much incense used

The music at Sunday's 11:00 Mass

nothing

the early masses

I would like to see our functions, especially involving food, to be done inhouse.

The homily can be boring sometimes

Can't think of anything

Not reciting the rosary before Mass

how simple minded people are in church

When homilies don't pertain to me.

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Don't know where the money goes

Occasional lack of reverend (I don't know if Father was serious when he said he would stop preaching for a month if we filled our seats)

some people can be mean

Loud music

The music

Way people are called out from time to time as mass

Asking for help from parishioners. We should take of them without them without them asking.

Pastor - he is arrogant and talks down to people

the ramp in the church

Mass schedule & sound system

People talking in church, noise & talking coming from back of church before Mass  
darkness in the Church - need better lighting

People talking during important parts at the beginning of Mass. It's hard to pay attention.

Sound system

I tithe in many Christian organizations & give evenly to all.

No real cry room. I love children but it can be distracting at times. Need to bring back small dinners after a funeral, a small meeting place.

song selection for Mass, unknown music kills participation

Restroom doors at the church.

The 4:00 Mass

No Flexibility

Mass times are convenient

nothing.

The Wild West nature of the parking lot on certain Sundays

doing away from added things in church, music, kid involvement

Nothing

too much loud noise before mass and children jumping around makes it hard to concentrate

The Pastor

I can not think of anything I do not like.

Home schooled REP

asking for money constantly, especially CSA

nothing really

Sometimes I feel like we do not welcome outsiders and people from other parishes as warming as we should. I feel if people come into our church they should be allowed to sit wherever they want to at all times and feel welcomed.

declining attendance

Distance from home

few people contribute to the collection and CSA

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Music. Grew up with Upbeat music.

Always asking for money

I don't feel my priest likes me

People.. feeling welcome

parts we and the whole faith seem to miss in the readings

Leaving the parking area after mass -- everybody is in such a hurry, it's like you take your life in your hands to get to your car safely!!!!

The parish needs to have more youth activities. There is a break between young children and college students. Children/teens are becoming who they are during high school years...not having anything offered to them does not give them any reason to continue on in their Catholic Faith.

Sometimes feel like decisions are made without taking in all considerations presented for the matter

Noisy Sunday Mass

the staff & members

N/A because I can only attend periodically

kids don't have fun and aren't hooked into wanting to be here

I liked three Sunday masses

Treat us like family.

Grew up in it.

Hymn selection, carpet.

some of ideas don't matter same people make decisions

Children mass is not offered every Sunday.

asking for money

Sometimes feel there are divides amongst social-economic groups.

Growing up in the church and being surrounded by classmates from other churches who attended youth groups during the week, I wished for that. I wished that pre-teens and teens had groups outside of religious education class, so we could further our faith in a less structured setting.

The small stations of the cross

sloping floor in church

Some times the ridgedness of attitudes.

The buidling - I miss the stained glass and the traditional atmosphere

Not applicable

Need to attract more young parishioners.

Music I don't know

fund raising

Too much talking in church and in the vestibule before mass

Wish 7:30 mass would come back

Not much. Honestly, I'd prefer more classical architecture, but that's about it

despite diversity, those who regularly volunteer are a limited group; hard to recruit new volunteers

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Nothing

The amount of times members are asked to donate money.

Not enough people go to mass

when something happens and you are made to feel like a complete idiot by the pastor

The hospitality

I have nothing to complain about

the disrespect for God and fellow parishioners

1970's church architecture needs updated

The music

I miss stained glass windows

Families that don't participate until a sacrament is needed

Many people that are active in the parish are often very judgmental and seem to not like people they feel are "outsiders"

Mass Times

music could be a little more upbeat

Needs more activities for children... I would love to see a sunday school program

I don't like negativity and the "world is a mess" theme that we have been hearing lately is negative. I understand the idea of activating people via this method, but I don't think that telling children that the world is a mess is positive or necessarily productive.

Most parishioners seem active wish more were.

The increasingly unwelcome environment and Father's unnecessary comments regarding political ideals and scolding the group as a whole for things he is displeased with.

MUSIC...slow...lacking interest!!! Always seem to be financially driven...asking and raising funds!

the music during Sunday mass.It would be great to revisit a choir and to involve teens.

Always being told what percent of our money we should be given to the parish

We need a much better choir and better cantors.

Social clicks.

Poor or declining attendance at events more spiritual in nature (i.e. daily mass, holy days which are not an obligation, adoration)

not friendly atmosphere

when celebrating funerals in the church (it may be the entire Catholic faith) we never celebrate the life of the person God shared with us. The service is formal and not personal. When attending funerals in other faiths, they are more fulfilling, rewarding and celebratory of the person's life.

No youth ministry

Home schooling for faith formation- it does not work!

The little clicks that form.

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One thing that sticks out in my mind may seem trivial but: we are supposedly encouraged to write in the special intention book in the back of the church. It is rather difficult and sometime embarrassing to privately sign when altar servers are blocking the area. Its not very inviting when you have to ask someone to move to write you requests, thanksgivings etc. in the book.

Saturday night mass time

I think the music needs work

Some of the music

Too much noise in the back of the church before mass.

A little classism in parishioners -not too bad

We are not doing enough to engage our young adults. In case you haven't noticed, or you refuse to accept it, we as well as other traditional faiths are losing relevance with the young. Not because our message is weak or meaningless, but because the delivery of it is.

The decisions of the Bishop and other administrators to hide the exploitation of innocent children in our diocese is reprehensible

That there are more activities geared towards children and young adults.

The music leaves a LOT to be desired. There is no consistency between the Masses. A lot of times, the music is sometimes too slow for the song. A mix between classic Catholic music and modern Catholic music would be good

I do not dislike anything.

They hear, don't listen, should show by example

Nothing

Father Monty's Insults to his congregation.

Lack of school support

We never pray to end abortion

Subtle political talk.

The way certain people have been treated.

The music at mass needs to be uplifting - add more instruments, less organ music.

The repeated 'talking down' to us as a congregation. It appears that we are preached to like the choir, so to speak. I do not feel welcome at all anymore. I used to be a weekly minister but after my divorce, the only time Fr. Monty has spoken to me was when I was a confirmation sponsor. There is almost never a mention of the sexual abuse issues the diocese and church as a whole is going through. The church I attend out of town when not in Clarion is very inviting, up-front about the issues in the church and relates to to everyday people well.

Can't think of anything

slanted floors of the church

Nothing

lack of faith formation classes for k - 8

The church building is too modern.

I love our parish so I cant come up with not liking any.

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Don't give to poor

The priest. We need a change!

Stations of the cross plaques. Slant in the floor

I wish we would go back having REP classes. I know parents are our childrens' first teachers, but I think my kids get more out of activities (not just religious ed) when it lead by others.

i cannot hear during mass

The constant need for money

4 00 mass

People

physical church

That the parish does not have weekly Sunday school for children

Clicks

No loyalty and commitment from members

constant money for this or for that

No choir

The Saturday mass time. It is too early

The Priest is not as people friendly as other priests. All the fun parish activities and events he got read of

We need to build bridges between groups and get the parish excited  
its fine

Lack of help with events

To much visiting in church

It's all good

The growing fear of society/litigation (not just our parish).

Would prefer a level floor in the church.

What one change would you like to see most at the parish?

More opportunities for discipleship and volunteering

I would like to see continuing growth in mutual respect and appreciation across ages and interests.

Encourage large number of weekly Mass attendees to volunteer for ministries and programs

More music options (instruments, band)

Help for the parish priest, like a 2nd priest or deacon.

More social events for adults that are not focused on money. Just uniting like minded individuals.

Stop the above noice/ gossip/ talking (for sure)

None

I would love to see a boost in our music ministry

Student participation in music.

Programs for marriage/relationship building

Bring back the choir

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Move the Saturday Mass back to 5:30.

Greater engagement of parishioners while also increasing membership.

I would like to see a faith formation program for children during Mass. Many protestant churches have a separate program at the same time so that parents can focus on the Mass and children can be educated at an age-appropriate level.

Even though it doesn't impact me directly, I'd like to see the young people more involved in the Masses. I think that would bring their parents and families to church more often.

Better music

No bullying/name bashing

updating and making people enjoy coming. The Mass needs more updating  
more fun activities for teens

Bibles in the Church

Family members to attend.

Music/songs more upbeat, Mass is a celebration.

I have no real issues that need to be addressed. I wish there was some way to increase enrollment at the school.

Find a way to get once a week churchgoers to volunteer  
replace the Pastor.

A full time young assistant pastor.

More wine ministers available at communion

Outreach off church property to the unchurched

A way to attract more younger people to volunteer for ministries.

Better music, songs, singers

continued focus on Jesus and learning about him, following his example in our lives

Sermons need not be about money and finances. Find other ways to transfer this information to the parishioners. This is a devoted time of worship for our families.

Youth groups and youth music ministry.

consideration for those who have allergies, (to flowers, incense, etc)

A new priest.

More things done for college students

Napkin dispensers

I would like to see more young families and young adults join and become involved in parish life.

Music

People/staff more excepting of everyone

late day Mass/week ability to schedule Masses quickly

Have more readings that relate to younger people

nothing

get a youth group

Its vision towards society, the world is changing its views on certain topics, so should the parish

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A late Sunday mass

Updated interior

More HC availability

Increased attendance

The homily would be more interesting

Return funeral luncheons and the choir

Adding a Fatima Prayer cell

I don't think anything should change in our parish.

YOUTH GROUP!!

more seats

Different singers

Pastor

Helping parishioners without them asking for help. Making meals for new moms or someone in the hospital.

New pastor - he is not very friendly to me or members of our choir.

up the music!

Maintain an American flag in the front of the Church

Earlier Mass

A quiet Mass without singing

People praying before Mas

7:30 am Mass - Sundays

Fabulous music & strong youth group

More attending

Saturday Mass moved back to 5:00 or 5:30 at least in the summer months.

HC Restrooms

Bring back the choir

More old time songs

Having our choir back

growth of the congregation

this is not really a change to the parish, and I do hear well but I think if father Monty would wear his new microphone closer to his mouth a little louder wouldn't bother me or the older people to hear even better. a priest filling in has worn it closer to his mouth and it was a good thing. Father Monty wore his old mic. closer as he could not bend it away like this one. Like I say I hear well I just wouldn't mind it being a little louder and this would do it.

I would like to see religious Ed classes come back

Organ music should not be so loud!

more music and kid involvement

New Pastor

More activities aimed at young adults (18-30)

Bring the Parish Picnic back if possible.

I miss some sort of organized music ie choir.

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Less emphasis on money  
improved interest by the youth  
More adult faith formation  
Youth group  
Not every event has to be a fundraiser.  
Shorter homily  
Somewhere to sit with young children so they aren't a distraction  
More activities for teens  
I would like to see more people my age that got confirmed with me actually come with their families  
Rotations of organists at the 4:00 mass  
More support for Campus Ministry and Youth.  
Have more events geared toward younger people and you adults to give them more reasons to participate in the church community  
Maybe an upgrade to the building itself.  
Less unnecessary motion at Sunday mass.  
I enjoy everything  
more things for kids to do and participate in  
remove Saturday mass - make people go on Sundays  
More money given to the school.  
More volunteers.  
other teach faith formation other than me  
Sunday school needs put back in action  
More attendance.  
Sunday School classes added.  
More students.  
more messages that I relate to  
Some modern changes to the school (learning support, etc.)  
Better connection to The University  
level floor in church  
Less money needed for the school  
More people attending Mass and getting involved in the parish.  
A return to 5:30 and 7:30 mass on Saturday evening.  
Not sing every response -- I would rather participate by saying our responses, Apostle Creed, etc..  
Different Priest  
A good choir  
Sermons dealing with our everyday life.  
Instill a feeling that when you walk through the front door you are entering a sacred place  
Earlier Masses

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A greater focus on evangelism and explicit sharing of the gospel. Sending laypersons out on mission both here and around the world  
more families enrolling their children in our school

improving music in worship. Too much reliance on organ as main instrument, music played like dirges

The interior getting a much needed remodeling.

one more mass

Nothing that I can think of. I love being a member of our parish!

**MORE PARTICIPATION**

I wish there was a cry room available, no choice but to leave church sometimes with a crying baby and I hate that

Nothing I can think of.

a true catholic mass

Better music ministry

I would love to have a choir again

Music updated

Later mass on Sat. (5:30) earlier mass on Sun (8:00)

Add more programs for the children

less intervention of the Erie Diocese

Sometimes we have rancor or judgementally attitudes from our leaders. That is not productive.

Less scolding and chiding and a more welcoming approach.

More events with less cash solicitation

teen youth group

more fellowship and a return of the church picnic

For all parishioners to have a better awareness of the workings of the Holy Spirit and to turn first to the teachings of the church when making decisions in their daily lives.

more open and more friendly

Music

To bring back the choir.

Eliminate home school for faith formation

More events aimed toward the elderly.

I would like to see CCD brought back. I think it is extremely important to keep our children in the catholic faith. I went to a catholic grade school followed by CCD as did my children. My grandchildren now go to catholic grade school but will have to go to a neighboring parish for CCD as it is not available at IC which means they will probably switch parishes.

More "study" (bible, prayer, etc.) with Father Monty. His input is very educational and interesting.

More evening daily mass

I think the parish does well

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Change organist

fix update pews

Holier

More meaningful activities for the young adults

Diversity

More activities for the youth call my teenage years.

programs for young families and participation from families

To watch Ewtn, and practice it in church to save souls

Online giving!!!!!!!!!!!!

To have a pastor that treated people kindly!

More students at school

Pray to end abortion at every Mass

More upbeat/praising music.

Each individual treated with a GENUINE, loving manner..

Financial talk during mass

Bring the choir back. Many parishoners were hurt by the decision to cancel the choir. They volunteered their time and gave their talents to the parish and were cast aside because the pastor holds grudges.

more opportunities for our children to connect with one another in catholic brotherhood

programs for young families and participation from families

Really? How about a change in leadership.

nothing

faith formation classes for 1- 8

Fewer hymns, more talk from the Father.

Bring back the annual parish picnic.

The priest.

Father Monty's rude comments during mass

Bring back REP

Increased attendance at the school

the air conditioner fixed, so it does not blow on our heads

Less money needed for the school

No music during mass

No opinion no

more community involvement

The parish brings back Sunday school (CCD classes ASAP)

Saturday Mass time back to 5:30pm

youth events

to be more welcoming

Get rid of books, obtain visual screens for participation

Saturday mass starting at five.

A new priests.

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More children a activities to keep enrollment  
fix update pews

More youth activities/ministries. We have lots of talented children in the parish and they aren't given an opportunity to show their musical talent in church.

More young adults attending mass and activities.

What traditions (i.e.: annual events, activities, prayers, outreaches) of our parish do you like most?

Bible studies, opportunities to help in ways that I feel able and comfortable

The beautiful and prayerful celebration of the Triduum, the generosity expressed in the Angel Tree gifts and the community service projects.

Activities during ALF and exposition of the blessed sacrament

Angel tree, dinners, bingo, Knight's sausage

Stations of the Cross, Knight of Columbus activities, student service projects

Bring back vacation bible school. Bunny bingo

chicken biscuit, holy oils, daily Mass

I would like to see social events come back that are not focused on raising money.

Prayers: the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday's the month.

Holy week activities, faith sharing groups, Video series , adoration adult faith formation activities

Infant baptism

Holiday celebrations.

everything

Angel Tree, Little Black/Little White books, Matthew Kelly books,

Angel Tree; I used to like the parish picnic.

Those which server the needs of our community such as the Angel Tree, Stewardship Day, and raising money for students weekend meals,

Palm Sunday procession, book clubs for women, the Christmas gift trees, Hot Sausage at ALF :)

Lenten programs.

Blessings of students, and Anointing of the Sick

Parish picnic

Stewardship day, Souper Bowl, The Bling Thing, ALF booths, Angel Tree

Just formation

Easter Sunday Mass

Communion

Singing

Activities

Vacation Bible School, prayer groups

Stewardship days

Easter and Christmas Masses, weekend Masses

Angel Tree

activites, outreaches

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Purses and bling, annual all saints day mass, Christmas giving tree  
liturgys

Socials, especially dinners and community prayer services such as Living Rosary ,  
baptisms during Mass, and May Crowning

First Friday visits.

harvest festival, angel tree, stewardship day, communion to shut ins, mass on the  
radio, spiritual book given

Especially look forward to Easter vigil, more so when the parish made it extra  
special with enlightened singing as if it was a true celebration. Also any of the older  
rituals which give the Catholic faith a deep meaning.

Adoration, penance services, Pancake breakfast, video series, Helping Hands  
outreach

Eucharist to the sick.

I like the Easter Vigil Mass.

Picnic at Clarion Co. Park

Food Pantry; Clothing Drive; Stewardship; Sausage

book give away at Christmas, Pancakes for a Purpose, Good Friday Service, Bingo,  
group studies

elder visitation

Christmas angel tree, goodwill drive, weekend school lunch program, Water Run  
ministry, Community Action support, Lent, Easter,

Bingo - church picnic which you no longer have - winter festival which you no  
longer have

Parish picnic, church dinners with takeout

I like when we help with breakfast for others

Pancakes for a purpose

Easter Vigil

Turkey bingo

activities

All of the above, vibrant and growing

Pancakes for a purpose

Saintly Sojourn

Winter outing

I love the Easter vigil and the Christmas Eve masses

Christmas Eve masses and the angel tree

The holiday masses

Church picnic

Parish picnic

Bring back Christmas & Easter Mass Choir!

the Triduum

All of them

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Prayer, rosary

All

Sacraments, baptisms, communions, etc. with K of C

Helping others in need with winter coats, money, etc.

K of C sausage stand

The Radio Masses

Hard to Choose- all are inspiring.

Events and Prayers

Chicken and Biscuit dinner.

Easter Triduum, purses & bling was fun as was the winter outdoor spectacular  
confession chances and stations of the cross

Holiday masses.

Christmas Mass

Christmas All Season. Lent and Holy Week.

Easter Vigil

bus trips to casino

Friday adoration, Lenten observances and the Triduum

I love the Easter activities. Fr. Monty does a wonderful job and it is such an  
enjoyable refreshing time.

Lent, Easter, Christmas, Adoration,

Miss Christmas kids mass.

More activities for kids

Benefit dinners, breakfasts. Bing (Turkey/bunny)

Angel tree.

I enjoy the mass Christmas morning, and the dinners

Having big events that involves everyone is great.

the dinners and fund raisers like Purses and bling and outdoor spectacular are good  
social events, liked the Choir when it existed

All

N/A I don't have enough experience with this to answers

I like Stations of the cross but I wish we could them more like slides

Catholic schools week

sportsman banquet

Prayer/events.

Autumn Leaf.

Purses and Bling

Vigil, Triduum services, seasonal flowers.

activities

WOS & other fundraisers

family activities

Winter spectacular. \_\_\_\_\_.

Lots of opportunities to gather socially.

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Faith Formation, kid/family gatherings.

School.

ALF, Soup Supp., Bingo's, etc.

prayers

Breakfast, Sunday School (Faith Formation), Lenten activities, \_\_\_\_ \_/gathering.

Family nights

ALF and Purses and Bling

My favorite is the Angel Tree because our parishiners come together to help the community.

The gifts at Christmas (books), the stones (Lent).

Easter and Christmas services

Christmas Eve mass

Christmas

Communial confession

The ones I liked Fr. Monty got rid of

Christmas and Easter Mass

penance services and annual mass for the deceased of the parish

Faather Monty stands outside after mass and chats with people. He knows most everyone's name.

Easter and Christmas

Well, I've only been going since August, but I do enjoy watching Father bless the children before their liturgy

Bad Girls

I like the adult nights.

**SPECIAL DINNERS TO RAISE MONEY ARE ALWAYS FUN**

defunct doughnut and coffee gatherings after weekday holiday masses; Triduum is always well-done

I love how the children are included and how Father has them by the presider's chair for stories.

liturgy of the mass on holy days

Masses during Holy Days; Purses & Bling

everything

don't know

Masses

Personally love when the children of the school are involved in mass activities.

Also enjoy the social events, from Bling to Bingo, it is wonderful the see our community come together.

Easter Vigil

I have nothing Ilike better than an other one

Easter Christmas Catholic Schools Week All Saints and Souls Days

Angel Tree

all of them

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Purses N Bling, Stewardship Days, Family Faith Formation activities  
Christmas and Easter activities and masses

Anointing

annual events

Purses and bling

prayers

Helping those less fortunate (backpack collections and Angel Tree as examples) and being a part of the greater Clarion community as well as our events that fundraise, but bring together the congregants are great fun and good for fellowship.

Stations of the Cross

Previously Church picnic and stations of the cross. Nothing now.

Easter Vigil...but bring back the singing of the Genesis portion!! Really resonates better than a long reading, especially to the children! "Horse and chariot are cast into the Sea!!" .."and God said that it was good!! And there was evening and morning...the...first day!"

I like annual events like Harvest Fest, Mardi Gras, Parish Picnic, but all of those things have been disbanded over time.

periodic church dinners

Easter triduum

none

Local Missions, Christmas Angel Tree, I enjoy the seasonal booklets, School activities, Harvest Festival

Pentecost celebration

Lenten and advent traditions.

Ceremonials

Kettle corn at ALF

Annual picnic

annual events

Easter vigil mass.

Purses and Bling

Holy Week liturgies

If you want to run away, go to church they will never find you!

I don't know.

I live out of town and travel time back and forth is timely and costly

Social events

social opportunities

Holy Week liturgies

Baptisms during mass

picnic

can't pick one

All of the above.

We need to bring back the summer picnic and create a youth group.

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Manger scene. Decorations

The Easter Triduum

Easter triduum

Faith formation

annual picnic at the park

All Easter masses

Annual events, last supper mass

Annual events

Easter Vigil

Holiday Masses are very well done.

Tridum

Pancake for a Purpose and Turkey Bingo

picnic

Saturday mass starting at five.

Picnic, harvest festival, book re view. Special classes they have on different faith.

Traditions, fundraising activities

all of them

annual events

May Crowning, Christmas caroling, Triduum, Palm Sunday pancake breakfast

I like the sacraments that happen during mass

Still learning what is all available.

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Are there any new traditions that you would like to see incorporated into parish life?

more involvement for youth - ie Habitat for Humanity

More involvement with youth (Habitat for Humanity, etc.)

Individuals or families sharing Eucharist with home-bound family members or neighbors as an extension of Sunday (Saturday) Mass.

Youth Ministry established

Getting together with other churches in Clarion to help the community

Annual Parish Mission/Renewal or every other year.

Youth Group; or activities that unite students from all school districts.

being able to actually pray before Mass without noise

Youth group.

I cannot think of any at this time

children/teen participation in ministries for occasional masses

Christmas caroling in the community

events to support immigrants

More active engaging activities and events for our youth, with special focus on ages from middle school and older.

Holy Thursday dinner before Mass, soup and fellowship

Transportation to Mass in bad weather

Acceptance of widowhood.

A youth group

Teen bible study groups

Parish picnic again

Picnic at Clanins Co. Park

Getting the young adults involved in the church and social events.

Youth Group

Youth ministry

Fundraising events should be family friendly and not exclude children

Teenage youth group

Crafting & Bible Study combined - Bible Journaling, etc.

There needs to be youth involvement groups

Kentucky derby Day social event, womens and mens retreats

Introduce college students individually, highlighting once a week

Recognizing engaged couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage

After Mass social hours (coffee and donuts, etc.)

Formal first communion

Christian musical group performance

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Getting the Catholic school children more involved in the masses. Either by singing, musical instrument playing, readings ECT. This is the future it would also help them be more confident in the faith as well as life. I've seen and heard of other churches where children are a very important part of holding a church together.

Mission trips, youth music ministry, charismatic mass once a month ;)

perhaps a ministry of sending greeting cards to ill, and those who care for them, the bereaved, who need encouraged and congratulated.

Different music, different instruments.

Sunday Evening Mass for college kids

Mission

Childrens Choir/ Chant

Emphasis on traditional Catholic worship. Individual access for prayer and meditation

Bring back some old traditions

more homebound visits by pastor

More volunteer activities

get a youth group

A late Sunday mass

Combine classrooms at school

Speakers like Father Scott, etc.

Sure, I don't really know anymore, so I love to see new.

We should focus on the children more.

Blessing of pets on Feast of Saint Francis

Youth music, guitars

Bus trips to sporting events, bring back the 99 reverse raffle

Mission trips

choir back

Parish dinners (not catered)

social functions

Not sure

I like St. Costas & Damien's gathering place in Punxsy.

More youth group

Fish dinners during lent.

Youth Group

more family nights or retreats for children

more activities with children

Golf outings.

Oplatky for Christmas Blessing of Easter Baskets on Holy Sat.

Ringling bell/chime during sacrament blessing.

Brunch - a reason to get together socially

I would like to see Bible study offered

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weekly rosary lead by pastor

incorporate more modern music into the music ministry

parish picnic, children activities

I'll leave that up to those smarter than me. I think that Father does a good job of activating the church community.

I would like to see a more minor shift back to the traditional. Bells rung during the consecration and kneeling after mass. Or at least allow us to kneel without being chided.

Simple fellowship....coffee and conversation, easy gatherings...non-threatening to new members...inviting, casual...

Sunday breakfasts/lunches and bereavement outreach

more fellowship activities for senior citizens

evening adoration/benediction once a month for those that can't make first Friday sessions.

rosary prayed

We offer numerous, opportunities, I am looking forward to more time to take advantage.

Charismatic prayer

I would love to have one of the Easter Sunday masses in Latin. When I think of a traditional catholic mass I remember the masses of my youth when masses were in Latin. I would love my children and grandchildren to experience what was an important part of my youth and for me Easter Sunday would be a memorable time for tradition.

Weekly youth activities

Pentecost celebrated as a special day of discipleship

The hours, the rosary, more meaningful prayers

Video ministry

Become activists against abortion. Hold strong to the teachings of the Bible.

Family events

Masses and activities for those in their teens and twenties.

Pentecost celebrated as a special day of discipleship

Midnight mass reinstated.

Fewer Hymns, more interactions with the congregation.

Keep up with programs for the young adults programs.

Youth group. Mission work. Social activities that are not just about making money.

Youth ministry

A yearly weekend long celebration, to bring people together, giving people something to look forward to and building memories and friendships.

more youth activities ran by youth

bring back the summer picnic

Having the entire church join hands while we say the Our Father

More family event.

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Maybe speakers to get us thinking/motivated  
Living stations

Are there areas of Church teaching that you would like to focus on in future Adult Formation sessions?

Importance of maintaining marriage, issues with pre-marital concerns

For teens - More focusing on the importance of taking marriage seriously

Recognition of our individual and collective call to holiness and what that 'looks' like in everyday and family life.

Eternal Life; why sex marriage and abortion are not compatible with teachings

Basic Catholic teaching and why we do what we do and what it means

Apologetics / Defending the faith

Raising children in a "technology" world. Cell phones, snap chat, twitter, etc. How to teach/ apply Catholic values to responsible use.

(Use as sermon) 10 commandments, 8 beatitudes, 7 deadly sins, etc.

Social media and bullying. How to raise teens in this high tech world.

Bible study

Anything that will help me understand scripture more and church teachings

More explicit explanation of Eucharist as Body & Blood

Basics. I think young adults fear they're not educated enough about thier religion to participate.

Matthew Kelley; Being a modern Catholic

Teaching on Ethics (examine areas such as politics, business, civic responsibility, interpersonal relationships)

I'd be interested in a program that explains the differences between Catholicism and other Christian denominations (and why Catholicism has it right).

Maintaining an authentic sense of Catholicism in an ever changing world.

Sessions for married couples

Deeper study of the Bible. Also, learn about the lives of the saints.

LBGTQ?

Bible study of scripture

The seven sacraments

Rome's stance on women priests, married priesthood, and living in the real world.

Forming Christian conscience

Catholic social teaching

the resurrection, the apostles

Bible study, Church history, Early church fathers

I am not an adult

Bible

to study books of the bible

Bible study

The homilies that were talked about in Mass.

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Choices have been good always asked for input.

No, but I recently went to one and really enjoyed it.

Forgiveness & Compassion

Forgiveness

Bible Study

I'm open to everything

Charismatic prayer group. we are

I am open to all

Mission work.

I find the historical concepts of the bible/scripture interesting.

Specific Catholic beliefs vs other religions, Saints

I do not attend sessions

How to evangelize both those of protestant faith, and those of no faith or other faiths

The Holy Family flight into Egypt and what they encountered

social justice

With all the crazy political stuff going on I wish we were taught to be nice . Too much hatred.

not sure would have to see some content material

I've loved everything from Ascension Press, John Leonetti, St. Paul Center, etc

not applicable to me. I'm more private in my faith.

communications, strengthening marriages, family building

emphasis of the Gospels in everyday life situations

Right to Life, evangelization

more prayer

Bible Study with Father, NOT just laypeople.

the Church's teachings on every day life issues and our response

Where we all are heading! Change now why wait til the end

More teaching of scripture

the Church's teachings on every day life issues and our response

Continue with the childrens programs.

Hating sin, but loving sinners. Overall, I'd say the Church is rather judgmental and I sometimes have trouble squaring that with notion of God's unconditional love & forgiveness

Specific Catholic beliefs vs other religions, Saints

History of sacraments

to late for me.

bring in more outside speakers

Forgiveness

Apologetics/chatechism

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In the next three years what program or need should the parish focus on most?

helping us to get involved with volunteering and getting youth to enjoy our church.

Developing a greater sense of the priesthood of all believers in the Church and an openness to change.

Music and choir

Music program and youth, getting more parishioners involved

Pro-life awareness/activities

Renovating the church.

stop the noise and talking, bring back the reverence of prayer before Mass.

Youth group, church renovations

Faith formation

Things that will help keep our youth and young adults active Catholics, things that will bring others back to church

School promotion - including surrounding parish schools.

Need to revive church attendance

I'd be interested in a program on the history of the Church, but more importantly, we need to somehow work to regain trust in the Church.

Building discipleship and strengthening the parish church and school community through the creation of a plan which is led and steered by a team/committee and/or advancement for increasing membership.

Getting more young people (those with children as well as those without) to attend Mass and be involved.

Evangelize young adults

A youth group and more activities for younger adults

Youth group - we need passion among our teens

Involvement of the young adults and teenagers in activities within the parish.

Increasing membership, school enrollment, community outreach programs.

Music ministry

keeping kids safe and away from drugs

New families. We need to bring more in.

maintaining our current enrollment, and embracing the young adults to keep them in the church

Children and youth and how they perceive the political climate in relationship to our faith.

Evangelizing young adults, especially the "nones"

Attracting more young families with children to take advantage of our school.

welcoming new people / appreciating & caring for each other

The true meanings of the Catholic faith and better explanation as to why we are Catholic and true dedication to Catholic beliefs. With the world changing and all the new faiths being formed around us this is the best time to address what being a member of the Catholic faith means in ones lifetime.

Once again, I think the youth programs.

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Retaining our youth especially young adults

Welcoming new members.

More people

Music Ministry

Our parish should focus on how to reach and involve young adults and families in our parish.

school

Music with upgrades to technology/sound system

New seats

reorganize Ladies Guild

The music needs the most attention so more will participate

Faith Formation

Sunday school

youth

I think we need to hire a Youth Minister.

Faith Formation

Youth programs

Helping others

I feel that confirmation should be focused on most.

Faith formation

Faith Formation

A youth group.

A new church choir. It is very quiet in church.

Church renovation

Getting more people to church

Good sermons

Young People

Whatever a firm counsel decides

People should focus on things going on in the world right now according to scripture

Keeping families together in the church. Stop Catholics from leaving church.

Youth Groups, age appropriate groups.

Growing attendance

Just keep updating the building so we don't have so much to do at once. We have been doing well at improving things under father Monty Sayers.

Being the heart & hands of Christ

Getting new members to join.

The Church is very quiet we need to return the choir

Need to attract and retain young adults and young families

Church is quite cold during mass. Needs updated.

Drawing people back to the church and God

remodel inside church

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Music and stuff for kids.  
The faith formation  
More Welcoming/ First Sunday of the month name tag Sunday  
Campus Ministry. There is a university in this community and it should be focused on so much more.  
helping to keep young adults interested and engaged in the faith whatever they would like  
Not sure. I'm not here enough to decide  
recruiting more students to the school  
School sports.  
Retention.  
children  
Kids foundation  
Grief Counseling  
Children/Youth groups.  
Middle School / High School.  
message  
Promoting the church for the youth.  
More events with kids  
Keeping Father Monte  
Building maintenance.  
Growth with the younger generation. The congregation is old and we act it.  
youth groups  
youth & young adult participation  
return to making the church a sacred place  
Religious education come back for the children  
Spreading the gospel  
an extensive outline of all opportunities to volunteer and requirements needed.  
**GETTING MORE ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH**  
music ministry; engaging 30-40 year olds  
The interior of the church, many of the pews are falling apart.  
Giving back to the communities in Clarion County.  
sermons teaching parishioners how find God in the world today  
Outreach to "Nones," and young adults  
Youth Group  
Youth and the formation of an active youth group  
Bible Study  
Children activities  
open transparency by the Diocese regarding abuse  
I'd like to see an REP program that uses classrooms again. It's hard to assemble that and volunteers are hard to come by for this, but I think it's a more effective way to ensure that we teach our youth.

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Becoming a more warm and welcoming environment. I would like a church where I could bring someone for the first time and not feel tense the whole mass waiting to be yelled at or chided for something unrelated to myself.

Bible School....., adoration, etc that allows for better times for working people not geared toward the retired. 5:30 pm isn't always late enough to participate with work times

teen youth group and bereavement outreach  
fellowship for seniors and quality vocal music  
continued emphasis on daily prayer in each of our lives  
open and friendly

Youth

Youth ministry

Togetherness, unity, feeling more like family.

the music

Keeping the school doors open and the infrastructure sound, diversity and inclusion, transparency from the Bishop and other diocese administrators in handling corrupt clergy and lay people

Reaching out to the youth.

a modern music program that blends traditional and current Christian music

I would like to keep the children involved.

What we all should be doing spiritually!pray pray and pray some more

School enrollment

The church needs to focus on our young people (the future of the Catholic Church).

And, adding uplifting music should help.

a modern music program that blends traditional and current Christian music

TRULY be hospitable.

Keeping our children involved

modernizing the Catholic faith.

More social activities.

Youth. Every kid I know is miserable going to our church. They are not engaged or excited. It is a chore. The whole atmosphere there is negative.

Poverty in our surrounding community

Youth ministry

growing our membership

Sunday school for kiddos

Youth programs and leadership

Family themed and community driven

How to make faith as a basis for political decisions.

Don't know

More family things

The children

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community outreach to heal the brokenness of all the things that have happened  
Increasing numbers of parishioners  
Encouraging young people to practice their faith  
preparing for parishiner loss due to aging.  
Other concerns or comments that you would like to share:  
How appropriate or to what extent can the Church discuss political candidates -  
specific to Catholic teaching etc.  
Concerns about keeping youth & teens excited about our church and a Godly life.  
How long will the school be viable in the era of declining enrollment and  
population  
We could aid the bishop in restoring the public's/faithful's trust in the church  
because of the sex scandals world wide.  
We completed this survey as a couple and found it difficult since some of the  
questions were stated in the plural (“we”) while others, especially demographic  
questions, were designed to be answered by a single person.  
A greater sense of unity in the music ministry would be beneficial along with a  
church choir.  
Parish does not reach out to young adults in a way they are welcomed.  
If we could glow in faith as much as Fr. Monty, the radiance would be seen in  
Rome regarding the parish  
Update and be more acceptable  
Our teens are not passionate about being Catholic  
We have a great parish and leader  
Youth attendance after high school.  
homily on spirituality instead of administration items that can be put in the bulletin  
doors between the vestibule and sanctuary should be CLOSED during Mass for  
noise reduction, energy conservation and security  
Over the last 20 years I have seen many local families leave the church. The church  
population are the aging. We need more younger families.  
Disability Support--large print books, audio aides, wider pews, streaming of Mass  
Favored few, to much gossip  
Mass is just repetitive and our Parish is very clique-y and doesn't appeal to many  
poor people or they are looked down upon. Father is just rude and arrogant.  
The AC is very cold on the Main St. side  
Picnic reward for steward efforts is a great idea; although it is not expected.  
“the world is a mess”. Our church must exemplify compassion, understanding, and  
forgiving and trustworthy. Are we?  
Not in a survey/group setting  
When does CDA meet? Unlock bathroom for daily Mass  
We need a choir to praise God in song. Funeral shows support of those in mourning  
Will come back if changes are made  
Fr. Monty is doing it all wrong, he is driving people from our Church instead of  
bringing them closer to God.  
Pastor is not very Christian and hold grudges. He lacks kindness and forgiving to  
people.  
Too much emphasis on school

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We really loved Fr. Monty when he came & was working around the altar during his sermon. We wish he would do that again.

Church is to cold

Wish everyone would stay until last song is finished. Quit being in such a hurry!!  
Most parishioners sit at end of pews. It appears that they do not want to welcome anyone else in their seat or church.

Young adults don't seem to be part of the parish. Why nothing about college students

Keep up the good work

Fr. Mority is a wonderful leader.

Wish we could know how much we make with the Script program, which I do all the time. I thing more people would participate in this program.

How can we get younger people to join and participate in our parish? We need a plan.

The Pastor holds grudges and shows no compassion or kindness to some people.

Love my parish

The over 21 events should disappear. Church is for families.

Need more cantors.

I believe that this parish is great and is welcoming but tends to focus on things that are already excelling instead of the areas that are lacking. 1 person cannot change the entire Campus Ministry it Youth Group. There needs to be plans set in stone to help these areas to blossom and to bring young people back to the Catholic Church.

Would like to see First communion done at a single mass

promote the schools more

Use the offering here at the school.

We will truly miss IC, Father and the community.

Father Monty is valualbe and an excellent leader.

I would like Christmas Eve mass to be earlier, such as 8pm or 9pm.

very proud to be a member of Immaculate Conception

please do not ever install a big screen to display `prayers and readings.

would like more traditional songs (hymns) that people know - more people singing makes everything more enjoyable.

I believe Father Monty does a great job and keeps thing taken care of

pastor needs to show more concern for the souls of his parishioners

You have lost a lot of people because of the current Pope. His socialistic ideals and his acceptance of many things that go against the Catholic teachings have angered a lot of more conservative church members.

Thanks for offering us this opportunity.

I like IC. I hope that we always remember the mission and continue to convey it effectively while helping our community.

This is just a comment. It is difficult for me to become overly active with the church because my husband is not Catholic. The church is VERY welcoming to him but he is just not into it. He is very good at attending church on Christmas and Easter with me and our son and is very supportive of the our son being Catholic.

I no longer attend IC weekly due to Father's increasingly hostile attitude and the unwelcoming feeling I now get from attending mass at IC. The tension has driven me to other local churches where this is no issue.

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More outreach....less "hand picked leadership from a select few." Many times, when an event is announced...the same few people are always the selected leaders and many of them are not interesting and/or non-effective speakers. Group activities lack vitality and enthusiasm!!!

I'd really like to see more fellowship opportunities.

the importance of Christian values within citizenship

No sustained community/social change is possible without willingness to change our own hearts.

feel if you dont give money you are not recognized or noticed

Take youth to Steubenville conference

I am a proud member of IC church

My brother and his wife recently moved back to the area and are trying to choose a parish to join. They are looking at the three local parishes and presently IC is falling short. We need to do a better job of making everyone feel that they belong.

My brother and his wife were extremely active in their parish and were on numerous committees and sponsored numerous people coming back to our faith.

Not sure what we can do differently but thought I would throw this out there because whichever parish they choose will be extremely lucky to have them.

We really love the music. However reading some of the prayers instead of having the cantor sing them is so much more UNDERSTANDABLE. And I feel you really hear it and feel more part of it when it is read instead of sung.

This survey is way 2 long. Not a good design as only online.

I would like to see better seating in the near future

This is the true church, the true faith, Believe it and live it

Pray to end abortion at every Mass

We are inundated with politics everyday. Please keep it out of the mass.

Our pastor is a good person, but he needs to stop telling us that he says mean things to people and holds grudges. I think that he is capable of true Christian leadership.

It is time for him to show it. I will continue to pray for him and the Church.

I attend mass weekly whether at IC or my home away from home parish. The parish mission of "Inviting, Uniting, Igniting" cannot be accomplished when members and visitors are treated as we are. I find it amazing that I became divorced, was granted an annulment by the Diocese of Erie and yet I am basically ignored by Fr. Monty (and some people who claim to be 'a good catholic'). I understand lay people harboring these thoughts but not our church leaders. I have been VERY fortunate to have found a couple other parishes with priests who are understanding and don't treat me as if I have committed a mortal sin. To complete the name/email/phone below to be contacted or become a part of planning is probably fruitless. The parish already has my contact info.

I believe the middle group is neglected. Teens, young adults etc.. I believe we need to establish a youth group and more social events that aren't about fundraising.

No lightning bolts, but is it possible to make amendments to the Bible?

New priest, new attitude, new dynamic, youth focused needed!

I am deeply troubled by the actions of some of the clergy and the coverup by the church officials. I understand that they are all human and can make mistakes but

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they as spiritual leaders are held to a higher standard. I am having problems getting past this as it hit close to home with Poulson from the Fryburg parish. With time hopefully I can get past it and reestablish with my church family.

I have moved to another area but still want to belong to this parish and support it the best I can

All my friends have quit going to church and I am slowly losing trust...especially at this time of the teacher and priest abusers. I attended IC school and I KNOW some truth to the abuse. I do NOT believe NONE of the \$\$\$\$ is going for legal issues. I have a hard time with giving \$\$\$ to "support the church"

The Saturday 5:30pm Mass was very important to me and my family. I work six days a week. I liked that Mass at 5:30pm because I work Saturday until 5:00pm. I had enough time to get there. Sunday Mass I only attend about once a month because that is the only day I have for the things I need to do at home. Monday through Friday I work usually 10-14 hours. Until I get home and we make a point to eat our dinner together as a family it's time for bed.

Public awareness of how the church is handling the sexual abuse situations. More information about where Rome is directing our church for the future. our children no longer want to attend Mass after years of teaching because of the scandle and they feel they are only interested in collecting their money I try to go to daily Mass. The one Mass of the week in which I am obligated to go to, Sunday Liturgy, is my least favorite Mass of the week because of the noise. The parish I am in now has groups of seniors, who should know better, who come in at least a half hour early to get the back rows and then commence to have a social conversation until Mass starts. They are not discussing God, or prayer or anything, they are discussing what you would discuss if you were meeting for breakfast. They do this while myself and others are on our knees attempting to maintain focus on praying a rosary or just entering into a conversation with God. People come in and do not kneel and pray, they sit and chatter and laugh and one would think they are at a tailgating party, not in a church in the presence of the Lord. I have learned to never go to any Sunday Mass beyond the earliest one of the day because the lack of respect and reverence for the Lord and others increases with the number of people present. Every church around me has large areas that are separate from the main church for socializing, before and after Mass and yet no one can control themselves to wait until they are in them. Pastors fear to say anything about the noise because they get so many complaints. Or course they do, when the majority of parishioners have been trained and brought up that it is perfectly okay to socialize in the church. Yes, we are there as a community and a body of Christ, but, the Mass is our highest form of prayer and deserves some respect and reverence. The problem is that the majority of Catholics do not believe in the real and true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and it is from there that all other behaviors come forth. Yes, God is worthy of our highest praise and that is what we are doing when we celebrate the Eucharist. If we want our be a part of a rocking party, then we can leave the Catholic Church and join the mega-church party places. We shouldn't have to destroy the sanctity of our Mass to cater to those who are attending out of obligation and not even sure why they are doing that.

Survey was very long