

An Invitation from Fr. Michael

While St. Mary-Holy Cross parish is in transition between pastors, we are inviting the input of parishioners to better understand views, challenges, and opportunities of the parish.

In August the parish held four Listening Sessions which were well attended, and which provided sincere and thoughtful discussion of a range of opinions, ideas, questions, and aspirations for the parish.

We would like to continue the communication with both those parishioners who attended a Listening Session and especially hear from those who were unable to attend or who might prefer to share their views more privately.

To learn your views, I am inviting all parishioners to complete a Parish Transition Survey.

This survey is not intended to result in a wish list for the parish. Rather, the goal is to create a profile of the parish, a summary in the very words of its people about strengths, priorities, needs, desires, and the current “state of the parish.”

The Listening Session and survey input will be compiled into a report which will be shared with Bishop Joensen, the Diocesan Priest Personnel Board, the Parish Council, and the new pastor to increase their awareness and understanding of your views. Your input will be part of the new pastor’s early and ongoing learning and transition, as well as his formation not only as a priest, but also as your pastor.

- The survey will launch on September 15th and close on September 26th.
- Each parishioner will receive an email with a link to the survey.
- Parishioners who do not use email or who prefer to complete a paper survey may pick up a paper survey before or after weekend Masses. You may drop off your completed survey in an envelope at church.
- The survey overlaps with some of the questions discussed at the Listening Sessions, which welcomes additional response from those who attended everyone is welcome to complete it!
- The survey takes just a few minutes to complete.
- Be assured that all responses are anonymous, confidential, and welcomed!

Thank you!

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Canonical Administrator

St. Mary-Holy Cross Catholic Parish