

# I would love it if the parish would...

## Welcoming/Community

- Have one or two times a year that we can gather potluck like we did for Fr. Tom's farewell, that was so cool!
- Have more ways to find community
- Become a destination for family fun and fellowship outside of normal service
- Encourage all members to get to know each other; be an example of listening carefully to those who are different, be an example of justice and love of all
- Offer more opportunities for new parish members to get involved
- Integrating newcomers; help them feel at home, more community events (fellowship)
- Have a group for women not focused on mothers or seniors but women who are working in or out of home - book group, discussion group, work group
- Have a singles group for 30s-40s-50s year olds
- Reach out to those (or find out why) who no longer come here (but may still be registered)
- Hire people who are more welcoming and less controlling in behavior
- Keep welcoming me
- Offer more opportunities to connect and truly build relationship
- Have additional small group opportunities to build community
- More community nights, church gatherings
- Have an intentional way to welcome newcomers
- Do more outreach to appeal to parishioners for more service opportunities such as groups, ministries, off campus opportunities, tithing, anything to make parish stronger and more vital especially for young people
- Work to meet the needs of the local community. Offer ways to encounter and learn from those in Portland who do not come to St. Ignatius
- More potluck events
- Was more aware of its clubiness and consider everyone who enters to be a newcomer who needs to be welcomed each time.
- Pay more attention to relationship especially for those parishioners who somehow become disenfranchised to the single 40+ individuals looking for "family"
- More community social events
- Continue to build and strengthen relationship with community and city efforts
- More bonding events
- I would like to meet more parishioners but have a difficult time getting to the parish during the week. I like how they have had a few things in my area (NE PDX)
- Have hospitality after all services
- Have monthly community gatherings
- Reach out more
- Develop its hospitality/embrace of all more fully
- Help me connect with other members of the parish

- Have more social events
- Have routine town halls/listening sessions with healing ritual included
- Give clearer "script" for visitors
- Provide more pastoral care - my husband has been hospitalized several times this year and never got a pastoral visit or even a phone call
- Invite everyone to share their thoughts
- Be more inclusive of needs of African-Americans
- Reach out to families/people in need that have anxiety, cannot ask for it but need connections

## Spirituality

- Opportunities for contemplative spirituality
- Offer CCD
- Bring back the ministry fair. I feel it helps bring more volunteers on board because they can speak with a person directly who has been a previous volunteer. They can do sign ups at the fair
- Offer more opportunities to share and cultivate the Church community; ie faith formation gatherings, talks, retreats
- Have consistent dialogue and prayer together
- Continue to call us to task and to provide safe quiet place to worship
- Hold a retreat day or weekend once or twice a year, just focused on spiritual growth
- Confirm my belief in the many facets of God's presence through study of world religions
- Have more varied experiences for adults such as Good News People and Just Faith
- Choose for Just-Faith offerings as a way to form the entire community
- Bring speakers in and retreats
- Sponsor Discernment of Charisms Workshop St. Catherine of Siena Institute
- Start CCD!
- Hold retreats for those new to the faith
- Do more retreats and adult faith formation, small groups
- Sponsor a men's lenten retreat at the retreat house
- Have a SPIRITUAL REVIVAL. Adoration should be prayed more!!

## Liturgy

- Offer contemplative mass on Saturdays too! Thanks!
- Participate in the many ministries – e.g. partaking in activities such as “washing of the feet” during Lent; become a lector or sacristan
- Have the weekly readings in print to be better able to follow along
- Full readings in missalette to follow along
- Different times for reconciliation
- Start focusing more on the "old ways" and traditions of the Church
- Have one Mass a week on Saturday evening or Sunday that was spoken only (less singing of prayers)

- Change the way you do communion - it doesn't work. I'm an EM and am not happy with the changes
- Go back to big church for daily Mass
- Do more to integrate persons with disabilities into liturgies
- Publish who will be preaching at the Masses
- Have more prayers of the faithful in languages more often
- Recognize birthday celebrants as well as wedding anniversaries
- Weeknight Masses
- Explain one part of liturgy every quarter, eg liturgy of the world (history, evolution, praise, scripture history)
- Give a lesson or series of lessons on the Eucharist and the priest's movements, prayers at the altar
- Have an opportunity to explore the different ministries the Church has to offer in a session after Mass
- Have bells at consecration

## Choir/Music

- Have a full choir
- Sing a few more of the old time songs at Mass so there can be more group singing
- Have a group music instead of a single singer. More inclusive. More singing
- Please play more uplifting music - at least more often. Church should be \_\_\_\_\_?\_\_\_\_. Thank you.
- Have a strong choir
- Get some more modern music during service
- Have a teenage choir or rock group
- Enhance music. Folk music, guitars, etc.
- What happened to the choir? Miss the choir
- Adopt modern music
- Encourage more participation in singing
- Invest in music ministry. We miss the vibrant choir at 10:30 Mass
- Get better music. It's often dull and lifeless. we need another praise choir
- Bring the choir back
- I would like to have Organ music more often
- Have more joyful songs

## Youth Opportunities

- Do longer Sunday school
- Have something more for teens (maybe something like men's and women's group)
- Have religious education for non-school attendees
- Children activities

- Have a bigger spiritual influence in the school, that we would pray for more vocations from our school, support appropriate behavior at school Masses and support the evangelization of our non-Catholic school family. We (Fr. John) did a lot of spiritual exercises, maybe we can do more
- Have a great teen program
- Focus more on teens making church more accessible for them
- Have a teenage choir or rock group
- Have more focus on the youth in the Church. Maybe opportunities to do service as a group
- continue building middle school faith gatherings
- Please, A TEEN club. Hasn't been anything in the parish to retain teens for decades. Social events, ie, dances, sing-alongs, and the like
- Reach out to all ages of public school children in the parish more
- Do more faith formation for older children - middle and high school
- Visibility of our teens and older youth

## Young Adults

- Have a young adult (25-35) group to meet to discuss our faith in the ever-changing climate
- Have more young adult activities – especially for young couples
- Make known volunteer opportunities and singles gathering
- Have a young professional group so that young people can worship and socialize together
- Have a young adult group - I would even help organize!
- Have singles events

## Families

- Have daycare at 5PM service
- Continue to promote family life events, groups, etc. We love being involved in our church!
- Work more to reach out to and get to know families not connected to the school
- Reach out to Creston K-8. Many families at St. Ignatius attend the neighborhood school

## Campus Renewal

- Listen to those of us opposed to the campus expansion. We have lots of valued input and experience that we want to share. We need to be listened to please. I request meetings to LISTEN to our concerns. Please.
- Please approach campus renewal in a more communal, discerning way. This year it felt like a decision to pursue apartments was made by a few leaders and then the greater community was simply asked to get on board. I haven't heard anything about campus renewal in the past months, and leaders are now talking about a big deficit. Was this deficit even considered when the leaders initially proposed that we get a loan for a massive campus renewal project? Did we not get a loan? Please provide more transparency and communication with the parish about where campus renewal stands.
- Have a pastor that would give a traditional capital campaign a chance instead of apartments. No apartments listen to the people of the parish! Please

- Not build apartments on the property.
- Prioritize a school playground as part of the initial phases of the Master Plan
- Concern and questions at this time: Construction of apartment complex on church property facing Powell: noise and expense

## Social Justice/Politics

- Stop politicizing its homilies (the one today 6/9 was what they should be like). There was one awhile back where a parishioner was allowed to give the homily and all she talked about was abuse against chickens. My family and I didn't appreciate this.
- Stop talking about politics
- Make racial reconciliation a focus – call for an examen of conscience regarding matters of race-based injustices.
- Focus more heavily on the stranger and immigrant in our midst and consider formally being sanctuary
- Continue to expose itself to issues of climate change, income inequality, in(?) of and strength of truth
- Leave politics out (Churches should not be a place for politics)
- Speak out about the injustices in this country and the world
- More fully engage those on the margins
- Get involved in racial equity work in Portland
- Continue to put into action our beliefs - especially around ecojustice
- Offer (more) seminars on about social/environ. justice
- Be more politically active
- Speak to the issues affecting our world and how they related to the Catholic faith
- Leave politics out of homilies
- When presenting "political" issues (e.g. "climate change") be aware there are two perspectives on this. Also decisions(?) of President. I found a few times I was offended by the assumption that we all believe the same. (?) this a lack of openness to a different opinion.
- Divorce itself from liberal politics! Be Catholic, not progressive, curb social issues!
- Get stuff done...not just talk about it. Ecological

## Service Opportunities

- Meet to plan and implement service in our community
- Maybe host more volunteer opportunities
- Make known volunteer opportunities and singles gathering
- Offer more opportunities for new parish members to get involved
- Continue to reach out in ministry beyond our parish. So important during this unsettled world
- Expand ministry to poor through food service and clothing
- Outreach/poor/homeless
- Maybe offer more service projects/opps? Love our church
- Have a prison ministry

- Have things do not fall on the weekend because I work like social justice and climate change activities
- Work to meet the needs of the local community. Offer ways to encounter and learn from those in Portland who do not come to St. Ignatius
- Continue and be consistent on their ongoing community outreach and projects
- More volunteer opportunities

## Latino community

- Have Mass in Spanish
- Have a Mass in Spanish or start a Spanish ministry. I can help you
- Continue reaching out to the Latino community

## Communication

- Improve its website – difficult to find Mass hours
- More communication via Facebook
- Send me member # or envelopes
- Give clearer "script" for visitors
- Communicate goings-on and finances better → good at communicating what's coming up and appeals for donations, but share more about what happened and how that money was spent. Reports and pictures!

## Continue what you're doing/supportive

- Keep doing what you do
- Continue to feminism
- Thrive!
- Stay just like it is!
- Keep doing what you're doing :)
- Keep doing what it's doing
- Maintain its current services
- Stay vibrant
- Continue its good works
- Staff do a wonderful job
- Continue having late Masses on Sunday they are hard to find in Portland. I also would like to say I really enjoy the solemn atmosphere of the 7:30 Mass on Sunday
- Keep doing a great job
- Keeping Lord(?) present in this parish
- Continue its existing practices
- Please continue being awesome!

## Finances/Stewardship

- Erase debt by next year

- Less about finances, more about Gospel and spirit
- Report financial updates at least monthly
- Become financially sustainable
- Less emphasis on money
- Be more conservative in the budget

## Miscellaneous

- Have altar servers like me
- Order more donuts. They often run out.
- Have hand washers so we cut down on flu and colds
- Keep recognizing the gifts and abilities of women
- (amplify?) parishioners to see it more as spiritual (home) and pascally invests all here
- Open 24 hours
- Have more young people
- Have a mural painted on the wall behind the altar
- Get all to tithe
- Repair the kneeler cushions that need repairing
- Allow those w/ special skills to offer services, energy, a nominal cost may be incurred
- I think that are trying to meet everyone's needs
- (?) while respecting needs of the school
- Create a book list of books that could be read to better understand what God is trying to tell us through the Gospel
- Give food after Mass
- Have more restrooms
- Turn on the light during Mass so we can read
- We live in Tucson in the winter, have some classes in the summer - we are summer parishioners
- Adding a Vietnamese, Chinese and/or Filipino priest or lay minister
- Wish it was a bit younger, have more young families here
- Continue to support school and continue to be a vibrant presence for the elderly
- Allow for community nominations to pastoral council
- Continue to encourage the financial and ethnic diversity at our school
- Get back to its roots
- Increase sacramental ministry to homebound
- Make it easy to become a parishioner
- I'm in a work setting where this question gets asked annually. What can we do better? Well, as I get older I think I want to make sure that we acknowledge the fact that we do some incredible things just as we are. Oftentimes that is not acknowledged nor appreciated fully. And I'm well aware that there are so many wonderful things that we as Catholics and Christians could be doing with and for our community both in the church and on the streets. I will pray and Hope and help however I can to continue to push us to think outside the walls and doors of our church to see how we can be a presence in this Portland Community.

- Include everyone collectively to listen to and discern the Holy Spirit's call to restructure the parish for the Jesuit (Arrupe) preferential option for the (materially) poor and in sync with the Pune document.. Evangelii Gaudium, # 28, "The parish is not an outdated institution: Precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community.....if it proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity.... We must admit though that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented." This is a good start and needs a random sample to get an accurate reading of what the Spirit is asking of us.
- Obtain a new pastor
- Have more parts of the Mass in other languages, like the Prayers of the Faithful today
- Become more diverse
- Recognize everyone
- Carry out outreach programs and family visitation
- Help school - playground, tuition assistance
- Work together more and solve differences
- Consider an alternative to donuts, we should set a healthful example for children. Fruits and other options exist. I work in public health and can assist with developing a policy on this
- Offer more retreats and organization of visiting Catholic conferences
- Have Bible studies