

2007 Holy Cross Parish Survey

Define yourself. Please check all that apply

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| <input type="radio"/> Years in parish: 0 to 3 | <input type="radio"/> Male | <input type="radio"/> Single |
| <input type="radio"/> Years in parish: 4 to 6 | <input type="radio"/> Female | <input type="radio"/> Married |
| <input type="radio"/> Years in parish: 7 to 12 | | <input type="radio"/> Have Pre-school children |
| <input type="radio"/> Years in parish: 13 to 19 | | <input type="radio"/> Have children Pre-K thru 8 th |
| <input type="radio"/> Years in parish: 20 to 25 + | | <input type="radio"/> High School children |

Do you regularly attend weekend Mass at Holy Cross?

- Yes No

Where else do you attend weekend Mass?

Does the environment at Holy Cross reflect the liturgical season?

- Always Sometimes Never
Comments:

Does Holy Cross offer opportunities for worship other than scheduled Mass times?

- Always Sometimes Never
Comments:

Does the music at the Sunday Mass enhance the liturgy for you?

- Always Sometimes Never
Comments:

Does Holy Cross offer parishioners sufficient opportunities to become active and participating members of the parish?

- Yes No
Comments:

Do you know if Holy Cross has an out-reach program to assist those in need?

- Yes No
Comments:

Have you observed Holy Cross welcoming and seeking to reunite with those that are inactive or who have left the parish?

- Yes No
Comments:

Does Holy Cross encourage you to live and share your faith in your family, workplace, and neighborhood?

- Always Sometimes Never
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Does Holy Cross make an effort to educate people about concerns for justice and try to raise consciousness about social issues outside of our parish?

- Yes No
Comments:

Have the Pastor and organizational leaders encouraged you to find and use your gifts and skills at Holy Cross?

- Yes No
Comments:

Has Holy Cross offered you opportunities to aid those in need in our city, country, and other parts of the world?

- Yes No
Comments:

Does Holy Cross have a clear vision, goal, or direction for its ministry and mission?

- Yes No
Comments:

Would you invite any of your friends or relatives, who are not members of Holy Cross, to attend liturgies or other devotional services at Holy Cross?

- Yes No
Comments:

What did you attend or participate in during the last 12 months (please check all that apply)?

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| <input type="radio"/> Holy Cross School Activity | <input type="radio"/> Hope Program |
| <input type="radio"/> Gaelic Gala | <input type="radio"/> A Parish Ministry |
| <input type="radio"/> Festival | <input type="radio"/> Hospitality Dinner |
| <input type="radio"/> Booster Club events | <input type="radio"/> Bible Study |
| <input type="radio"/> Mission | <input type="radio"/> Garage Sale |
| <input type="radio"/> Other | |

Do you feel that you have a good understanding of the financial and resource requirements that we face with our school and parish obligations?

- Yes No
Comments:

What else can Holy Cross do to remain a vibrant faith community?

Optional – If you would like to be contacted by a Parish Council Member please provide contact information.

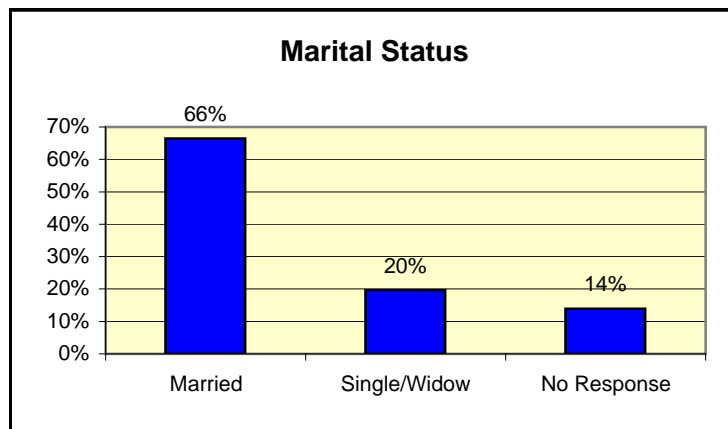
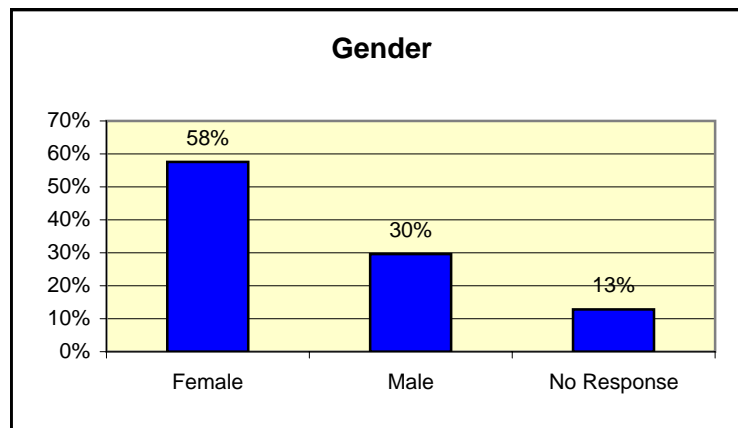
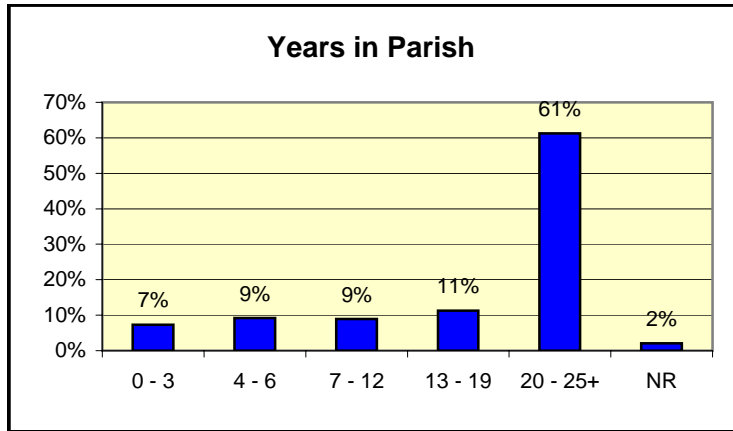
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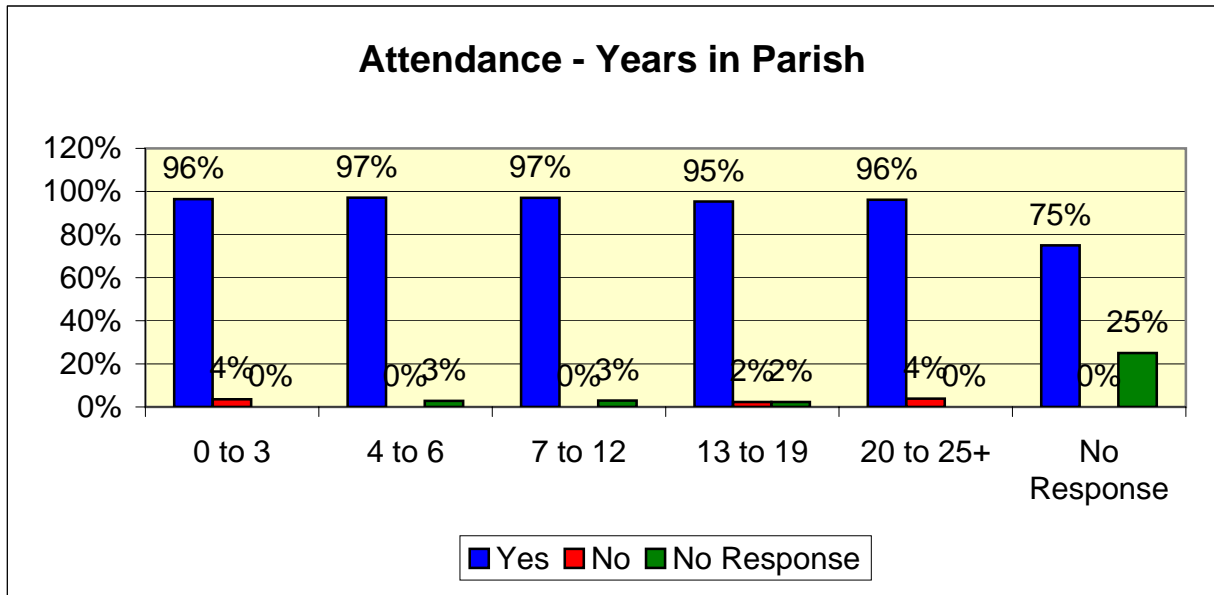
382 surveys completed

NR - No Response

Gender - if completed by both husband and wife counted in "No Response" category



Do you regularly Attend weekend Mass at Holy Cross?



Count of Year_in_parish	Total
Where else do you attend weekend mass?	246
50 % MOQ	1
Bergan Mercy, out of town	1
Boystown, St Gerald's	1
Cathedral	4
Christ the King	2
Christ the King, Margaret Mary, Cathedral	1
Clarkson	1
Clarkson Hosp / St Mary Magdalene	1
Clarkson Hospital	1
Clarkson Hospital Chapel	1
Clarkson Hospital, St Mary Mag	1
College of St Mary	2
College of St Mary or Creighton	1
Creighton Med Center	1
daily mass sometimes other places	1
Filled out a registration form but rec'd no response.	1
Holy days @ other parishes where more masses offered	1
Holy Family	1
Holy Ghost	1
Holy Ghost - Creighton	1
Holy Ghost - St Thomas More	1
Holy Name	3
I don't attend weekend mass anywhere else unless I am on vacation.	1
I had a lapse - will attend regularly again	1
ICC	1
Mary Mags	1
Mary Mag's	1

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Mary Our Queen	1
MOQ	1
MOQ 5:00 mass on Sunday because HC no longer has one. I miss this mass.	1
MOQ, St Gerald's	1
no other parish	1
no where unless out of town	1
No where, St. John's during the summer	1
occasionally St Cecelia, Margaret Mary, CTK	1
Occasionally STM	1
OLL	2
OLL - 8 am Saturday since Sat 8:30 mass was discontinued at Holy Cross	1
on an irregular basis: St. Thomas More, OLL, Clarkson Hospital	1
on vacation or a baptism	1
Other churches that have special celebrations going on like St. Cecelia's, St. Margaret Mary	1
out of town	1
Out of town when visiting relatives and St. Mary Magdalene's a few times a year.	1
Portland, OR	1
Sacred Heart	1
Sacred Heart, Cathedral, St. John	1
SMM	1
sometimes - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	1
Sometimes at OLL	1
St Bridget, St Adalbert	1
St Bridget's	1
St Cecelia	2
St Elizabeth Ann, SVDP	1
St Francis Cabrini	1
St Gerald's	2
St Joan of Arc	2
St Joe's Hospital	1
St John Vianny, St Charles Romero	1
St John's	1
St John's Creighton	1
St John's Creighton & Cathedral	1
St John's Valley	1
St Margaret Mary	2
St Margaret Mary, Mary Mag, Holy Family	1
St Mark's in Missouri, St Thomas More, St Pat's in Elkhorn, St Elizabeth Ann	1
St Mary Belleview	1
St Mary Mag, St Roberts	1
St Mary Magdalene	6
St Mary Magdelene	3
St Mary Magdeline	1
St Mary Mags	3
St Mary's Belleview	2
St Mary's College	1
St Patrick, ICC	1
St Patrick's, St Leo's	1
St Patrick's	1
St Pat's to take my mother	1
St Peter's & St Mary's	1
St Peter's Cathedral	1
St Richard's I work there.	1

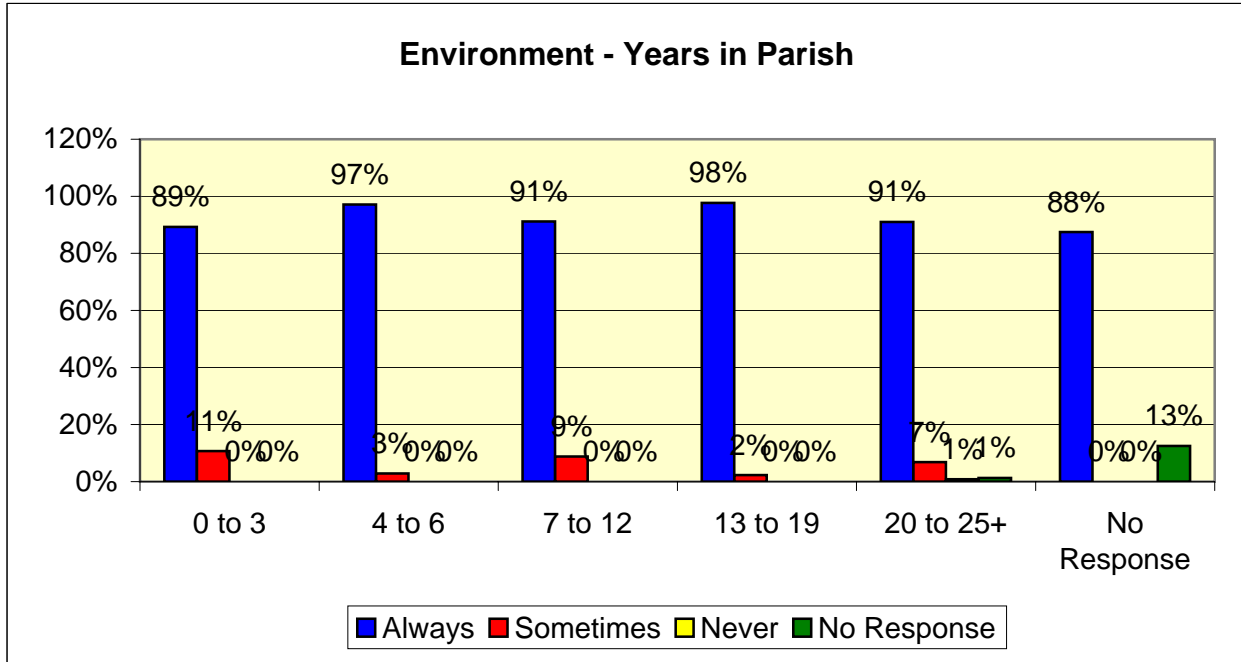
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St Roberts, St Thomas More	1
St Stephan, MOQ	1
St Thomas More	3
St Wenseclaus Wahoo, VA	1
St. Adelbert's (I grew up there and they have no music at their mass)	1
St. Bridget's 4-6 X year	1
St. Bridget's very seldom	1
St. Elizabeth, St. Vincent	1
St. Joe's Hospital	1
St. John's	1
St. John's Creighton	1
St. John's, Valley, NE	1
St. Margaret Mary	1
St. Margaret Mary - they offer a 7 PM Sat. mass	1
St. Mary Magdalene	1
St. Mary Magdeline	2
St. Peter	1
St. Roberts	2
St. Roberts, Mary Our Queen (only when at our store...)	1
St. Robert's, Mary our Queen, out of town parishes	1
St. Thomas More	3
STM	2
Thomas More	1
VAMC	1
Vets Chapel	1
We miss the 5 pm mass & have gone to other parishes for an evening mass.	1
When out of the area attend a local church. When there are special occasions with family or g	1
Grand Total	382

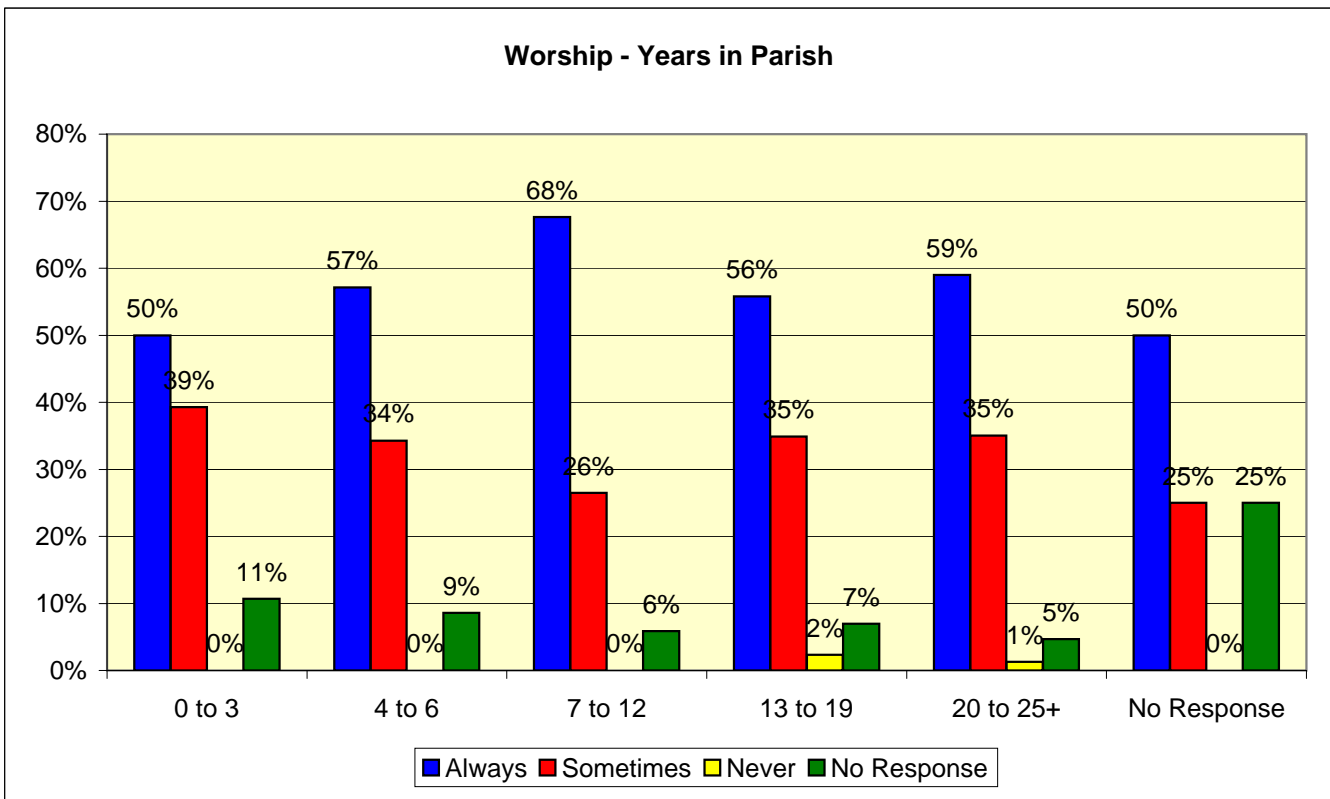
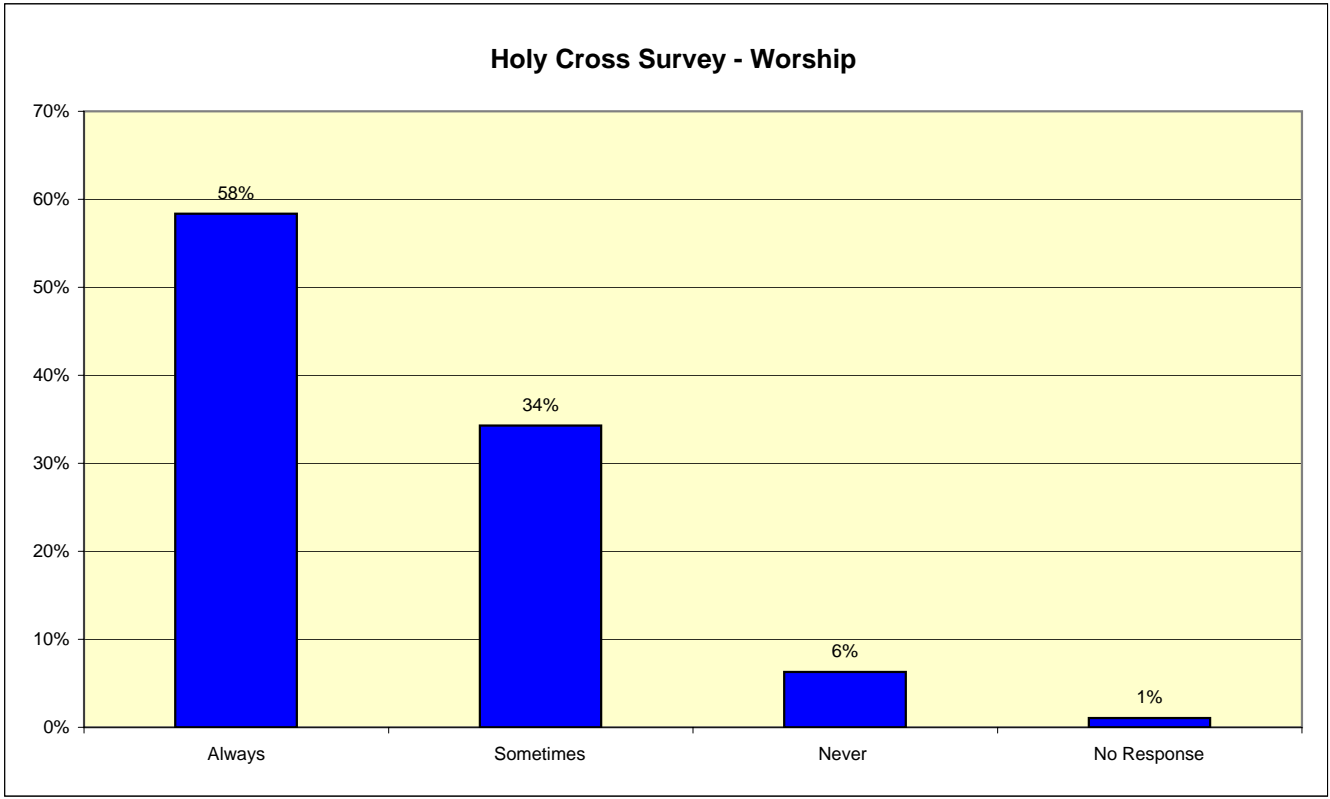
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Does the environment At Holy Cross reflect the liturgical seasons?



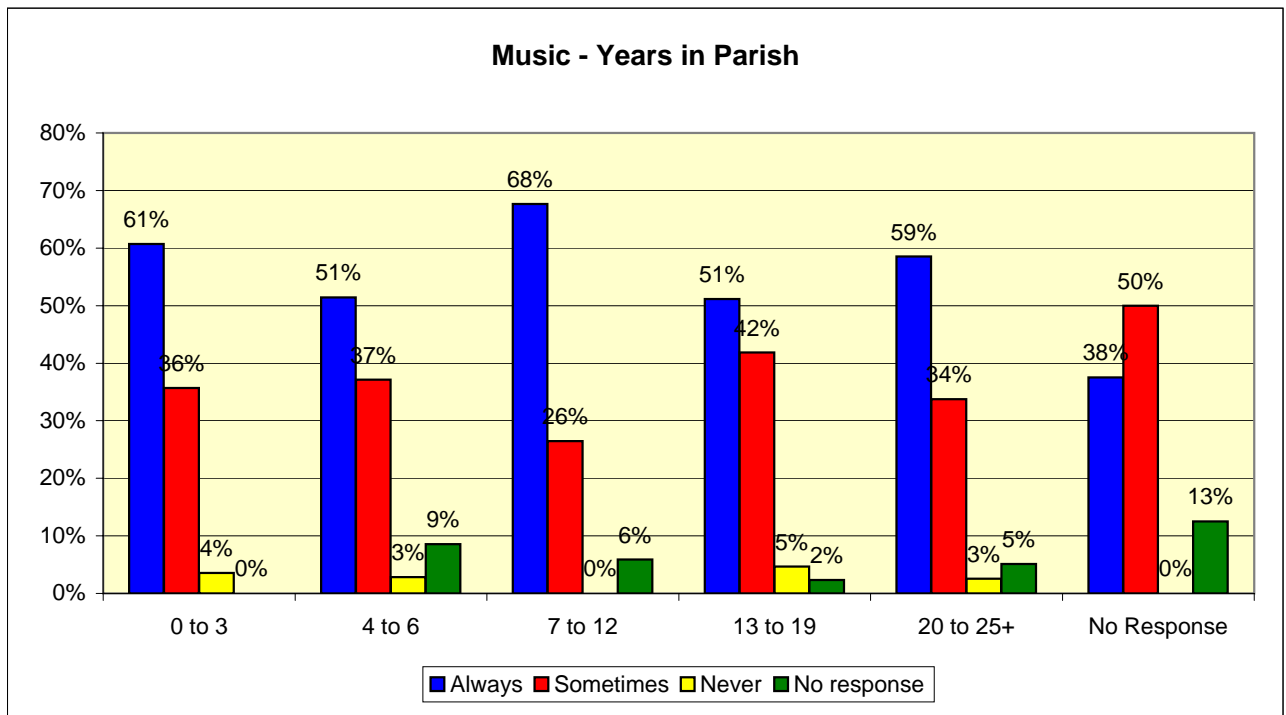
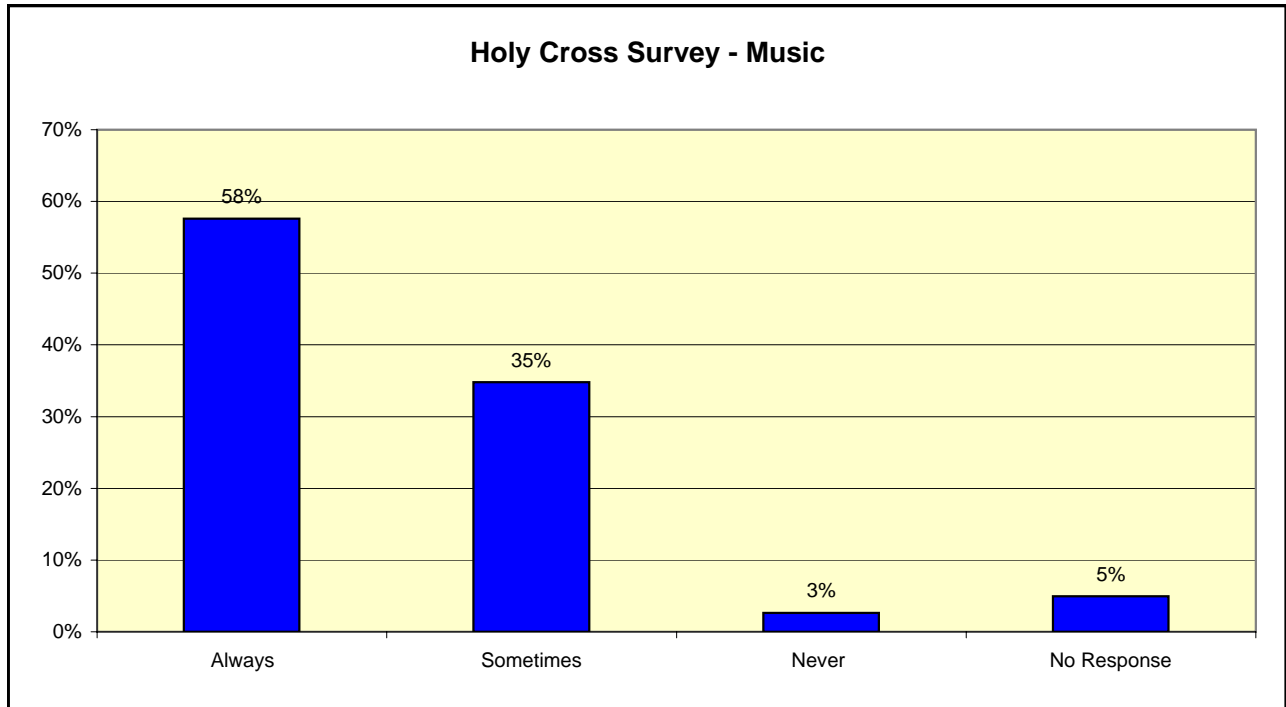
Count of Year_in_parity	
Liturgical_season_comment	Total
	373
Banners are wonderful esp Christmas. I like the uncluttered look of the decorations that do not clutter the altar	1
But would like to see more, flowers needs to be tended to more - need water 7 dying.	1
Christmas season is always beautiful.	1
Could go for more Xmas trees on the altar,	1
I like it when lighting the Advent candles is a part of mass.	1
I love the banners.	1
It is always beautiful, warm, and inviting.	1
It's beautiful & always is.	1
Used to be a lot more beautiful.	1
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Grand Total	382

Does Holy Cross offer opportunities for worship other than scheduled Mass times?



Worship opportunity comments	Total
	356
Adoration always available	1
Adoration Chapel	2
Adoration for one	1
At Advent & Lent - but a monthly series would be nice.	1
Bring back Bible Study if possible.	1
don't know	1
Encourage the formation of prayer groups and bible study.	1
Great opportunities during the week in the morning & evening.	1
I am not really sure.	1
I am not sure	1
I don't know	1
I don't know of any	1
I forgot the code to get in though!	1
I think the catechism encourages parishes to do vespers. Could we do this on occasion?	1
If you know the secret code to get in to the church.	1
I'm not sure	1
I'm very concerned about the very low participation in adoration chapel.	1
It appears to fit our current priest's 9 - 5 schedule.	1
It would be nice to have healing mass. The mission was wonderful.	1
My husband & I participate in weekly hour of adoration.	1
not sure	1
Reconciliation or services	1
very seldom	1
When ever I come by in the evening during the week to sit in silence the church is completely locked.	1
Would like to see more opportunities for sacrament of reconciliation after 7 PM, esp. communal penance services	1
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Does the music at Sunday Mass enhance the liturgy for you?



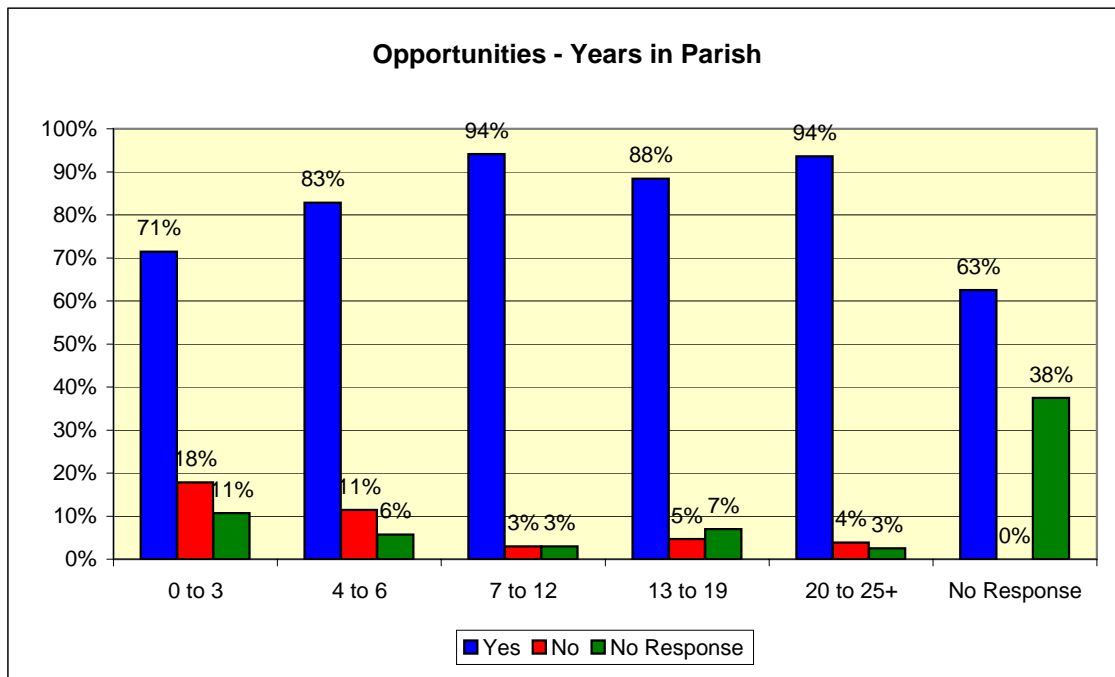
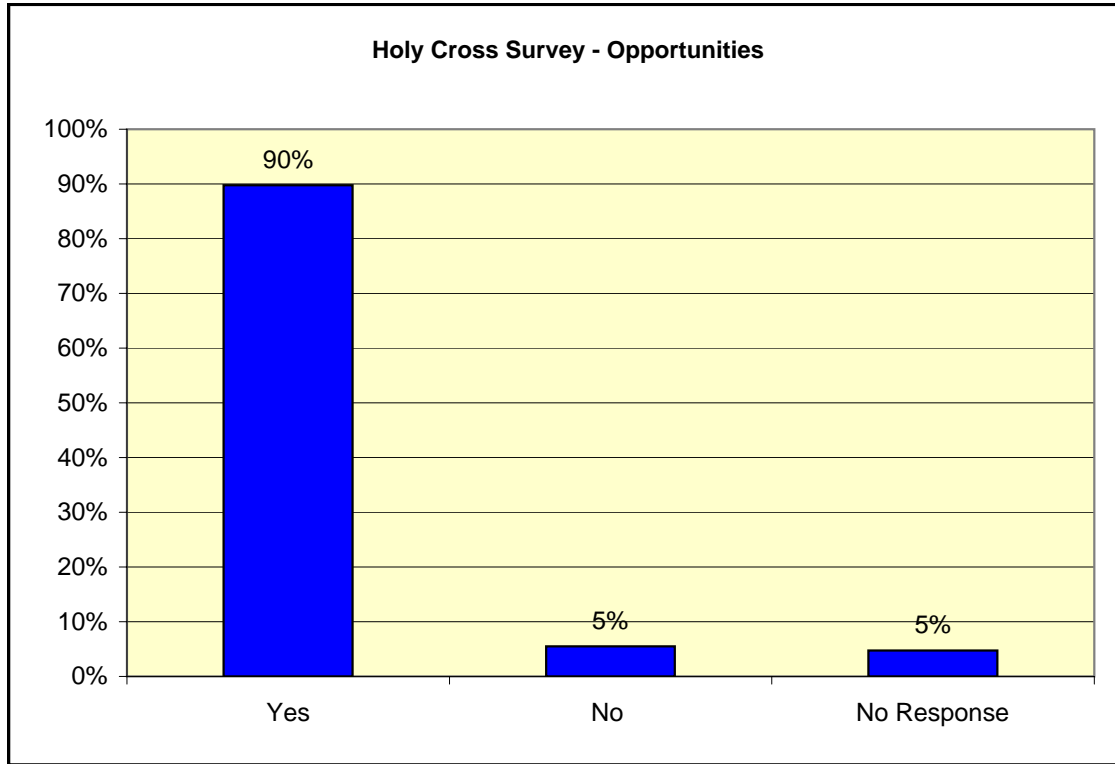
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Music_comment	Total
	331
Beautiful and I appreciate all who volunteer their time.	1
Choir is awesome. Xmas & Easter seasons they do a wonderful job - thank you	1
Choir needs better direction - they could be wonderful	1
Consider guitar masses to attract youth perhaps once a month	1
could be more lively/not always so traditional	1
Do love our choir, but would like some quiet reflective time, especially after Holy Communion.	1
Do not attend the sung mass	1
Enjoy it very much.	1
Enjoy the choir	1
especially 5:30 Sat service	1
Hardly ever, only at Christmas and Easter. There should be quiet time at communion for private prayer NO SINGING. Very distracting when trying to say any prayer after communion. Most people would appreciate a few quiet minutes at Communion to talk to J	1
I usually attend 7:30 am mass on Sunday	1
I wish the music had more awe & majesty. Some of the service music is very uninspiring.	1
I'm in the choir & I think Karen's the BEST but we need a choir director - I feel as if we fly by the seat of our pants since Sally left. We've lost members. How can we grow if it's not supported?	1
It is a distraction	1
It is excellent	1
It is reverent & prayerful.	1
It would be nice if the musicians would use the responsorial psalm (music) in the seasonal missalette.	1
Like to have some contemporary music.	1
Love the choir	1
love the music	1
More microphones for the choir, less for the keyboard	1
N/A 7:30 mass	1
Need a contemporary service if for no other reason to keep the youth.	1
Need the congregational music played in a lower key so we can all sing along.	1
Need to learn new songs!	1
need young members	1
not music at all masses	1
rarely	1
Rarely. Mix it up. Jazz it up. No more O Come O Come Emmanuel and the Gloria should NOT be an echo/responsorial song but one continuous prayer in song ALL can sing!	1
Some of the songs are difficult to follow.	1
Sometimes I think they could sing uplifting songs	1
Sometimes it dominates the service.	1
Sometimes songs too difficult to sing. Traditional songs rarely played.	1
Sometimes there's too much	1
Thanks you for all who provide this.	1
The same songs every week!	1
The tempo is often very slow but the choir is normally high quality.	1
There is no music at 7:30 am mass & I like it that way.	1
They need a director - piano/organ drowns out choir	1
Too much organ music - too loud	1
Usually go to 7:30 mass	1

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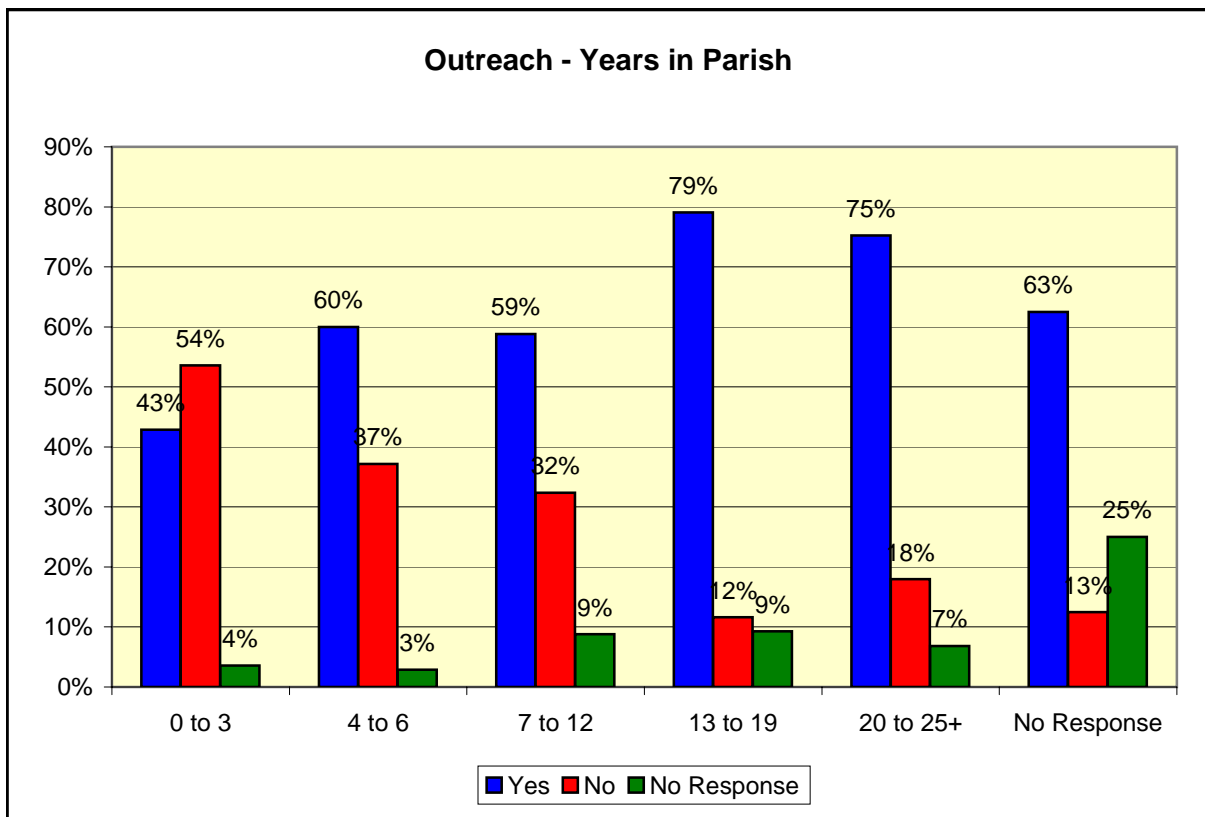
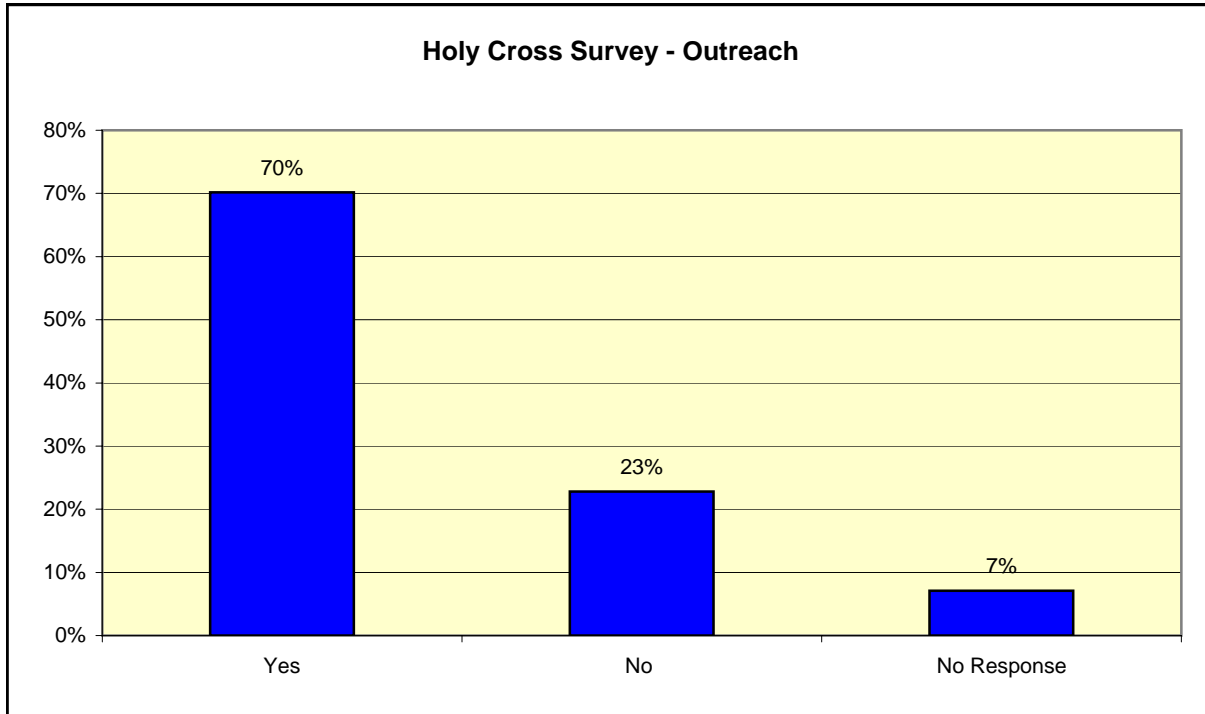
Very boring music. I feel that if we had more upbeat music we would have more younger people attending.	1
Very much, choir is awesome.	1
We almost always go to 7:30 am mass - no music	1
We mainly attend the 11 AM Mass	1
We need new & different singers! Fresher! Musicians organist renew	1
Wish we had it at all masses	1
Would like music at all masses; additional instruments.	1
Would love to have contemporary music at least 1 mass per weekend. Unfortunately I have no musical ability.	1
Yes, I prefer less music	1
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Does Holy Cross offer parishioners sufficient opportunities to become active and participating members of the parish?



Opportunities_comment	Total
	355
A lot of opportunities but no calls for "new" helpers	1
But we really need to make the effort.	1
Could be more	1
Could offer more	1
I am not sure	1
I know I need to be more active - only a member 6 months	1
If they do, we might not know it.	1
It's a one time a year stewardship renewal. It should be offered throughout the year.	1
Kind of - they ask for help, but I am rarely called. I feel they need to reach out to parishioners that they don't know.	1
More young adult activities new/young families. Child care program.	1
My schedule is very demanding, but I would still like to participate in things like Habitat for Humanity. I haven't heard about things in a while. Resources are also lacking.	1
Need additional social issue projects	1
Need to work to get more active, all volunteering is being done by a very few	1
Not really sure.	1
Not sure	1
People must be pro-active.	1
Perhaps more opportunities to hear about what different groups do. Highlight in bulletin or something.	1
See comments	1
Sometimes - there are many activities, but they aren't very welcoming to families or other parishioners who don't have children in school.	1
The opportunities are there but we need to find a way to increase participation. I don't know how. Encouragement from the pulpit would be a start.	1
There are cliques that impair participation.	1
There's always opportunities. Invitations some times lack.	1
Volunteer opportunities within the community are needed.	1
We could do better - call people	1
We need to ask skilled people for more help.	1
You have a lot of organizations.	1
Young couples with young children before they are in school really nothing have for them.	1
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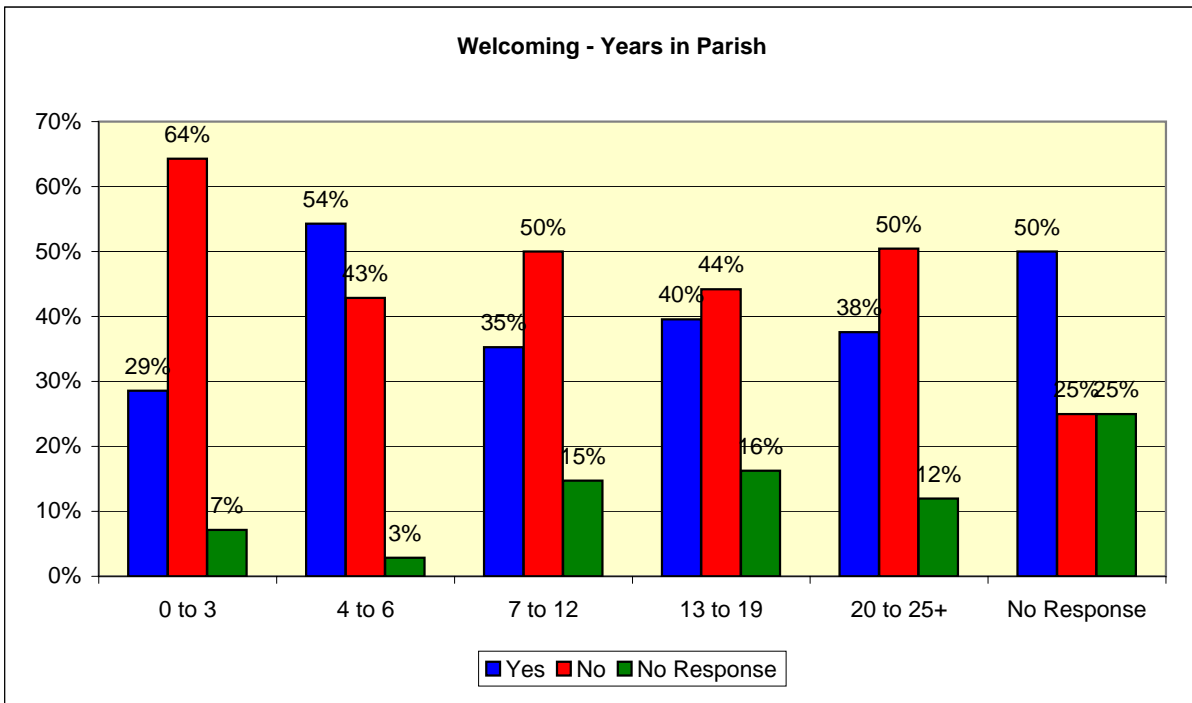
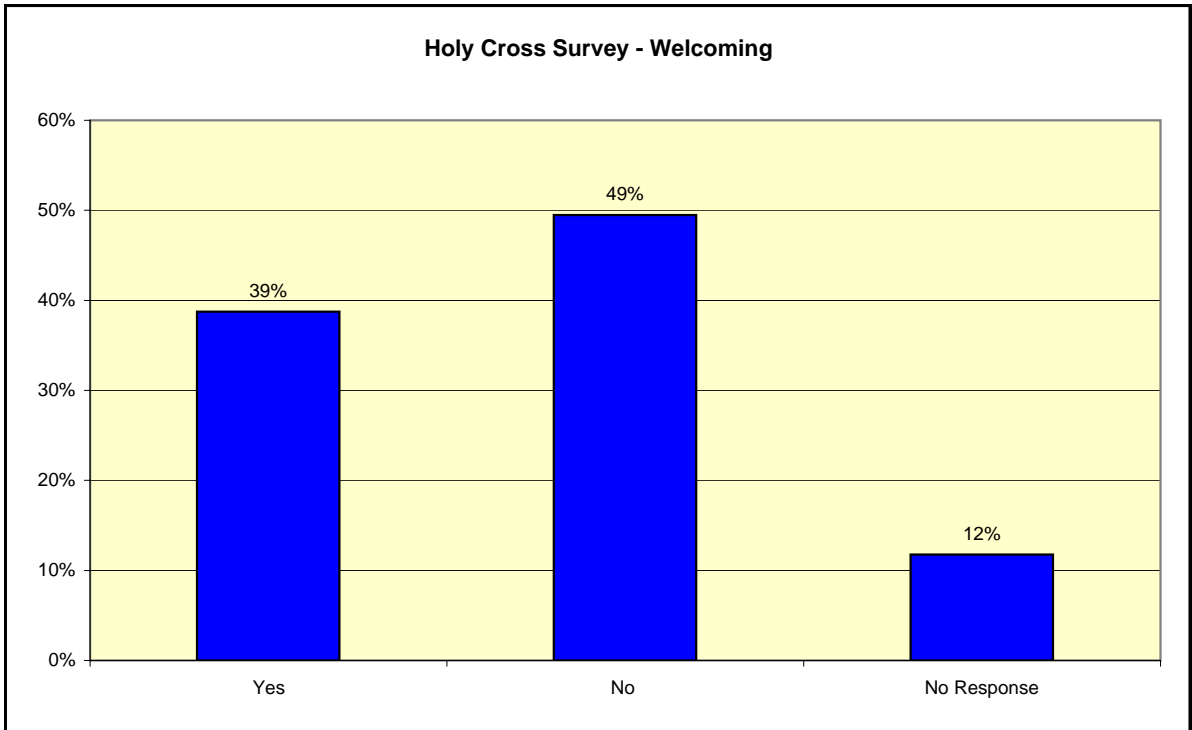
Do you know if Holy Cross has an outreach program to assist those in need?



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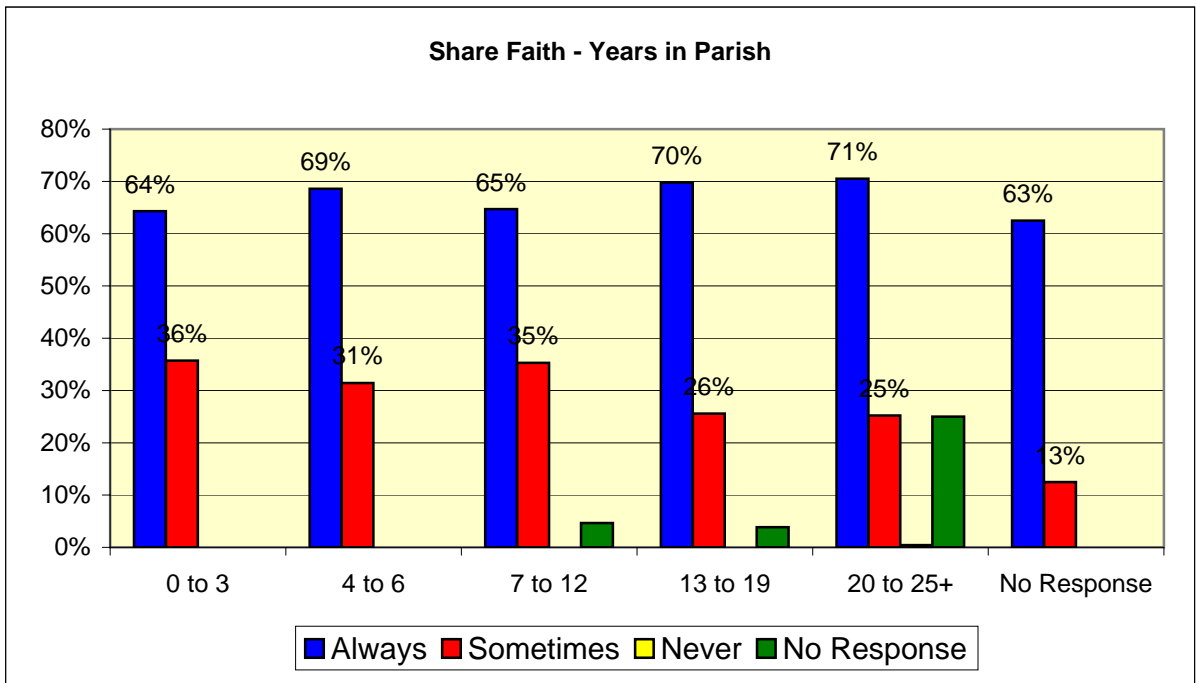
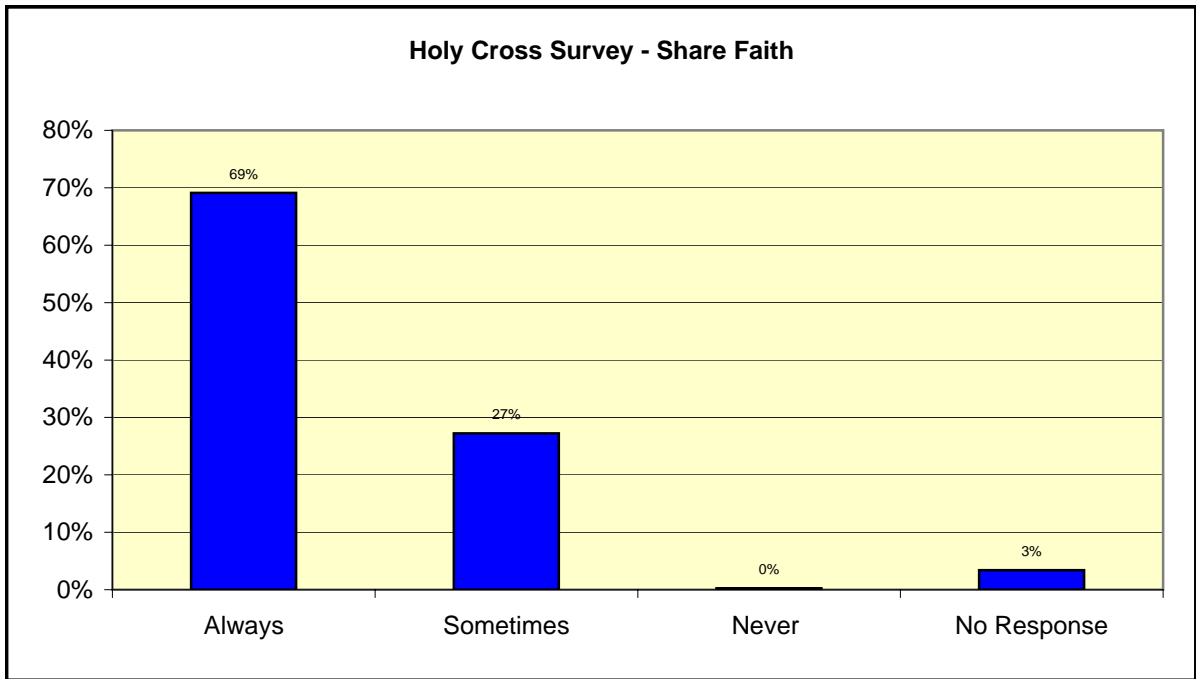
Outreach_comment	Total
	349
Do not know	1
Do not know what category of out reach is available.	1
Don't know	2
Don't know	1
Great work with County	1
I am not sure	1
I don't know	2
I don't know the name - let people know	1
I have heard something about it. Would like to hear more.	1
I have heard this, but don't know for sure.	1
I think it does but I don't know any of the details.	1
I think so	1
I think so - Theresa McLaury	1
I'm sure there is - not aware of it specifically	1
K of C and SVDP	1
Limited resources place concern on this as a core ministry.	1
McLaury	1
Need to encourage more participation from parishioners.	1
Not sure	2
Only because I personally know Theresa McLaury.	1
St. Vincent de Paul, Pastoral Ministries	1
SVDP	2
SVDP, Stephen Center	1
Theresa does a fab job!	1
Theresa does a fabulous job but needs more help - community could be more involved.	1
Theresa does excellent job!	1
Theresa McLaury	1
Theresa McLaury and her "saintly" work is inspiring!	1
Theresa McLaury does an admirable job with this mission.	1
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Have you observed Holy Cross welcoming and seeking to reunite with those that are inactive or who have left the parish?



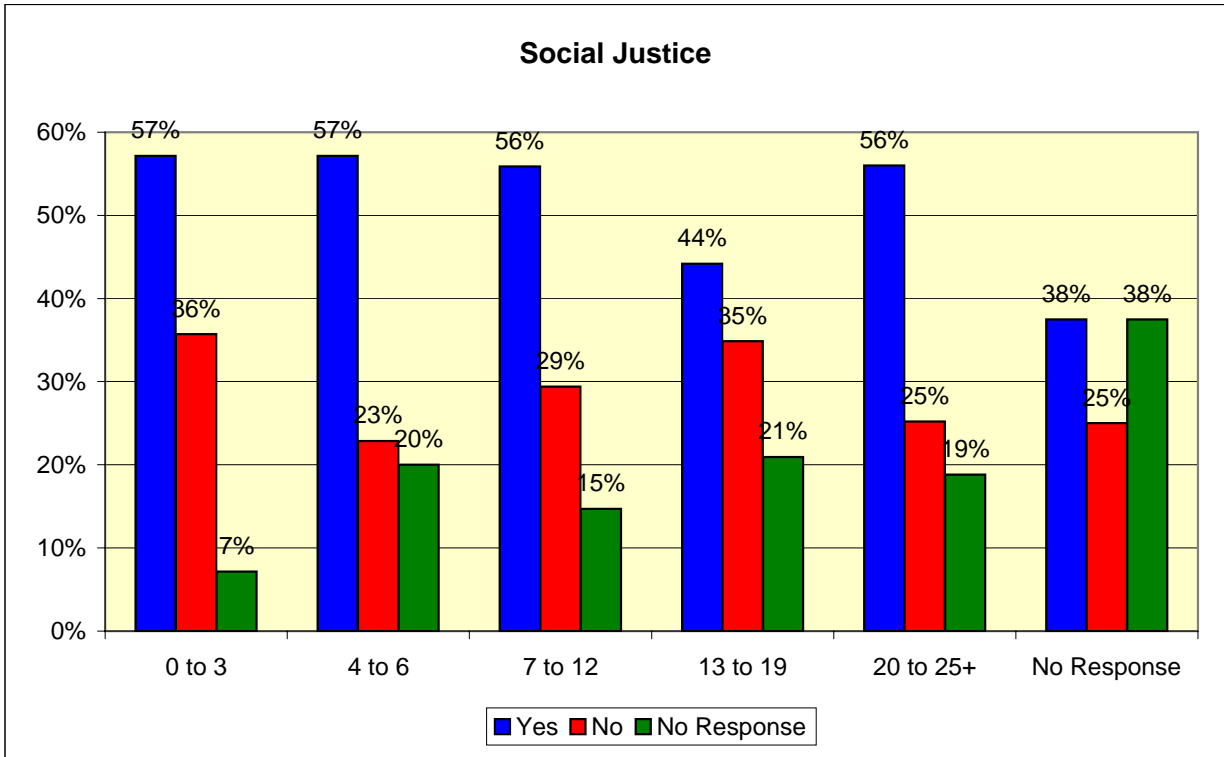
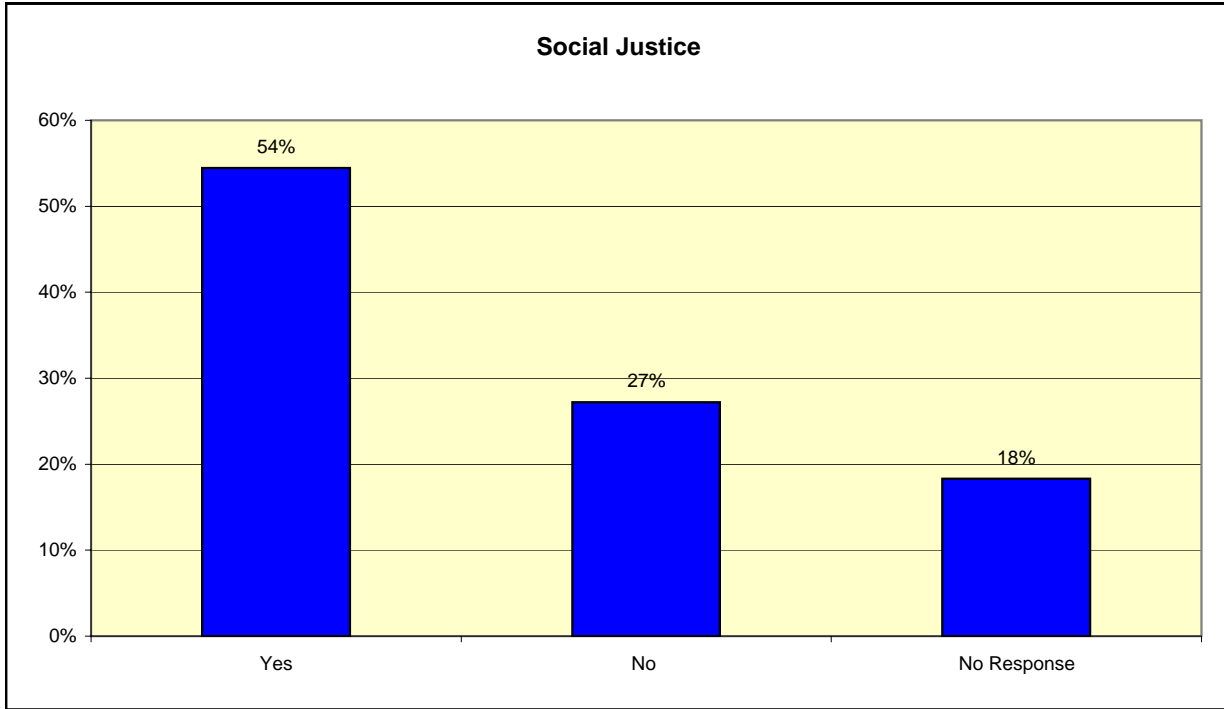
Welcoming comment	Total
	338
?	2
Although the spaghetti dinner is a good start!	1
But I feel this is an area we could do more with	1
Doesn't do nearly enough.	1
Don't know	5
Father always personally welcomes ALL to mass.	1
Father Salanitro welcomes all, but I've never seen efforts to reunite those who are inactive.	1
Father Salanitro's comments at the beginning of Mass.	1
Fr is welcoming at mass as he begins.	1
Fr. Carl is great about reaching out.	1
Fr.'s comments at beginning of each mass.	1
Have not seen	1
I do not know the answer	1
I don't know what they do and I know of families that need opportunities to reunite.	1
I dream of us going door to door seeking those who are angry-lonely-no longer attending mass	1
I guess	1
I haven't observed it	1
I know that it happens but I don't see it.	1
Invite people (inactive/neighbors to parish mission. How about a door-to-door parish survey? How can the "people in the pews" reach out actively?	1
I've read about it	1
Let's call the people who have problems with the church	1
Limited	1
Make sure programs are in place that would entice them.	1
Need greeters & gift bearers at masses	1
Not a member long enough	1
Not so much	1
Not sure other than the greeting the celebrant has at the beginning of mass	1
Not sure this is being done effectively.	1
Not sure! Do we have a campaign?	1
Open invitation @ every mass during opening only.	1
s	1
Some parish have a program for lapsed Catholics	1
Sometimes greeters - otherwise no knowledge.	1
This is a very welcoming community - I think we could do more to initiate contact with inactive folks &/or others in the neighborhood	1
This is one of HC best attributes	1
We should have a "we want you back" campaign	1
While I enjoy Fr Carl's sermons, I feel he greatly lacks in trying to connect with parishioners.	1
While it is nice that Fr. Carl welcomes visitors to Mass, what about the Faithful that come consistently, prayerfully and "faithfully"?	1
Without asking some will not become involved.	1
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Does Holy Cross encourage you to live and share your faith in your family, workplace, and neighborhood?



	360
Appreciate Fr. Salanitro's welcome at each mass	1
Ask us to bring a neighbor to spaghetti dinner	1
Concrete examples would be helpful in homilies.	1
Doesn't provide the right type of leadership to do this successfully	1
Especially b/c I am a health care provider & need my faith	1
Fr. S always does in his homily	1
I do believe this is a parish of real faith & not just impressing your "neighbors" at Sunday mass (one of the reasons me & my husband joined HC).	1
I feel I do it out of my own desire & need.	1
I feel the parish takes excellent care of its school (no air conditioning - not necessary for just 2-4 weeks of school), and is a fine vibrant pillar in the community. Maybe more PR with World Herald about what is going on in school - special events, etc	1
I guess	1
I would love more catechist apologetics in homilies sometimes	1
I'm sure they do!	1
It's a life style choice that's not broadcast.	1
Most of the time.	1
Much more often than not.	1
Not really.	1
Once again - Fr Salanitro's sermons are great, for young & old alike, even teens!!! Now that's something!!	1
Tends to limit perspective to Holy Cross neighborhood rather than a broader notion of sharing.	1
The young adults group seems too evangelical - maybe just some volunteer opportunities would work.	1
We love this holy community	1
y	1
You can sense Fr. Carl's holy encouragement. He is a great pastor.	1
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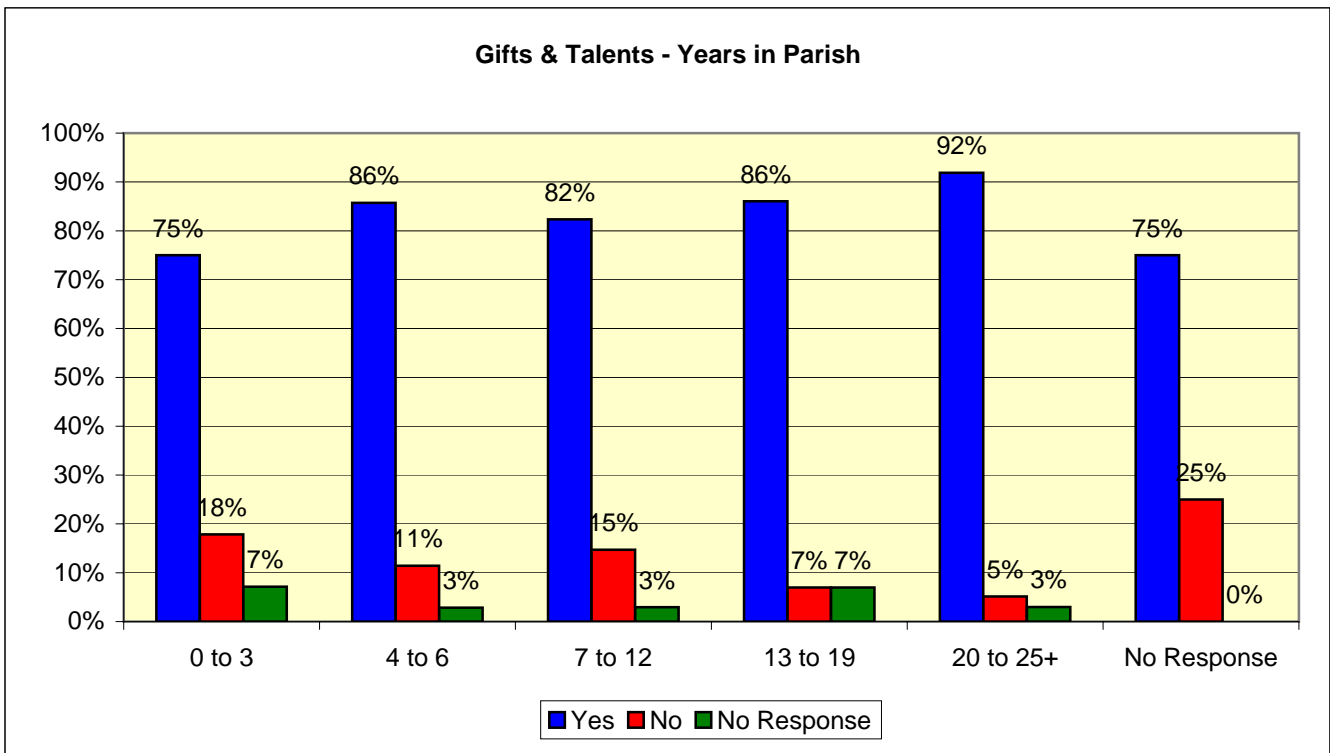
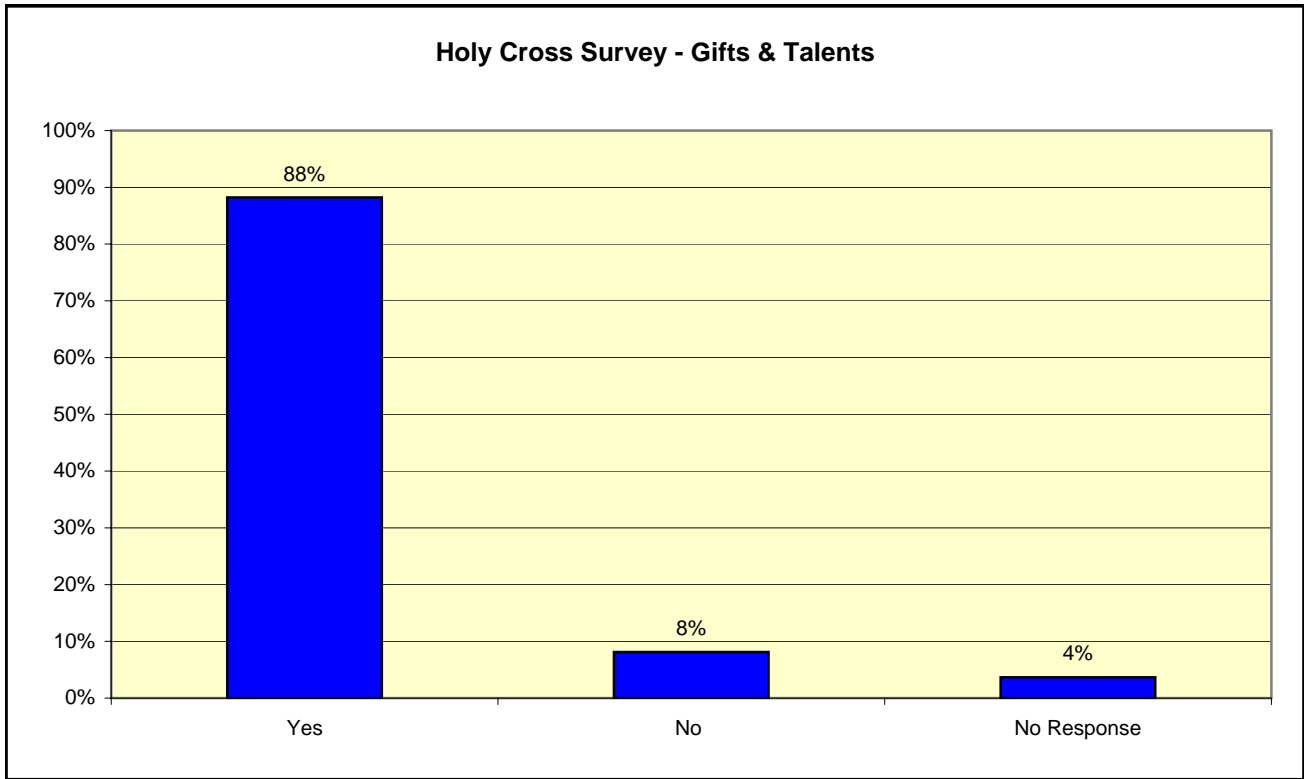
Does Holy Cross make an effort to educate people about concerns for justice and try to raise consciousness about social issues outside the parish?



Social_issue_comment	Total
	323
?	5
A major area for improvement include these topics in Sunday Homilies.	1
Abortion - There is a new movie 35 mm & get literature to our priest & pastor	1
And I like it that way.	1
As for justice, what happened to sin? We do not want history lessons to be our homily. We want to know how to save our souls!!	1
But even more would be great!	1
But I would like to do more	1
But more could be done.	1
Could be better	1
Could be emphasized more.	1
Could do better in the area; possibly through homily or mailings	1
Did not get the notice to participate in the Diocese talks on undocumented workers	1
Don't know	2
Don't know - am unaware	1
During our homily	1
Efforts should be greatly increased.	1
Fr Buckley used to do this.	1
Holy Cross doesn't do much except Habitat or abortion related. It would be nice if it was more current events.	1
Holy Cross should be concerned about the souls they have a chance to save.	1
I am not aware of much	1
I am not sure	1
I am sure that the church and Father does - though I am not sure how	1
I don't know.	1
I don't know	1
I guess	1
I think there could be more active efforts	1
I think this is a major area for improvement. Apart from Mission Sunday & occasional homilies by Fr Storz, we hear little of this area.	1
I think this is an area where there is room for improvement.	1
It is never discussed - only the "Church Issues" like abortion & same sex marriage seem to be promoted.	1
Maybe they do and I've never noticed	1
minimal	1
More instruction on moral issues would be better	1
Need more opportunities to be educated on social justice on local & national levels. During the election year who supports what?? Interpreting what we are reading and hearing from candidates and supporters.	1
Need speakers on this	1
Not as vocal or political as could be.	1
Not aware of any specifics	1
not sure	2
Not that I'm aware of	1
Not to my knowledge	1
Not very much, but then again social peace and justice thing has gotten pretty well worked over in the last fifty years.	1
Not very often	1
sometimes	3
Sometimes - to fit conservative issues needs. Not sure we teach tolerance. Incidentally, same sex relationships?!?	1
Sometimes, but rarely.	1
Somewhat, but could do more.	1
The three night talks this Advent.	1
Very good sermons & classes.	1

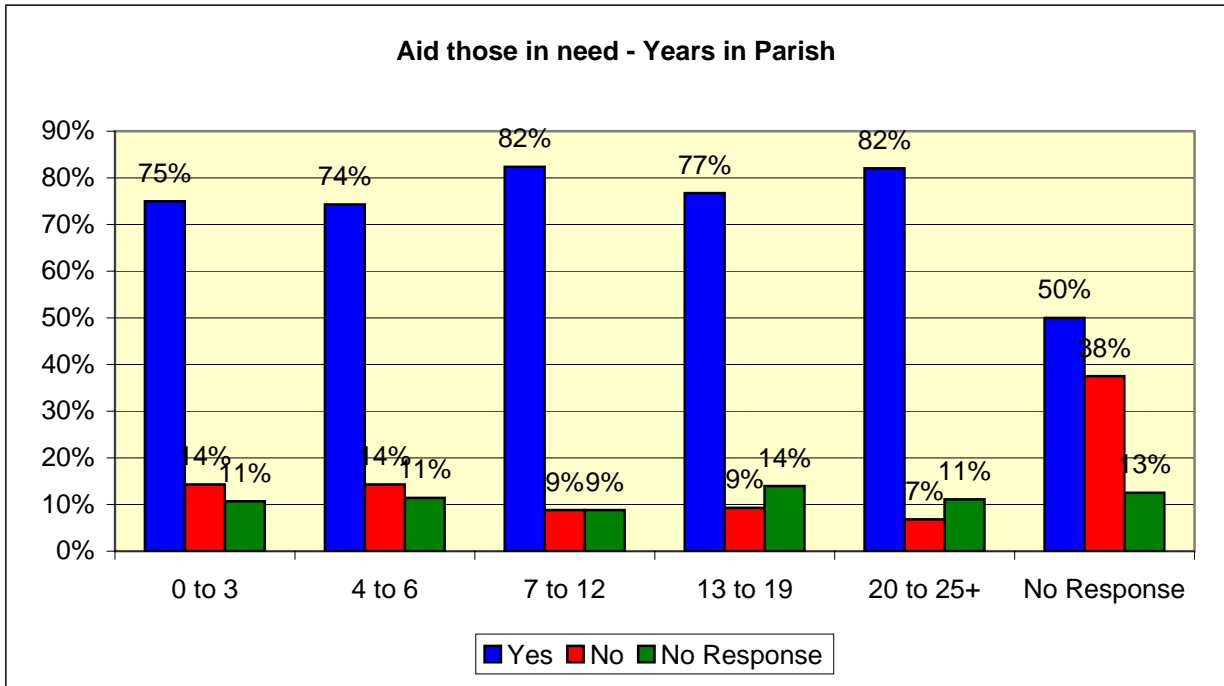
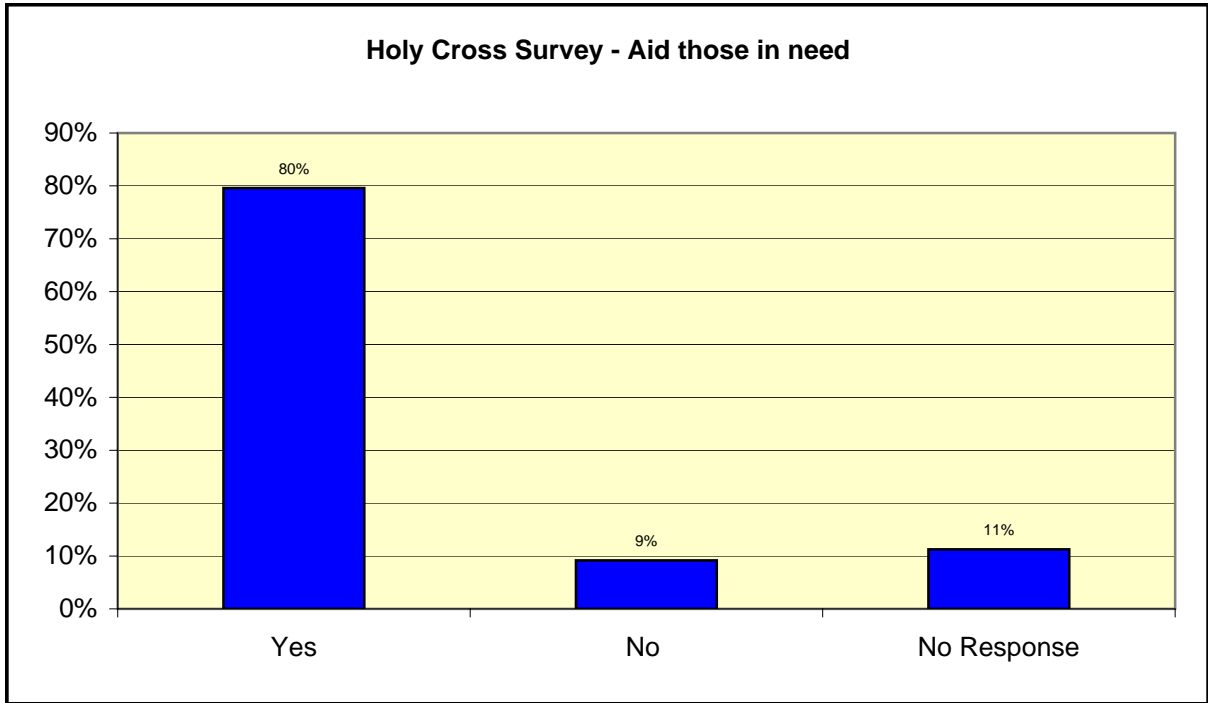
We need to address current events within homily and Catholic Voice	1
Would like more information & support for pro-life, social justice activities taking place in our archdiocese.	1
Would like to see more emphasis on needs in our city-- end to violence, homelessness, etc	1
Grand Total	382

Have the pastor and organizational leaders encouraged you to find and use your gifts and talents at Holy Cross?



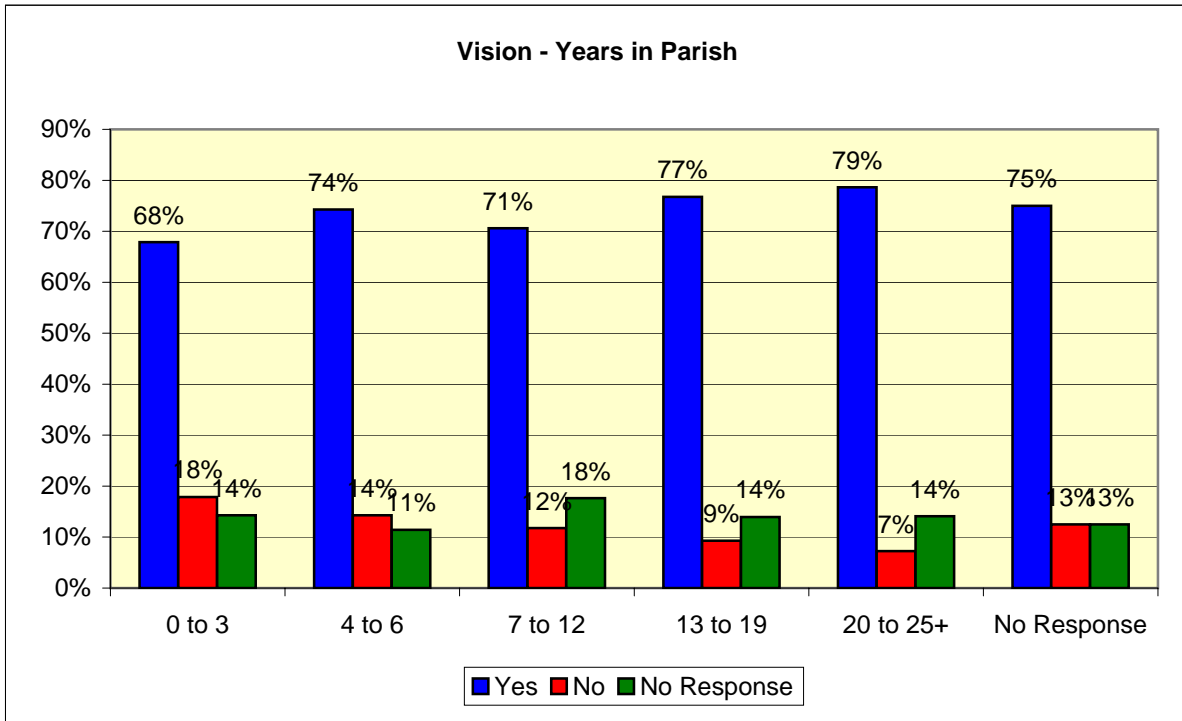
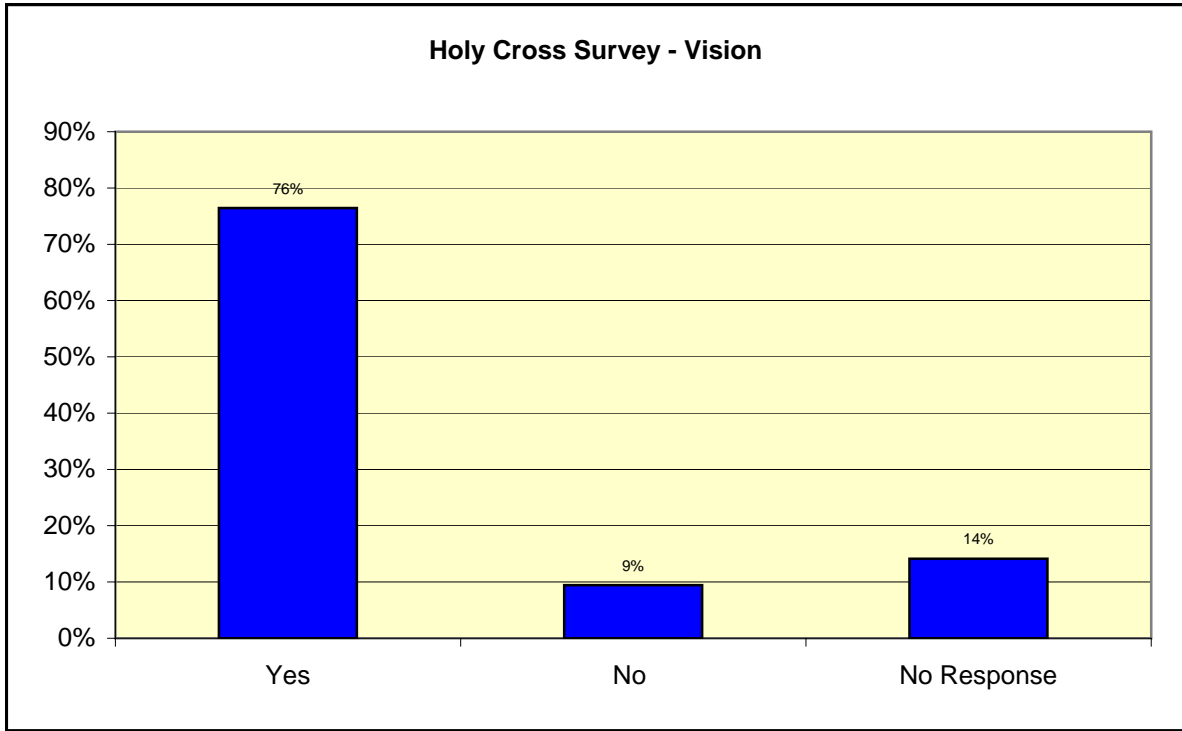
Gifts and skills comments	Total
	367
But I filled out the stewardship forms for volunteering for a lot of different organizations w/o any calls.	1
He doesn't have the time nor does he show any interest	1
However, I have offered and been turned down also.	1
I have completed numerous surveys for volunteering - but have never been contacted.	1
Just when we first joined.	1
Not personally	1
Not personally, but the invitation is there to always. A personal request from the pastor at Mass for a particular need helps.	1
Not that I necessarily respond.	1
Only done a parish - not individually	1
People need more encouragement to get involved. It benefits us & our parish by building friendships.	1
Sometimes, when it is physical work, but everything else is not heard of.	1
Spiritual gift. Do people know their gifts?	1
There are others to be a ???	1
Time, talent, treasure	1
Volunteering is key and well received at Holy Cross.	1
Grand Total	382

Has Holy Cross offered you opportunities to aid those in need in our city, country, and other parts of the world?



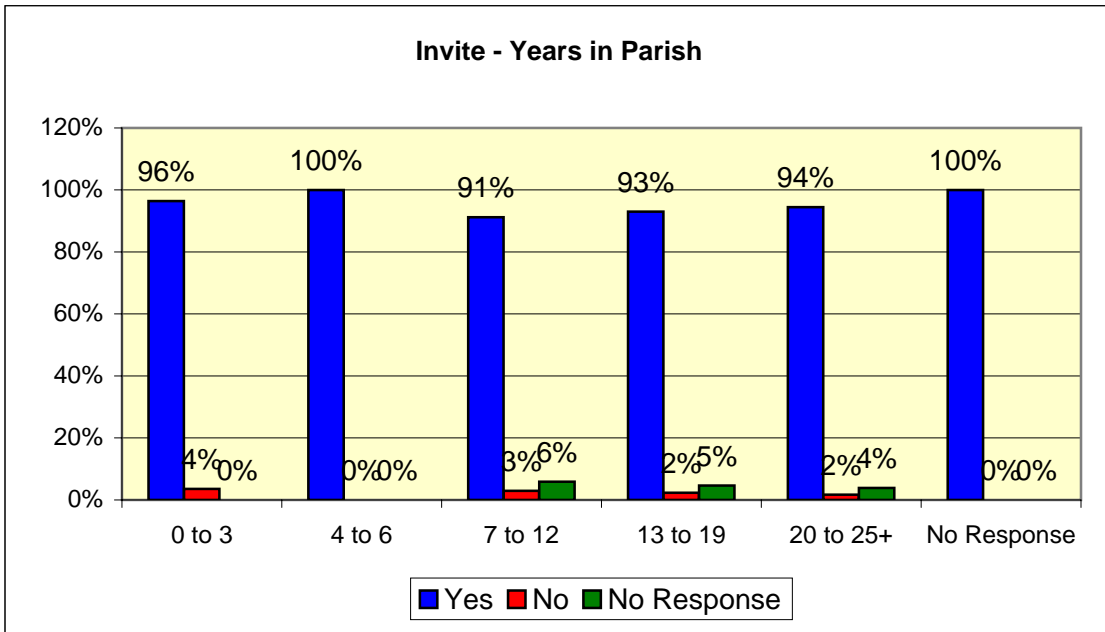
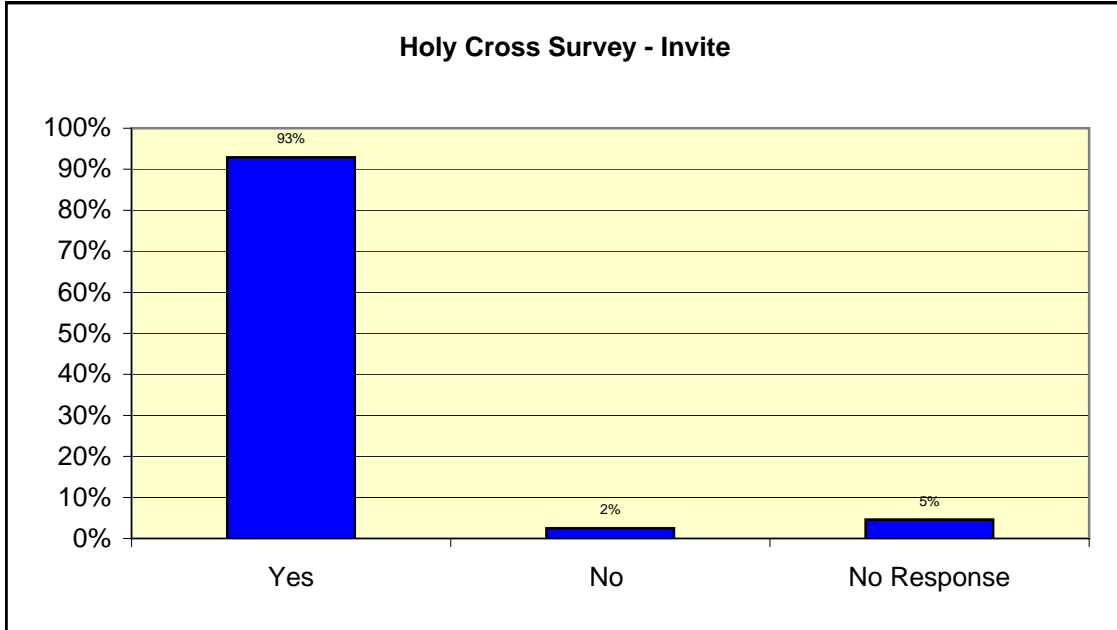
Aid those in need comment	Total
	341
always concrete examples from the pulpit or in bulletin	1
But I do wish there was more opportunities for us to help @ HC maybe organize more - please!	1
But only monetarily	1
Celebrants from all over requesting have been embraced	1
Could be enhanced.	1
Could do even more.	1
don't know	1
Don't know	1
financially only	1
Give to Habitat for Humanity and mission collections	1
Habitat for Humanity	1
haven't seen	1
I don't know	1
In the city in person, country & around the world by donating money	1
It may be nice to briefly talk about each of our ministries at mass. One Sunday per month.	1
limited	1
mission	1
Mission collections, pro-life rosary, Habitat House, SVDP, Stephen Center	1
Missionary work/non-local	1
Mostly financial only.	1
Need education on this	1
Not enough is done to help the poor.	1
Not that I am aware.	1
Of course this is always something we can always keep improving on as a parish	1
OK sometimes	1
Once in a while	1
only monetarily	1
other than financially - NO! Missions, etc	1
our son cannot wait for X-mass to help 'Angels"	1
prayer & financially	1
sometimes	1
special collections - through the bulletin	1
Stephan's Center	1
Tell about the programs	1
Through someone at Holy Cross	1
To a small degree.	1
unaware	1
Usually only through monetary donations	1
Visiting representatives from organizations that help the needy gives us an opportunity to help.	1
Well, yes. Habitat for Humanity, But I get enough solicitations in the mail and do not need HC to provide others.	1
What about World Vision Organization? Where you 'adopt" support a specific child - we do that & it's be cool if that was started here as well.	1
Grand Total	382

Does Holy Cross have a clear vision, goal or direction for its ministry and mission?



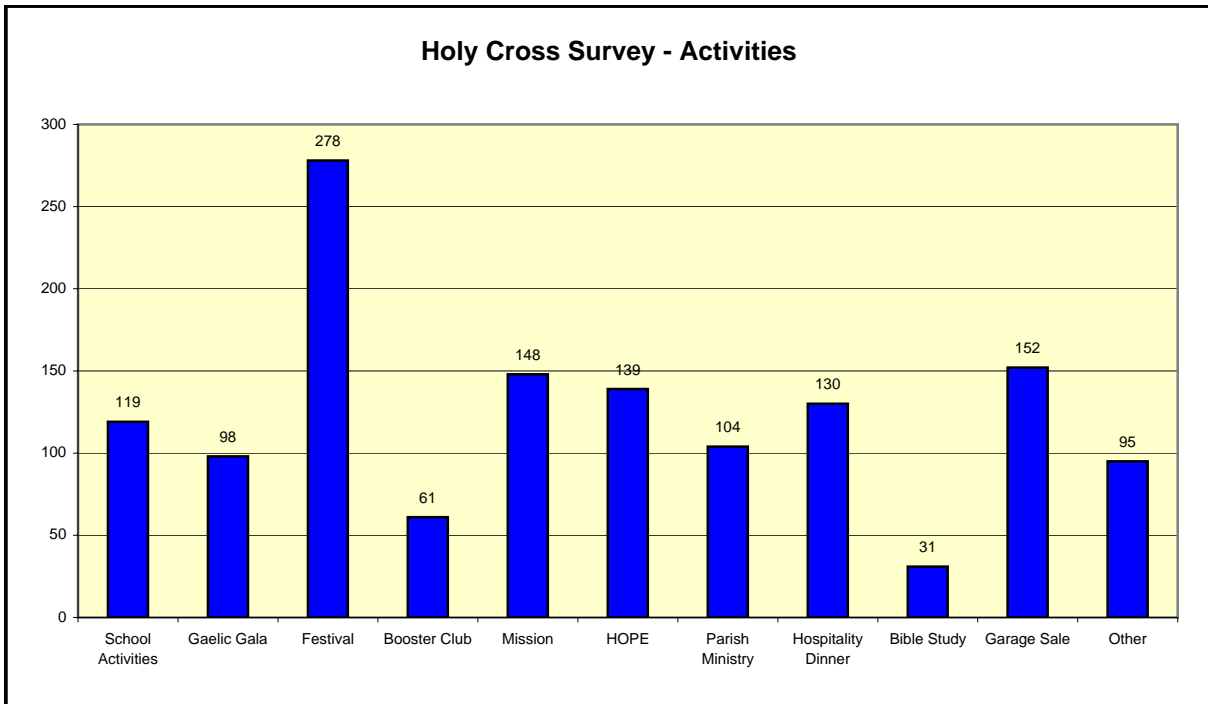
Vision_goal_comment	Total
	343
?	2
But we could do more	1
don't know	2
Father may, but I don't think it's been communicated	1
Fr. Carl is very good about guiding our mission.	1
Fr Salanitro has the best way with words, advise, & our need as parishioners to contribute & to be apart of our religious family	1
Group discussion	1
How are you bringing others outside the Parish to Jesus?	1
I believe so	1
I don't know	1
I don't know for sure.	1
I don't think it's as well communicated to us as it could be.	1
I think so	1
If it does it has not vocalized to the parish and people of the church.	1
If so I don't know or have missed it.	1
I'm not sure exactly what you mean - the goals of the church is to teach us our faith	1
I'm not sure 'they' (we) do.	1
It seems to change frequently	1
Last revision too broad.	1
mission statement	1
Need more outreach services to the community.	1
Not sure	6
Not sure what the vision is	1
seems to	1
Should be broadened.	1
Sort of - to survive/plan for the future I guess	1
to move us to serve the Lord through people	1
Uncertain; have mission statement but not sure we cannot activate to it.	1
Unknown	1
unsure	1
We need to keep the ties between the school and church strong so each can remain vibrant.	1
Your mission statement.	1
Grand Total	382

Would you invite any of your friends or relatives who are not members of Holy Cross to attend liturgies or other devotional services at Holy Cross?

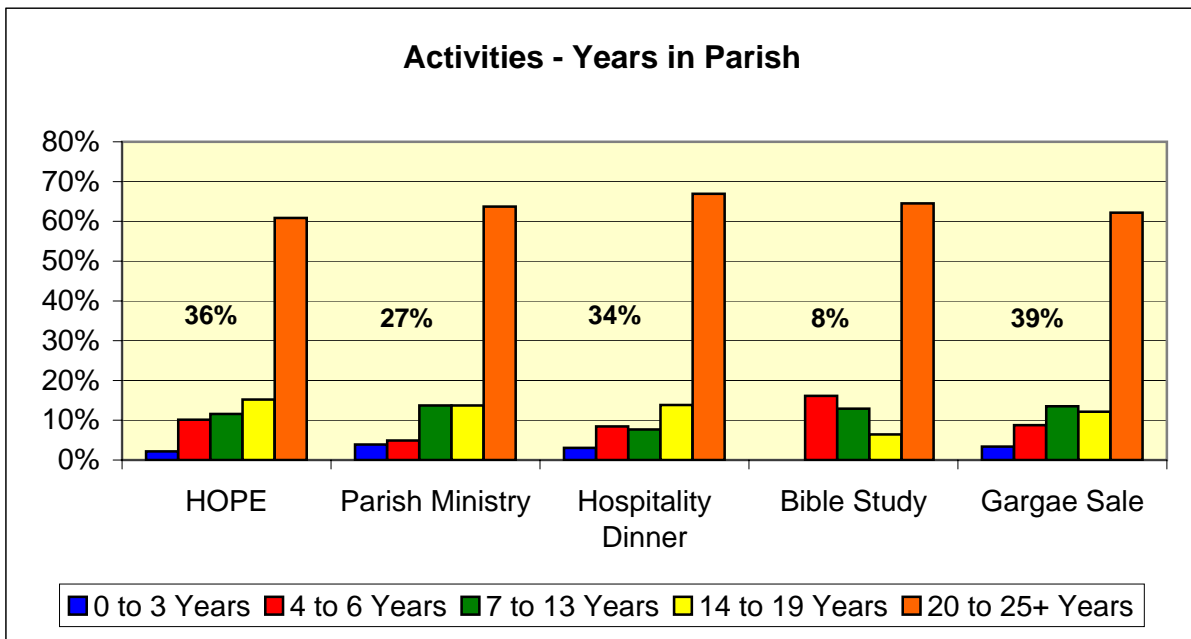
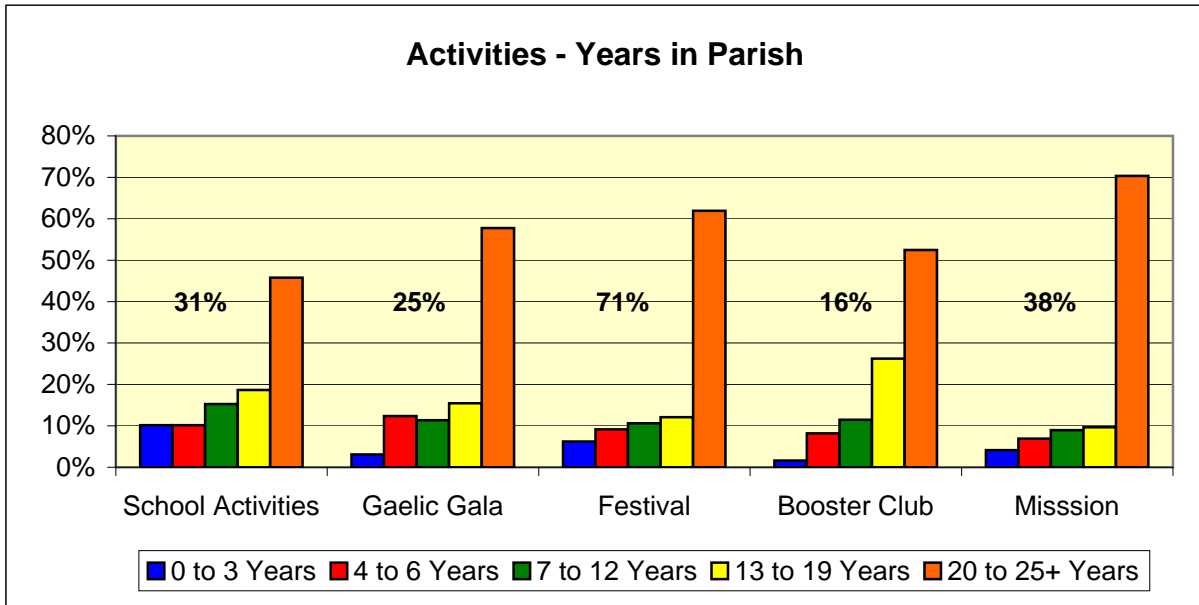


Invite_comment	Total
	362
Absolutely!	2
Already have	1
And have :)	1
and we have & they always enjoy HC	1
Because I think our church & services are wonderful!	1
Bring my Mom here - love the parish & masses over my own parish	1
Definitely	1
depends on occasion	1
Esp Mission	1
Fr. Carl is very welcoming.	1
Have done so before - some came	1
I don't feel it relates to people my age (30).	1
I have & they now belong to Holy Cross.	1
Love how Fr Carl extends a welcome to them at mass.	1
Love the parish	1
strong parish overall	1
We do, we love Fr Carl. He's so welcoming & nice.	1
We have many times.	1
We've had them attend when our children made 1st communion.	1
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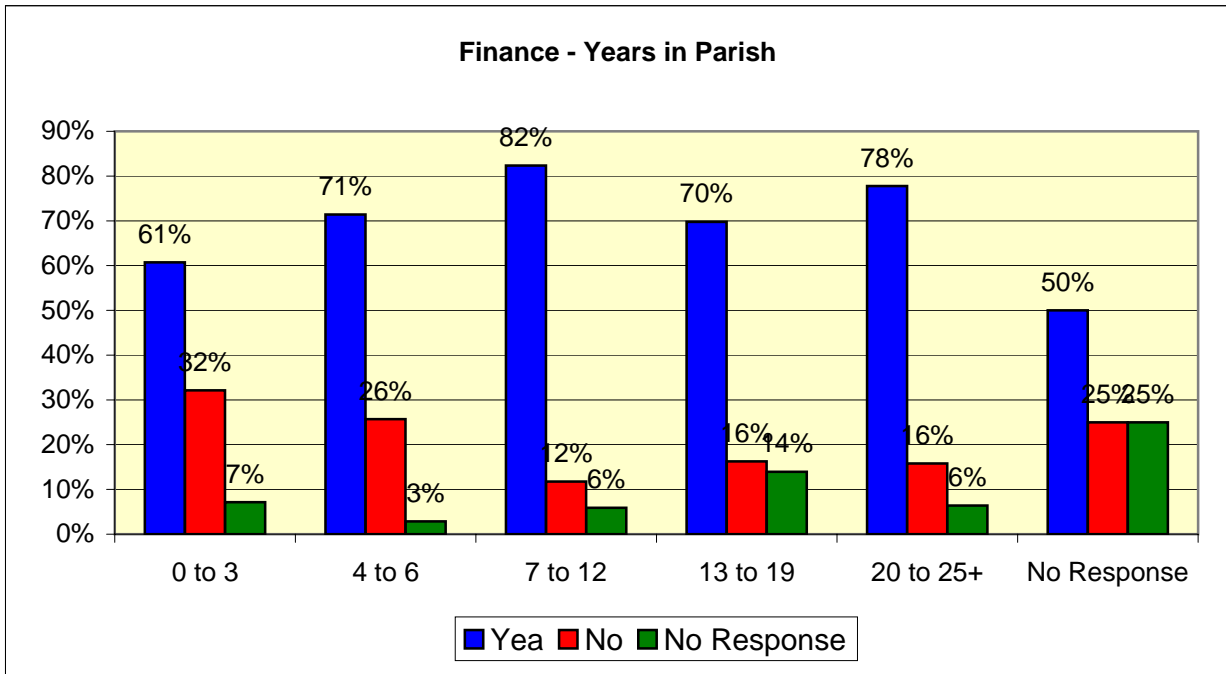
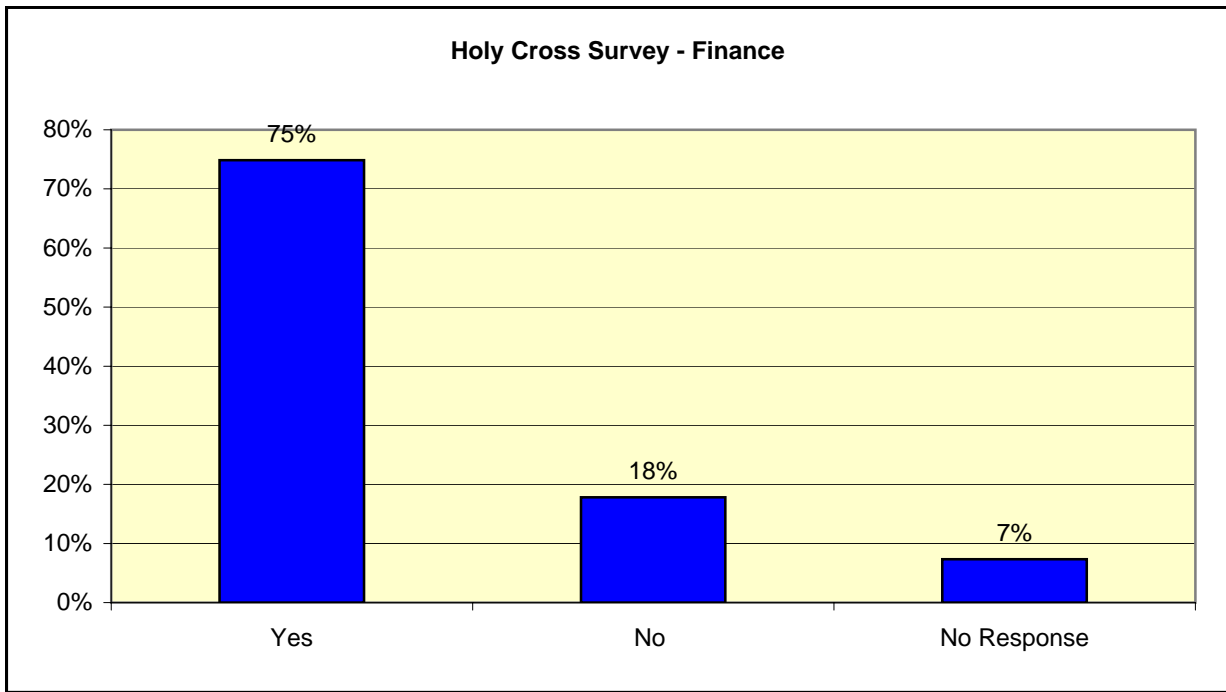
What did you attend or participate in during the last 12 months (check all that apply)?



Other activity	Total
	362
Adoration	1
Altar Society	1
Baptism classes	1
Baptism formation	1
Blood Drive, Advent Angel	1
Botique, Home & School	1
Boutique	2
Coaching	1
Funeral lunches	1
K of C	3
K of C, Altar Society	1
Life chain	1
Life chain, advent baby shower	1
Perpetual Adoration	1
Rel Ed	1
Religious Ed	1
scouts	1
Grand Total	382



Do you feel you have a good understanding of the financial resources and requirements that we face with our school and parish obligations?



Finance Comments	Total
	355
?	1
Although sometimes it is hard to understand why there are so many times that there are fund raising effort, bake sales, magazine sales, can food drives, more bake sales...	1
Be more open with details of resources, spending,& needs.	1
Both yea & no. What is need and what is given is not published.	1
but the parish doesn't	1
could use more information	1
don't know	1
from experience	1
generally	1
Get HC & St Thomas More to join here.	1
Get the people who never tithe to the church to start giving instead of asking us to tithe more.	1
I don't think school families should be reminded how much the parish subsidizes their child's education and encourage them to tithe.	1
I need to learn more.	1
More from pulpit	1
Need additional encouragement to Parish in Sunday Homilies.	1
Need updates, especially in weekly bulletin.	1
Never saw an Annual Report	1
Not enough clarity in published efforts to date.	1
Not really good, but don't we all need cash?	1
On school board	1
Quarterly financial report would be helpful	1
so so	1
Through involvement w/ parish & school activities, I have learned about this - I don't know how much those not involved would know.	1
Too many talks about money.	1
Well kept secret.	1
Why not have a corn beef & cabbage dinner following our St Patrick's Day mass?	1
You're doing a good job of reporting income & expenses. But is that a "good understanding?"	1
Grand Total	382

What else can Holy Cross do to remain a vibrant faith community?

Year_in_parish	What else can HC do to remain a vibrant faith comm?	Total
0 to 3		16
	Be there in welcoming new parish members and also the ones who have been here for a while.	1
	Continue to be welcoming!	1
	Encourage Adoration	1
	I feel they are doing what they should, we are very glad to be new members of an active parish.	1
	I like any kind of fellowship right after mass and welcome activities for visitors or new members. I also think we can do more to offer activities for young, single, couples/families not yet part of the school.	1
	I understand the Church is in a crisis of getting young priests - and this is why I have difficulty relating to Holy Cross. It could start relating to young people by just preaching amongst people like Fr Carl did on Christmas Midnight Mass.	1
	It would be nice to have something to let new people know what organizations you have.	1
	make sure new members are given a tour of the church & hall etc.	1
	More Pastoral contact, more study groups. Hope, religious advice in economic hardship. Openness.	1
	Publicize adoration & encourage attendance	1
	Welcome new members in a more welcoming way. I joined the parish about 5 months ago. Only correspondence w/ Holy Cross were envelopes. No welcome letter, call visit, nothing in the bulletin. I filled out stewardship forms, yet no contact.	1
	when we first joined the parish, there were not many opportunities to meet people. It would be nice to have newcomers welcomed by a phone call or buddied up with someone in the parish.	1
0 to 3 Total		28
4 to 6		21
	Communicate the needs; involve more people as much as possible.	1
	Compared to other parishes, our bulletin has nothing in it. We should be made aware of opportunities in our community.	1
	Do more to involve, encourage young families to join & participate.	1
	Have more events where we as a church could serve an outside organization ie serve meals to the homeless or at the Open Door Mission.	1
	I am pleased with everything.	1
	I think overall parish & Father Carl sure doing a great job!	1
	I think Perpetual Adoration needs to be emphasized. So does the pro-life/anti-abortion issue w/ Planned Parenthood so close to us. And so does the sacrament of Penance.	1
	In the past 6 months I have left the workforce to be a stay-at-home mom for our toddler. Does Holy Cross have a playgroup/Mom's group? If not, how do I see if there's enough interest to start a group? It's challenging to be active in the parish community	1
	Inclusion and reaching to young inactive members, I think it should be a must to call 1 or 2 persons for help every project to go beyond the families that are always there.	1
	Institute the Serra prayer for vocations as part of every mass. More adult religious ed/ more direction for parents to help their children remain Catholic & truly understand their faith. The adult mission was wonderful!!!	1
	Mission trip involvement a la LXIM or Habitat projects & increasing # at youth/young adult group activities. Theology on Tap.	1
	More direct service opportunities.	1
	We did like 5:00 on Sunday.	1

	We need to reach beyond the school and look toward our inactive parishioners to survive. Most want to participate - they need to be asked and someone needs to reach out to the inactive.	1
4 to 6 Total		35
7 to 12		20
	Continue to focus on building as even stronger grade school. Increase enrollment & bring parish families attending CCD into our school.	1
	I don't know.	1
	Increase outreach to new and the young in the area. Keep Open House going.	1
	Keep a good school. Have students involved in the Sunday liturgy. Reach out to inactive Catholics - Have a Sunday where every Catholic bring an inactive Catholic to church.	1
	Mission - this type of activity is great - rejuvenating	1
	More activities for youth! Kids clubs etc. Small Group. I have one child at Holy Cross and 1 Kindergarten not. I would LOVE to see more for the Kindergarten.	1
	Move updated / current website Church & School.	1
	Need social group for unmarried people in their 40's & 50's patterned after the Young Adult group. Please consider the return of the Bible study class.	1
	Offer programming to assist/guide parents in various parenting issues. More events like past Mission - it was wonderful.	1
	Spread the love of Jesus Christ!	1
	To not put up "roadblocks" to those who want to give of their time & talent. Don't make it so difficult for good people to do good things.	1
	Try your best to convince kids that they should be nicer to others and stop lying and being bullies behind your back and to stop believing in ghosts and make them not watch the ghost shows or haunting or other R rated shows. And to have them get rid of	1
	Welcome all in Christ, include those of diverse races, cultures, social status, etc.	1
	Welcome all people who come to our parish. Due to size, it sometimes seems impersonal and not as welcoming.	1
7 to 12 Total		34
13 to 19		29
	Advertise church & school.	1
	Bring back 5 pm Sunday Mass.	1
	Do away with the music at weekend masses (except for the choir mass at 11:00) and let us get more out of mass.	1
	Get rid of the church secret groups and open all meetings.	1
	I would like to see an effort to reach out to the surrounding neighbors to become parishioners here. Many live in the "boundaries" of Holy Cross but attend other parishes, have been "away" from church or they are on the fence about church or religion. The	1
	It is inevitable that deanery parishes will combine offerings - be on the forefront & be open to members of the parish about what is happening	1
	Look to use the rectory as a means of income. A large part of it sits empty (ex: responsible college student apt, retire priest.	1
	More outreach.	1
	More youth ministry - social activities camps. Opportunities for more adult activities.	1
	Most people will say yes if called at home to help with mass, clean, volunteer to assist those in need, etc. I think a pro-active call will "get things done" on the right road to the Lord.	1
	Need to look at mandating stewardship for school families in time. Each family so many hours or they pay a certain amount.	1
	Overall I think you are doing fine.	1
	Priest presence in school-children activities	1

	Re-instate 5 pm Sunday mass. Holy Cross has approximately 1300 families, 4 weekend masses is not enough. Two mass times for New Years Day, a Holy Day of Obligation? Not enough opportunity.	1
13 to 19 Total		43
20 to 25+		183
	24/7 hour of adoration in chapel	1
	Adult religious education opportunities periodically throughout the year. Try to increase participation in parish activities - how? Advance notice of activities & opportunities available	1
	Advertise more? More activities for singles & young couples - get them involved now, it will help when their children go to school.	1
	Ask not what Holy Cross can do for you, but what you can do for Holy Cross.	1
	At the present I think they do well.	1
	Be more active in recruiting for the school.	1
	Better communication about activities; school	1
	capitalize on all parishioners talents	1
	Change things up a bit - keep it interesting!	1
	Communicate better what goes on.	1
	Continue as it has in the past	1
	Continue to be welcoming & inviting	1
	Continue to pray for vocations, offer more mission type talks or seminars. Take a look at what St Marg <Mary & St Thomas More do. Read their bulletins. Great format.	1
	Coordinate more evangelization beyond our geographic borders.	1
	Encourage people to go on individual retreats (at St Benedict in Schuyler or Marriage Encounter) Retreats help to energize a person's faith life & get them more active in parish ministries & activities.	1
	Fresh ideas. Means to help the school financial needs - St Thomas More has a program where parents etc work at events at the Qwest. Something to look into! (Direct deposit of paychecks)	1
	Have Benedictions - at least once a month - Our young people don't even know what it is. Could be after 9 or 11 Mass on Sunday.	1
	Holy Cross is very successful. Getting lapsed Catholics with a more concerted effort would be worthwhile.	1
	I fell and hurt my knee very badly and missed church when the new envelops were out. I still can't do a lot of walking - would you please mail them to me: Eilene Thorell 2719 S. 49th Ave. Omaha, NE 68106	1
	I have a child that was active in youth group who is now in college. There is no program for young college students. There is a gap between high school and young adults.	1
	I love Holy Cross & our Pastor!!	1
	I think it would be good to reach out to other parishes to see how they operate as a community to gain ideas to make HC even better!	1
	I will attend Holy Cross as long as I'm able - was baptized, made 1st Holy Communion, confirmation and was married in Holy Cross Parish and lived in the neighborhood for 83 years and only will continue if you have a Sunday 7:30 AM Mass.	1
	If priests could say to girls how much God loves them & to respect their bodies. Say no to pre-marital sex, children before marriage, living together.	1
	Keep the school closely linked to the church to form one community, Woolworth Ave. should never be a divider. Even Mercy high school should be served. We need to keep this area Catholic Center. It is a wonderful "campus".	1
	Keep up the good things you have done. Thank you	1

keep vibrant	1
Listen to us - we're HC	1
Maintain a positive attitude. Keep Holy Cross School	1
Make an effort to welcome young people	1
Make the many charitable activities of the parish groups known thru the parish bulletin.	1
More after mass get togethers, not just coffee.	1
More Bible study & faith learning opportunities.	1
More welcoming to youth - invite them to participate. Singles age 40+ - Social events, services, etc.	1
Need more reverence for the Blessed Sacrament. Many people chew gum during mass. Visiting & talking during & after mass.	1
Need more time than one mass to think about & respond to.	1
Neighborhood Bible study -remember the RENEW program. Large group Bible study.	1
Parish mission was very weak. No confession, no mention of sin. Too many jokes. Not serious enough - no spiritual growth. We didn't come to be entertained.	
Not enough spiritual activities - no Benediction, Holy Hours, Rosaries, devotion other than the	1
Perpetual Adoration. More time after receiving communion. Talk on abortion - It is killing our faith.	1
Place more emphasis on stake holder input on physical plant improvements. "Buy-in" helps build financial support.	1
Preach & educate more about catechism says about church teachings on moral areas of life & why Catholics believe what they believe & can defend their faith.	1
Some of the altar servers need lots more training in procedure & how to sit up straight.	1
Suggestion: have someone proof read the bulletin. Typo's reflect poorly on our parish to visitors.	1
Teach your people how to profess the bible and to save souls - NOW. Does Father really know who his parishioners are - or is he only concerned about the money?	1
Teach/preach more in homilies about basic catholic precepts, norms, rules, etc. Ex: sin to miss mass on Sunday, Dress up to attend Sunday Mass, Publicly stick up for Pro Life, B/C, etc.	1
The people in charge of the various committees and groups need to be more open to others. Based on my experience, leaders tend to act as if they are a chieftain. They aggressively defend their turf & punish those who challenge their authority or hold grudge	1
There is a need to provide more for elderly and handicapped. We very much need to install an elevator so these folks can get around.	1
This Archbishop wastes too much money. He buys unnecessary art, etc and property out of town! Looking forward to a new archbishop.	
Talk more about worshipping Jesus and saving our souls. Talk about today, not 2000 years ago.	1
We are limited - church can't do it all. We as individuals should do our share.	1
We think HC and Fr. Salanitro offer us a wonderful environment and message - we love this parish! It has been a rock for us over the years. Thank You	1
Would like to see a Youth/young adult mass - like Sat 5 pm started where the High Schoolers provide guitar/drums keyboard liturgies & vocals for a praise/worship mass. St Elizabeth Ann Seton has one.	1
20 to 25+ Total	234

NR		4
	Be more involved by seeking members in ministries	1
	God be with all of you. 1. Parishioner asked which parishes have 5 PM mass on Sundays so Please put in one more bulletin. Thank you.	1
	I am coming to Holy Cross to become a member and would like to know everything & do for the community & members to be stronger.	1
	I like it when they had missions before Xmas & Easter & had different speakers. Have a board with the # of the song on it.	1
NR Total		8
Grand Total		382