



Parish Family Input Review

“What are our gifts?”

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Parish Family #3

Parishes Represented in Report: IHM

Synthesis: Question 1

“How have your experiences in our parish (and your experience of the parish’s gifts and charisms) brought you closer to God? What has been spiritual impact of your participation in our parish?”

Parishioners expressed a profound and intimate connection with God’s love and grace associated with participation in Mass and witnessing the sacraments. Parishioners of IHM feel the environment of the parish encourages deeper personal reflection. Through homilies, adoration, faith groups, prayer etc. individuals can quietly contemplate and pray, allowing them to listen for God’s still small voice amidst the chaos of their daily lives.

Parishioners also expressed that through various parish ministries such as Lector, Music, Eucharistic Minister, Greeter etc. many are able to turn faith into action. This direct involvement fosters a sense of joy, purpose and connection to God’s work in the community. It is important to IHM parishioners that they be a welcoming and supportive community that provides warm greetings, strong fellowship and a sense of belonging. Parishioners have a strong community bond where they share in each other’s struggles and victories and provide needed encouragement and support.

Synthesis: Question 2

“If you had to describe the main gifts and charisms of our parish to a newcomer in one sentence, what would you say?”

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At Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM), you’ll find a faith-filled and welcoming community where God’s love and grace is encountered through the sacraments, deep personal reflection, active service, and strong fellowship.

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“What is your favorite part about being a parishioner? What stands out to you as something to be proud of?”

IHM parishioners have expressed their favorite part of being a parishioner is the sense of belonging and shared purpose.

IHM parishioners are proud to be a welcoming and supportive parish family. Here, warm greetings, strong fellowship, active participation in ministries and shared journeys create a bond that uplifts and sustains. We celebrate together, we grieve together, and we encourage one another to keep walking in faith. Our monthly Steak Fry event reaches out to the greater community. Steak Fry volunteers build relationships with the people coming to our parish for a welcoming event.