

## St. Barbara Parish Survey (Jan 2009): Written Comments

### Priests/staff

# Responses

#### Strengths

😊	Great job!!!	17
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#### Concerns

☹️	Start Mass on time	2
☹️	resistance to change	1
☹️	Feeling of not being a "favored"	1

### Music

#### Strengths

😊	positive-like the music	3
😊	music is geared to children at Family Mass	2
😊	instruments are good	1

#### Recommendations

😊	more upbeat music	3
☹️	children's choir louder, please	1
☹️	looking for more traditional music(Christmas)	1

#### Concerns

☹️	don't like Latin songs	2
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### Functions/Organizations/Committees

#### Strengths

😊	like blood drive, flu shots & should offer more	3
😊	satisfied with what we have/like what we do	2

#### Recommendations

😊	would like more programs that involve community	4
😊	more ways for 50 yrs + to be involved	3
😊	more youth programs	1
😊	bible study wanted	1
😊	bring back valentines day dance	1
😊	need to form a hospitality committee	1

#### Concerns

☹️	does not like organizations which we have	3
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## Finances

### Strengths

😊	good understanding of needs	8
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### Recommendations

😊	wants less requests for special archdiocese collections	8
😊	reduction of envelopes (Check writing issue)	3
😊	wants more info regarding needed improvement	3
😊	involved local businesses in funding	2
😊	no more envelopes for high school age	1
😊	put money into programs/things to attract parishioners	2
😊	continue to repair as needed	1
😊	continue to repair as needed, without going into debt	1

## Buildings/Grounds/Maintenance

### Strengths

😊	Looks great!!	7
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### Recommendations

😊	resurface parking lot/paint lines/and fix fencing	11
😊	Make use of/lease empty buildings	5
😊	Use buildings more for programs, within & outside of parish	4
😊	church sound system needs improvement	4
😊	put flower pots/trees outside front doors	3
😊	parish gardens need work	3
😊	need better signs, especially for first time visitors	3
😊	paint the inside of church	2
😊	replace carpets	2
😊	no need to replace front doors	1
😊	prioritize projects based on safety	1
😊	deal with ice on lot in winter	1
😊	Restore permanent confessionals	1
😊	Have handicapped seating for easy of giving communion	1
😊	Relocation of the front stone Baptismal Font	1
😊	clean the choir loft	1

### Concerns

😞	heating issues: cool in winter, hot in summer	3
😞	better kneelers	2
😞	church is too dark inside	1
😞	need for a reception area in entrance area	1
😞	2 doorbells for rectory, which works?	1
😞	The wash rooms in the senior center and the church need remodeling.	1

## Involvement

### Strengths

😊	satisfied with youth involvement	2
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### Recommendations

😊	need to reach out to Hispanic/Chinese neighbors	2
😊	wanting to be involved/not connected	3

### Concerns

😞	not enough youth involvement	5
😞	not enough adult involvement	2
😞	not enough involvement	13
😞	not enough information about involvement	1

## Education

### Strengths

😊	satisfied with Rica	1
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### Recommendations

😊	Extended religious education for adults needed	2
😊	Religious education should be at St Barb's	1
😊	Offer Adult formation Beyond RCIA	1

## Positive Cultural Aspects

### Strengths

😊	history of St Barb's	5
😊	friendly atmosphere	3
😊	tenure of parishioners, 3rd generation of families	2
😊	there is a sense of community	2
😊	parish is well run	1

## Negative Cultural Aspects

### Recommendations

😊	parish needs to change	2
😊	parish needs to be known for something that is attractive	1
😊	we should be greeting one another	1

### Concerns

😞	parish is not friendly or inclusive	5
😞	feels that suggestions not welcome	1

## Mass

### Strengths

😊	Just great: homilies, ministers, music, etc.	9
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## Mass

### Recommendations

☹️	offer different mass times (5:00 p.m. Sunday)/not as many masses	4
☹️	liturgical ministers need coordination of movements	2
☹️	Mass in lower hall in the summer for the air conditioning	1
☹️	no Latin prayers or songs, please	1
☹️	integrate Latin with English	1
☹️	match psalms with what is printed in missalette	1
☹️	read for congregation pre-readings piece that is in missalette before Mass	1
☹️	Need for a Spanish Masses	1
☹️	Come down from ambo for homilies	1
☹️	would like to see more school families attend Mass	1
☹️	start mass on time	1

### Concerns

☹️	make family masses more family friendly	3
☹️	homilies too long	1
☹️	too much focus on décor and not enough on spiritual	1

## Environment

### Strengths

☺️	Love the decorations, statues, etc.	3
☺️	love the dipped stations	1

### Recommendations

☹️	more school children involvement	1
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### Concerns

☹️	don't like the dipped stations	3
☹️	church is too cluttered	2
☹️	don't like modern decorations (corn, etc)	1
☹️	couldn't see nativity scene from pews	1

## Ministries

### Strengths

☺️	parish involves people in good ministries	2
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### Concerns

☹️	we need better Hospitality Ministry, please	2
☹️	better communication between ministries	1

## Centennial

### Recommendations

☹️	determine costs of centennial projects and prioritize	1
☹️	Centennial improvements not necessary unless we don't go into debt doing any of these projects.	1
☹️	prioritize projects based on safety	1