

These Are Our Gifts



WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT OUR PARISHES

FAMILY 30 - HOLY SPIRIT & ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

4 WEEKENDS OF SHARING

FEEDBACK POSTERS DISPLAYED AT BOTH PARISHES

HUNDREDS OF COMMENTS

YOUR WORDS & PHRASES CELEBRATING PARISH GIFTS

MANY VOICES, LANGUAGES, & AGES

SHARED IN DIFFERENT WAYS: WRITTEN, SPOKEN, EMAIL, & DRAWINGS



Throughout the month of August, parishioners at Holy Spirit and St. John the Baptist were given the opportunity to share what they love most about their parish.

The goal of this report is to share highlights of the gifts you named: the ways our communities feel like family, the people who care for us, and the Spirit at work in our worship, ministries, and everyday life.

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What you love about Holy Spirit

"WE ARE ONE BIG FAMILY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT."

Holy Spirit Parish sees itself as a diverse spiritual home where community warmth and multiculturalism thrive. Parishioners celebrate love and faith, especially valuing the Spanish, Swahili, and Chuukese communities for their unique traditions. The genuine care from Fr. Carlos and Fr. Crispin enhances the feeling of family, making Holy Spirit a welcoming place for all cultures and languages to unite in faith.

35%

COMMUNITY & FAMILY

- ONE BIG, WELCOMING FAMILY
- STRONG SENSE OF BELONGING AND UNITY

"I COME EVERY SUNDAY BECAUSE IT RENEWS MY SPIRIT"

"PADRE CARLOS Y PADRE CRISPIN... SE PREOCUPAN POR NOSOTROS."



15%

DIVERSITY & INCLUSIVITY

- MULTICULTURAL PARISH LIFE
- DIFFERENT CULTURES AND LANGUAGES CELEBRATED AND WELCOMED



10%

MINISTRIES & FORMATION

- FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH
- MINISTRIES THAT HELP PEOPLE LIVE THEIR FAITH

"IT FEELS LIKE HOME; I'VE BEEN GOING HERE ALL MY LIFE!"



20%

OUR PRIESTS

- DEEP APPRECIATION FOR FR. CARLOS AND FR. CRISPIN
- PEOPLE FEEL CARED FOR AND SUPPORTED



15%

MUSIC & WORSHIP

- LOVE FOR THE SWAHILI CHOIR AND PARISH MUSIC
- WORSHIP THAT RENEWS AND LIFTS THE SPIRIT



5%

PEACE & SPIRITUAL HOME

- A PLACE OF PEACE
- A SPIRITUAL HOME WHERE PEOPLE MEET THE GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



"AMO A MI PARROQUIA PORQUE SE VIVE EN COMUNIDAD."



The percentages are based on the total comments shared, they are used here to show patterns.

What you love about St. John the Baptist

"IT FEELS LIKE YOU BELONG FROM THE MOMENT YOU WALK IN."

At St. John the Baptist, people say their parish community feels like home, welcoming everyone as family. The love of God is evident in smiles and songs, with parishioners appreciating Fr. Carlos and Fr. Crispin's joy, uplifting music, and a sense of togetherness. Through faith formation and outreach, we celebrate a vibrant parish life where everyone's contributions are valued.

35%

COMMUNITY & FAMILY

- STRONG SENSE OF BELONGING, LOVE, AND CONNECTION
- A PLACE OF WELCOME, PEACE, AND EMOTIONAL SAFETY



20%

OUR PRIESTS

- ENERGY, COMPASSION, AND PASTORAL CARE
- PEOPLE FEEL SPIRITUALLY SUPPORTED AND UPLIFTED



15%



MUSIC & LITURGY

- UPLIFTING, SPIRITUALLY NOURISHING WORSHIP
- MUSIC THAT HELPS PEOPLE PRAY AND PRAISE, TRUTHFUL REIGN



"IT'S A PLACE WHERE FAITH AND LOVE COME ALIVE."

15%

MINISTRIES & OUTREACH

- MINISTRIES AND OUTREACH THAT MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE
- SERVICE AND COMMUNITY-BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES

"OUR MINISTRIES MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES"

10%

FAITH FORMATION

- PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULTS
- OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN FAITH



"THE MUSIC AND THE LITURGY LIFT MY SPIRIT."

5%

PARISH ENVIRONMENT & CARE FOR CREATION

- BEAUTY OF THE CAMPUS AND GROUNDS
- PRIDE IN ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



"LO SIENTO ES MI FAMILIA"



What We Share as One Parish Family

THE GIFTS WE HOLD IN COMMON

COMMUNITY & FAMILY

BOTH PARISHES CONSISTENTLY DESCRIBE A WARM, FAMILY-ORIENTED COMMUNITY WHERE THEY FEEL EMBRACED AND AT HOME.

MUSIC & WORSHIP

BOTH LOCATIONS EMPHASIZED THE MUSIC, CHOIRS, AND LITURGY THAT ELEVATE SPIRITS AND NURTURE FAITH.

APPRECIATION FOR OUR PRIESTS

PARISHIONERS FROM BOTH HOLY SPIRIT AND ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, CONVEYED A HEARTFELT APPRECIATION FOR FR. CARLOS AND FR. CRISPIN, PARTICULARLY THE COMPASSION THEY CONSISTENTLY PROVIDE.



Thank you to everyone who wrote on posters and shared feedback during the month of August. **Every word matters**, and every gift helps to build up the Body of Christ in our parish family.

The gifts you identified will help inform our One Parish Plan as we move forward in the Partners in the Gospel process.

There will be a report from the recent listening sessions and more opportunities to share your thoughts and feelings during the first half of 2026.