

# Parish Strategic Planning Survey Summary

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This summary reflects the results of the parish strategic planning survey conducted in February 2026 across St. John Vianney, Our Lady of Lourdes, and St. Joan of Arc School families. More than 1,300 parishioners participated, providing a strong and representative snapshot of our Catholic community.

The survey was not intended to be an exhaustive study of every parish issue. It was the next step in a listening process that began with parish focus groups. In those sessions, nearly 200 parishioners shared their experiences, concerns, and hopes for the future. Several common themes emerged. The survey expanded those themes to the wider parish community to determine whether they were broadly shared. The results show that they were.

A clear message throughout the survey is that parishioners understand the financial realities facing our parishes. The financial burden on parishioners emerged as the most significant concern, while improved stewardship and debt reduction were seen as the greatest potential benefit of working more closely together. This concern is paired with a strong desire for transparency in financial decision-making. Parishioners are not resisting change; they are asking for honesty, clarity, and trust.

Respondents also demonstrate an awareness of broader Church realities. Many believe the coming priest shortage will significantly affect parish life. This awareness helps explain why a majority support moving toward one canonical parish within the next two years, with a significant portion favoring action as soon as possible. While some prefer maintaining separate parishes, the overall direction favors proactive planning rather than waiting for circumstances to force decisions.

Most parishioners indicate they would accept temporary inconvenience if it leads to long-term strength and stability. Many expressed support for worshiping in temporary spaces during a transition if it results in better long-term outcomes. The issue is less about comfort and more about trust in the purpose and outcome of the transition.

At the same time, respondents emphasize the importance of unity and fairness. Ensuring that no one feels like “winners or losers” and preserving traditions from both parishes were identified as important priorities. These responses make clear that how change is experienced pastorally will matter as much as the decisions themselves.

While the two parish communities share many concerns, some differences are evident. St. John Vianney respondents tend to emphasize financial burden as their primary concern. Our Lady of Lourdes respondents express stronger emotional concern about losing their church building and memories connected to it, and they show greater concern about building maintenance. Lourdes respondents are slightly more inclined to move quickly toward becoming one parish and place somewhat stronger emphasis on maintaining a close connection between church and school.

The written comments reinforce what the data shows. Parishioners frequently mention debt, affordability, and long-term sustainability. Many call for clearer communication and transparency. Emotional attachment to parish identity, especially at Lourdes, is strong and should not be underestimated. At the same time, many voices acknowledge that change is necessary and express hope that unity could strengthen the Catholic community. Concerns about priest availability and pastoral care appear frequently.

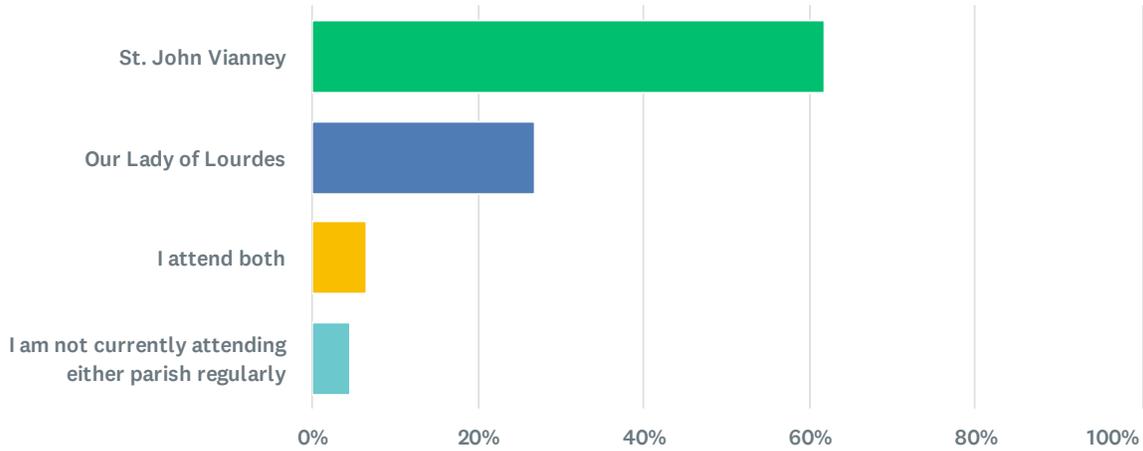
Taken together, the survey results describe a community that understands the realities we face, is open to becoming one parish, is willing to endure transition discomfort, and hopes to build a stronger future together. The greatest risks identified are not structural but relational: trust, communication, fairness, and pastoral sensitivity. If those are handled well, the data suggests our community is prepared to move forward together.

**St. John Vianney Parish  
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish  
St. Joan of Arc Catholic School**

**FULL STRATEGIC PLANNING SURVEY  
RESULTS  
2/23/26**

## Q1 Which parish do you primarily attend?

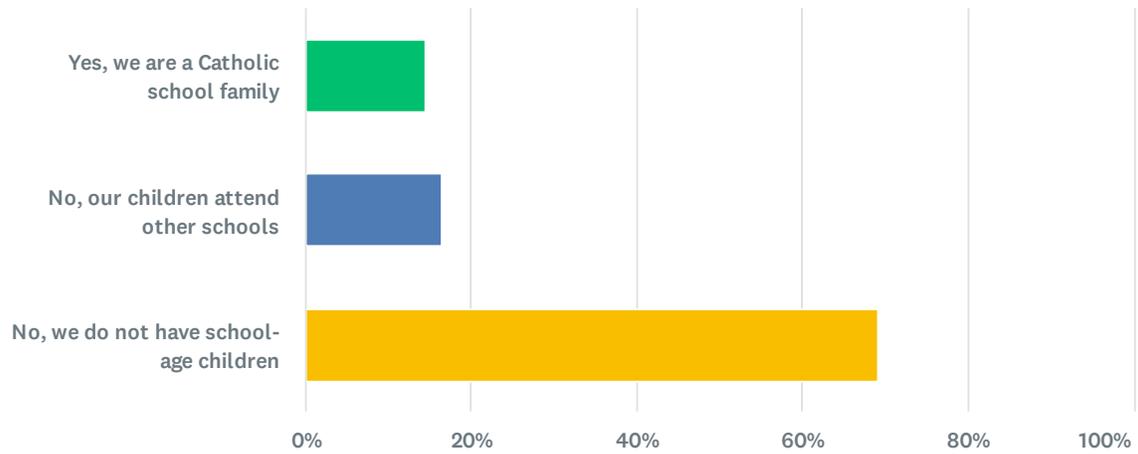
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> St. John Vianney	61.83%	810
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Our Lady of Lourdes	26.95%	353
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> I attend both	6.64%	87
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> I am not currently attending either parish regularly	4.58%	60
<b>Total</b>		<b>1310</b>

## Q2 Do you have children currently enrolled at St. Joan of Arc School?

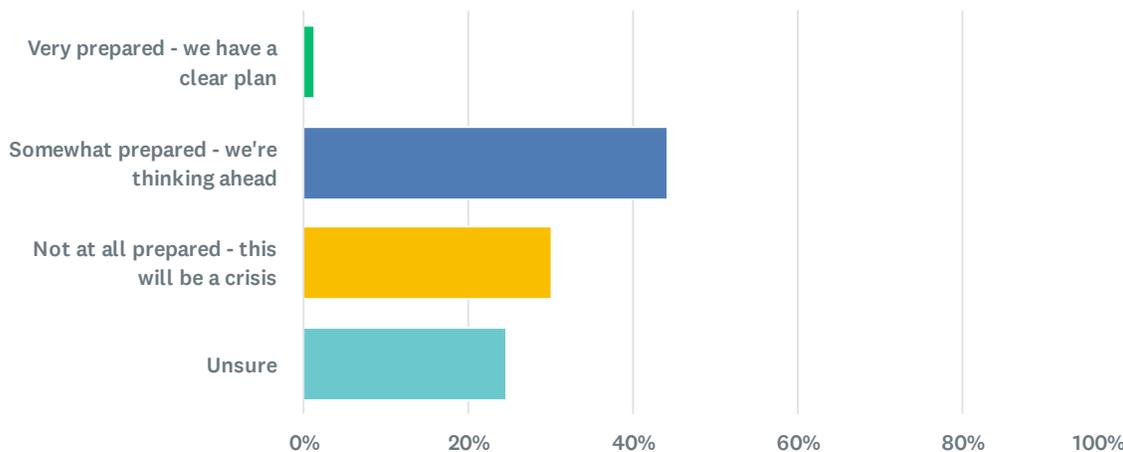
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Yes, we are a Catholic school family	14.50%	190
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> No, our children attend other schools	16.34%	214
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> No, we do not have school-age children	69.16%	906
<b>Total</b>		<b>1310</b>

### Q3 The Diocese of Davenport currently has 34 pastors serving 70 parishes, and 11 of them will be at retirement age by 2028. How prepared do you think our parishes are for this reality?

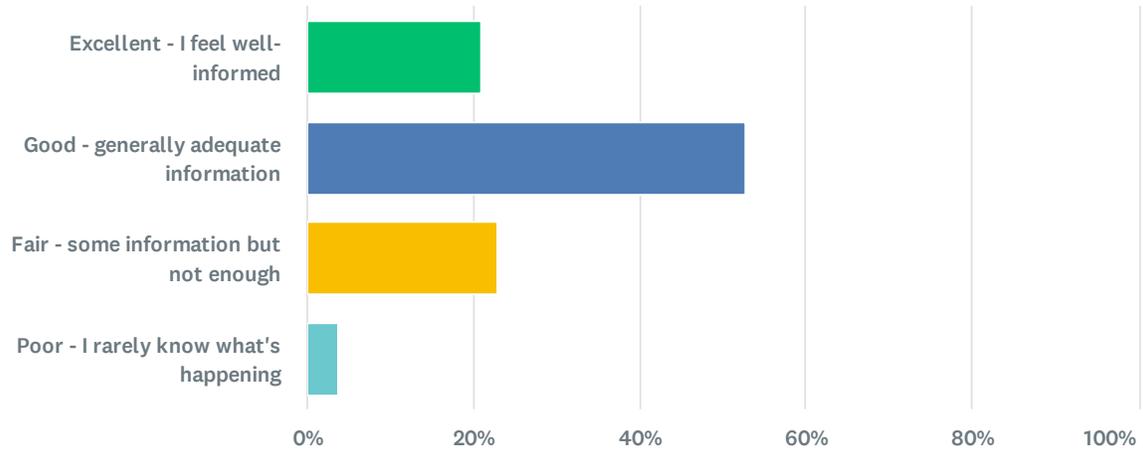
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Very prepared - we have a clear plan	1.21%	15
● Somewhat prepared - we're thinking ahead	44.26%	547
● Not at all prepared - this will be a crisis	30.02%	371
● Unsure	24.51%	303
<b>Total</b>		<b>1236</b>

## Q4 How would you rate the current level of communication between parish leadership and parishioners?

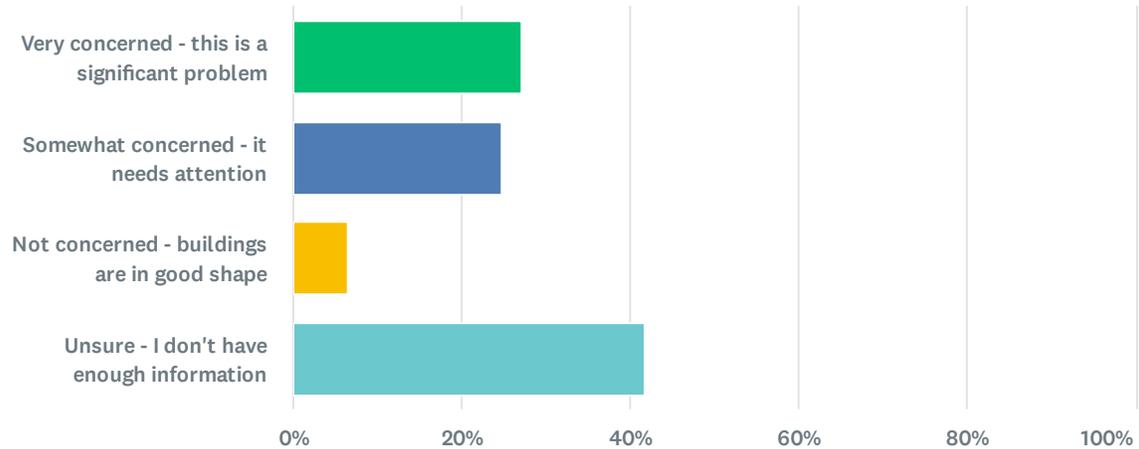
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Excellent - I feel well-informed	20.87%	258
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Good - generally adequate information	52.67%	651
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Fair - some information but not enough	22.82%	282
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Poor - I rarely know what's happening	3.64%	45
<b>Total</b>		<b>1236</b>

## Q5 What is your level of concern about the condition and maintenance costs of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish?

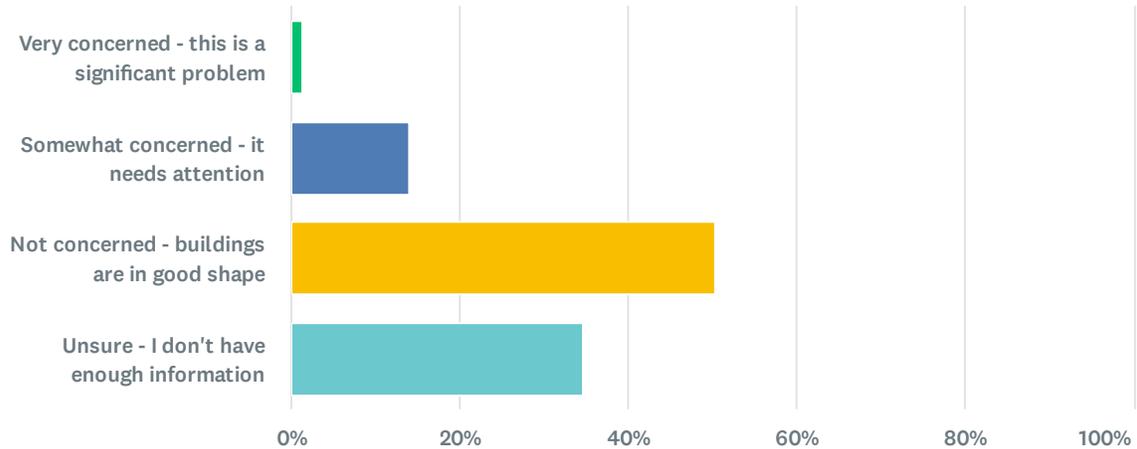
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Very concerned - this is a significant problem	27.18%	336
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Somewhat concerned - it needs attention	24.68%	305
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Not concerned - buildings are in good shape	6.47%	80
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Unsure - I don't have enough information	41.67%	515
<b>Total</b>		<b>1236</b>

## Q6 What is your level of concern about the condition and maintenance costs of St. John Vianney Parish?

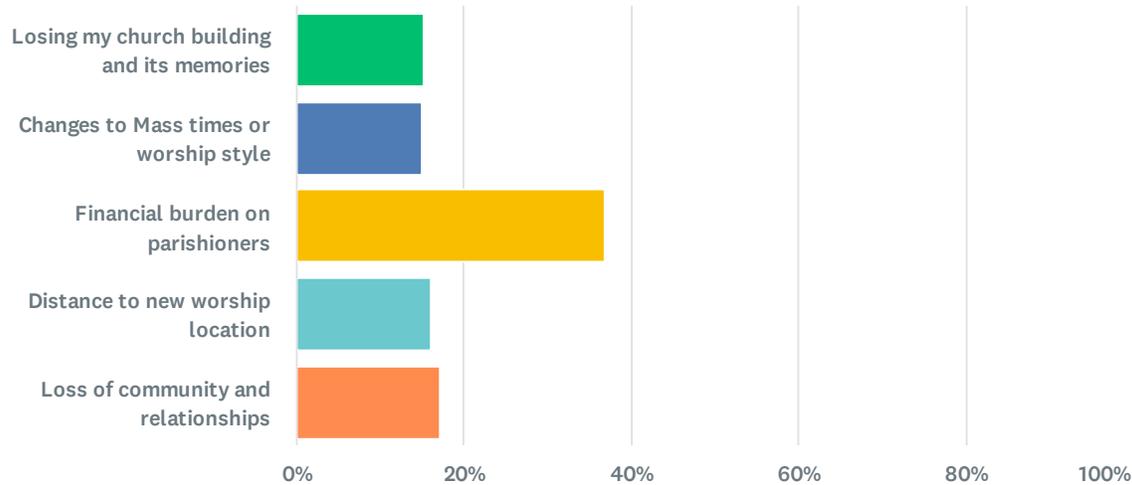
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Very concerned - this is a significant problem	1.29%	16
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Somewhat concerned - it needs attention	13.92%	172
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Not concerned - buildings are in good shape	50.24%	621
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Unsure - I don't have enough information	34.55%	427
<b>Total</b>		<b>1236</b>

## Q7 What concerns you most about potential changes ahead? (Select up to 3)

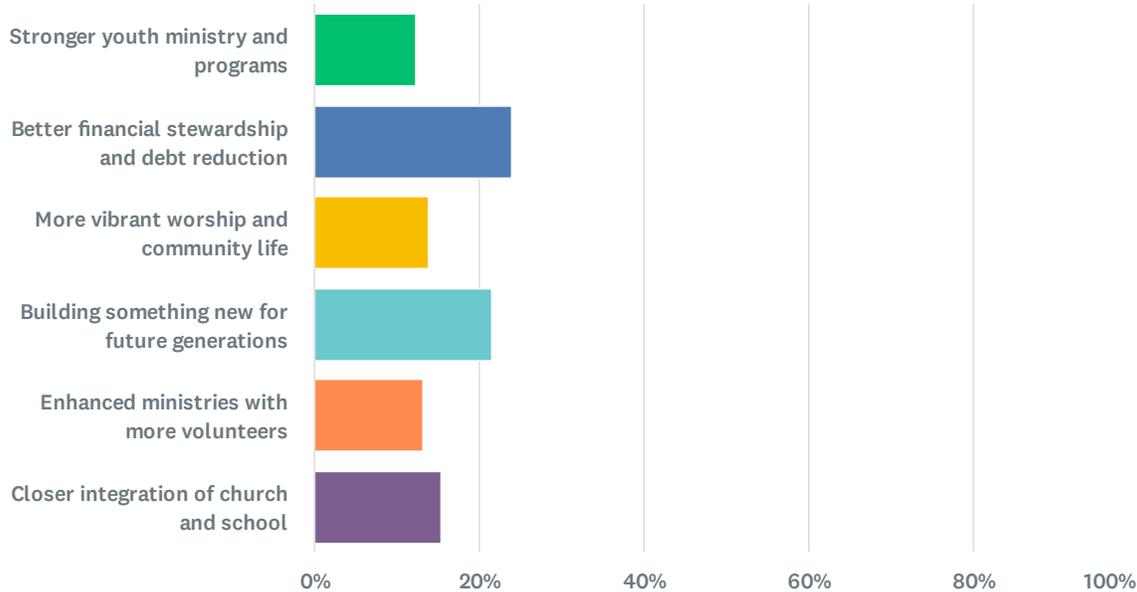
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Losing my church building and its memories	15.18%	347
● Changes to Mass times or worship style	14.87%	340
● Financial burden on parishioners	36.79%	841
● Distance to new worship location	16.10%	368
● Loss of community and relationships	17.06%	390
<b>Total</b>		<b>2286</b>

## Q8 What excites you most about the potential for our parishes to work more closely together? (Select up to 3)

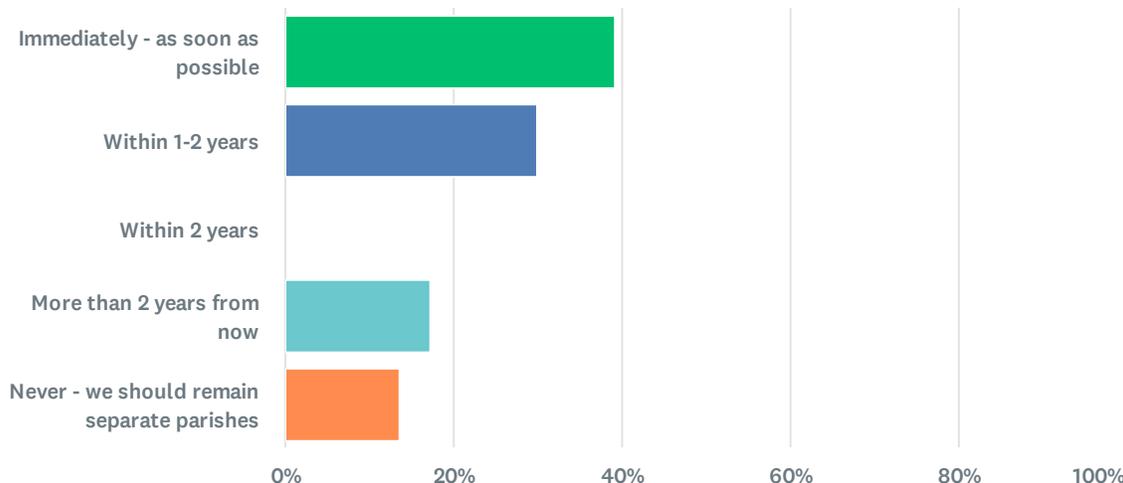
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Stronger youth ministry and programs	12.23%	313
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Better financial stewardship and debt reduction	23.92%	612
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> More vibrant worship and community life	13.76%	352
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Building something new for future generations	21.45%	549
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Enhanced ministries with more volunteers	13.25%	339
<span style="color: purple;">●</span> Closer integration of church and school	15.40%	394
<b>Total</b>		<b>2559</b>

## Q9 If our parishes were to become one canonical parish (while potentially operating in two locations initially), when would be the right time?

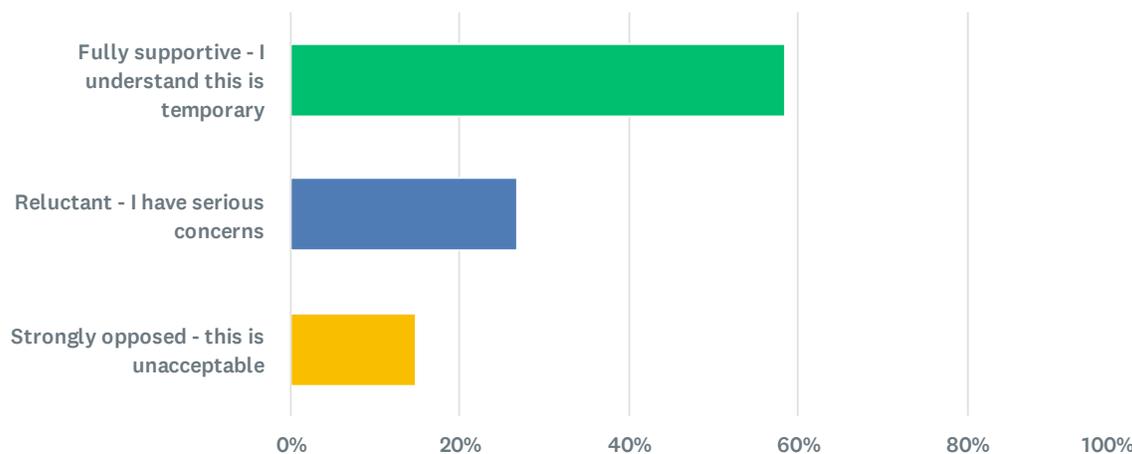
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Immediately - as soon as possible	39.11%	467
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Within 1-2 years	29.98%	358
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Within 2 years	0%	0
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> More than 2 years from now	17.25%	206
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Never - we should remain separate parishes	13.65%	163
<b>Total</b>		<b>1194</b>

### Q10 How do you feel about potentially worshiping in temporary spaces (like St. Joan of Arc School) during a transition period if it means better long-term outcomes?

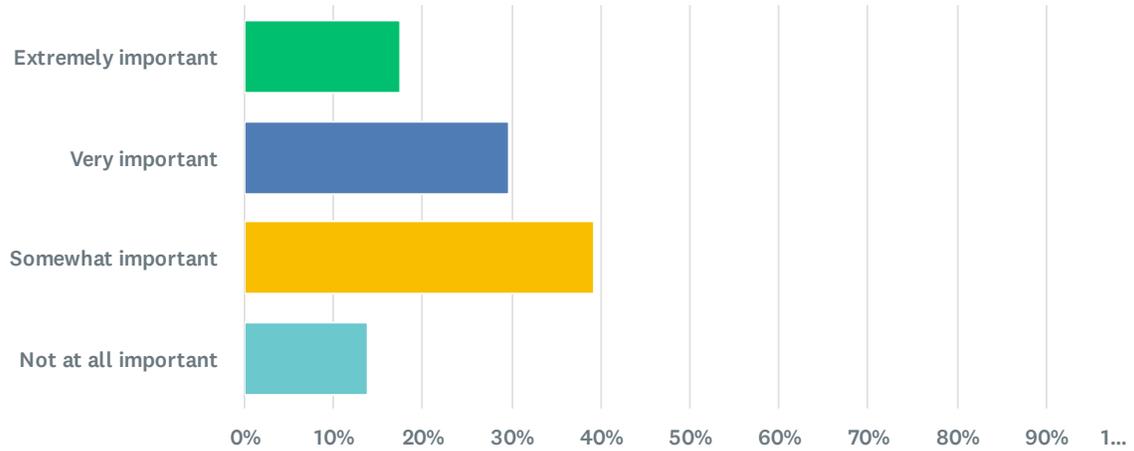
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Fully supportive - I understand this is temporary	58.46%	698
● Reluctant - I have serious concerns	26.72%	319
● Strongly opposed - this is unacceptable	14.82%	177
<b>Total</b>		<b>1194</b>

## Q11 Preserving traditions from both parishes

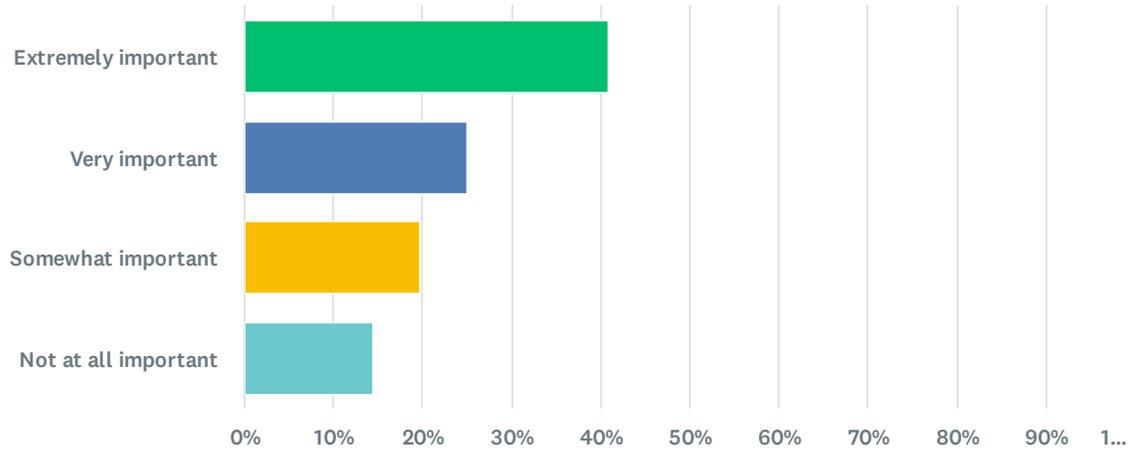
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Extremely important	17.44%	204
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Very important	29.66%	347
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Somewhat important	39.15%	458
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Not at all important	13.76%	161
<b>Total</b>		<b>1170</b>

## Q12 Ensuring no one feels like 'winners and losers'

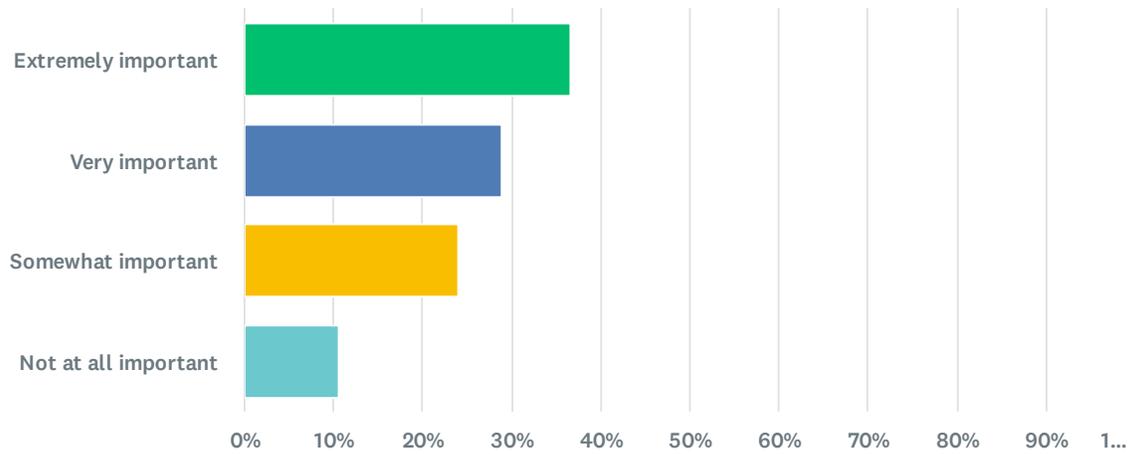
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Extremely important	40.77%	477
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Very important	25.04%	293
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Somewhat important	19.66%	230
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Not at all important	14.53%	170
<b>Total</b>		<b>1170</b>

## Q13 Maintaining strong connection between church and school

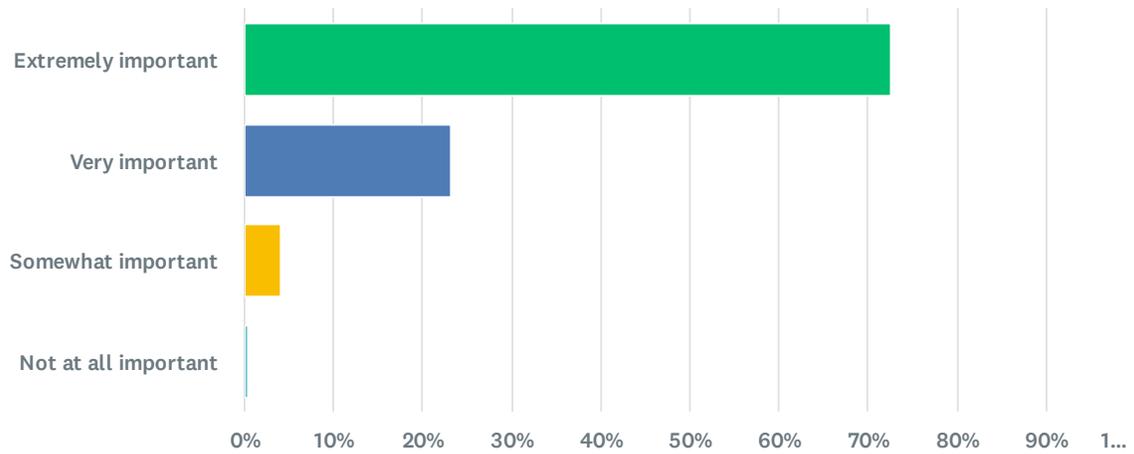
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Extremely important	36.58%	428
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Very important	28.89%	338
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Somewhat important	23.93%	280
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Not at all important	10.60%	124
<b>Total</b>		<b>1170</b>

## Q14 Being transparent about finances and decision-making

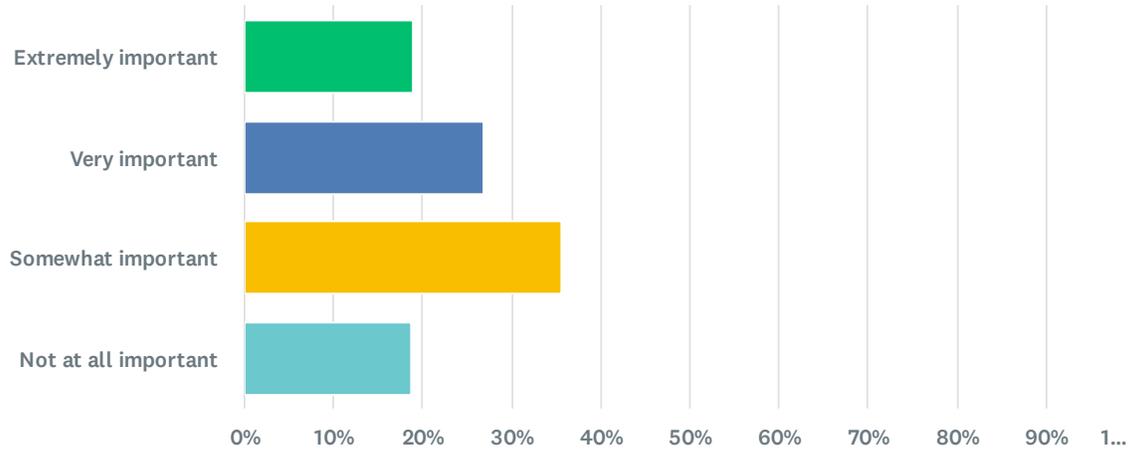
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Extremely important	72.56%	849
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Very important	23.08%	270
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Somewhat important	4.02%	47
<span style="color: lightblue;">●</span> Not at all important	0.34%	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>1170</b>

### Q15 Acting quickly vs. slowly:

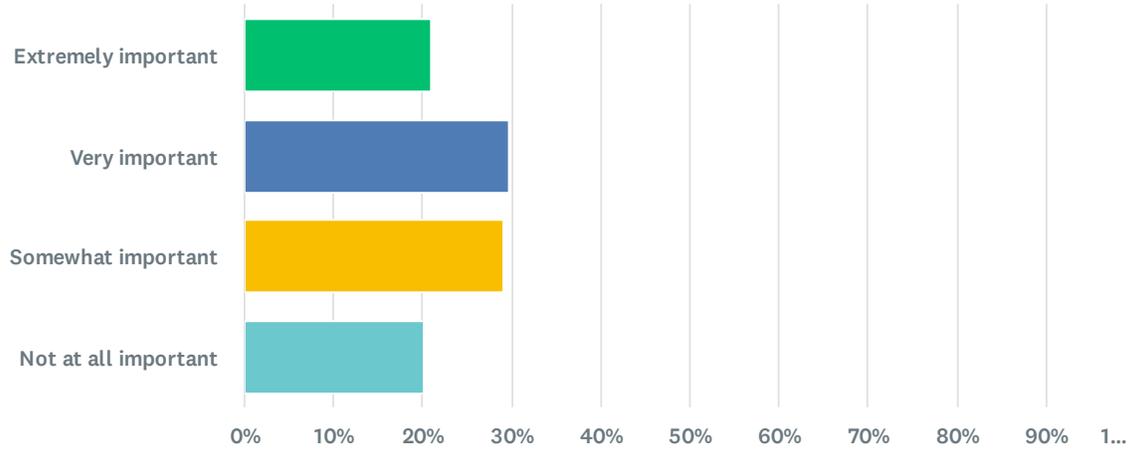
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Extremely important	18.89%	221
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Very important	26.75%	313
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Somewhat important	35.64%	417
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Not at all important	18.72%	219
<b>Total</b>		<b>1170</b>

## Q16 Building something new together rather than keeping things as they are:

Answered: 1,170 Skipped: 140



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Extremely important	20.94%	245
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Very important	29.74%	348
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Somewhat important	29.15%	341
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Not at all important	20.17%	236
<b>Total</b>		<b>1170</b>

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(optional)**

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Why do you want my advice on another study, when you didn't file the advice of survey 1 & 2, for which SJV parishioners paid BIG BUCKS, for consultants, marketing, etc. That money should've been used to make the SJV adoration chapel, a beautiful and prayerful atmosphere for you Eucharistic adoration. Also, in the center of the main area of the church, a beautiful, gold tabernacle is a must. But instead, the money and focus have been the new SJA school for the rich. Throughout history, saints have been chosen as instruments for building Catholic schools for the needy and poor. But our diocese chose to close Saint Joseph Catholic school Saint Alphonsus Catholic school and Sacred Heart Catholic school. Now we are building St Joan Of our Catholic school for the rich . As a private school, will SJA take special needs students, those who come in diapers and those who come without breakfast? I've heard from a very reliable source, that future plans for further construction have been made. The plans, developer, buyer and appraiser are all in place. The power is in charge. Will do what they want. Do the voices of Olol and SJV Parishioners really matter.	2/23/2026 11:33 AM
2	We are excited about the future of SJA!!	2/23/2026 11:29 AM
3	10. Only, if as a choice – like St John Vianney or St Joan Of Arc Tabernacle... Preferred front of church versus off in separate room Crucifix... Altar boy leading procession, it needs to have Christ on it Big crucifix... Debatable – Christ crucified or resurrection Mary statue – traditional (versus modern look like an old Hebrew) In the round versus one long aisle Priest, closer to people feels more personal connected to one another Choir-among people (not VP above- sep	2/23/2026 11:18 AM
4	I can't share an answer as to it is or isn't viable to keep Lord's open, but I feel St. John's is a great parish in a great location and I would not like to see it discarded. What happens to Lourdes school? Is it sold? If you close Lourdes church, could we add more masses at St. John's... It would lessen needed staff. Who would buy Lourdes church? After assuming the 30 year debt loan for the new school, is a church and it's congregation ready to accept more debt?	2/23/2026 10:56 AM
5	We need a 2nd catholic high school. Housing growth center makes distance to Assumption rather long. Set up gardening plots at SJA location. We need to look into providing work skills training. We need to do what it will take to get Lourdes mass attendees to sing and to use new books in pews to read more of what the priest is saying.	2/23/2026 10:00 AM
6	Teh answers imply the building of a new church. To me, I was looking forward to being buried from a church but this will serve growth in humility. It is my understanding that the question of building a new church by the new school has already been settled: It will happen perhaps in ten years. So sad that the church has adopted the ways of a "throwaway" society where relatively new church buildings will be scrapped. If the decline in parish populations continues cannot both parishes be used by one church building temporarilty?	2/23/2026 9:54 AM
7	What happens to each church if a new one is built?	2/23/2026 9:49 AM
8	I wish there were more integration of cultural events and Catholicism. E.g., Sacred Heart has a lunar new year Mass every year during lunar new year	2/22/2026 8:26 PM
9	We are blessed to have strong leaders at the forefront of this endeavor. May God continue to lead us down the right path.	2/22/2026 7:21 PM
10	If you build one new big church to replace OLOL and SJV how long it be before we out grow this church and need to add another north of it. It seems like we would be in a similar situation olol and SJV went thru when they had to build SJV because OLOL was full. Davenport has lots of small churches with less parish members than OLOL and SJV. Why are we combining to very large parishes? Because the school was built separate of both parishes out on its own land	2/22/2026 7:01 PM

we don't have much of a choice but to build a new church by it. That was the plan the whole time and it doesn't seem right that the whole time the church leaders made us think it was an option....A plan has been in place for a long time and these leading questions and surveys only make people more made because they don't matter. The school needs a church ans the school needs church/parishes \$\$\$ backing. The whole idea of trying to raise all the money for this new school in 5 years is crazy. I am contributing to this and many other things but I don't think it is realistic to ask parish members to fund such a large project in such a short amount of time. I feel this type of fundraising is going to push people away. Also acting like this is our choice is already pushing parish members to different churches. School families have also left because of the extra cost the school is charging. Don't be surprised if a lot of people leave and come back later when everything is done being funded...

11	Lourdes has historical history and location is strategic.	2/22/2026 6:27 PM
12	Integrity to being good stewards of our resources and strengthening our Catholic community in Bettendorf & vibrancy of our faith as we journey together to become Saints!	2/22/2026 6:19 PM
13	Change is always difficult, but we will be stronger together and the sooner the better. Not having to maintain two facilities will be a huge cost savings for the future.	2/22/2026 4:52 PM
14	Before making additional large physical building investments, it would be prudent to ensure fundraising is secured for a more complete amount rather than taking out loans north of \$30 million. The interest on a loan like that is a poor financial decision. It has subsequently contributed to an environment and tone focused on money rather than faith and community.	2/22/2026 4:17 PM
15	While the future is being considered, parish activities and outreach should not be put on "hold". Need to keep providing opportunities for engagement and participation in service projects for parishioners. Parish life needs to continue and thrive.	2/22/2026 3:27 PM
16	New name. St Joan of Arc parish	2/22/2026 2:33 PM
17	I have grandchildren at St. Joan Of Arc and I am excited about combining the two parishes under one name. Given space space considerations, I think building a new church would be wonderful and important for providing space for growth and expanding ministries to upcoming generations and the rapidly growing population around Bettendorf.	2/22/2026 2:27 PM
18	I'm not in favor of a mega church. As population in Brttendorf continues to grow there will be a need for another church or more changes to the current status.	2/22/2026 1:28 PM
19	Not sure we can get both parishes to agree together on important issues.	2/22/2026 1:00 PM
20	Make sure the new Church is attractive, and Catholic in tone. There are many many many important used traditional (marble etc..) pieces from closing urban RC Churches around the country which could be incorporated- Altars, Tabernacles etc. I think combining Parishes is the correct plan. Building a new church which is a version of an Evangelical "used to be a Best Buy" Church - big mistake. Lourdes looks too 60s "modern stark", and SJV ; looks too 70s "in the round". Both are overwhelmingly brown. Build a traditional Center Aisle Church with classic white /ivory architectural elements. St Mary's in Rock Island is an example of this, with the exception it needs better stained glass elements. Bettendorf is an upscale community, be creative and build a church which reflects it.	2/22/2026 12:22 PM
21	That our senior parishioners do not feel left out.	2/22/2026 12:03 PM
22	I appreciate the chance to give ideas however I have never been part of these surveys where I feel my ideas were that important- that is what Wii be done will be done - last time this happened at St. John's I was sitting in a group and was sneered at with an idea or two by members more involved seemingly in decision making- why was I even giving my ideas - seems like over the years we give money for preschool gathering space gym destruction etc and that isn't enough -	2/22/2026 10:43 AM
23	#8. No answer was given, but in order to preserve the rest of the survey, I put second box. #9. No answer was giving as they said not enough info to decide so I put greater than two years. #17. It appears, as with the new school, a decision has already been made. You need look no further than the vote. Both churches made with their wallets for the school only, half of the needed money was raised.	2/22/2026 10:38 AM
24	#8. First O lol, then SJV, and hope to be here for this next one. 10. Been there done that. 17. I would like more thought put in for the elderly and people with disabilities. I know when we did	2/22/2026 10:19 AM

the update at SJV that not much thought was put into how and where would be the best place in and out of the church for us. I do like the different times between the two parishes..

25	Consolidating parishes brings attrition. It overworks priests, it disheartens those less rooted in their faith, it erodes financial equity that came from the previous generations. QC needs to develop a priest import pipeline in addition to continued prayers for home grown clergy	2/22/2026 10:18 AM
26	When the consolidation happens, would love to see an earlier first mass time on Sundays.	2/22/2026 9:59 AM
27	While I understand the need for church and school to be in close proximity, the concern that we will loose a feeling of community that we have in St. John parish, and hear the same from parishoners at OLOL. That is my biggest fear in all of this. The fear of building 'bigger and better' that hasn't worked well elsewhere, is it really the answer here? Is building a smaller parish by the school, and maintaining St. John Vianney completely out of the question?	2/22/2026 9:57 AM
28	Opportunities for members of both parishes to meet one another, large groups, or combined masses will not allow the one on one necessary to begin to integrate. Informal rather than forced interactions. How can SJV property be productively used in the future?	2/22/2026 9:54 AM
29	I really like the location of St. John Vianney.	2/22/2026 9:43 AM
30	I like the modern, welcoming atmosphere of SJV. I feel like more people participate in this atmosphere. I also like all of the opportunities for the children at SJV.	2/22/2026 9:42 AM
31	Our Lady of Lourdes is where I was married. The church is beautiful and should not be taken away from us. Location is best for my husband and I as well as the neighborhood. St. John Vianney has never made my family feel welcome. St. Joan of Arc is quite the distance away.	2/22/2026 9:27 AM
32	The location of OLOL could provide rent of the land that could help financially all members of both parishes and our school. Using the gifts God has provided in the most beneficial way could be the focus of why we must consolidate. Many apartments are being built in the immediate area. The land is valuable to developers I would think. It could provide additional income to the parishes.	2/22/2026 9:27 AM
33	Financial keeping two aging facilities open doesn't make a lot of sense. The sooner a decision can be made on a new facility, the sooner financial smarter decisions can be made for the future of both parishes.	2/22/2026 6:35 AM
34	Having a monthly mortgage of \$100,000+ is outrageously irresponsible. There was absolutely no reason to build such an expensive school when we don't have the money to pay for it and we have so many other expenses (example: aging priests). The audacity to even think of building a new church near the school is just astonishing. If the Diocese were to truly practice humility (as Catholics should), then it would recognize that we simply don't have the money or people. It appears that some are under the impression that having a Catholic school will bring in more Catholics. However, the reality is that many kids who attend Catholic school are turned off by religion BECAUSE they attended Catholic school. (Yes, I realize the issues and outdated ideas the Church holds that keep people from wanting to join need to be changed/implemented at a much higher level than the Diocese.) To summarize, the most responsible plan is for OLOL to be absorbed into SJV and if we need to add a Mass or two, then we can. Building the school was a grave mistake, and I'm disappointed that the Church would be so financially irresponsible. For now, the Diocese needs to recognize its own hubris.	2/21/2026 10:50 PM
35	Try not to close down churches. Try the best to maintain the churches	2/21/2026 6:34 PM
36	Would love to see this merger happen as soon as possible. Would also love to have less of a burden on Father Rich. I'm so ready to have Bettendorf Catholics United.	2/21/2026 6:23 PM
37	I think Fr. Rich and Fr. Tony do an incredible job and that we are truly blessed to have them.	2/21/2026 6:05 PM
38	Our family is not in favor of building a new church. We feel St John Vianney is centrally located and has room to expand.	2/21/2026 5:54 PM
39	I really don't see why we don't merge immediately. We are one community.	2/21/2026 5:49 PM
40	Change is inevitable. Let's embrace it and enjoy it. God is good, He will guide and guard us on this journey.	2/21/2026 5:36 PM
41	I feel leadership has miss lead us on this from the time it started with the new school we should have started this 20 or 25 years ago I'm very disappointed in the church right now Sincerely Darin Estell (SJV)	2/21/2026 5:26 PM

42	Thanks for your your commitment	2/21/2026 11:32 AM
43	A new school may have been needed due to the condition that we were told Lourdes school was in, but a new church is not needed.	2/21/2026 11:27 AM
44	With the school, just be sure to not loss focus on those with no school aged kids and the older parish members.	2/21/2026 11:08 AM
45	Keep senior members in mind when making decisions	2/21/2026 10:14 AM
46	The committee should be on better financial footing. The Joan of Arc School was built first with financing to follow. Not a good approach! What should happen financially is the parish pays off the loans for the Joan of Arc school, start a savings account for the new Church, and when 50% of the funding for the new church is in the savings account, start construction of the new church. If the church goes ahead with the build first - pay later strategy; the Parish will forever be in financial straights. The Parish should consider live masses at (1) of the churches weekly with streaming at the other to reduce the load on the priests. Live Masses could alternate between St John Vianney and Lady of Lourdes.	2/21/2026 9:40 AM
47	I fully understand the crisis as it relates to the future priest shortage, and the concerns with costs as it relates to maintaining two church campuses. However, a city the size of Bettendorf with population over 40k people should be able to support two churches. Davenport has 100k people, and has 7 Catholic Churches. People like choice. We have three McDonalds in Bettendorf. Why do people choose one over the others...? Location, convenience, level of service...many reasons. If one of those factors changes, or one of them closes, it is likely people will not go to the other locations. This is no different than what I see playing out with our churches. The risk of consolidation potentially means less people joining the new organization. I recall Clinton, Iowa building a new church complex out on the west side of town several years ago. What did they see happen to their congregation sizes with that move? What benchmarking have we done to understand the potential outcomes based on what others have experienced with similar structural changes?	2/21/2026 9:15 AM
48	I would like to see SJV remain a separate Parish. I am not for a "mega Church ". We ( SJV) were voted best place to worship in the QC two years ago. Our musical ministry is the best and I would like to see it continue. SJA should be a separate parish along side the school.	2/21/2026 7:49 AM
49	Show how the capital campaign money has been used to date. (Hopefully, it shows good stewardship.) Implement a robust communication plan that is transparent and inclusive so all parishioners understand the vision and strategy for the Catholic community in Bettendorf going forward. Also, we need metrics to measure our success as we implement the proposed strategy.	2/20/2026 7:47 PM
50	Too many members of one church- priests will not really know the parishioners.	2/20/2026 7:09 PM
51	The fundraising approach for the school was not appropriate or well received, it's not enticing when told how much is expected of you to pledge. I hope leadership through an important transition is better than the fundraising leadership. I also am concerned about trying to merge two very different parish cultures. I understand the priest shortage and recognize that change needs to happen, but there will definitely be challenges ahead.	2/20/2026 6:31 PM
52	I love St John Vianney church building. I like the Mass in the round and that Father Rich walks around the altar to give his sermon and that other priests and deacons now do the same.	2/20/2026 4:44 PM
53	I did not grow up in the Quad Cities, so I don't have the connection to the buildings like others may. Based on the shortage of priests the consolidation is going to be required. We just need to be financial responsible with the decision. I understand the school project went way over budget. This is a bigger topic than the content of this survey, but we need to relook at the ability to allow nuns/sisters to say mass, allow married individuals to serve as priests. I am lifelong Catholic and are aligned to the teachings and practices, but if we want the Catholic church to continue to exist and thrive we need to think differently.	2/20/2026 1:24 PM
54	Close one parish as soon as possible - put the closed parish up for sell to help pay off the school.	2/20/2026 12:50 PM
55	I like sjv as it is. Thank you	2/20/2026 12:14 PM
56	Our Lady of Lourdes has been a part of our Bettendorf community for over 100 years and our history should be preserved. Many prisoners passed and present have worked and sacrificed	2/20/2026 11:41 AM

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to found and build Our Lady of Lourdes. Building something new and shiny cannot take the place of traditions in history. Parishioners do not need more debt.

57	Not at this time.	2/20/2026 11:17 AM
58	A few thoughts: My hope is for a very traditional catholic church to be constructed if/when the two parishes combine. Something similar to St. Anthony's Church in Davenport, in a cruciform shape, with the tabernacle near the front of the church. Many get confused as to which direction to genuflect to, so having the tabernacle near the altar helps clear up this confusion. Traditional, neutral coloring, dark wood, statues and stained glass. Couples also want a traditional shaped church to get married in.	2/20/2026 9:00 AM
59	Concerned for the health and well-being of pastor(s)	2/20/2026 8:50 AM
60	There should be equal representation from both parishes for decisions. The new SJA school seemed dominated by voices from Vianney and the school turned in to a donor monument with every inch of the school having some donors name on it. We should be thoughtful and humble in our decisions.	2/20/2026 8:48 AM
61	No	2/20/2026 8:33 AM
62	I am elderly and will not be able to attend a church farther away. Bettendorf is growing very fast and should have more than one church. A large church is hard to make all feel welcome or know one another.	2/20/2026 7:59 AM
63	LOL should close. School building is empty-costs to maintain it are a waste of money. Sell the property to pay off the school. If you close SJV and build a new church at the school I will not attend. I will transfer to St Anthony's. It is a social justice parish- more in line with my values. Bettendorf churches are too conservative-I want to hear more about "love your neighbor" and serving others. Live the gospel—I don't feel welcome anymore. It is so sad. I love SJV, but no longer feel that my beliefs are respected. I don't belong. It is breaking my heart.	2/20/2026 7:51 AM
64	All buildings and properties currently owned by Lourdes needs to put up for sale as soon as possible. Then this money can be applied toward paying off the school debt.	2/20/2026 7:41 AM
65	I am 85 Cantt drive 7 miles in the dark. Can't afford a new church. As temporary action. Close & sell LOL NEED THE CASH, use SJV for next 10 years but must get school paid for. Buy new SJA church, when we can afford it. Next to the new school. Other Davenport area parishes should be closed. We need priests.	2/20/2026 7:36 AM
66	Stating the obvious but the money owed on the school must be managed down as a priority before additional debt is incurred.	2/19/2026 11:13 PM
67	Is it the plan to pay off the current debt on the school before incurring additional debt to build a new church	2/19/2026 8:32 PM
68	During initial estimates church buildings estimate was \$25,000,000. The interest on this this 1,650,000.. I believe we can maintain the present buildings for less than interest expenses.	2/19/2026 7:56 PM
69	Move forward ASAP, priest issues and cost issues will not get better with time.	2/19/2026 6:52 PM
70	I am hearing impaired and it is very difficult for me to hear at both churches, if there is a way to have Bluetooth enabled mass I would feel more comfortable. I feel strongly we need to blend Lourdes and St. John's.	2/19/2026 6:23 PM
71	Is St John Vianney closing, are there dates in mind as to when Lourdes will close and when will the new church be built?	2/19/2026 5:32 PM
72	The underlying problem is priest shortage, not parishioner shortage. Work on the main problem. Push the pope to allow married priests (as in Anglican priest converts precedence).	2/19/2026 5:09 PM
73	We can weather the storm. Praying for wisdom.	2/19/2026 3:58 PM
74	My concern is that neither Lourdes or SJV could accommodate both parish communities so how do we merge before a new church is built. I also have concerns for those that live in the Lourdes area, St. Joan of Arc is quiet a distance and I would hate to loose Bettendorf Faithful to Davenport Churches.	2/19/2026 1:22 PM
75	Both because of priest shortage and financial strains it makes the most sense to become one church/parish. Until a decision is made on building a new church i would suggest SJV as the	2/19/2026 1:22 PM

church to remain open and adding another Mass to the schedule. It is simply too expensive to operate both churches.

76	Why did we stop showing campaign financial numbers? We need financial transparency. What is are total pledges to date, how much have we actually received to date? What is the average income per month for the last 6 months?	2/19/2026 12:14 PM
77	As a long time member of one of these parishes, we know change needs to happen to get and keep the attention of younger generations. To unite parishes to create a stronger faith family. Not devide to see who survives. Outside of our church building we are the same. No judge zone! Announce the realistische fact for need to financially support each other and decreasing number of priest has caused many churches to combine. Our own small town parishes we grew up with have had to combine and closed churches. Consider us fortunate! Have witnessed the difference in atmosphere in each church during mass. Seeing music being preformed instead of hidden. Evolve from "doom" (funeral music) to uplifting celebrating our faith, hope and love of church and being present with Jesus. Wake up and clap along if you feel like it (if you think you can't sing). Having experienced very close family funerals, and seeing other people's reactions, brings sadness. Have a regular mass with more school children involved at the church, (children's choir, band, reading ) so parish members without children in the school can see the future we are supporting. Hidden talents that could be shown with "farmers/craft markets" with some of the proceeds supporting our U nited P arishes. Look UP! Share! Delight!	2/19/2026 11:37 AM
78	Makes good sense to combine churches for the long run	2/19/2026 11:33 AM
79	No	2/19/2026 11:00 AM
80	Make sure the school does not run the parish. More parishioners needing ministry than students. Make sure the strong SJV religious ed programs continue growing. Be sure liturgy and music continue its excellence.	2/19/2026 10:27 AM
81	My family is very frustrated. We feel like our concerns have not been acknowledged for a long time. We have a 5th grader and kindergartener at SJA, a 3rd grader that attends public school, and a 2.5 yr old that attends daycare. A new school was built that wasn't affordable. We didn't want a new school we wanted an inclusive school for all our children, including a child with special needs. We qualify for ESA for the 1st time this school year, and now we have to commit to pay 4k to help pay the mortgage for the school. We put in for the scholarship, but we were caught off guard when we went to register our kids last week and saw that 400 was expected to be paid towards our 4k responsibilities. We have our own mortgage to pay for, we give to the parish. We were married in st. Pats in iowa city, that was destroyed by a tornado in the early 2000s, it took years to raise enough money to build a new church, but we waited until we got the money to build, Mass was in Regina's gym, not ideal, but nessasary. Speaking of which Mass in SJA gym, not ideal, not what our children should think of as normal. Whoever made the final decision to build just a school, without adequate funding, without a church attached should be reprimanded. What are we teaching our youth? That a fancy new gym and school is more important than a church. Our opinion this is more than an SJA SJV OLOL issue, this is the dioceses problem to fix. To which the only fix I can think of is, close down SJV and OLOL ASAP, sell the land those buildings are on ASAP, use that to pay off the school and any remaining goes to building the new church by the school, anything not covered is paid for by the diocese, not just our 2 parishes. While this is happening, Mass is at SJA in the gym, which should be fine, because if it's good enough for our youth, it is good enough for all parishioners.	2/19/2026 9:52 AM
82	We are blessed to have Fr Rich, Fr Tony and Deacon Ryan - need to keep them healty	2/19/2026 9:49 AM
83	As an appraiser and looking at short- and long-term growth, please plan big - not necessarily build big decade one - but have the room to allow future generations. Northeast Scott County will rely on the LeClaire, Bettendorf and Eldridge/Long Grove for Catholic worship and growth. I would like the Diocese to look at holding the SJV property as I believe the site itself may serve functions found at St. Vincents better in the future as those improvements transition to St.Ambrose and AHS needs.	2/19/2026 9:46 AM
84	Even though we are a homeschool family I love the idea of building a strong community of faith filled people who are welcoming to all	2/19/2026 9:39 AM
85	Have an emergency fund for tragedies of parish families	2/19/2026 9:30 AM
86	Emphasize need for financial support from ALL for SJA. This is much more then replacement	2/19/2026 9:18 AM

of LCS, very much a Catholic community space. Emphasize all the different groups who use that facility. Definitely sense an anti Catholic education bias at Vianney. Sense of my kids (or i don't have kids) go to public school, I'm not supporting SJA. Today's world calls for more children in Catholic schools, not less.

87	There needs to be plenty of seating if combining parishes. I tend to watch on tv because I don't like being stuck in a pew with so many people. Have sections with smaller pews.	2/18/2026 9:47 PM
88	I think the old LCS building should be sold as soon as possible, and see if there is any way to consolidate OLOL into SJV church building.	2/18/2026 7:33 PM
89	Indian Catholics feel left out at least at SJV. Many Indians who come here don't feel we are treated as members or as a family. I personally stopped coming here. Income occasionally only for Christmas, Easter and anything important like today Ash Wednesday. We feel at least I feel that we are not being welcome by the parishioners as this is a hurtful feeling coming out of my heart. I wish they would also accept us Indian Catholics. Many stopped coming and feel they are not Welcome here.	2/18/2026 6:23 PM
90	To make sure any new construction is very cost efficient. Grandous buildings are beautiful but they need to take into consideration, heating, cooling and maintenance of the building. Wasted air space like at Our Lady of Lourdes church is a waste of money. Big mistake when they built it. It was a replica of the new church that was built in Ottumwa. I was there on a class trip. Indeed beautiful. Because they were so big, it seemed very cold and not inviting. Well with all that said, I just hope I'm still alive to see the new church built. I think it's a mistake if they close Our Lady of Lourdes and St. John Vianney.	2/18/2026 3:37 PM
91	Lourdes is a nice church building in a very different area from Joan of Arc. I hope they keep that church open for the community down there. John Vianney is a great church building. I hope they keep it open as a church as well. Joan of Arc should have just been a church, not a school. Plans don't seem very transparent as to what will happen to the two current church buildings.	2/18/2026 3:27 PM
92	It would be lovely to have a beautiful and reverent worship space!	2/18/2026 2:23 PM
93	Fr. Rich's attitude about being blessed by both parishes is awesome. Remaining positive is a key element as we move forward.	2/18/2026 1:54 PM
94	Every priest has his own style and group of devoted followers. Every priest also has parishioners who equally don't care for his style. We currently have too few priests, obviously, but having only one priest in one giant Bettendorf church will drive some people to Davenport.	2/18/2026 1:36 PM
95	Keeping costs down. Not taking on more debt.	2/18/2026 1:33 PM
96	I believe in neighborhood churches. I don't like, nor care for, the concept of super/mega churches. I'm concerned that attendance will decrease due to the increased travel to and from. I also believe there will be a loss of identity to persons of both parishes.	2/18/2026 1:31 PM
97	I know you are focused on Bettendorf but some of us belong to these parishes because we value the community — don't leave us out! The school would appeal to a broad range of parents in the QCA who plan to have their kids attend assumption but haven't considered elementary or junior high as part of that plan. I know this is likely a unique POV but parents aren't just interested in the Catholic education but the athletic program as well. Want more enrollment? Highlight the commitment to extra curricular activities like sports. :)	2/18/2026 12:55 PM
98	The Priest shortage is serious. SJV is blessed with engaged deacons but is it enough for the future? I'm most concerned about having a good relationship with our Priest due to how thin they will be spread.	2/18/2026 12:05 PM
99	None	2/18/2026 12:03 PM
100	\$37 million for a school and additional money for a combination super-church feels like a huge debt anchor	2/18/2026 11:56 AM
101	Could the church just add more mass times at St. John Vianney and close Lourdes? Save money for a new bigger church. Years later build new and close St. John Vianney. Both parishes eventually loose their churches. One is just a few years later while saving money. One note that may never happen: Petition the Vatican to allow married priests or female priests. That idea alone would take the pressure off the aging priest crisis.	2/18/2026 10:37 AM

102	I understand the need to have all members of both parishes feel involved, but there will be a point where financial decisions need to be made. In my humble opinion, it would be best for the financials and for the priests to immediately combine the parishes. Pick one location, close the other and move forward. Continuing to run both locations is challenging on many levels. Thank you for all the hard work being put into this exciting next steps!	2/18/2026 9:27 AM
103	Change is difficult but to bury our heads in the sand will only make the problems the Catholic church faces that much more worse to deal with later.	2/18/2026 8:38 AM
104	Regarding the question about what I'm excited about with the potential becoming one parish: Besides financially becoming one and potentially stronger budget wise, nothing else on the list (youth ministry, ministries and volunteers) would get better simply because we "come together". "Coming together" does not equal better or stronger. That's superficial. The potential doesn't come from more bodies, it comes clarity of mission, mission alignment, training and constant conversion of heart of leadership and ministries to Jesus Christ the vine. I feel a lot of the conversation and vision that will be communicated will be about logistically being one especially because of the priest shortage, becoming "one" and more unified between the school and the church, and then tagged on, a superficial hope for something better as reflected by the question. Let's be real with ourselves and people. Combining is a band-aid to the spiritual dryness that has contributed to the priest shortage. Let's provide a vision of the church of bettendorf that goes beyond superficial and financial unity! Let's be faithful to our mission and our Lord! Let's seek revival! Let's seek solutions! Let's pray for conversions! Let's heal the brokenhearted! That will be our strength if we keep our eyes on Christ and build towards that end, and create a clear, concrete, and communicable plan to accomplish the mission. May God be Praised!!	2/18/2026 8:02 AM
105	I think, due to the Priest shortage, merging the Parishes is inevitable, so let's get on with it and get it over with. Reduce our infrastructure overhead and costs. Also, any new construction needs to be based on funds that can actually be raised, with minimal bank loans, and not based "on what we want" (the way the school was done), to avoid incurring additional heavy debt for the future generations of the two Parishes.	2/18/2026 7:43 AM
106	Thanks to the SPC for all your work, and for asking for feedback. There are so many 'perspectives' and unique needs that the parishes must address, and all are important. No easy task.	2/18/2026 7:17 AM
107	I don't think we have the financial ability to build a new church. There are 2 big campaigns going on right now - the new school and the priest retirement plan. If we start another one, it would be a lot to handle. I think both current churches are fine to use. If the concern is about not having enough priests to take care of each parish, we can close down one church and keep the other one open.	2/18/2026 7:00 AM
108	The location of the new school - and potentially the church- is inconvenient for many. I'm not sure this is the best location for a single parish church.	2/18/2026 5:04 AM
109	More complete assessment to follow	2/18/2026 12:01 AM
110	I really think there are two keys to bringing the communities together. Investing in community building opportunities (St Paul's does really good at this). The second pain point I have is that the tabernacle is in the side chapel at SJV	2/17/2026 11:26 PM
111	When you read the answers to the questions you see that there are only discreet answers. It is difficult to pick just one. There's nuance for many of these questions; it can be hard to pick. I think that this most recent organizing and improvement project is probably the best lead, best thought out, and best communicated that we've had in a very long time. As good as this has been. It seems to me that we are working as if everything depends on us again and not praying as if it all depends on God. A prayer before and after a meeting is a good idea, by itself that's not enough. We read the scriptures, the stories of the saints, good Catholic teaching, and we know that there are people that have the gift of intercessory prayer. We need to act as if we know this and believe it to be true. We need to have those among us who have this gift to pray for the best outcome for God's people here locally, "your will be done." Is there a prayer team or prayer committee? Are the people on this prayer team / committee invited to be a member because they have the spiritual gift of intercessory prayer? Was this prayer team in place before there was a strategic planning committee, before there was a focus group plan, or before there was a strategic planning survey crafted? God bless you who read this and compile the information! Thank you.	2/17/2026 11:18 PM

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112	Integrating sjv parents and parishioners on the school board, consideration of those who put us in this financial situation be removed and more fiscally responsible individuals brought in.	2/17/2026 11:07 PM
113	I was baptized at Lourdes, attended Lourdes School as did my children and grandchildren. I was on the school board at Lourdes... we absolutely needed a new school. The old facility could not be truly updated due to safety concerns. However, both church building are newer than Sacred Heart Cathedral and St Anthony's, as well as, literally hundreds of thousands of churches world wide. I get that the diocese wants a new church in the fastest growing area of Bettendorf. I not even opposed to it being built. I am very opposed to making the parishes responsible to paying for something that is a diocese goal.	2/17/2026 10:44 PM
114	There is a very real financial/practical reality to the cost of maintaining Lourdes Church. The cost savings can be used to reduce the debt of the new school and will bring the new church into reality much sooner. I love my community/relationships at Lourdes, but know a number of people at SJV and I am confident that new and deeper relationships can be formed. I am a person that is very comfortable with change. Lets rip the bandaid off and move forward together.	2/17/2026 10:02 PM
115	Nothing	2/17/2026 9:20 PM
116	Fundraising needs to be handled by a professional organization or someone with a robust background in fundraising.	2/17/2026 9:19 PM
117	We are new to the Catholic school program and keeping this affordable while also having the ESA funds is very important to keeping kids in the Catholic Schools. While I understand there would be some type of tuition payment towards the mortgage, raising the price each year would eliminate a lot of families from being able to go to the Catholic School. Acting fast to save money and being able to use the new Catholic school to it's full potential, seems to be the right direction to go. We attend OLOL. There are great memories there (baptism & weddings) but looking for the future, thinking of what's best financially that will help the future Catholic generations thrive and want to continue to be apart of the Church and the school.	2/17/2026 9:06 PM
118	We are already in more debt than we should be. You can never justify building new vs maintenance	2/17/2026 8:27 PM
119	Cover expenses before you build.	2/17/2026 7:15 PM
120	STOP asking for prayers to finance this. We have other charities we like to support .	2/17/2026 7:02 PM
121	We initially joined St. John Vianney parish because of its welcoming and strong youth and teen ministry. My husband and I attended Catholic elementary, middle, and high school and St John Vianney used to have that same feel for our kids that we had growing up in a faith based school. Pleasant Valley and Bettendorf have excellent educational experiences, and it is important to us that our children feel like an integral part of their Catholic community. We liked how St. John's Vianney was not affiliated with a school because then it did not matter what Pleasant Valley or Bettendorf school you attended when you were with your church community and everyone was accepted and all schools were welcomed. The last few years with the focus on Joan of Arc through continuously asking for money during Mass, focusing more on how important being able to attend a faith based school is, and with the Director of Youth Ministry being affiliated with Joan of Arc- the dynamics of Religious Education and the feeling of all being welcomed no matter your background has changed. One example is when our older children made their First Communion- the Mass when they made it focused on the First Communicants: the homily was related to them, the serving priest made the message of the Mass about this special moment by letting them and their families sit in reserved spots, have a photographer take a picture of their first time with the Blessed sacrament, and congratulating/recognizing them at the end of Mass. This has not been the case for our younger children making this sacrament.	2/17/2026 6:45 PM
122	Sell OLOL property and use money to reduce debt on school to allow new church to be built sooner	2/17/2026 6:41 PM
123	Will the diocese help with funding and loan payment if the costs incurred become too much?	2/17/2026 6:36 PM
124	Really doesn't make any difference in what we think anyway.	2/17/2026 6:28 PM
125	I will miss SJV. I live close and don't want to move. Retired shouldn't be required to pay for a new school. We have enough room in SJV.	2/17/2026 5:51 PM
126	Adding a third deacon if a parochial Vicar is out of the question. Father Rich is definitely	2/17/2026 5:47 PM

overworked.

127	I think the most important thing is to take our time on building a parish for all, so we do not go into debt that we might not be able to dig out of..	2/17/2026 5:45 PM
128	Be honest about the total financial situation regarding the churches, and St. Joan of Arc. Share that information with all persons associated with the 3 entities.	2/17/2026 5:26 PM
129	Not really	2/17/2026 5:23 PM
130	What happened to the money in the OLOL endowment fund?	2/17/2026 5:17 PM
131	We have financially supported SJV as members for 50 years. This includes all remodeling, additions, upgrades & the accompanying debt reduction. We cannot be as physically active, as in the past, however still financially support SJV. The current pastor, after 4-5 years, does not acknowledge us or know our names. Therefore, it is difficult to get excited over these changes.	2/17/2026 5:14 PM
132	Feel the past Bishop made the decision to combine parishes and ignored the wishes of our past surveys, these two parishes are way too big to be combined. No one wants a mega church. Feel we will lose senior citizens who can't drive that far especially at night. I have decided to give little financial support until I see what happens. I know school needed upgrade in building and technology offerings. The art and accessories are beautiful but money could have been spent on programs and services. Respectfully and prayerfully submitted	2/17/2026 4:58 PM
133	I feel as if this is (and always has been) a "done deal."	2/17/2026 4:44 PM
134	Not in favor of a new church.	2/17/2026 4:43 PM
135	We contributed more than \$10,000 toward the last upgrade to SJV. I would be very unhappy to see the church abandoned in order to build a new church. If Lourdes maintenance costs are excessive, consider adding more masses at SJV and close Lourdes.	2/17/2026 4:36 PM
136	Due to Bettendorf's growth, would be great to have three churches: Lourdes S of Middle, SJV S of 53rd & SJA N of 53rd.	2/17/2026 3:58 PM
137	Don't pour more money into OLOL for repairs. Move everyone to SJV and add more Masses.	2/17/2026 3:50 PM
138	I have grandchildren at the school so I am very interested in making sure the educational quality doesn't suffer while possibly making a single parish.	2/17/2026 3:46 PM
139	Building a church where St Joan of Arc is located is not a central location. Will lose members.	2/17/2026 3:38 PM
140	Fear of losing parishioners in general	2/17/2026 3:33 PM
141	The buildings aren't as important as the convenience and feeling of consistent worship patterns. I'm not sure one priest can support 2 parishes for long...and I'm not confident building a new church that combines 2 is the answer (more long term debt). Can one be sold? Is Lourdes a land-locked, older location? I'm praying for direction of the team - this isn't an easy undertaking! I of course love SJV - but the people and our leaders mean more than the building.	2/17/2026 3:21 PM
142	I have 5 little kids, ages 1-9 years old, and we sit in the front pews for Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes so they can see what is going on during the liturgy. It really helps them focus. We strongly dislike going to Vianney because if you sit in the front pews, everyone can see my kids and my kids line of sight is the liturgy AND everyone else. I feel much more self conscience about having my children in the front row because so many more people can see us. The purpose of us sitting in the front to see the liturgy is detracted from since they can see lots of other people to look at and how they are acting instead of their main focus being the mass. I get much more distracted as well. One of the parishes I attended as a child was a circle church (St. Anselm in St. Louis,MO) and it was SO distracting to me as a child. I really hope we keep the Lourdes building over Vianney and that any new Church in the future will not be a circle Church. I am very concerned about the debt for SJA and the future. I say sell both churches, pay off the debt of the school and build a beautiful Church next to the school, doing mass in the gym until then. If that is the plan someday, get it done now. There is no reason to wait. My grandparents Church, St. Matthew the Evangelist Catholic Church in Bellevue NE, did a fantastic job of having a beautiful mass in the school Gym for years while they prepared and built a wonderful Church next door. Call them for ideas of how they did that! Maybe it could be a neat parish to connect to for ideas.	2/17/2026 2:46 PM

143	Catholics and the pope need to allow priests to be married as Jesus had many of his apostles/ priests were married. If it was good enough for Jesus, it should be good for now. Women should be able to be pastor, if we do not get our head out of the sand, the catholic church in 50 years will be a shadow of what we are now	2/17/2026 2:42 PM
144	<p>Core Questions: What problem are we ultimately trying to solve? Is this primarily a priest availability issue, a debt burden issue, a facilities issue, a decline in participation, or a true growth opportunity? If we misidentify the core problem, we risk solving the wrong one. What does success look like in 10–20 years, spiritually, pastorally, and financially? Are we planning for one priest or multiple priests? A debt-free parish? Stable Mass attendance? A unified campus? Without a clearly defined end state, we may make reactive decisions. Are we intentionally planning around the likely reality of one active priest serving Bettendorf? If that becomes the norm, is operating two full worship sites sustainable long term? Are we expanding because there is a clear mission opportunity, or are we unintentionally trying to justify past investment? That distinction should shape every structural decision moving forward. Financial Obligations: What is our total outstanding debt, including school and parish obligations, and what is the projected payoff timeline under current giving trends? Are those projections built on stable offertory or optimistic assumptions? Are current fundraising levels sustainable? After several campaign-heavy years, are parishioners experiencing donor fatigue? Is weekly giving strong on its own, or strengthened by special efforts that may not continue indefinitely? Are we relying on the same families repeatedly to fund school construction, parish needs, and diocesan appeals? Is our giving base expanding, or is the financial burden narrowing? What is the realistic long-term giving capacity of our parish population? Are we planning based on hope and past generosity, or on demographic and income realities? What assumptions were made when the new school was built regarding enrollment, offertory growth, priest availability, and local growth? Have those assumptions proven accurate? Since that decision, what key assumptions have changed, if any, including priest projections within the Diocese, interest rates, construction costs, or giving patterns, and how should those changes reshape our future planning? Current Reality: Given that Bettendorf's two parishes are currently served by one active pastor and one retired assisting priest, what is our plan if that assisting priest is no longer available? Are we building our structure around temporary staffing strength? Does the framing of the discussions assume that merger or consolidation is inevitable? Have we fully evaluated all structural models, or are we primarily discussing timing rather than options? What objective criteria will determine which church is kept, consolidated, or sold? Will decisions be based on measurable factors such as cost, condition, location, priest capacity, and mission effectiveness? Risk &amp; Sustainability: Are we at risk of layering additional capital obligations on top of existing debt? If a future new church is envisioned, what would it realistically cost, and how would it be financed under conservative giving projections? Have we stress-tested our model? What happens if Mass attendance drops modestly, enrollment declines, or priest availability tightens further? Have we modeled scenarios based on one priest serving Bettendorf long term? What is the risk of doing too much too quickly, especially after recent school construction and multiple fundraising efforts? Could rapid structural change strain unity or financial stability? If priest numbers in the diocese decline faster than expected, are we positioned to adapt, or would we be financially locked into a structure that assumes more clergy than we have? Mission and Stewardship: What specific mission outcome improves by maintaining two church buildings? Does evangelization increase? Does participation grow? Does pastoral care strengthen? Or are we primarily preserving familiarity? What specific mission outcome improves by consolidating to one primary church? Would we gain stronger unity, lower overhead, clearer identity, or more focused ministry? If we demolish or sell a church, how will we intentionally honor its sacramental history and legacy while still making prudent decisions for the future? If we were making the school decision today, knowing what we now know about finances, priest availability, and demographic trends, would we structure it the same way? What have we learned that should guide our next decisions? Our buildings serve the mission; they are not the mission. After taking on significant debt for the new school, and given the uncertainty surrounding priest availability, we should ensure that any permanent structural decision is resilient under realistic financial and clergy scenarios. My hope is that we revisit assumptions not to defend past decisions, but to steward the future responsibly and sustainably.</p>	2/17/2026 2:42 PM
145	Too money centered.	2/17/2026 2:30 PM
146	It is my belief that the two parishes should merge as quickly as possible. Close Our Lady of Lourdes church. Either add masses to SJV mass schedule or have masses at Saint Joan of Arc if that is feasible. There are only a couple days of the year that SJV could not handle the	2/17/2026 2:22 PM

combine parishes. Pay down the school debt and the build a new church when the financial picture is better.

147	The two churches have separate identities, just because the diocese would like to unite us into one mega church doesn't necessarily provide the actual needs for the people attending. The vibe within SJV has changed and not necessarily for the positive, it once had an upbeat welcoming vibe, contemporary and now it is more LOL--old. These personalities were created by the diocese years ago--now they want people to change for them, it's being met with reluctance during hard times and the church isn't listening.	2/17/2026 2:21 PM
148	I am not supportive of building a new church that would serve both parishes until the new school is substantially paid for (I.e. outstanding loan balance is 10-20% of current balance).	2/17/2026 2:18 PM
149	Since we are working towards the future of our Church I would hope there would be more offered to our young people. We offer nothing to young adults and we now have an almost non existent youth ministry. Who is doing this? And why is there almost no time time given to our high school students. An hour here and there doesn't cut it in order to prepare them for a future in our Chirch	2/17/2026 2:09 PM
150	More pastoral services	2/17/2026 2:07 PM
151	I feel closing Lourdes would help with the financial situation (less staff, insurance, utilities, maintenance costs	2/17/2026 1:45 PM
152	I am very concerned about the debt that we've incurred with the mortgage on the school. Did we know this would be a problem? If so, I don't think the burden that would be placed on the families was communicated well enough in advance. Debtor is slave to the lender. We should be very concerned about getting our debt down.	2/17/2026 1:29 PM
153	Given that we've just built a beautiful new school and there's already a significant financial commitment for parishioners and families, I think it's important that cost and overall financial impact be a major consideration as we explore how to move forward as two communities combining.	2/17/2026 1:27 PM
154	Ask The LORD of the harvest to send laborers into the field. Pray for fear of God, which is the beginning of wisdom. Inquire of The LORD, as King David did prior to every battle (except once, when he was so accustomed to winning, he thought this step was unnecessary. He tragically lost that battle). Trust in The LORD with all of your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. Humbly wait for His answer, for humility precedes honor, but pride goes before destruction.	2/17/2026 1:19 PM
155	Its time to rip off the bandaid. We have excessive debt from the new building and we need to do our part to sell the lourdes lot and then bad down the new building debt.	2/17/2026 1:06 PM
156	Keep talking about the need for the parish to give more. We hope to do more in the future. I don't want to go to meetings so publishing in the bulletin is a good way to communicate.	2/17/2026 12:58 PM
157	Be decisive, be bold. Cannot please everyone, so what serves the most is a good path to the future.	2/17/2026 12:58 PM
158	I don't feel the combined parishes fully understood the financial impact/burden that building a new school would create. I know many people were concerned with the cost of the new school and expressed that in the previous surveys taken before that decision was made. If we need to combine the two parishes I feel we should just move everyone to the current St. John Vianney facility and potentially add a mass. It is a newer facility that could be maintained with minimum expenditure. This would allow us to save money and hopefully pay down the large school debt sooner. I would not be in favor of building a new church.	2/17/2026 12:51 PM
159	We are new to the parish and one of our concerns during change is that we do not have to choose between sacrificing our biblical and traditional beliefs to cater to the idea of expanding or becoming more appealing to a new audience. We have returned to Mass and essentially returned home in hopes that the true teachings of our faith are upheld for our children. We have been searching for some time for a parish that draws us into their community. St John Vianney has done just that and we thank you. Seeing young families be welcome while upholding scripture and traditions is paramount for us.	2/17/2026 12:39 PM
160	We allocated our funds to go to the school and the church. Where are those funds that are supposed to be allocated for the new church?	2/17/2026 12:38 PM

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161	Churches across the United States have merged and also kept them open. Simply put, Bettendorf will continue to maintain HUGE growth thru 2050 and building and merging a church into one will not benefit anybody 10 years from now...then they will have to build on or build another one. Keep two Churches, consolidate mass times. You can utilize the old school maybe with the city as an extension of their rec center on Grant street? Tearing it down and having it zoned coffee shops, and small owned shops would help financially and the parking is already there! So the only financial burden would be the church. When Churches combine, you lose people, they stop coming or go to other Churches or faiths. You will have fallout, that should be option C. Think like a business, don't close it or you WILL lose people sadly. Thank you and God bless. Also, rent the hall area of St. Joan of Arc would bring in revenue...	2/17/2026 12:35 PM
162	Closing Lourdes to avoid upkeep and add Masses at St. John Vianney until the future church is a reality. It would make real sense to do this so the priests are not stuck with lots of travel.	2/17/2026 12:34 PM
163	We are ready for a new start within the Catholic Church! We've needed this change for a long time, and have been disappointed with 2 other parishes in the area. We are looking forward to growing together as a community as we reconnect to our faith!	2/17/2026 12:29 PM
164	Should have more "adult oriented" festivities. Bingo, fish fry, dances, craft fairs. Offer wine and beer along with pop/water. A chance to get to know our neighbors	2/17/2026 12:28 PM
165	I think we will do what is necessary and what God calls us to do. I think it is important that we pray together as a community to discern what God is calling us to do.	2/17/2026 12:23 PM
166	Why are you concerned about 60% of the school or church being financed in a three-year period? Almost everyone finances their home over time. 15 or 30-year mortgage. Maybe, if you asked the parishioners to commit to a more realistic goal, you could raise the money over the long term. It feels like you are managing a business/profit center rather than a nonprofit organization. This guilt and psychological warfare you're putting on the parishioners has to stop regarding all this funding you want. We are looking for a church that returns to the roots of Catholicism, and we will be departing along with our finances in the near term if the message isn't changed.	2/17/2026 12:07 PM
167	So the question is: we are considering closing OLoL - > what do you think? > we understand there may be considerations of cost, traditions, travel, and priest coverage. > it's likely to be inconvenient, but... What are you willing to do to assist > until the closure plan can be implemented? Disappointed with the veiled questionnaire... not sure there's a choice in all of this... better to be less opaque.	2/17/2026 12:03 PM
168	I would love to see a traditionally designed church such as LOL built on the grounds of SJOA. The newer designed, round style churches are cold and uninviting.	2/17/2026 12:01 PM
169	The best way forward is to built a new church near St Joan of Arc. Future priest shortages and an aging population make this inevitable and costs are not going to decrease in the future.	2/17/2026 11:59 AM
170	While change is difficult, it is necessary. Having two parishes is not financially or logistically feasible in the long term or even in the short term. The sooner we come together the better we are financially and spiritually. We are asking too much of our church employees (especially priests and deacons) by continuing the way we are. They are being pulled in too many directions. Their mental and physical health need to be considered as well. Our community will be able to be stronger if we are together.	2/17/2026 11:50 AM
171	Money is going to be key for all of this.	2/17/2026 11:49 AM
172	Using the gym at SJV is a horrible idea. It would be very disruptive to the school schedule for morning Mass, where would Sacraments, First Communions, Marriages, Confirmations be held. I have attended the school Mass and it is not the same, the sacred space and reverence feel has been lost, and the children are not participating as before. You will lose parishioners if this happens. For the older parishioners sitting on bleachers or white folding chairs is a terrible experience. There is a loss of reverence for the Eucharist since there is no place to kneel at the consecration.	2/17/2026 11:43 AM
173	Include sacrament preparation as part of school curriculum (first holy communion and confirmation, if possible).	2/17/2026 11:36 AM
174	Our Lady of Lourdes and St. John Vianney each carry a rich history of faith, sacrifice, and service. Generations of families have been baptized, married, and laid to rest within these parishes. Any conversation about merging must begin with gratitude for that legacy and	2/17/2026 11:34 AM

respect for the people who built and sustained it. At the same time, we are called to face today's realities with honesty and hope. Across the Church, fewer men are entering the priesthood, and the financial demands of maintaining multiple facilities continue to grow. These challenges are not signs of failure, but invitations to reimagine how we live our mission more sustainably. A merger offers an opportunity to steward our resources wisely. By combining administrative functions, maintenance costs, and operational expenses, more of our parish resources can be directed toward ministry, outreach, and faith formation, rather than buildings and duplication of effort. This strengthens our ability to serve parishioners today and ensures long-term stability for future generations. With fewer priests available, a merged parish also allows for more consistent pastoral care. Rather than stretching one priest across multiple communities, a unified parish can foster stronger relationships between clergy and parishioners, more vibrant liturgies, and clearer leadership. This supports not just efficiency, but spiritual vitality. Most importantly, merging does not mean erasing identity. The traditions, devotions, and stories of both Our Lady of Lourdes and St. John Vianney can be carried forward together, enriching one another. A shared future can honor the past while building something stronger than either parish could sustain alone. By coming together, we are not losing who we are. We are choosing to walk forward together in faith, ensuring that our Catholic community remains alive, welcoming, and mission-focused for years to come.

175	<p>Unfortunately, this survey lacked academic rigor and objectivity. Many of its questions were leading an/or biased. This should be considered when determining the statistical significance of the results and possibly render it invalid. This is common mistake that is often overlooked. The feeling I have is that the local church in Bettendorf and Davenport Diocese is operating in a scarcity mindset with respect to the priest shortage and the merging of parishes in Bettendorf. We are not doing enough to "Expand the Kingdom", rather, we seem to be taking the approach of management of the decline. The problem we find ourselves in is not solved by initiatives, programs, buildings, use of consultancy firms, or massive debt accumulation to buy things we cannot afford – it starts with prayer and surrender. We have not seen nearly enough of this to date, rather a lot of forcing our own will on a situation. If we were to build a new school, raising funds for it would not have been so hard. When it became hard, it was a red flag that more prayer and discernment was needed. God would have provided in HIS time. Instead, we built a beautiful functional space in OUR time and did so by funding an incredible portion of this project with debt. The priest shortage. Again, we are operating in a scarcity mindset. We are not asking God to provide for us, or trusting that he will. We are choosing to accept the decline as a fait accompli, and have tasked ourselves with how best to manage this decline. Now, we find ourselves in a problem of our own creation. We have a beautiful new school, that has created a debt problem for both parishes. We find ourselves directing our school families to essentially pay twice (once with their tax dollars being returned from the State of Iowa and again though the now required "SJA Foundation Family Contribution"). We have deferred so much maintenance at Our Lady of Lourdes and associated buildings that closing it looks like the most attractive option. In turn, doing so will create the next problem that is SJV is out of room to accommodate the whole of Bettendorf, which will in turn force the solution of building a Catholic-Mega-Church next to SJA as apparent solution to all of this, except we will be saddled with even more debt and (due to the scarcity mindset regarding our priest shortage) we would have one priest for this giant church. This then creates the problem where that man will simply be a sacrament vending machine without the capacity to shepherd his flock. While Fr. Rich Adam has my prayers, support, and vote of confidence; but he as already had to assume this role of overworked administrator and dispenser of the sacraments. He is now beholden to the previously described worldly mess that we, collectively, have created. We need to slow down and stop spending money we do not have. As with anything else, the further we stray (as we all do) from God's plan and his perfect will and timing, things become harder and harder to fix. Consider the subject of this letter and associated survey. What we need now is take all of this to prayer. We need to storm heaven with our prayers by offering special Masses, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and pray as a church community for this issue and for the leadership who have to discern the solution to it. That God's will is done in His perfect timing. Ultimately, we need to lay this mess at the feet of our local bishop, Bishop Walsh. When the spirit has made His will known to Bishop Walsh-in whatever time is needed to arrive there- we need him to render a clear and transparent decision as to the way forward and we all need to support it and pray for its success. Our Lady of Lourdes, St. John Vianney, and St. Joan of Arc, Pray for us.</p>	2/17/2026 11:33 AM
176	<p>I'm new to the parish and Catholicism. I love the community at St. John's. I appreciate the effort to communicate and am committed to helping the church through any necessary transitions.</p>	2/17/2026 11:29 AM

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177	Clearly we have to combine into one building and having a church with an alter vs a school auditorium is important to me. Things like seating, parking, needs for liturgical music (such as space, instruments) need to be considered. Simply adding more masses to one of the locations doesn't address all of the issues and may even create new ones.	2/17/2026 11:28 AM
178	The more you include politics and anti-Christlike behavior continues, the tougher her generations will continue to attend less, leaving financial burdens to the older generations who are less likely to have the opportunity to help. Given how much money is asked for at all times, this needs addressed NOW.	2/17/2026 11:24 AM
179	Having attended masses at both churches, there is a very different approach that needs consideration in the merging of the two. Lourdes is very traditional and SJV has always felt more inviting and inclusive. The community at SJV is very supportive and welcoming and while we understand the importance of a merger, there is a concern of how two very different styles will come together.	2/17/2026 11:23 AM
180	I love everything about St John Vianney and have concerns if St Joan of Arc becomes the only choice for my church.	2/17/2026 11:19 AM
181	I have been a member of OLOL and now SJV, due mostly to location of our new home. I want to return to a deeper connection between the church and school— Lourdes had that and I felt it kept energy alive in a way that having them Separate does not. I would LOVE to have non-school families also continue to give and grow the faith, because it's not either us/them, OLOL/SJV, it's Our Family of believers. And while I know that tradition and familiarity bring comfort, I genuinely believe that change and growth together bring closeness and beauty too. At the end of the day we all have the joy in our hearts for Jesus, and I don't really think it does matter where we pray or where we gather, but that we do, with open heart and open arms.	2/17/2026 11:17 AM
182	We cannot go forward with building a new Church without retiring the Joan of Arc debt first. It would be too much of a financial burden.	2/17/2026 11:14 AM
183	It's time to close Lourdes and sell the property. It's a financial drag on the Bettendorf Catholic community. In doing that I would increase the number of Masses at St. John's. Two on Saturday night, three Sunday morning and one Sunday night.	2/17/2026 11:14 AM
184	Be open and honest. Many decisions were forged ahead without fiscal focus or thought. For instance, paying (and committing to) \$21,000,000 million in interest over 30 years, is not a wise business decision. It feels like a new school (and a new church) was/is the goal at all costs. There were many things said, but the actions did not represent what parishioners were told.	2/17/2026 11:13 AM
185	Be a visionary on how to blend parish and school. Don't follow the same play book every Catholic Parish that has a school. Integrate both in a way that embraces the richness of both.	2/17/2026 11:13 AM
186	I believe a single new parish is the correct & inevitable future, but I am sorrowful that on a local/national level, we do not have sufficient numbers of priests & sufficient numbers of enthusiastic & faith filled parishioners to maintain neighborhood churches & schools. Fewer ppl to walk to church & school, more resemblance to mega-churches. BUT—time to rely on God to lead us through uncertainty. Thank you to our wonderful priests, admins, teachers, ministers, volunteers, idea & finance folks, volunteers, & more. God bless you.	2/17/2026 11:13 AM
187	The transparency especially about finances and needed building maintenance is very important.	2/17/2026 11:12 AM
188	Building a new combined parish would be the best thing that could happen. This would just need to be big enough for the growing community for years to come. I have moved several times for work and the best parish development I have seen is holy family in Fond du Lac, WI. I highly recommend checking out their beautiful campus as an example to follow. This was one of the most connected parish communities I have ever been apart of.	2/17/2026 11:05 AM
189	Remember that SJV has not had to support a school. It is a culture change and to be patient and mindful of that shift. Also remember that Bettendorf fortunately has great public schools and the majority of parishioners will probably still attend public schools	2/17/2026 11:03 AM
190	I would like to see a new church built by the St. Joan of Arc School. That area is growing rapidly. That said, I also know that Our Lady of Lourdes serves a lot of people. Also a lot of people travel there on Sunday for the last mass from all over the QC. I do thank Father Rich	2/17/2026 10:41 AM

for running both churches. I know that has to be a strain on him. Best wishes and know that we will support you whichever direction you take.

191	I like a traditional church design with a tabernacle behind the main altar. We also prefer traditional music including some in Latin.	2/17/2026 9:34 AM
192	if there has been clear information about the "WHY" we need to combine two parishes into one- I don't understand it. Is it financial? Is it priest shortage logistics? Is it building unsustainability? Is it to serve the burgeoning population growth in NE Bettendorf? Or all of these? With the (presumably) affluent, educated, growing demographic of Bettendorf--the mission/charter/purpose of these seismic shifts is unclear. It may be evident and already communicated, but the mission field seems ripe to grow the Church here, with good leadership forging ahead to get buy-in from the community.	2/17/2026 9:06 AM
193	With the significant debt from the school, it seems like there is going to be a huge financial burden placed on parishioners. In this economy where many people struggle to pay their own bills, there needs to serious consideration given to the grandness of a new church.	2/17/2026 7:32 AM
194	It is clear by your questioning that you have bias toward worshipping in the SJA gym until a new church is built. The school's debt will prevent being able to finance a new church anytime soon. The choice was made to build the school without adequate pledges.	2/17/2026 7:03 AM
195	Still unsure why LOL doesn't transition to St Joan of Arc and StJV remain as is. St JV never intended to have a school and agreed to support the one at LOL. Why not stay 2 separate entities? Understand why LOL has to change/move, or so I thought. Never clear on why St JV has to move or disappear, other than we are landlocked and can't expand.	2/17/2026 4:11 AM
196	Adamantly opposed to closing Our Lady of Lourdes Church!...deliberately allowing maintenance to slide on this incredible structure & landmark House of God is just wrong & would, for just one example, be walking away from inner city Catholics which are always the most underprivileged & underserved in the community which is the wrong path to take on many different levels moving forward here....church replacement cost with anything comparable of this beautiful 64yo structure which is still in incredible shape would be astronomical...probably along with closing St. John Vianney would be setting a DD record for walking away from relatively new church structures...normally the churches historically closed in the Davenport Diocese and others around the country have been much older & much worse overall condition here...in closing I attended OLL School for 8 years as myself & my family as well have been members of Our Lady of Lourdes for 67+ years...we originally had only one Catholic Church in Bettendorf for many years and could easily go back to just using the spacious Our Lady of Lourdes Church facility if need be and most people can easily see this as a totally logical & viable option....Thank You & God Bless You!	2/17/2026 12:24 AM
197	I utilize both parishes for mass times Saturday 430pm and Sunday evening at 5pm. I hope these times are still offered. Having a variety of times is most important to me. I can deal with anything else. I have been at St John Vianney member since 1989. This change will be hard at anytime.	2/16/2026 9:45 PM
198	We know it's time. It will be hard. But better days are ahead.	2/16/2026 8:36 PM
199	I'm really grateful for our Fr Rich, Fr Tony and Dcn Ryan. Their dedication, kindness, and steady leadership mean so much to our parish and make everyone feel welcome and supported. You can see how much they care about our community and our faith. I'm thankful for all they do and truly excited about what lies ahead. I look forward to a vibrant, faith-filled, and amazing new church where our parish family can continue to grow together.	2/16/2026 8:30 PM
200	Let go and let God	2/16/2026 8:24 PM
201	God will guide us!!	2/16/2026 8:24 PM
202	Please don't close down my parish for a school I didn't ask you to build and that I don't have children enrolled in.	2/16/2026 8:18 PM
203	Make sure those that are unable to attend church are not left out. Do your best to make sure each person is important and valuable to the church.	2/16/2026 6:50 PM
204	Maintain worship practices of Our Lourdes Community if we are sent to St . John Vianney in the interim. Important to have a Catholic Church on same campus with our new Catholic School.	2/16/2026 5:54 PM

205	we should consider the welfare of our pastor. How long will he be able to continue his schedule?	2/16/2026 5:49 PM
206	I know the road ahead will not be easy, and there will be challenges as we move forward. Even so, I feel a deep sense of support and readiness for what lies ahead. It is time for us to take these steps together. I am especially grateful for the dedication and leadership of Father Rich, Father Tony, and Deacon Ryan. They are working incredibly hard during these difficult times, and their commitment, faith, and steady guidance mean so much to our community. We are blessed to have such strong and compassionate leaders helping us navigate this moment. While this transition may be hard, I am hopeful and supportive. With prayer, unity, and continued leadership, we will move forward together.	2/16/2026 5:34 PM
207	Need to establish and/or fully communicate Scott County Catholic School strategy, thru high school(s), including ability (ie, cost, transportation) to attend any school within Scott County. We happily attend mass at both parishes and integrate with both groups of parishioners. Envision no issues with future consolidation of parishes.	2/16/2026 5:03 PM
208	I hope that this transitional period doesn't eliminate opportunities for families who don't attend St. Joan of Arc. Preservation of religious Ed classes is very important to us. I hope that those of us who aren't involved in the school aren't forgotten about or "othered" because it's not the choice we've made for our family.	2/16/2026 5:02 PM
209	The change is inevitable so the sooner we get moving with closing Lourdes the better off we will be. Change can be difficult but it's the community that makes a parish special not the buildings.	2/16/2026 4:39 PM
210	Close OLOL soon and add Masses at SJV	2/16/2026 4:29 PM
211	This survey limits answers . We chose St. John Vianney specifically because there was not a school. We wanted our kids to feel they were truly apart of this community and not second class citizens that the Church tends to preach from the pulpit. I am already hearing it now and it makes me very sad. I also am very upset that our last bishop decided to change the rules about how much money was needed for a project before the project could go ahead. Lourdes needed St. John Vianney's community to build the school and because of this change St. John's is in debt. I feel Bishop Zinkula wanted a feather in his cap and he was going to build a school no matter what. We have answered the call everytime our church has asked for money, including donating to a school I don't really support. I believed the church hierarchy when they told us there would be no new church in Bettendorf, we donated money to enlarge St. John's. I am not sure I will believe the church hierarchy when they tell us things anymore. If I wanted to be part of a mega church, I could certainly find one already in existence, but I don't.	2/16/2026 4:28 PM
212	At least as a temporary work around I would suggest that SJV and OLOL make SJV our home together at least until we get the financial debt paid off at SJA. The current SJV could cut the raised altar "stage" way back to make room for 2-3 new pews in front of the current pews.	2/16/2026 4:24 PM
213	Keeping both parishes informed to the details as the process moves forward.	2/16/2026 3:35 PM
214	Thank you for everything you are doing to bring our two communities together. I am so excited for the future of our parishes!!	2/16/2026 3:27 PM
215	I would like a timeline for a new church	2/16/2026 2:59 PM
216	Error on the side of over communicating. With years of dedication/commitments and any significant change such as unifying parishes requires transparency.	2/16/2026 2:17 PM
217	I'm very opposed to combining or moving from the current location. I don't think the new schools mortgage should affect our church. You knew the obligation going into that decision and to now use it to take away the church too is offensive. We will likely switch parishes. Churches and schools are important to neighborhoods. You have already removed the school, if you remove the church we will have no part of it. We choose Lourdes over St. John's and would like to keep it that way. As a child my family switched to St John's and u never felt at home there. I purposefully searched for that home feeling for my family. We found it at Lourdes	2/16/2026 2:15 PM
218	We need to get rid of/sell Our Lady of Lourdes church and school and use that money to help pay off the debt of Saint Joan of Arc and eventually/possibly build a new church. I feel Saint John Vianney could easily accomodate both parish populations with added mass times and also help with the shortage of priest or at least make it easier for the priest.	2/16/2026 2:14 PM
219	Keep in mind the older parishioners that live near OLOL. Consider a shuttle service to SJA and	2/16/2026 1:53 PM

SJV.

220	parking and distance is important to me	2/16/2026 1:38 PM
221	The school planning was awful, who thought it was a good idea to build an expensive building without having all the money for it. Now the school is in debt and we are even further away from a new church which would have benefitted the community much more than the school. It is a large waste of money for the parishioners. People need to accept the reality the Lourdes has to come to an end. Compared to Saint John Vianney Lourdes is dead and the time has come for it to go. They should not have built a new school and instead have built a new combined church. Now we have a broke school and are no where close to a new church.	2/16/2026 1:30 PM
222	If you are going for JOA then kindly tell us where to park because we heard the existing parking is inadequate.	2/16/2026 1:29 PM
223	I think both parishes are pretty ready for the merger. I don't think taking on additional debt for a brand new church is wise to look at until SJA school is paid off or st least debt significantly reduced. We should liquidate the Lourdes campus to assist in that, even if it means working through an overcrowded SJV campus for a while. Some Lourdes parishioners will likely also consider a transfer to St Paul or St Anthony so they should be prepared for some influx. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.	2/16/2026 1:26 PM
224	The parishes need to combine. I feel as though we already operate as one parish.	2/16/2026 12:52 PM
225	Take time and do it right. As much as I hate it, the problem of lack of priest and a building that needs repaired, this will be the best solution. God will see to it that is done right. Keep up the good work and thank you for your dedication.	2/16/2026 11:11 AM
226	It is important to consider our Pastors when making decisions. I hear people say they are concerned for Father Rich. Hopefully Bishop Walsh will appoint all retiring Priests to parishes as Sr. Priests to help with the masses. I would do that as soon as they retire.	2/16/2026 11:09 AM
227	Why delayed the inevitable? Sell both properties. Paid down the school debt and get building a new church. Just not around one. Rather a more traditional one. Something giving glory to God.	2/16/2026 11:07 AM
228	I would like to know your plans to sell OLOL and SJV so you can use that money to pay for new school and new church. Also, are you going to have two priests in the new church?	2/16/2026 10:52 AM
229	Future, one church, what growth How many families under one parish. More priests? To help take care of a large church and school in future. Priests are in a very low number.	2/16/2026 10:38 AM
230	We hope the new building is traditional with the tabernacle located in a prominent place behind the main altar.	2/16/2026 10:21 AM
231	Honesty and transparency is vital.	2/16/2026 10:16 AM
232	Would it be possible to have an SSJA combined churches cemetery out by the church or on Land out there? Maybe selling lots could be a way to start raising money for the church.	2/16/2026 9:58 AM
233	I think we should shut down Our Lady of Lourdes soon as it's taking a toll on Father, Rich and Father Tony the extra duties for both is going to be hard on them plus the extra cost of heating we could save	2/16/2026 9:55 AM
234	Relativism, are you hungers for true traditional Catholicism not watered down Protestantism, which is led to multiple generations not recognizing the real presence in the Eucharist that's what is truly critical. We need tabernacle behind the altar. We need Latin. We need traditional songs. We must remember liberalism is a sin I beg you.	2/16/2026 9:53 AM
235	Unless the worship area at Lourdes is unusable, there should be no rush to merge the parishes only when that facilities is sold or cannot be functional. Should be relocated to SJASJA school has been dumped on SJV with decisions made by a Salek view behind closed doors with a crushing debt.	2/16/2026 9:48 AM
236	The leadership needs to get both parishes involved in all activities going forward without canceling canceling activities under the guise of "we need to halt this until we figure out how to pull it together". This kind of overreach just angers the people of the parish. Example - canceling the Cure of Ars Welcome activity.	2/16/2026 9:05 AM
237	I will support the decisions of our Bishop and parish priests	2/16/2026 7:44 AM

238	No	2/16/2026 7:32 AM
239	<p>Mass intentions should be the same in both bulletins and done correctly. I think it is always good for the Priest to visit with the people after Mass as far as he is able. Please schedule confessions for a two hour time sometime during the week. Example, Our Lady of Victory has confession 5-7 pm on Thursday. Is 10 hours of straight confessions working out? OLOV also has confessions after the Saturday Mass. Please put confession times in the bulletins of all the local parishes too. Mass times are important of course but I feel confession times are very important too. Somehow we all in the pews MUST really recognize just how important the Priest is in our love of Christ. Without the Priest, there is no Eucharist! God bless our Priests! Amen. PS. Exterior of the church, parking lot etc must be kept up.</p>	2/16/2026 7:22 AM
240	<p>I don't have enough info on maintenance and repair costs to answer some of these questions. As our parish's grow and the dilemma of the shortage of priests, we need to think about our future, but, we also need to be financially sound.</p>	2/16/2026 6:39 AM
241	<p>Our youngest is at Assumption, so we have been a Catholic School family and our children never attended public schools. It is important we get a church attached to the school ASAP to get the families more involved.</p>	2/15/2026 10:47 PM
242	<p>Investing in new schools and new churches does not begin to address the number one challenge for Bettendorf, Davenport Diocese or the Catholic Church in the US which is priest shortage. You've chosen to proceed in spite of opposition to your plan with less than transparent disclosure of your plans. I expect that the results of this survey will not deter your plans to consolidate the parishes regardless of what the survey tells you. I'm not familiar with the Diocese's financial position but the debt retirement plan on the school seems unrealistic so adding additional debt to build a consolidated church would be a questionable strategy.</p>	2/15/2026 9:55 PM
243	<p>Keep - our lady of Lourdes separate and together . It's unique, precious, . Its church needs to keep its memory .</p>	2/15/2026 8:59 PM
244	<p>The Bishop should be asked to allow us to have one professional manager to run those functions of the two parishes that are not strictly religious. This would remove those burdens from the priest and allow him to function as our religious leader. This should be done now so we would have a full time administrator during the process of joining the two parishes</p>	2/15/2026 7:48 PM
245	<p>my partners parents got married at Our Lady of Lourdes. When the time comes soon in however long years time, I want to marry her there, just like her parents did. I don't know if that means much to the person reading this, but church's hold memories and life in them. We need to preserve our churches. Their age and standing against the test of time is part of what makes them so beautiful. Our Lady of Lourdes is one of the most beautiful churches I've ever visited, and I've visited many. Please hear me, hear us, the community of believers who worship every weekend at Lourdes. There are many of us. Let us work together to preserve Lourdes. God bless.</p>	2/15/2026 7:25 PM
246	<p>Don't want to have to combine everything immediately. (Like Women's Circles, RE)</p>	2/15/2026 7:04 PM
247	<p>*We would like more information on the structural and operational conditions of both parishes *We would like more info about the potential uses of the multi-million dollar "rainy day funds" set aside for each parish. *As of today, with Mass attendance being low, is there enough room at Lourdes for both parishes, even temporarily?</p>	2/15/2026 7:01 PM
248	<p>Please don't tear Lourdes down.</p>	2/15/2026 6:53 PM
249	<p>This is going to be such a mega church and I feel a solid community feeling will be lost combining the two parishes. There is no way the priest(s) and deacons can build relationships with everyone in a parish that size. That relationship is very important to us. I will respect any decision that is made however my family will not be part of a mega church. We love St John's but we will look for a church that will be a better fit for us.</p>	2/15/2026 6:25 PM
250	<p>People should be reminded we ultimately all have the same goal with regard to our faith... keep up the good work</p>	2/15/2026 5:54 PM
251	<p>I don't have concerns from Question 7; instead, survey required me to pick an answer to continue, so I picked one; our family of 6 has been @ SJV for 14 years (including 3 confirmations + 1 more forthcoming, as well as antecedent communions &amp; confessions, etc.), but we have no concerns about combining parishes, none; what has to be done has to be done; and I/we attend mass weekly.</p>	2/15/2026 5:38 PM

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252	Please consider building an authentic Catholic teachings versus contemporary design. Traditional orthodox teachings (based on successful Evangelical churches, Eastern Orthodox resurgence in the US, and uptick in traditional Catholicism in the youth) is the future versus of the church and more likely to see vocations .	2/15/2026 5:13 PM
253	We must act accordingly to want we can afford, strengthen. Join our communities together if we can't operate both parishes. There are no winners or losers. We are joined in our faith and Love of God. I feel as hard times are upon us, The cost of living keeps going up. We must be responsible stewards to the people and Finances of the Church moving towards the future. May God watch over us! Amen	2/15/2026 3:34 PM
254	Better to tear down OLOL buildings. DO NOT let them set idle and go into disrepair and run down. Or sell if buyer has good plan for redevelopment.	2/15/2026 2:58 PM
255	This has been handled very badly in general. We all can see the writing on the wall that Lourdes will be closed, it would be nice if someone would just be honest about it instead of tap dancing around it. My entire life and my children's entire lives have been tied to Lourdes. Once that is gone our tie to a Bettendorf Parish will be gone as I don't view a church out at St Joan of Arc to be my parish when it's 6 miles away and St. Paul's is 2 miles away and I live right by Davenport. I am not interested in attending St. John Vianney as that church does nothing for me especially in level of worship. Just give it to us straight so we can move on.	2/15/2026 2:02 PM
256	Review of the number of Masses being offered should be considered. It is very important that this considered a merging of the parishes. Isn't it time that the priests' mission is pastoral care and there could be a layperson as the parish ad.inistrator addressing the financial details, staffing etc.	2/15/2026 1:54 PM
257	Please do not close both churches and relocate masses to the school. We need a church home for weddings, funerals, sacraments, etc. The school was not built to cover both needs. Keep SJV until a new church is built.	2/15/2026 1:53 PM
258	I appreciate that input is being gathered however there are strong opinions that some decisions, and direction, are already determined but not clearly being communicated. I believe it is much better to be direct and communicate early in those cases and not attempt to dance around issues or attempt to soften change by gathering input if that input does not matter. For example if decision is made that Lourdes church is going to close that needs to be clearly stated even though not all will agree. False hopes and unclear communication is worse in the long run than being straight forward and clear upfront. There is a lot of speculation but lack of clarity right now, in those instances people stew and begin making up their own truth. Change is a must, and change is hard, sooner we get to building the new community together (even though many will want "their" own) the better. This can't be Lourdes or SJV, it can't be Lourdes and SJV, it must new SJA as one.	2/15/2026 1:42 PM
259	Transparency is so important! Any and all parts of a definitive plan need to be communicated to parishioners as they transpire. This will maintain and build trust. Keeping one church building open in the transition will help to maintain our community and keep bringing us together. You will lose people if the only place for Mass is the SJA gym. This is not an ample space for all of the community and parish activities needed to hold us together.	2/15/2026 1:40 PM
260	Temporary use of SJA for SOME Masses would be ok, but the school was built to function as a school. Not suitable for all church functions- funerals, weddings, etc... STRONGLY feel at least one parish remains open during this transition to support these other parish needs.	2/15/2026 1:25 PM
261	In my opinion keeping St John Vianney open versus Lady of Lourdes seems more practical since it is in the center of Bettendorf. I know Lourdes has a long history and some parishioners will be unhappy, but eventually The new church will be built and St John's will probably be Closed too. Even though I fear having a church way out in the country will send parishioners to another church in Davenport that may be closer for them.	2/15/2026 12:41 PM
262	Is there Discussion about a new larger church	2/15/2026 12:34 PM
263	The survey seems to lean into building a new church. An honest question would be the following: How willing are you to tear down Vianney and Lourdes and build a new church? Follow up question: How concerned are you about the building of one combined church on financial stewardship and financial feasibility? Next question: Are you aware of the current financial debt of St Joan of Arc School, St John Vianney, and Lourdes Parish? My intuition is that this survey can gather data with no real impact on a decision to raze both churches and build a new one. The data results have a sufficient amount of ambiguity on such a significant	2/15/2026 12:34 PM

financial decision. More helpful would be data shared with the parish on how weekend masses could be scheduled at one existing location to meet the needs of both parishes. We need to run a weekly forecast schedule for parish groups and space available. This survey barely breaks the surface of the real resource issues of all three communities and buildings.

264	The bulletin of Lourdes has been using AI generated art (doves have 3 wings, rosaries aren't rosaries, etc). There is so much beautiful Catholic art, why are we stooping to the level of using soulless ai images?	2/15/2026 12:18 PM
265	These questions appear to presuppose or at least bias the idea of a new church on a new property to serve both communities. I would be open to a less biased set of questions that might help us consider other options including using one church with more frequent mass times served by two pastors. Additionally, there has been limited demographic data shared from both communities that might help inform better future decision-making. This might include charts which show age of parishioners in certain sub categories and age of parishioners in all giving categories. Finally, is there a way this decision could be framed in light of the entire diocese and proposed restructuring to accommodate future realities.	2/15/2026 12:17 PM
266	I am not concerned about our buildings, but I'm concerned enough to be generous in my donations. I'm hopeful and I trust in our leader leadership and whatever they decide. You have information that I don't have. I support you and trust you thank you for your sacrifices and for all your willingness to do the right thing and have people be mad at you. People are people. God bless you!	2/15/2026 12:14 PM
267	OLOL needs a new speaker system. Half the time we can't hear what is being said. Very frustrating. Also depends on who is speaking. Singers can be too loud and speakers not loud enough. Don't understand.	2/15/2026 11:33 AM
268	It seems logical to have SJV become the central church until a new building is constructed. The Lourdes property could be sold and help with budget problems. The SJV building could be renamed St. Joan of Arc and Masses could be added. This plan would reduce costs and wear and tear on priests.	2/15/2026 11:19 AM
269	None	2/15/2026 11:04 AM
270	Understanding the size and financial strength of our collective Catholic community in Bettendorf, we have an obligation to take action in addressing the issue of priest shortages today and in the future.	2/15/2026 10:53 AM
271	Make the church family friendly. Explore how other churches welcome families. It's stressful taking kids to church. I wish it was joyful and welcoming.	2/15/2026 10:26 AM
272	Understand one church is needed. Let's rip the bandage off!	2/15/2026 10:24 AM
273	Getting all parishioners to give something to projects rather than depending on the same small percentage to financially support everything.	2/15/2026 10:11 AM
274	More transparency at what OLOL is currently doing with GYM, empty spaces in school and vacant rectory where priests use to live. These ALL could be considered revenue streams and I believe ( could be wrong) are not. To keep paying infrastructure and keep OLOL going ( Boiler issues or not) we NEED to investigate and aggressively look at these, I mention. Example: Not sure why the rectory could not be rented or leased to someone to live or use. THAT could be a HUGE revenue stream. So. Transparency. I know zero at what the above places are gaining for us financially. All I hear is we need to keep lights on, etc. and it's expensive. Thanks for all you do. God Bless!	2/15/2026 10:06 AM
275	I think you need to highlight school events and accomplishments in the church bulletin. The school is a very central and powerful symbol of unification for the parishes and could be used more effectively to continue to draw both parishes together. Having no children or grandchildren at the school, it would nice to be aware of activities at the school so as to support their athletic, musical and academic recognition events. I do miss not going to children's Christmas programs.	2/15/2026 10:00 AM
276	SJV is very welcoming to newcomers. Lourdes is not as welcoming. The 2 parish communities are very different. Hospitality at SJV is very good.	2/15/2026 9:59 AM
277	Very concerned on increased debt. The interest impact to the parishes is concerning and to move quickly with one parish is not sustainable. I would pay down debt quicker on the school	2/15/2026 9:55 AM

and raise funds and invest for a new church in 5 years as a start date to move dirt with a completion date 2 years later.

278	Thank you for your hard work and efforts.	2/15/2026 9:46 AM
279	Tough situation. God will provide. Amen.	2/15/2026 9:43 AM
280	I'm new to the Iowa parishes and come from Divine Mercy in IL, just consolidated (Guadalupe & St Pats), so I can give an unbiased SJV vs OLOL perspective The two churches are very different styles - aesthetically and functionally. Lourdes being traditional vs St John's casual modern. I attend both when necessary but highly prefer Lourdes as it brings more reverence to the mass, by the behavior of the people and the church style. I do love the people and energy at St Johns, however I've noticed they have a much more relaxed behavior. For example, I frequently notice people openly visiting and carrying on while in the pews. Also, the church shape & layout itself is not one that I prefer and as I've talked to others that attend, they feel the same way as it's distracting to be looking across the way at others. Where Lourdes is a traditional style and also love the dimmer lighting and ambiance - as it helps me to feel focused on the mass and part of the congregation body. I look forward to joining into one parish, but do love the beauty of Lourdes. If a new church is built eventually I pray it will be a beautiful cathedral type.	2/15/2026 9:36 AM
281	Music needs to be carefully planned for and thought out. Music cannot be an afterthought in building design as it was in previous design iterations.	2/15/2026 9:12 AM
282	The shortage of priests should have been part of planning years ago, now to hurry to fix its results is going to add to the problem. There is no fixing this problem quickly. Spending on churches and schools, in my opinion, is not a fix for priest shortages.	2/14/2026 8:09 PM
283	We must allow retention of past traditions to maintain loyalty.	2/14/2026 8:07 PM
284	We feel like the "options for answering" the questions were limited and didn't enable us to accurately respond and express our viewpoints. We need to better understand the debt of the new school and how this is going to be addressed. This is a significant mortgage, and we believe more of the cost needs to be paid by the families going to St. Joan of Arc. We were surprised that the current school fees were not higher, especially now that the ESA funding is available. This issue needs to have an actionable plan with the appropriate checkpoints before any additional debt is incurred. We are very glad and supportive of the Bishop stating that no new Church would be built until we are free of the debt of the school. We think that the Davenport Diocese needs to take a broader view of the challenges facing the priest shortage and the future requirements and facilities for the Churches and schools of the whole Diocese. While we understand that reducing a priest in Bettendorf is driving us to relook at things, what would the opportunity be if other Davenport Parishes were consolidated? Clearly, the growth of the Diocese is in Bettendorf, so what impact does that have on the overall Diocese, and what opportunities exist to consolidate in Davenport and the smaller communities? Would this consolidation offer an opportunity to move another priest to Bettendorf, where there is significant growth? What are the 5-10 year expenditure needs of St. John Vianney and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches? While there are some basic needs likely for St. John Vianney, what is the current state of Our Lady of Lourdes? If these expenses are fairly large, could St. Joan of Arc provide the space for weekend masses for Lourdes for the foreseeable future and then sell the entire property of Our Lady of Lourdes? SJV could be where daily masses & funerals would be held, and our classrooms could be spaces for committees/groups to meet. This could potentially provide some significant debt relief until a new Church could be built. While this doesn't address the priest shortage, it would help to further utilize the new school and reduce whatever expenditures are needed at Lourdes. Has there been an effort to identify ways to increase our income, such as renting or leasing out some of our facilities, such as the classrooms at St. John Vianney or Our Lady of Lourdes? We have been engaged and involved with past fundraising events for our Church. Historically, the % of parishioners funding these and normal ongoing contributions is around 50%. Has enough effort been put into trying to find out why these parishioners are not contributing? Even if you could get 1/2 of those not contributing, that would provide a major source of much-needed income.	2/14/2026 7:28 PM
285	I think we made a huge mistake spending the kind of money that was spent on Joan of Arc. I think 75 - 80 percent of the expected cost should have been committed prior to ground breaking.	2/14/2026 6:23 PM
286	There is not a "crisis of vocations" to the priesthood - there's a crisis of faith in general. Vocations come from families and parishes - parishes that encourage 1) primacy of the	2/14/2026 5:56 PM

sacraments in the Catholic faith and the life of a Christian, 2) strong conviction that the Catholic faith is the Church of Jesus Christ and not one-among-equals, 3) strong preaching and teaching about the sacrament and penance and more than a scheduled 45 minutes once a week for it, 4) youth ministry that is based in sacrament, then service - knowing that service is \*not\* a sacrament and that a sacramental life will necessarily lead to service, 5) the witness of young priests in our largest parishes. There is a danger of "cult of personality" around the clergy that causes many strife when it comes to merging parishes. The "standard" used to be that father should be able to say mass and unless you're on the altar, you'd never know who it was. Of course a shepherd should know his sheep. Yet it's all too common for "father" to be the "authority" in the church, and the building or the congregation to also become "the church." The word catholic means universal. The parish, building, people, location - the whole point of The Church writ large is Christ himself. The sacraments are why we have a faith at all - a clergy at all - a congregation at all \*that is uniquely Catholic.\* The location of the building, the patron saint, whether it is / is not our "home" parish - these are worldly attachments that cause us to forget that as Catholics, \*any\* Catholic church is our home. Every sacrament is the \*same\* sacrament. That "worship style" is even a phrase in our collective thinking is tedious. The Church has gone to great lengths over millennia to establish what the celebration of the sacraments should look like. "Style" is worldly. I know that some parishes are strongly sacramental and some - are not. I can tell a priest that \*prays\* and one who has cute homilies. I can also tell the difference between music that leads one to \*worship\* and the same, tried, droning melodies from the 80s' on a guitar or an organ that sounds very far away. Mass is not a show. Building a parish family happens during the time we \*work\* together \*after we pray.\* Our young adults are longing for exactly what the Church offers - Jesus Christ, His love, His redemption, and His salvation. The young are hardly going to be scarred to be told about the reality that the world in which we live is given to sin and death. Anyone knows that. The answer isn't a familiar song, a "kitchen soup for the soul" homily, and parish council that is "open to dialogue." The youth know that there is something transcendent and other worldly - a life beyond this one. A God. A Holy Sprit. A Jesus made manifest in the sacraments. These lead to life. Would that we would give that to them. I suggest we get beyond ourselves and start letting the Holy Spirit work in our parish. That our "church" become part of The Church. Would that every focus group begin with a holy hour - or parish council. Would that we have wise leaders that appoint those with talent to lead formation, education, worship, and music. Would that we focus on our faith and families, that the sacraments be so central to our lives, and that our faith inspire our young men to priesthood. 70 parishes? 3 priests per parish is only 210 men. The crisis is that, in our diocese, we can't inspire just 210 men to become priests. Maybe we should look closely - and within - why that is.

287	Keep the funding for the new school going even after we have met our initial individual pledge. Cont to make everyone feel welcome. Many are families but many are also single.	2/14/2026 5:41 PM
288	Sacred places such as OLOL and SJV should be preserved against all odds.	2/14/2026 5:19 PM
289	Need to keep the music program.	2/14/2026 3:52 PM
290	My childhood church closed years ago. I got over it. I found a new parish and survived. If traditions were that important we would still be meeting in people's home like the early Christians. What is important is a community where we can still receive the Sacraments. I prefer not having Mass in a school gym. Older people are not going to be comfortable sitting on folding chairs or bleachers. I may tolerate that for a while. Some people will probably drive to another parish. Better define how long the temporary period is. Everyone's time in this world is temporary. One question struck me as most silly was ensuring no one feels like "winners and losers". I believe this is impossible. There will always be someone with a "it's my way or the highway attitude". We should concede that may happen. Only God can make everybody happy. All we can do is try to make everyone understand that the Holy Sacraments are still available in whatever location. If someone believes God can only be worshiped in one specific geographical location then that is a problem they have to deal with.	2/14/2026 12:30 PM
291	Obviously we need to better understand the debt of the new school and how this is going to be addressed. We are very glad and supportive of the Bishop stating that no new Church would be built until we are free of the debt of the school. We should be taking a broader look at the Davenport Diocese to see what the opportunities are for consolidation of churches and schools. What are the needs of these facilities beyond Bettendorf? What are the opportunities to reallocate another priest to Bettendorf while also addressing the needs of the other parishes in Davenport? What are the 5 – 10 year expenditure needs of St. John Vianney and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches?	2/14/2026 12:24 PM

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292	If it becomes necessary to hold masses in one facility due to building problems, it should be in one church not the school. There is to many limitations to the school for large gatherings.	2/14/2026 12:00 PM
293	Change is ok and inevitable for our parishes. The sooner we build something sustainable the better.	2/14/2026 9:23 AM
294	Thank you! You have a challenging task.	2/14/2026 2:44 AM
295	The school was pushed upon parishioners, and has become a monument to those whose desires were thrust upon those who must ultimately pay for the building. Constant reminders only recognize those students, leaving out students who also make up a large part of youth in the parish but attend the public schools. I support the bishop's recommendation that we not go into further debt of more building.	2/13/2026 10:36 PM
296	This continues to frustrate me and others I have talked with. I was involved in the first Zoom meeting before Covid. The direction has been clear that Bishop Zincola wanted one Bettendorf parish, and we continued to hear that wasn't the direction. Complete fabrication. We have all these surveys and all these focus groups and the direction is clear. Nothing is going to change, so move on. Why continue to spend time and money on more surveys and more talking and more focus groups and meetings with Bishop Walsh. You have a steering committee in place saying they want to cut the mortgage time in half - of course you do - what other conclusion would you come to on such an enormous debt. You only got \$17 million on the first round of fundraising - you need to replicate that to pay off the mortgage - where do you think that is coming from - the same people that gave the first \$17 million? Save the money from these surveys and put it on the mortgage. Regardless if you got a great deal on the survey administration, pay nothing to them, put it on the mortgage, and move on because nothing is changing your direction from any survey or listening groups. You have one school now - you took advantage of an opening to now have one priest, you have two churches, what is the direction - you are following Zincola's predetermined outcome - so move on. Get it over with. At those early meetings with Zincola present, I said interest rates would never be lower - you procrastinated - did what you were going to do anyway and lost at least 3% in long term interest rates. Stop procrastinating and move on.	2/13/2026 8:51 PM
297	Don't rush into more building! Parishioners are tired of hearing week after week in the Prayers of the Faithful that we need to support St. Joan of Arc School and Upon This Rock campaign.	2/13/2026 8:33 PM
298	Get a representative to talk to those parishioners at SJV and OLOL who gave nothing ( and I mean zero) to the capital campain or support the financial budget of respective churches. To ask those parishioners who gave to the initial campain to double down on the second campain is not fair to those who gave. Its sad that approximately 50% of parishioners dont give anything. When a new church gets built, the Diocese better include parishioners input of what design and attributes tha church will have.	2/13/2026 7:10 PM
299	There is absolutely TOO MUCH division with the opening of St Joan of Arc school. While it is important to have a Catholic school available, we have seemingly forgotten the majority of young people who do NOT attend that school. At every turn we are encouraged to pray, fundraiser and concentrate on that building and students, as before we embraced ALL our young people and treated them fairly and equally. We have made it difficult to make ALL parishioners feel welcomed and included.	2/13/2026 6:14 PM
300	The last survey before the school was built was completely ignored!! The survey was NOT IN FAVOR IF A NEW SCHOOL, but you went ahead. We were told it wouldnt be built unless there was good donations, AND AGAIN YOU WENT AHEAD ANYWAY!!! Now you are concerned about costs, you KNEW this was coming. It is NOT A GOOD FEELING WHEN YOUR CHURCH LIES TO YOU!! Same thing is going on in Dubuque now fr Zinkula is there!!! When do we REALLY get a say??sorry Lourdes is in bad shape, really not our concern. Church there is fine, school is closed!	2/13/2026 4:43 PM
301	I feel that it is extremely important to move forward as quickly as one can while being fiscally and morally responsible. This is a huge responsibility on Fr Rich and Fr Tony; a responsibility that they take in stride and without complaint. We are blessed to have them both, but want to preserve their health in the process.	2/13/2026 4:23 PM
302	I believe the right Vision is merging the 2 parishes, building the new church, and closing/selling SJV and OLOL - let's get on with it! That said, we need a strong Case For Action for the new church ... school was easier because was falling apart. The Strategy should include how handle priest housing when close both existing parishes. I suggest SJoA site include a	2/13/2026 3:38 PM

columbarium, but no cemetery. Encourage the Strategy to include how involve LeClaire parish especially for the school financing. The Team and Bishop NEEDS to understand we will not please everyone. Leadership at both parishes is strong and aligned - NOW is the time to move FORWARD! THANKS for asking!

303	Thank you for continuing to seek input from everyone. Make the hard decisions prayerfully, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit.	2/13/2026 3:35 PM
304	I don't believe it is likely we can sustain two parishes due to priest shortage and cost.	2/13/2026 3:30 PM
305	Change like this is difficult, however, we are all children of our Lord and guided by Him. I am confident if we gather together and pray for His assistance it will be a successful transition.	2/13/2026 3:13 PM
306	Thank you for your efforts. Collecting and organizing information is a major challenge to developing a strategy. It appears that the next steps in strategic programming are codification of the given strategy, elaboration of the strategy, and conversion of substrategies to programs and plans (reference: Henry Mintzberg, 1994, The Rise and Fall of Strategic Planning, The Free Press). Transparency is essential in the overall process.	2/13/2026 2:58 PM
307	I already consider us one St. Joan of Arc parish and the sooner we lose the other two titles the better. We need to be one!	2/13/2026 2:48 PM
308	With the older population of Catholics residing near the two present churches it makes it easier to get to Masses and events. If a new church is built by Joan of Arc School it would be very helpful to offer a bus or similar transportation opportunity. Thanks.	2/13/2026 2:43 PM
309	The school has taken a lot of resources and attention throughout the years. It is and important piece of the culture of Lourdes, but there's a large portion of the parish without connection to the school and those people have been neglected. Vianney has been historically less invested in and involved with the Catholic school, so one possible positive of combining with Vianney is their strong investment in parish programming for kids, families and youth. If we were to beginning operations as one parish I could see the result being a more balanced approach.	2/13/2026 2:35 PM
310	One church - 2 campuses? I won't support building a new building. No need to spend that amount of money.	2/13/2026 2:26 PM
311	This is exhausting for the priest. Can we get more? Crazy to build a new church. We owe so much on the new school. Parishioners will be sad.	2/13/2026 2:25 PM
312	I don't want Father Rich running between two parishes. We are killing him!	2/13/2026 2:19 PM
313	I believe the stress on clergy is too great to continue as he is! Closing OLOL is difficult but financially beneficial for all	2/13/2026 2:00 PM
314	Sell Lourdes ASAP. Rent Bettendorf convention center if needed on Sundays.	2/13/2026 1:58 PM
315	OLOL could attend SJV, which would cut considerable cost to the Diocese	2/13/2026 1:57 PM
316	Consolidating the two parishes is necessary now. I believe the SJV facility will be sufficient for at least 10 actual years.	2/13/2026 1:55 PM
317	Life is give and take so we all have to give something. We have to trust the people "in charge" of these decisions. But the most important thing is our faith, and the faith of our children and coming together.	2/13/2026 1:18 PM
318	Lourdes is another home to me. When choosing a parish, Lourdes felt like my childhood church. My children were both baptized there and I was hoping to have both do first communion and potentially get married in the future. I will be heartbroken to see it close but I know that, from the talk I have heard that that is the likely scenario. I do, however, know that change is inevitable and although I will be distressed, am keeping my heart and mind open to the new beginnings. The change to SJA was also similar, closing a chapter and starting a new adventure. Traveling will be tough as I live right up the hill. But if the Bettendorf Community is not unified as we look towards all these changes, then these hurdles will be difficult to achieve. I would hope that at this time both churches would not close, that we would still have two locations for Masses but without additional information, I am not sure I can comment further. I worry about the space for masses and how that will work. More mass times at one location? Overall, the more transparent the Committee is, the better. Regarding financials, with our daughter in the school and our son, going in the next 3ish years, things are tight, I would love to prevent additional costs. We are paying our share that we agreed to but with the economy	2/13/2026 12:56 PM

how it is and paying for the new school, it does make the financial dynamics more difficult. I appreciate wanting to hear the community's feedback. Thank you.

319	Lack of church presence in the southern part of Bettendorf.	2/13/2026 12:42 PM
320	I hope that the negative feelings of some St. J V parishioners and particularly its office staff towards OLOL can be improved. Very hurtful.	2/13/2026 12:33 PM
321	If I have similar long drives between a church by Joan of Arc and the current St Paul, I would really consider going to St Paul's. Not having a church centrally in Bettendorf is shocking to me.	2/12/2026 10:34 PM
322	Start inviting Lourdes parishioners to Vianney events and Vianney parishioners to Lourdes events.	2/12/2026 10:27 PM
323	I'm incredibly grateful for the leadership of Father Rich and Deacon Ryan. Their steady guidance, compassion, and genuine care for our parish community are evident in everything they do. Father Rich's thoughtful homilies and pastoral presence provide both inspiration and clarity, while Deacon Ryan's dedication and approachability make people feel truly seen and welcomed. Together, they lead with humility, faith, and a deep commitment to serving others. Our parish is stronger, more connected, and more spiritually grounded because of their faithful leadership.	2/12/2026 7:25 PM
324	Fr. Rich is being stretched very thin. Easing his mode of operating with two parishes needs immediate attention.	2/12/2026 4:24 PM
325	I would like to see more involvement from our members. Not enough contributing monetarily or actively.	2/12/2026 4:12 PM
326	SJV has been my primary church since I was a child but I absolutely LOVED attending services at OLOL. I wish SJV would dedicate itself to more traditional services. I love SJV but OLOL feels more "Catholic" to me. The recent increase in conversions to Catholicism and the Orthodoxy have been spurred by people looking for something deeply grounded in tradition and I think the church could benefit from embracing that. I think OLOL has done a better job highlighting that connection to ancient times and the Early Church.	2/12/2026 3:29 PM
327	We know we have to do it. Rip the bandaid off and sell both parish buildings, have mass in the St. JOA School Gym on weekends while new church is built. Pretending like this isn't a church merger, and telling OLOL parishioners that this is not happening, when we all know it's inevitable is literally prolonging the pain. I've been through other parish mergers/new school builds and this seems like the only logical and fair way to do it, plus we are sitting on valuable land and paying for maintaining 2 church/ school buildings that are falling apart. Why??? Yes, I have loved OLOL and LCS since moving here 13 almost 14 years ago, but I don't get the rift and why the parishes have never liked to work together. Esp this year with going from 3 priests to none and then the moving of the school, the church feels like the air was sucked out of it. I don't attend SJV because I cannot stand church in the round, but we have been attending the Cathedral at times because my kids feel like the Cathedral has a feeling of OLOL prior to everything going off the rails in covid. Since Covid, my kids have struggled to feel at home at OLOL even though they attended and LOVED LCS and now being at AHS and St. JOA. They love their schools but do not like the way it feels at church. The music isn't the same, the feeling of family at church that they knew just seems gone. I 100% think the fair way to do this is merge so everyone is getting the same information, because I do things at many parishes, and attend and volunteer at OLOL, SJV and St. JOA, and there is so much confusing messaging and it's irritating that SJV seems to get the better and new information first. It leaves OLOL feeling like we are the redheaded stepchild facing the fact that our parent will die and we will be the orphans that no one really cares about because we have been deemed the "poor" parish. My kids miss having access to a priest, they miss having access to youth groups for middle school/ high school with their friends. We love Deacon Ryan, and the pathfinders group at the school has been great. I just think that if we drag this out 20+ years you are going to lose a lot of kids because older parishioners don't want to let go and the feelings of them being lost in the parish even with school, because it feels so off putting with just the divide in the air of the parishes. Get rid of the land that is sitting wasting itself with the buildings for OLOL & SJV and put all that into paying off the school and building a new church that accomodates everyone and the needs of people so we can act like one parish sooner than later. Also, financing ect needs to be done better than it was with the school. That left a lot of us questioning contributions because of conflicting messages and what felt like gaslighting at times when we were told one thing and something else happened. Also, we wasted so much	2/12/2026 2:43 PM

money on a consulting team for fundraising that in the end felt like a huge waste of money and time, which really made me question supporting it, as well as many people I know. We were told the school would be sold and then we would put that money towards the school and then it got dumped on school families that it actually wasn't going to be sold, we were keeping the buildings. There are still lots of hard feelings about that and mistrust. This stuff has been talked about since we moved here 14 years ago. Building isn't getting any cheaper. Get rid of the excessive maintaining of buildings that are falling apart and have mass in the school until we build a new church on the land we are paying for out by the school. My biggest thing is stop dragging out the inevitable. Get it done instead of making us all exhausted from talking about it and dreading it. Pretending and staying status quo until everyone gets sick of being involved in a parish that seems like its dying now because we all know it doesn't have a future, but we are pretending it does, is going to kill it anyway, and some of the people may be so aggravated with the prolonging of the process they leave for other parishes or the Peoria diocese permanently. And is there a way to share priests across dioceses? Or welcome in some religious orders? Other places we lived have booming vocations in the seminary. The church needs to do a better job of using resources. And I don't know how that looks practically, just seems like something that has been overlooked with our priests diminishing and dying.

328	Start now- it feels like the parishes are pulling the bandaid off slowly as the financial burdens grow. Sell both churches- grow the community as a whole and start building the new church in 2 years. Remember when the new bridge was being built- there was grumbling about the traffic, inconvenience and more. Those are fever dreams of the past now that we have the new bridge. Sell both buildings, pay off debt, build the body of people into one caring community and look to the future. The aging members will be able to plan for the new parish in their wills and help establish our future. Merge now!	2/12/2026 9:53 AM
329	Before attempting to build a new church, the parishes should be consolidated at St. John Vianney and the school debt retired.	2/12/2026 9:53 AM
330	Thank you for your work on this committee. I thought the choice of answers on this survey were skewed toward a particular outcome. Please be truthful, transparent and led by the Holy Spirit. Our Lady of Lourdes and St. John Vianney, pray for us.	2/11/2026 8:17 PM
331	Building the new school was needed and a great gift to our community. But paying it off and making sure not to overburden the parish is very important to me. So taking on a new church build needs to be planned for but I feel our church is very functional and meeting our needs. If it is not, I would like to understand how. As we work together I would like to see if people would like more group classes get together on certain topics like other faiths. Things that bring the community together.	2/11/2026 8:10 PM
332	Make a decision as soon as possible for a combined St. Joan of Arc parish with two locations and start plans for the new church.	2/11/2026 4:37 PM
333	Support our priests. Support our seminarians. Support St. Joan of Arc school.	2/11/2026 3:06 PM
334	Greatly appreciate all the work that's been done and accomplished - certainly not easy decisions but doing nothing is not an option. I like the visions that have been placed before us and pray the unity of all the Catholics in Bettendorf come together peacefully and respectfully.	2/11/2026 1:20 PM
335	Thank you.	2/11/2026 1:02 PM
336	We are all one! We are not from Bettendorf, so we don't have any strong opinions. We prefer the traditional mass, so we just don't want this to be a Protestant like mega church. The tabernacle should be placed in the middle of the church. Also the reverence of the Lourdes alter servers would be welcomed! We need some help at SJV there.	2/11/2026 12:15 PM
337	Would like to see parish council minutes in the bulletin and easy to find on the parish website.	2/11/2026 11:42 AM
338	Provide cost/benefit analysis for keep/maintain church facilities vs sell/relocate. How long can SJV support combined parishes needs? How will a major roof or HVAC failure impact decision? Address parking, walkways and traffic safety at major events and mass times at SJV. Minimize use of temporary facilities, ie mass in SJA gym, however optimize SJV Activity Center incl A/V support to handle overflow worship attendance. Potential & cost to add meeting space at SJV if needed.	2/11/2026 11:36 AM
339	This survey was designed with limited options, intending to steer towards a pre-selected "plan."	2/11/2026 10:45 AM

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340	As Bettendorf continues to grow, will one Catholic Church be enough to support such a large community? Is there any hope in bringing priests from Davenport, Moline, and Rock Island to support the exponential growth north and east?	2/11/2026 10:41 AM
341	Sell the school!!!! You're sitting on money.	2/11/2026 10:23 AM
342	I think it is important to keep traditional aspects when combining. To better serve both older and younger members.	2/11/2026 8:54 AM
343	What are the expected expenses for each church maintenance and renovation ? and other expenses. Would like to see more information in the bullet, a more open book. (like it used to be) I'm personally not looking forward to having a "mega church" in the future. I'd rather have less mass times at each church. Happy to see that the music is starting to change and the books are back. Please bring back the contemporary ensemble or something close to it, being organized and consistent.	2/10/2026 9:16 PM
344	Please be transparent and informative - schedule open planning meetings regularly and publish those times and locations well ahead of time in the bulletin so that people can attend.	2/10/2026 8:44 PM
345	The way I see things, we already are operating as one at two different church sites because of the new St. Joan of Arc school building. In my dreams, it would be 5 years and everyone would be worshipping at St. Joan of Arc church together! Ultimately, our end goal of this lifetime is to get each other to heaven!	2/10/2026 7:03 PM
346	God's will be done, let's all keep showing up for our side of the miracle	2/10/2026 7:00 PM
347	I think we need to combine parishes to St John Vianney location soon. Sell the Lourdes facility soon and use proceeds to reduce debt. SJV could handle the parishoners for a couple of years until the new school debt is paid off. Then look at new church options. What about the excess land at new school site? No one has talked about that.	2/10/2026 4:48 PM
348	I think the location of SJA school is too far away for the majority of OLL, especially, and SJV parishoners to be expected to travel to. If a new church were to be built, it should be in a more central location such as where SJV is located now. I am also concerned about losing our bright, beautiful and colorful SJV sanctuary for some ugly modern facility.	2/10/2026 2:11 PM
349	On the previous question, it said about building something new together. New church building? I think the present SJV building would work with increase number of masses. Do not think new church needed at this time. Lourdes should be sold ASAP and money applied to school debt. St. John Vianney Church would work with both parish members united	2/10/2026 1:59 PM
350	Change is not easy for anyone. However, change is needed here. People will adapt. The key is it must be fair and equitable for both parishes.	2/10/2026 1:29 PM
351	Encourage the two church councils and ministry committees begin working together soon.....now	2/10/2026 1:26 PM
352	The way Bishop Zinkula forced the two parishes into building a new school and church and assigned the two parishes a \$3.2M pledge to the diocese was just plain disgusting. I'm sure this helped Bishop Zinkula get elevated to Archbishop. Back when the bishop was trying to sell his plan, he said our school was a diocesan school. If that is true, why isn't the dioceses helping to pay for it? At least Bishop Walsh saw some sense when he said that no new church would be built until the school was paid for. He did, however, insist the diocesan pledge would also have to be paid, which is ridiculous since the two parishes didn't even have a campaign. At least should give us 28 years to come to our senses.	2/10/2026 1:15 PM
353	No	2/10/2026 1:15 PM
354	We have previously been at parishes where they were merged. It is very important that both parishes feel a part of the new parish. While it may seem like a good idea to come up with new traditions you wouldn't want to give up something that works.	2/10/2026 11:42 AM
355	While we have been fortunate in Bettendorf to not have had significant changes since SJV was built (in IL & Davenport there has been much consolidation and mergers), I do have a question of why Lourdes & SJV would be merging (two of the largest parishes in the area) when other smaller parishes in Davenport, LeClaire and in IL would continue to stay independent. This applies more to if the Lourdes parish building were to close, but I also have this question on if we become one parish at two campuses. Thank you for all your hard work in this process.	2/10/2026 11:32 AM

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356	No. Everyone is working so hard. I commend all of you for your efforts!	2/10/2026 10:53 AM
357	I love the idea that you reached out to the community to ask for their input. You are headed in the right direction.	2/10/2026 10:25 AM
358	As someone new to the Bettendorf area I have not been able to find information re: the financial status of either parish. Are Annual Reports published and distributed? Are the current budgets publicly available? Info re: building cost at St. Joan of Arc is prominent. As is info about the mortgage and plans to reduce debt ASAP. But similar info re: SJV and Lourdes per se can't be found.	2/10/2026 10:01 AM
359	As an older parishioner closer to the "Lourdes " neighborhood, do you have concerns with members joining neighboring Davenport parishes rather than driving to the other side of town ? It's a thought of ours possibly joining our daughter's parish . However, I honestly don't know how we will feel when the time comes . I feel there are possibly others in this position??	2/10/2026 9:22 AM
360	Change is always difficult for many, but as time goes by acceptance is achieved. When keeping parishioners informed, stressing the positive while acknowledging and respecting the difficulties of accepting change, gains the best long term acceptance. Of course, those not willing to see the long term benefits of joining our two parishes, may leave the church or change parishes. We need to be prepared for their absence of financial support. I have been a member of both parishes and there is a difference in their demographics, tithing ABILITY, involvement and financial burden due to church operating costs, Lourdes Catholic School operating costs and ADA assessments. Now that Fr. Adams is pastor of both parishes, this was a brilliant move toward preparing our two parishes to warm to the idea of our two Bettendorf parishes becoming one in the future. Five years after the merging of SJV and OLOL, parishioners will be adjusted and accepting, so let's get the ball rolling. God will be with us!	2/10/2026 8:29 AM
361	I think that rushing to build a new church at the location of St. Joan of Arc is a mistake. Have you looked at the median age of your regular parishioners and those that offer financial support on a regular basis? Do you have the financial support of those parishioners that are below this median age? I am concerned that you will not have the same level of financial support in ten to fifteen years from now. Has this been considered?	2/10/2026 7:12 AM
362	The "Parish Fee" for SJA attendance was a mistake. The small group of church volunteers who decided to implement this were disconnected and deaf to details from parents and educators who tried to offer perspective. Nearly all had no direct connection with the school at all. It was a very poor decision, and hurt the opening of the school.	2/10/2026 7:02 AM
363	I read in the church bulletin that Bishop Walsh wants St. Joan of Arc school debt is paid off before we start a new church. I agree with him totally. We need to make sure we cannot incur additional debt. I fell lots of pressure giving money to the school project while my children have left the area a long time ago. It is great to think strategically about the future generation of the Catholic in Bettendorf. I would not want a new church to be built until we pay off St. Joan of Arc's debt. Thank you.	2/10/2026 6:59 AM
364	Yes, we have plenty of room at St. John Vianney at all masses currently. Adding a fourth mass like we had several years ago would allow all Lourdes parishioners are chance to attend mass at SJV. I would strongly recommend trying that first - for a year or two before embarking on any capital campaign to build a new church.	2/10/2026 6:16 AM
365	Adopt, accept, and implement common guidelines - per Diocesan requirements - related to Religious Education and Sacraments such as two-years of formation prior to Confirmation. Schedule Religious Education classes on Wednesday evenings with the possible exception of Confirmation Classes to be held on Sundays. Ensure that all youth that attend NYYC use shared transportation, wear common attire (example: T-shirts), stay at the same hotels, eat meals in common designated areas - and NOT encourage "unique" status and behavior. Strive for common and shared experiences - isn't that what Jesus did?	2/9/2026 11:40 PM
366	Be more open to ideas, I have heard multiple times by parents that things go in one ear and out the other and people are not feeling heard. This is a major problem going forward, especially when the financial burden is now on the parents.	2/9/2026 10:47 PM
367	Once both churches are merged under a new parish umbrella, we feel it should be a priority to begin locating OLOL to the SJA School gym for weekend masses on a temporary basis. Funerals, weddings, etc., should be at SJV, or at a parish preferred by the parish family, if feasible, on a temporary basis. Once this temporary relocation process is in place, it should be	2/9/2026 10:36 PM

a high priority to prepare OLOL Church and old school "for sale". Our current financial situation would almost require us to sell the OLOL buildings and property as soon as possible. Sooner or later we will need to relieve ourselves of the on going expense of maintaining the OLOL buildings and property.

368	Decision making must be discerned prayerfully and taking things slowly according to God's Will.	2/9/2026 9:39 PM
369	Two Bettendorf parishes are not financially sustainable nor are there sufficient priests to cover. I can see this is straining Fr. Rich, Fr. Tony, Deacon Darryl, and the substitutes. The top priority is to confront this reality.	2/9/2026 9:09 PM
370	no	2/9/2026 8:47 PM
371	During the transition, having mass take place in a cafeteria, or gym, sounds like a nightmare logistically. It is already difficult to maintain the children's focus throughout in a church setting. And attending mass in a space that is truly dedicated to worship helps with getting into the right mindset.	2/9/2026 8:04 PM
372	A combined, single church will still need a minimum of two priests, it will be by far the largest parish in the diocese. Why not continue as things are now, allowing the two parishes to maintain their identities?	2/9/2026 8:03 PM
373	Please be transparent with all of the survey results.	2/9/2026 8:00 PM
374	Why do we need a new church when our churches are beautiful! Is there something we were not told? I feel we were not told upfront what was the intent!	2/9/2026 7:53 PM
375	Look at the options of closing Lourdes and selling it. Keep St. John running until the new church is completed. Also don't use the school for church services. Also another option close both locations, sell property, have members go to other Catholic Churches, still tide to Lourdes or St. John's then when the new church is ready for occupancy have all everyone come back... might be the best possible outcome for finance and community. I like to see all options that are considered to include the cost benefit of each decision. Another option is just wait until you have the funds and build the church and then close the others just like you did for the school. You need to consider the push for those that have large resources to make this happen. Granted everyone needs to provide financial support to what's possible but as a percentage those that have high net worth be willing to step forward. Well I said it. Thank you and God Bless!	2/9/2026 7:34 PM
376	Make it more about Jesus and less about us.	2/9/2026 7:31 PM
377	I think it's really important that we would have a new parish name and not still be called St. John Vianney and Lourdes by the time Lourdes property/facilities need to be vacated. As a current Lourdes parishioner it's hard not to feel sometimes like the step child in the relationship with St. John's.	2/9/2026 6:31 PM
378	let's keep Jesus as the center of all that we do.	2/9/2026 5:10 PM
379	Please offer masses in Latin.	2/9/2026 4:50 PM
380	Thank you for this survey, hope there are more surveys and ways to get the parishioners involved and their voices heard. Thanks!	2/9/2026 4:40 PM
381	This Question* 2. Do you have children currently enrolled at St. Joan of Arc School? Yes, we are a Catholic school family No, our children attend other schools No, we do not have school-age children We do have a school-age child and he attends Assumption - which wasn't a choice.	2/9/2026 4:36 PM
382	this is critical to growth and the future of our Catholic community. Although I see another series of mass asking for money. This is a topic that drove some of my network to other faiths over the years. If the need for a new building as a result of maintenance and the age of facilities that's one need. If the need is because we don't have enough priests to support the amount of churches. This is a different problem statement and the entire catholic community needs to understand why this is and how can it be fixed. A \$30m new church will not fix this issue.	2/9/2026 4:36 PM
383	Want to just kewl OLOL as is. Church is tradition.	2/9/2026 4:32 PM
384	The two parishes can be combined and use St John Vianney as the church. This can be done	2/9/2026 4:18 PM

by adding additional masses each weekend. A new church building is not needed and we will not contribute financially to a new church. We gave to SJV years ago to expand the church for the future and to Joan of Arc school. The parishes don't need to go in additional debt since SJV has the space.

385	This move to combine our parishes is long overdue.	2/9/2026 3:45 PM
386	Would not like mass in the school him. Prefer a more traditional church-not "in the round".	2/9/2026 2:39 PM
387	As an older parishioner, I feel as tho I don't have much skin in the game, and although when I joined SJV 30 years ago because I did have children at Lourdes but preferred the liturgies at SJV. I have come to realize we can be flexible.	2/9/2026 1:32 PM
388	I believe the Religious Education program at Our Lady of Lourdes should be combined with St. John Vianney's, which should be expanded to include Sunday classes similar to what is currently offered at Lourdes. I would welcome this change as early as the beginning of the next school year. The Lourdes religious education program seems to be struggling and the Lourdes school building is in terrible shape.	2/9/2026 1:29 PM
389	We (our household) believe The CATHOLIC part of this is what is most important. We also hope to see more of specifically encouraging families to ACTIVELY help in the education of and fostering of vocations, in their children. So, ministries and outreach that support this, is TANTAMOUNT to the survival of a vibrant, evangelical, Catholic parish.	2/9/2026 1:28 PM
390	I believe everyone realizes there will be significant changes. I think we should move toward the changes as soon as it is reasonable with transparency. There will be some bumps and bruises, but we are all Catholics. We love our faith. We love the mass. I trust Father Rich completely, and I am so grateful he is our leader through this process. We will survive it.	2/9/2026 1:21 PM
391	Two locations is both financially and physically draining. In reality, the two churches are not far apart, for financial and Fr Rich's sake, we should all operate out of SJV.	2/9/2026 12:52 PM
392	Please considering that there young adult parishioners that do not have kids and are looking for place in the church. Focusing only on families with kids in the catholic schools ostracizes the rest of us.	2/9/2026 12:31 PM
393	Unaware of every thing considered to date, but would it be viable to combine both parishes now, with increased Masses, to reduce duplicate costs enabling the current loan to be paid off more quickly? My understanding is OLOL is the smaller parish both in capacity and membership. No doubt this would not be easy but has it been considered?	2/9/2026 12:29 PM
394	There is a lot of new housing development happening in the area of St. Joan of Arc. Thinking that both of the current parishes plus more people (as the area is growing) will fit in the current school for worship doesn't seem like a well thought through plan. I tried to enroll my son in St. Joan of Arc this school year, but they were out of "wrap around care" spots. Since I work, I could not send him even though I wanted to. If working parents won't be able to send their kids to this school, I question whether it was worth it to spend so much money to build. I also wonder if it's intentional in order to exclude families who have a mother who works outside the home. I guess public school will continue to be a better fit for our family.	2/9/2026 12:27 PM
395	We need to stop living in a fantasy world. Our new reality is that we literally cannot afford to maintain two buildings. We're just prolonging the inevitable and at what cost?	2/9/2026 12:23 PM
396	I think our Parish leadership, led by Fr. Rich is doing everything necessary to ensure the future of the Catholic church in Bettendorf is strong and vibrant utilizing the hand being dealt, regarding the Priest shortage and fiscal responsibility. I wholly support them.	2/9/2026 12:17 PM
397	With so much division in our world we need to put aside differences in where we worship and unite by focusing on our Catholic Faith and why we worship.	2/9/2026 11:58 AM
398	I see no need to close St John Vianney. If Lourdes attendance is too low bring them up to St. John's and use more Mass times . St John's is in a great location to serve Bettendorf.	2/9/2026 11:58 AM
399	Please make sure that all new buildings are handicapped accessible. Please consult with an occupational therapist or the ADA, as the new school is not fully accessible- outer doors have too hard of a pull, limited handicapped parking, (there were no handicapped spots near the door to the CEW chapels), difficult for a person in a wheelchair to open the chapel doors, no ability for someone in a wheelchair to use the ambo to be able to participate as a reader. Just adding a very slow elevator, one auto open door and a couple of handicapped parking spots really isn't	2/9/2026 11:57 AM

enough to be fully accessible for someone who is disabled. I recommend, borrowing a wheelchair and spending a few hours trying to access areas such as bathrooms, (washing hands, trying to reach towels, transferring to a toilet without using abs, trying to reach toilet paper if you can't bend over without falling off the seat, opening doors to all areas, etc.

400	I have faith we can move forward together into one church!	2/9/2026 11:38 AM
401	Move slower with new change so we can get comfortable with it, learn it, and make it a routine.	2/9/2026 11:18 AM
402	Transparency and communication is extremely important during this process. Access to a point person for questions/ concerns.	2/9/2026 10:49 AM
403	The rate of change at OLOL is not acceptable from a mass setting perspective. Some people attend OLOL for a reason. I don't want this to become SJV 2.0 with no care given to the culture, traditions and worship style of OLOL. Poor decisions around communication early on in the SJA school fund raising project is why there was less "buy in" from SJA parents and SJV parishioners. No one asked "why aren't you willing to financially support the project" or "what would it take to allow you to feel comfortable financially supporting the new school"? Now we are in crisis mode with the \$2k debt service fee and enormous debt service that is not sustainable. Something has to give or we will all lose!	2/9/2026 10:20 AM
404	Avoid putting burden of cost on the parishioners like you did for the new SJA School families.	2/9/2026 10:09 AM
405	I want to make sure that as we move forward with this process we do not lose sight of our Catholic faith and we can continue to be a city on the hill for our community. I would like to see any action we take to provide inspiration and beauty for generations to come while not forsaking our current faith community. I have 4 small children of faith formation age and would not continue there formation in our parish if we insist on long term temporary solutions such as a year or two in St Joan of Arc's gym. I hope moving forward with a new church we can continue to have church that has a long main isle and with timeless traditional aesthetics.	2/9/2026 10:09 AM
406	I do not think having a temporary space at St. Joan of Arc as a long term temporary solution is an option. My family has four small kids of faith formation ages (currently 2 to 7) and I cannot imagine having mass in a gym every week for years. I think that teaching kids to have mass in folding chairs would take away from their learning of mass and mass procedures. It is not beautiful or inspiring. I cannot imagine my children receiving their first holy communion in a gymnasium. My family would find a new parish. We have been members of our lady of Lourdes for my entire life. My parents were married here, I was baptized, received my first communion, and confirmed at our lady of Lourdes. Both of my siblings were married here. However, I would find a new parish if it were to come to mass in a gym. If we are going to combine into one parish, I want to do it the right way and not rush things just to hurry it along. I want to take time and make it all beautiful for generations to come.	2/9/2026 9:53 AM
407	It's important that we have case studies from other Catholic Communities who have gone through a similar journey and understand the pros/cons as lessons learned. It's important to lay out as many alternatives as possible for the community to consider.	2/9/2026 9:51 AM
408	Currently I love the locations of our Bettendorf churches, we are able to walk to St John Vianney. With more parishioners will we feel we belong? We'll miss treasured family memories at Lourdes.	2/9/2026 9:45 AM
409	We fully support whatever changes need to be made for the health of our priests and for the financial stability of our Catholic community!	2/9/2026 9:26 AM
410	We all know you are planning on shutting down Lourde's in favor of St. John's. We are using their worship guides, their music ministry, and are merely becoming a satellite church to them. We were told there would be no changes for three years and yet we fired our music director without consulting the parish council. We are being lied to, and it is hurtful.	2/9/2026 9:15 AM
411	I would like to here how fund raising is going for Upon This Rock immediately and have a push to come to a successful campaign before a push to fund raise for the school. The families with children at the school should primarily fund the school. Close Lourdes and have more times for masses at SJV. Sell Lourdes property asap.	2/9/2026 9:00 AM
412	What God wants for us? How we can colabore to build the Kingdom of God? What is most important	2/9/2026 8:55 AM
413	The school building fee of \$2,000 is being pushed on only school families and should be a fee that all parish families pay since it is not just school families using the land and facilities. More	2/9/2026 8:54 AM

school families may look to transfer to one of the other Catholic schools because of this. Parish leadership has been very poor on communication and decision making and have not asked school families for input.

414	I appreciate all the hard work and decisions that you are making. I support any and all decisions that are made as I know you can't please everybody, and we can only do our best. Thank you for taking care of our church community.	2/9/2026 8:53 AM
415	I agree that having a church close to school is important but having 2 functional churches during this economical trying times it would be best to save for the building of the new church first then build it. Having debt with the school was not necessary we could have saved the money first then built the new building.	2/9/2026 8:50 AM
416	Before any decisions are made, I feel a similar survey should be sent out with the financial details and options of each strategy and path forward. And the respective "cost" or obligation to each family. This wasn't transparent with the new school building, and families were left in the dark.	2/9/2026 8:50 AM
417	The school/church connection should be addressed in a way that does not exclude families who do not have children at the school. This was a big problem I had with Lourdes. I felt second class because my children were at public school.	2/9/2026 8:46 AM
418	The longer we keep two places open, the more money we waste that we could be building together	2/9/2026 7:05 AM
419	I love SJV's music during masses and hope that stays. I like the layout and newer feel of SJV and its programs. In terms of merging, I have no issues with the two joining and already view them as merged in most ways. I volunteer at either parish, do walking with purpose and that is merged, CEW is merged, etc. I think it would probably be better for everyone to view them as one anyways.	2/8/2026 9:51 PM
420	Several questions did not apply but I had to put down something. Screws those totals..... Not really any questions geared toward seniors	2/8/2026 8:43 PM
421	Our current financial crisis is due to pushing through a building project that was unnecessary and poorly supported by most of our parish. I feel this is push to combine parishes is a foregone conclusion which will happen despite any opposition. This Strategic Planning effort is simply a way to camouflage the true arc of the strategy to bail out Lourdes School.	2/8/2026 7:38 PM
422	Stop asking for money for the school.	2/8/2026 7:30 PM
423	The more ministries/activities we can combine immediately, I think we should. I would suggest starting with religious ed and youth group, etc. Often the youth that attend public schools seem like an after-thought at OLOL. In order for parishioners from both parishes to let go of their loyalty to their parish traditions/preferences, it may take a fresh start in a new building. As difficult as it is, this may be the only realistic path forward. It is frustrating that the financial burden of the school will likely delay this from happening.	2/8/2026 7:08 PM
424	Yes- the communication was horrible for SJA school and non transparent. Been a OLOL parishioner for quite some time...very disappointed in the condition of the old school, seeing church offices move in and the rectory vacant. Old school should have had a for sale sign out front the moment SJA opened. I love our old school and church...it is a shell of what it was. The last day the school was open was happen moments...now it's sad.	2/8/2026 6:38 PM
425	N/a	2/8/2026 6:16 PM
426	Instead of parish identity, I'd like us to think of ourselves as the Bettendorf Catholic community.	2/8/2026 5:59 PM
427	I don't want to see the priests we currently have serving us burn out because of unreasonable work loads	2/8/2026 5:30 PM
428	You have the school. The new parish for all of Bettendorf needs to be connected to that school. Otherwise each parish is gonna try to find "it's" parish in the new one. It needs to be a new parish with a new identity otherwise no one will let go of their own identity. Also, we need to focus a lot more on fostering vocations, otherwise it's gonna be decades of split parishes, not enough mass times or confession times, and being at the mercy of importing priests from Africa, India, and Vietnam.	2/8/2026 5:25 PM

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429	Merging our parishes. Close Lourdes and have St John Vianney gather the parishioners in. Do not build a new church. We are already in debt for the school.	2/8/2026 4:27 PM
430	Acknowledgment from the planning committee that even though we're a Catholic community, there are definite cultural differences between the two parishes that need to be acknowledged. Example: I witnessed the non-Christian way too many SJV parishioner treated Fr. Kevin Ansty, (now, no longer a priest) and I heard some commenting how they "chased him away" from SJV or, "...set him straight." To me, this meant too many SJV parishioners think they're superior in their Catholicism and treat Catholic doctrines as a buffet where they can pick and choose. I think the OLOL parishioners believe SJV parishioner are not as devout. I can see why. Case in point: At the end of masses at SJV the priests could substitute "Go in Peace" to "Ready, Set, Go!" Not to mention all the grumbling I heard when Fr. Rich (finally) got SJV parishioners to kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer - now, was that so hard? I recommend that the planning committee try to document, quantify, and report out the opinions of various age groups - 14 to 21, 22 - 28, 29-40, 41-55, and 56+ then compare notes and see where there are gaps in Catholic beliefs, church-related activities, music preferences, changes they'd like to see at Mass or Ministries, and their vision where they envision where they think St. Joan of Arc Parish would look like, and what they believe where they will be in their faith journey ten years from now.	2/8/2026 4:23 PM
431	There should not be separate sacrament services for public school children and St. Joan of Arc /Assumption school children of the parishes. My biggest concern is creating a we/they environment.	2/8/2026 3:18 PM
432	We would like to see the two parishes combine prior to building a new church. We believe this would tell us more about who is more willing to be a part of the new parish, versus those who would choose to leave. Which in turn, should indicate how big of church should be built and who would be most likely to help pay for it. This, we feel, will help keep the finances of the new church properly aligned.	2/8/2026 3:08 PM
433	I am looking forward to one church uniting all of Bettendorf. Our children attend SJA and it would be wonderful to have the school families worship together over the weekend rather than at two separate parishes.	2/8/2026 2:52 PM
434	My main concern is a reduction in parish staff with this combination meaning that our parish staff will be overburdened and our programming will not be enhanced. I fully support a combination of the two parishes but it should result in improved parish programming and not just debt relief.	2/8/2026 2:51 PM
435	I would feel compelled to shop for a new church if it moves closer to the Joan of Ark school	2/8/2026 2:39 PM
436	I wonder about the marketability and value of each parish's properties. If they could be sold to fund initial cost of new construction I'd look past any inconvenience of mass in a gym. I'd also like to see what donated amenities could be included in the new church, such as stained glass, altar, baptismal font. I realize it will be a new building, but I also believe there is value in what we have. The average family does not buy all new furniture when they buy a new house.	2/8/2026 2:18 PM
437	We want to do everything we can to make all feel welcome and avoid a mega-church feeling where people feel lost and unimportant.	2/8/2026 1:52 PM
438	I fully support our pastor and deacons in these times of difficult decisions.	2/8/2026 1:47 PM
439	You have two very vibrant, thriving and large communities! If they are brought together, this will form a mega style church which is different than we experience today. There are other churches in the diocese that are smaller than one of these churches and they remain on their own.	2/8/2026 1:17 PM
440	I don't think we need to build a new church. Add a mass on sat and add one on Sunday. Keep St John. Sell the other church property and pay down the debt on the school. I would do it now!	2/8/2026 1:06 PM
441	I am concerned that crowed church = more spreading germs. Hope whatever we do there will be some consideration of space. I am concerned about creating separate spaces that people watch the mass from a screen. I want to be in the church main room. I do not want the Church to be so big it feels like a concert hall.	2/8/2026 12:54 PM
442	Good luck.	2/8/2026 12:45 PM
443	No	2/8/2026 12:35 PM

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444	We touted the reduction of debt by aggressively paying down the debt by 1M dollars. Lourdes is in disrepair, and costs a great deal, and has a reserve \$\$ cash account. It's time to cut losses and move forward. Be proactive	2/8/2026 12:24 PM
445	Get our debt reduced as soon as possible by closing Lourdes and applying that savings and sale of property to the new debt.	2/8/2026 12:20 PM
446	Just close and sell Lourdes campus and move all activities to SJV. Then pay down that debt a LOT and then think about building.	2/8/2026 12:05 PM
447	Can't we keep the Lourdes building and use it for something else? Like a community center? Or a shelter? Or an after school daycare center? I hate to see such a beautiful building destroyed.	2/8/2026 11:58 AM
448	I would prefer a location for everyone and not just the location with million dollar houses.	2/8/2026 11:55 AM
449	Any money spent on anything beyond basic necessities would be better spent on projects helping the community.	2/8/2026 11:44 AM
450	Thank you for asking for our thoughts and feeling on this process!	2/8/2026 11:35 AM
451	I think OLOL should be merged into SJV asap, that property sold and those funds used to pay down the debt for St Joan of Arc School.	2/8/2026 11:29 AM
452	Combined parishes becomes way too big and everyone is stranger to each other	2/8/2026 11:27 AM
453	How can we build a new church when the school is only half paid for?	2/8/2026 11:04 AM
454	Na	2/8/2026 11:03 AM
455	If Lourdes closes, my family would most likely switch to being members at the Cathedral rather than SJV. I fear that many people would do the same and then the financial support for paying off the school would evaporate. We promised the OLOL parish members that building a new school would not decimate the parish and now it looks like that is what happened. Alternately, if there was a brand new church building at SJA (not the gym) we would likely attend as parishioners.	2/8/2026 11:02 AM
456	I'd be concerned about building a new church along with the responsibility of paying off the school debt. It isn't a deal breaker but concerning.	2/8/2026 10:58 AM
457	Extremely upset that the church built a school that you didn't have the funds for. And now wanting us to consider a new church. Where will the money come from to pay for the school? We have already been asked for a lot.	2/8/2026 10:52 AM
458	Making sure that nothing between the two parishes will be lost. It's important to make any sort of merger easier by great communication.	2/8/2026 10:41 AM
459	N/A	2/8/2026 10:32 AM
460	We need to preserve and use one of the churches until a new church is built. The school was built to be a school. It does not have capacity for parish offices, conference rooms, or a proper church building. Using the gym temporarily for school mass is workable, but we would lose parishioners if that became the only space for masses. There would not be room to juggle parish events with school events either. It would also burden school administration, that needs to prioritize safety of students during school days, with events/activities of the parish. It's simply not workable to get rid of both parishes and just use the school.	2/8/2026 10:30 AM
461	SJV is a functional, wonderful space. Don't sell it. Purchase homes around SJV for expanded parking and move Lourdes to SJV. Listen to SJV parishioners and their concerns. Fundraising for a new church will be a problem and we have always supported SJV expansions/renovations in the past. Lourdes could worship in the new gym if they prefer while keeping SJV and sharing one priest.	2/8/2026 10:28 AM
462	I think you should sell OLOL property, to help finance new project.	2/8/2026 10:17 AM
463	It appears the writing is on the wall so just say that the parishes will be combined and lets move forward. Fund raising will be a significant challenge with this so go in with eyes wide open and do not do as they did with the fund raising for St. Joan of Arc and combine the church fund raising with another diocesan fund raising initiative as that felt like smoke and mirrors.	2/8/2026 10:13 AM

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464	While change is often hard for people to accept, I think our present Pastor is very capable of bringing changes successfully to our current two parish situation. Godspeed and lots of love and, patience and prayer can bring us through the turmoil, remembering always God's will be done not our personal wishes.	2/8/2026 10:10 AM
465	Do not change the music.	2/8/2026 10:01 AM
466	Consolidation is necessary due to shortage of priests, while also seeing the immense benefits of a collectively stronger parish community both spiritually and financially.	2/8/2026 10:01 AM
467	Number 7 I would have included a "none" answer as none are my concerns. Had to pick one since required. Personally I feel we are already operating as one but on two sites. I feel we are ready to move on. If we are being fiscally responsibility as well as taking into consideration the awesome clergy that we have and not burdening them, I support moving to one parish so we are not supporting two with a goal as soon as possible, building a new Church next to school unifying everyone. Change is difficult but egos can allow people to not move forward and embrace all the glorious changes that will occur. Saint Joan of Arc is with us in the battle of change and in the end we all win. It's all Good and within "good", there is God! Thanks to all of you leading this Strategic Planning. I support your efforts and pray for what God wants. Blessings!	2/8/2026 10:00 AM
468	Just get it done and move on	2/8/2026 9:58 AM
469	More adoration time. I think it will bear fruit for vocation and growth of our parish.	2/8/2026 9:58 AM
470	I believe SJV church could easily absorb OLOL parishioners by adding an early morning Sunday mass.	2/8/2026 9:48 AM
471	I feel it is important to consolidate both parishes one way or another. With the shortage of priests it does not seem sustainable to have two parishes so close together. It may inconvenience some, but we need a strong church to worship at. I appreciate your time and commitment to making catholic worship available to our community.	2/8/2026 9:32 AM
472	it saddens me that we have come to this, a merging of parishes and a closing of our kids school (all four finished at LCS) on Mississippi and Brown Sts. in Bettendorf. This is a very difficult time as a member of OLOL. I appreciate Fr Rich , the diocese and those that want to move things along now. Let's just get it done and be done.	2/8/2026 8:17 AM
473	Our only real concern is the cost of a new church. We fully understand that a priest shortage is a problem so we support a combined church; however, the school is a long ways from being paid for and we're unclear where the money will come from for the new church.	2/8/2026 7:39 AM
474	Bring down school debt before adding a new church... SJV only has one Saturday and two Sunday masses... for a few years we could combine both parishes at SJV and add a mass on Saturday and one or two on Sunday to accommodate everyone... sell OLOL and go slowly with added debt of a new mega parish	2/8/2026 6:49 AM
475	Parish life and activities of St. John's and OLOL are not the same. That is understandable. To promote unity and more awareness between the two parishes, the Sunday bulletins could be combined. One combined bulletin handed out at both parishes. Half of the bulletin with OLOL news and half of the bulletin with St. John's news.	2/8/2026 1:59 AM
476	I would like to see Catholic Social Justice and principles addressed in sermons. We live in a world that needs our prayers and action and it feels like this isn't talked about enough. We don't need to be political about it, but we do need to understand issues and the Catholic response and obligation to helping and supporting others. Also, much money was spent to build and equip the school. We need to be economical as we look at a church. Maybe more Masses will work rather than building a new church. Again, where should our money be spent? We have hungry, unhoused people who I believe Jesus calls us to care for. Thanks!	2/7/2026 10:55 PM
477	Ensure that not only one parish is effective. Share results of survey especially the question about using temporary space at st Joan of arc. Break out by parish. Share with both parish why it could be important to move to a temporary worship space. It could look like one place is favored over the other. Also at a minimum there should be a limit on how long we stay at either parish. Ensure both parish have the same incentive to build new parish. Also we should consider the cost of having police control traffic if we move to sjv.	2/7/2026 8:08 PM
478	Thank you for your time.	2/7/2026 8:04 PM

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479	If the using the SJA gym becomes an option, both parishes need to provide building use monies to SJA since you are charging school families the Family Contribution Fee. All groups such as CCW need to be charged a building use fee. Mass in the gym is not conducive to an ideal worship experience, and there will be people who will attend other parishes and leave SJV/OLL. A breakdown of expenses for the school and income from tuition and family fees would be appreciated After attending Mass in both parishes I can assure you the acoustics in Our Lady of Lourdes is very poor. We have actually not attended some of the events there because of difficulty hearing the speakers. SJV does not have this problem. SJ V and Lourdes need to reasses, change, add or delete some Mass times, so they are accomplishable for one priest. Narthex/gathering space could be opened to accomodate more seating at SJv and activities that occur usually in the narthex could be moved to the activity center.	2/7/2026 7:45 PM
480	I would like to make sure that all parishioners are fully informed of what is going on.	2/7/2026 7:28 PM
481	Although this may be painful for some, the reality is we must combine churches as soon as possible. St. John Vianney needs to be utilized as Bettendorf's Catholic Church until St. Joan of Arc mortgage has been paid in full and a new church is designed and built.	2/7/2026 6:24 PM
482	I am excited to be a part of our new Bettendorf Catholic community.	2/7/2026 6:22 PM
483	I am in favor 100% of building a new church (combining Our Lady of Lourdes and St. John Vianney). I would like to add the following comments. I am in favor of a traditional layout for the church when the new church is built. I am also interested in an adequate place for music ministry. The gathering space should be large and inviting.	2/7/2026 6:14 PM
484	I really like the 2 church's so I can always have different options for mass times	2/7/2026 6:08 PM
485	I appreciate the effort to listen. But it's time to move. I know it will be hard for Lourdes. But I. The long run this can be exciting.	2/7/2026 6:00 PM
486	I think Our Lady of Lourdes Church should be closed immediately and all masses moved to Saint John Vianney. This would make it easier for Father Rich. Additional masses would help alleviate crowding.	2/7/2026 5:54 PM
487	What would be the financial responsibility of each parish family? Like SJOA, each family pays an additional contribution toward the debt of the school.	2/7/2026 5:38 PM
488	I realize Lourdes church may be too old to rehab but can John Vianney, the newer church, receive the updates/rehab it may need and become the new all Bettendorf parish perhaps with the addition of some weekend masses? Has there been cost analysis of payments for rehab/updates on both churches versus building new? With the current debt still huge on the school I'm not sure how a new church can possibly be started. The economy isn't great right now. We are retired and we're thrilled our three year pledge was completed, but now I see we will most likely be contacted again to add more money for the school. I'm not sure how you can expect people to add a pledge for a new church.	2/7/2026 1:07 PM
489	I'm a member of a different parish (our lady of the river in leclair) but also have 2 at Saint Joan of arc school. So feel I can't say too much about the future of the 2 churches. With that said, Lourdes has been a second family to us for 13 years while my now AHS sophomore started at the school in preschool. We have countless happy memories at LCS and Lourdes. The new school is gorgeous but its biggest miss is not having a connecting church. The chapel is lovely but not big enough to host all school mass. Church in the gym is a great plan B for all school mass on weekdays but I know personally I wouldn't attend a weekend "real" mass there. It's still a gym. So what to do until we get a church at SJA? That's the real question....right? Thank you for all your planning and asking input too. I know the future is in good hands and I do not worry about it. Will keep praying. I guess my vote would be to keep open whichever church is in better shape (as far as building structure) and close the other one. I'm guessing that means close lourdes which really hurts my heart. But we knew it was coming. Let's rip off the band-aid per say and move ahead. Praying we get a new church for the SJA school sooner than later. I do miss a proper church for the students of SJA. Good luck and thank you. Kelly kruck	2/7/2026 10:14 AM
490	For the question on temporary space at SJA, it is important to define how long is "temporary". Less than 3 years is ok, but will be very difficult if it stretches to 5 years or more.	2/7/2026 8:06 AM
491	That regular people are invited to the planning meetings, meaning people not in committees or the staff be invited to attend & really find out what is going on. More communication would be nice to find out just what is going on.	2/6/2026 10:48 PM

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492	It's very important that question #9 and #10 be accomplished soon to further advance our two parishes becoming one quicker, thus reducing stress on a pastor trying to serve at both buildings plus the school also.	2/6/2026 10:15 PM
493	Assets and accounts available to pay off the school. Endowment, Foundation--why do we have both? We need to seel OLOL and SJV. We need a new church asap.	2/6/2026 9:42 PM
494	I think blending the worship styles will be problematic. There are strong feelings in this area. We will need to somehow accommodate these preferences. Perhaps in the way we schedule Masses so that Masses at various times can have different "flavors"..... for example some people love the bells choir.... others find it to be distracting and not reverent .... no right or wrong ... but when we join the two churches we need to keep this type of concern on the table. All other issues, while they may be passionately held, are not treading on the "core values" of our more traditional worshipers. I truly believe we will be a stronger and more vibrant community with the combined resources and talents of the two churches working under one roof..... the sooner the better. I also believe that it is essential we do this ASAP.	2/6/2026 8:49 PM
495	More opportunities for our special needs community - both children and adults	2/6/2026 8:37 PM
496	Who came up with these questions? The Catholic faith is losing grasp of Jesus message. Love. You are in risk/survival mode. I am getting to the point where I would much rather have a personal relationship with Jesus from the comfort of my home and give to other charities. The Eucharist is the only Reason I continue to go to Mass. Many of my Catholic friends feel duped by your capital campaign and your additional building fees. The point of this survey is to ask for more money with less spiritual support. Work as a diocese.	2/6/2026 8:15 PM
497	People in leadership positions need to ask people in the trenches what works best practically and not assume they know best just because of their position. Top down management never works. Don't rush into another project until you actually have the money to pay for it. The money for SJA should have been fully raised before that school was ever built. We also need to think of ourselves as part of the whole diocese, not just Bettendorf. We need to work together better with parishes from Bettendorf and Davenport.	2/6/2026 8:13 PM
498	Need to retire school debt before taking on new church debt. Church needs to be much larger than St John Vianny or it doesn't make sense to build a new church church to accommodate more people with less priests.	2/6/2026 8:05 PM
499	I know this is hard. But combining is the right thing and waiting only makes it harder. Let's get on to better days. Appreciate the effort to listen!	2/6/2026 7:49 PM
500	If/when we build a new church, please consider preserving the OLOL stones behind altar, altar, statues, stain glass, baptismal font, etc and maybe make a "Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel" at the new church (with 24 hour fob access).	2/6/2026 7:42 PM
501	Know that we appreciate your efforts, openness, communication, and that we understand the difficult task ahead.	2/6/2026 7:30 PM
502	Be aware of congregation demographics (seniors), (families) etc.	2/6/2026 7:00 PM
503	My preference is for the diocese to look at more than just combining St John Vianney & our Lady of Lourdes. I think in the Bettendorf and Davenport areas, we should be looking at all of the parishes to see, based on the size and weekly attendance, where consolidation should happen. I believe that SJV and OL are both large parishes while some of the parishes in Davenport are much smaller. Maybe we should close something in Davenport and move resources to Bettendorf? As Bettendorf continues to grow, is one parish going to meet the demand of Catholics? There are a lot of Catholic churches in Davenport. How do their attendance numbers compare to SJV and OLOL?	2/6/2026 6:44 PM
504	We need to be financially responsible first and foremost. Either location can add weekend Masses to address needs. Maintaining two campuses, if the intent is one parish, sure seems impractical. Population base should be used in that decision making. However, does population base in Davenport support their need for the number of parishes there?? Why is Bettendorf different?	2/6/2026 6:03 PM
505	OLOL and SJV have complimentary strengths. Combining them will make a single parish that is stronger than the two separate.	2/6/2026 5:53 PM
506	We have gone to the cathedral where we originally joined the Catholic Church with Fr Mottett.	2/6/2026 5:18 PM

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507	Our family converted to the Catholic faith at the cathedral. Conservative Catholic worship in traditional surroundings is important to us. Although we had been parish members for nearly 20 years at Lourdes, we have made the decision to return to the cathedral for worship.	2/6/2026 5:04 PM
508	Lourdes has been here longer and established stronger connections, a history worth saving.	2/6/2026 4:45 PM
509	The main issue is to have enough Masses for ALL to attend. Focus on paying OFF new Catholic School and continue to promote Catholic education. Emphasis on Religion Classes for public school children. Emphasis on Youth Ministry. Emphasis on preserving the Family. Have MANY opportunities for Senior Citizens!	2/6/2026 4:44 PM
510	The lack of communication is a major problem currently. The lack of a voice that was given to the school parents when St Joan of Arc was being built was and is a problem. The building fee burden that the school families incur that the parish has washed their hands of is very disappointing and a major red flag of the lack of leadership at the parish level.	2/6/2026 4:23 PM
511	Being transparent, being honest, Listening, developing a long-range plan, and periodic updates on progress.	2/6/2026 4:20 PM
512	I'm not happy that there is a \$2k per child added cost to go to St Joan of Arc. If you don't have the money to start a project, you certainly don't start digging until you are financed enough. This added cost to go to St Joan of Arc is a shame. We like a Catholic school but I think you should have kept Lourdes until it was financially affordable to make the change and now it's being pushed on the school kids parents. Not fair at all. Someone or a group of you made a huge mistake starting the new school project before having enough money to cover cost. You should have waited.	2/6/2026 4:19 PM
513	You will not please everyone, if you try you will be slow to accomplishing anything. The Bishop should provide clear direction and be upfront if needs and issues require SJV and OLOL to consolidate. It is not good to ask a question of the parish members if the leadership already knows the answer.	2/6/2026 3:41 PM
514	That we need to consolidate churches to St. John's. Sell Lourdes school and church to help get rid of the debt from the school	2/6/2026 3:40 PM
515	Sooner rather than later, we need to integrate Our Lady of the River into the process. How might this take place?	2/6/2026 3:00 PM
516	I think with shortage of priest and budgets it's important for everyone to feel welcomed but also to be understanding.	2/6/2026 2:47 PM
517	Make the changes as soon as possible. IT needs to happen due to shortness of priests. Unifying the parishes will better promote St. Joan of Arc School and PARISH!	2/6/2026 2:41 PM
518	Parishoners have been hit hard from a donation aspect just to get the school built and operational. From what I understand, there is still quite a need. My concern is the future need for donations as discussions begin to build a new church. Many people that I know, ourselves included, are pretty tapped out when it comes to giving toward the school and proposed new church.	2/6/2026 2:35 PM
519	I really enjoy being a parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes. I definitely think there is a different feel between the two churches. My hope is that the build of the new church will look similar to Lourdes. When I attend mass at St. John Vianney, the way that it is built in a circle - I kept finding it distracting because I could see other people across the way rather than just looking straight ahead. I really enjoyed the music they had before at Lourdes but now they changed over to the books. I love the more traditional feel of a Catholic Church and my hope is that the new church will bring that same feel when combining both together. I appreciate all of the work that has gone into trying to get community feedback so thank you for that.	2/6/2026 2:10 PM
520	1. The physical location of Lourdes - it is the first thing coming over the 74 bridge and probably not hugely significant, it is something wonderful and would be sad to see disappear. 2. The churches need to drop "our event"/"their event" language. Forgo church traditions this year in favor of joint events only. Traditions (August picnic/fall festival) can come back in following years. 3. Add a church liaison or a ministry chair to SJA's H&S cabinet to ensure there is communication between H&S Newsletter and Church bulletins on service and community opportunities (both ways!)	2/6/2026 2:05 PM
521	I see no need to build another church. I have attended Mass in both locations, and with one recent exception (last Easter) there has always been plenty of space. We shouldn't even	2/6/2026 1:28 PM

discuss the matter until the school is completely paid for. I realize that it makes it harder for our priests at this time. However lay people including women can take on larger roles.

522	The question about "building something new"...the word "building" needs to be defined. Building a new parish is necessary. Building a new church is not necessary and borders on unacceptable. We have a building on 18th Street.	2/6/2026 1:27 PM
523	My hope and my belief, as we move forward in building a new church structure, is that we strive to regain the beauty and the sacredness of what was lost over the past 30 years. Those who took it upon themselves to remove Altar Rails and the Blessed Sacrament from the Sanctuary, placing the musicians and choir where it competes with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass along with the "Music Ministry" implememnting what the praise music should be, and not retaining SILENCE at key point with in the Sacred Liturgy and through out the mass, giving a soul a chance to actually pray to our Lord, individually, together did not see the consequences of these decisions. I pray that we can make our new parish an actual sanctuary from the world at large, where we are fortified to go forth and preach the good news. I received my first Communion in 1960 while kneeling and on the tongue, returning to the pew to have my personal devotion with Jesus. Amen to that!!	2/6/2026 1:09 PM
524	I do not understand why Davenport can have six parishes and there is a need to push Bettendorf into one parish. Bettendorf has a population of almost 40,000 people and Davenport 101,000 people. Perhaps the diocese should close one of the Davenport churches and leave two open in Bettendorf. Our Lady of Lourdes should remain open to serve the East Davenport and West Bettendorf population as well as the many Illinois residents that travel across the bridge to attend mass at Lourdes.	2/6/2026 1:06 PM
525	I'm sure this has been suggested...if Lourdes were to close and merge with SJV, add a couple of masses, bring along Lourdes priests and staff. Perhaps even a shuttle to get Lourdes parishioners up to SJV. I hear several walk to Lourdes. Thank you for your time and effort.	2/6/2026 1:03 PM
526	I really think we need to sell Lourdes before it deteriorates more and move to SJV and or SJA. During holy days like Christmas and Easter we've been bursting at the seams for parking and seating. I am a SJV parishioner but I love a Lourdes mass on Sunday night too. This is a tough transition but there have been some poor planning and financial strategies that we need to be better at going forward. Ex selling Coram Deo tables instead of taking them to the new school Ex rolling out building fees while we have buildings we could condense and reduce the debt by selling, we have buckets in the hallways for leaks at Lourdes we need to let go of the building and put the proceeds down on the debt sooner rather than later.	2/6/2026 12:55 PM
527	Lourdes buildings are on life support, close them now.	2/6/2026 12:47 PM
528	Praying for you all during these tough decisions that need to be made.	2/6/2026 12:43 PM
529	Please keep a Sunday night mass	2/6/2026 12:40 PM
530	With the St. Joan of Arc school debt, many of the "extras" appeared to be based on an open checkbook concept with no one examining if the items were needed or purchased in a cost effective means. Expenses should be funneled through more than one person that has a broad understanding of what actually is NEEDED verses what is wanted. By the time the "want" items are paid for the cost will be double or triple. Good stewards of our money should be better followed.	2/6/2026 12:35 PM
531	Regarding the school debt, I am wondering if there have been campaigns to increase enrollment at the school. Have families with school-age children that are parishioners at SJV or OLOL been asked why they don't send their children to Catholic school?	2/6/2026 12:30 PM
532	I think most of the issues stem from priest shortage. Our efforts should go toward resolving that first, in my opinion.	2/6/2026 12:26 PM
533	I think the parishioners need to know how much money we could save if we close OLOL and sell the property. Then pay down the school debt with the proceeds. People have no idea of what it costs to keep that property going nor do they have any idea how much money is donated. We need some graphs and pie charts that show our financial future based on the options under consideration.	2/6/2026 12:22 PM
534	Maintaining our current programs to folks is very important. We need more than one full time priest.	2/6/2026 12:22 PM
535	I don't want to lose the traditional mass experience and look. SJV is very modern while	2/6/2026 12:21 PM

Lourdes is not. I don't want to lose that. SJV doesn't feel like a Catholic Church when you're in there.

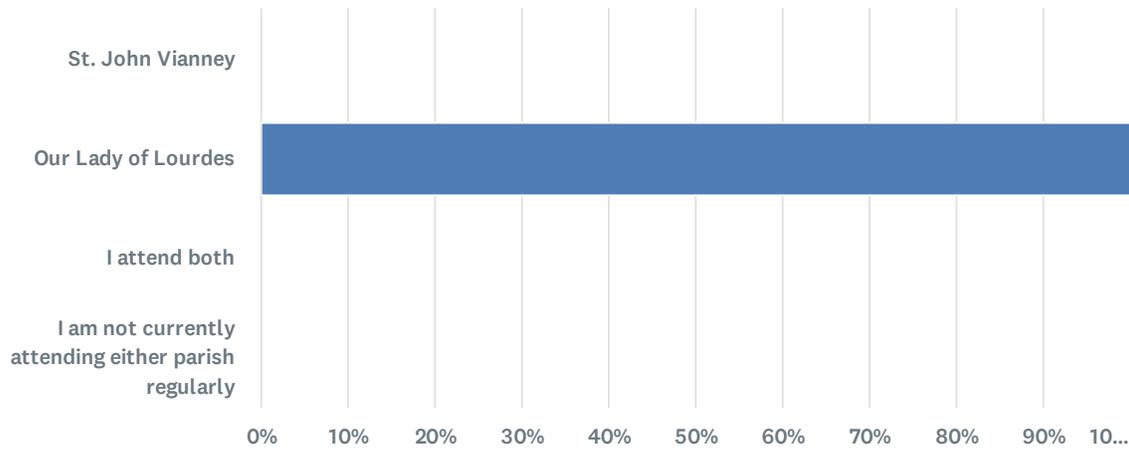
536	I suggest offering Masses that appeal to a variety of interest. Some people still want a very traditional type of Mass and I think that should be available, even though it is not my preference.	2/6/2026 12:18 PM
537	Merge parishes, expect to lose up to a third from each. We're not in the middle of nowhere. It's very easy to leave and go to a parish where the leadership is clear, ethical, and not trying to turn us into an evangelical megachurch that's Catholic in name only.	2/6/2026 12:11 PM
538	You are running a business using parishioner funds. The business aspects need to be managed competently and efficiently. It is the foundation for building a successful future. I am speaking from an inexcusable and wasteful experience regarding my pledge to the St Joan of Arc foundation.	2/6/2026 12:02 PM
539	What exactly is the financial plan for the school and a new church.	1/30/2026 2:49 PM

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**STRATEGIC PLANNING SURVEY  
RESULTS  
2/23/26**

## Q1 Which parish do you primarily attend?

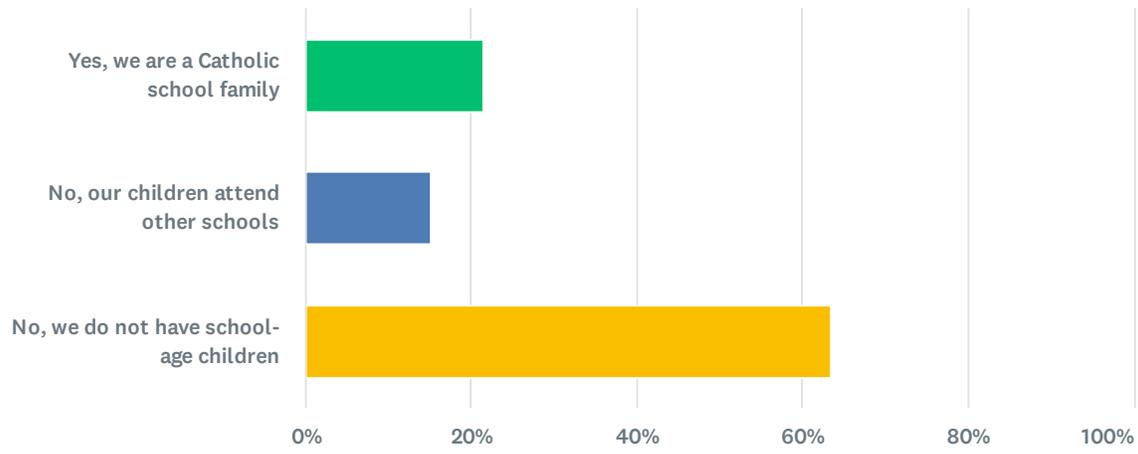
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● St. John Vianney	0%	0
● Our Lady of Lourdes	100.00%	353
● I attend both	0%	0
● I am not currently attending either parish regularly	0%	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>353</b>

## Q2 Do you have children currently enrolled at St. Joan of Arc School?

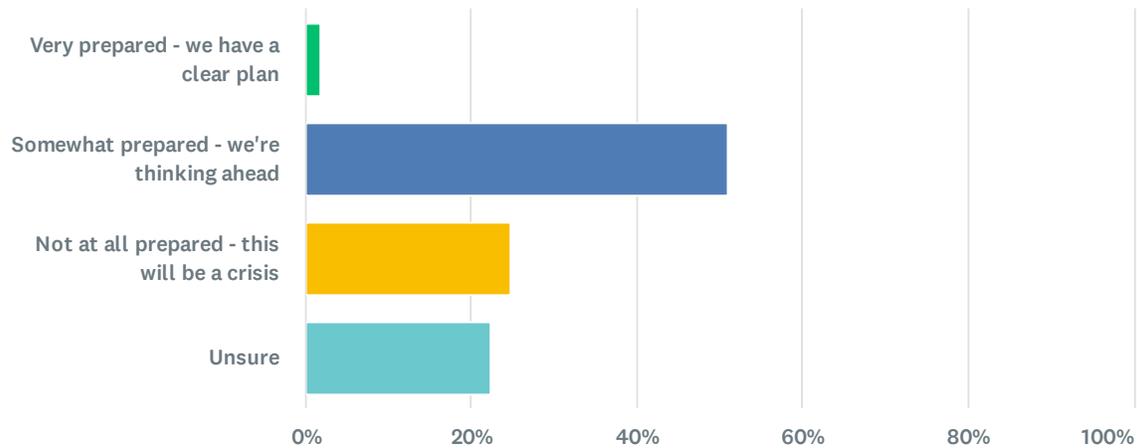
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Yes, we are a Catholic school family	21.53%	76
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> No, our children attend other schools	15.01%	53
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> No, we do not have school-age children	63.46%	224
<b>Total</b>		<b>353</b>

### Q3 The Diocese of Davenport currently has 34 pastors serving 70 parishes, and 11 of them will be at retirement age by 2028. How prepared do you think our parishes are for this reality?

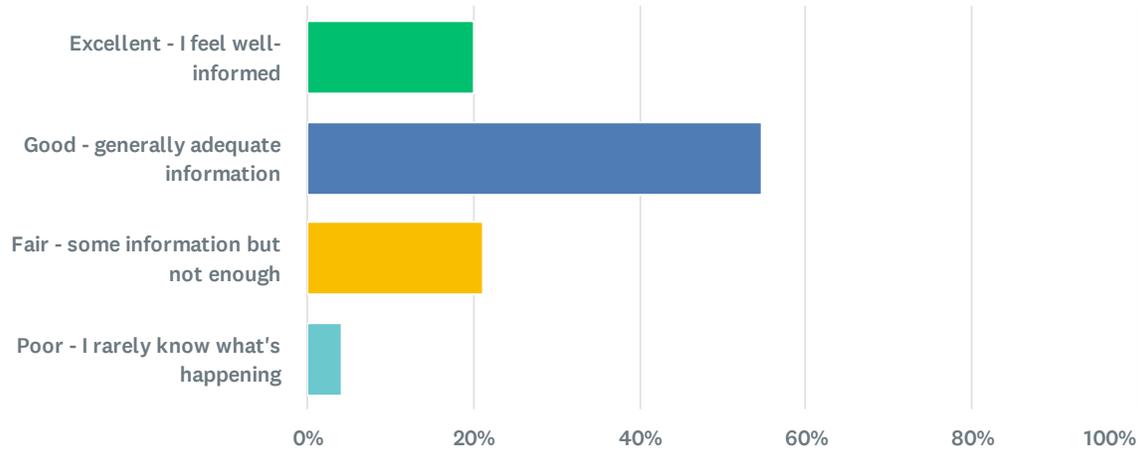
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Very prepared - we have a clear plan	1.79%	6
● Somewhat prepared - we're thinking ahead	51.04%	171
● Not at all prepared - this will be a crisis	24.78%	83
● Unsure	22.39%	75
<b>Total</b>		<b>335</b>

## Q4 How would you rate the current level of communication between parish leadership and parishioners?

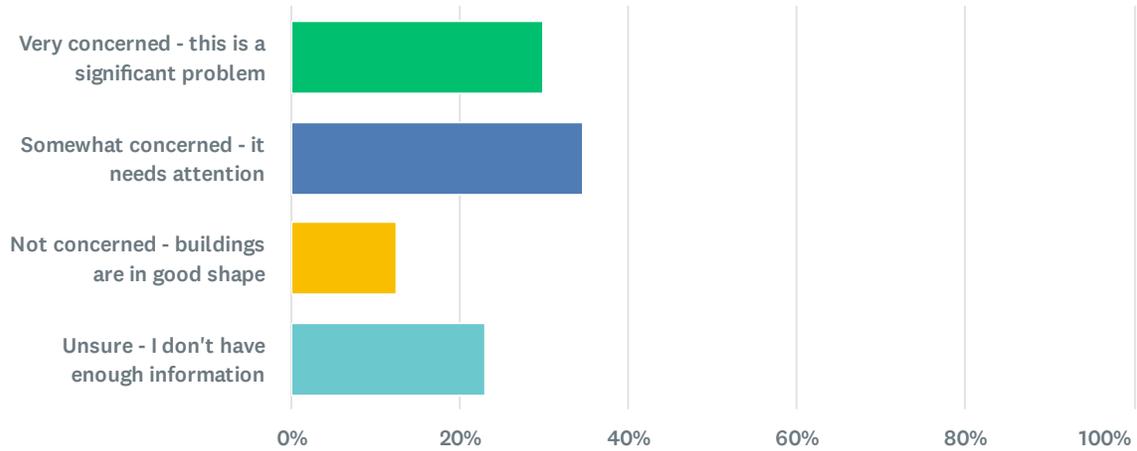
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Excellent - I feel well-informed	20.00%	67
● Good - generally adequate information	54.63%	183
● Fair - some information but not enough	21.19%	71
● Poor - I rarely know what's happening	4.18%	14
<b>Total</b>		<b>335</b>

## Q5 What is your level of concern about the condition and maintenance costs of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish?

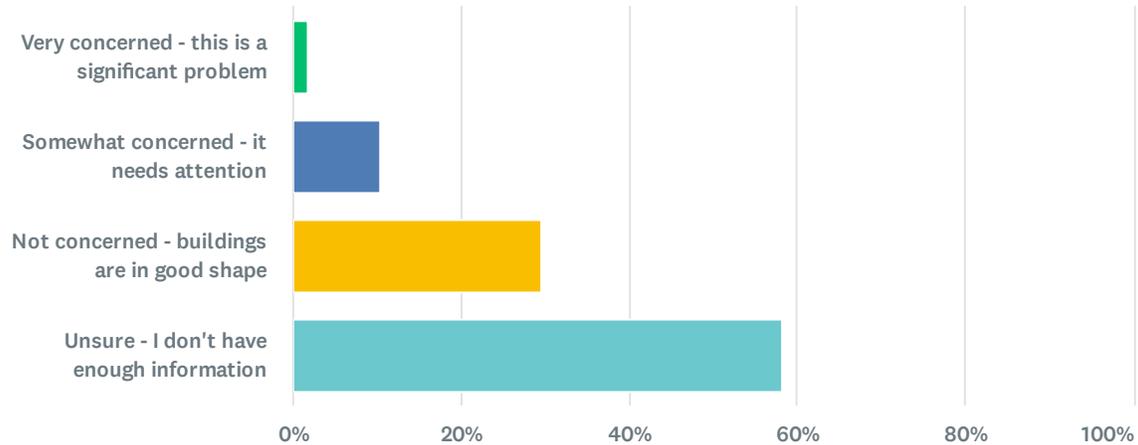
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Very concerned - this is a significant problem	29.85%	100
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Somewhat concerned - it needs attention	34.63%	116
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Not concerned - buildings are in good shape	12.54%	42
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Unsure - I don't have enough information	22.99%	77
<b>Total</b>		<b>335</b>

## Q6 What is your level of concern about the condition and maintenance costs of St. John Vianney Parish?

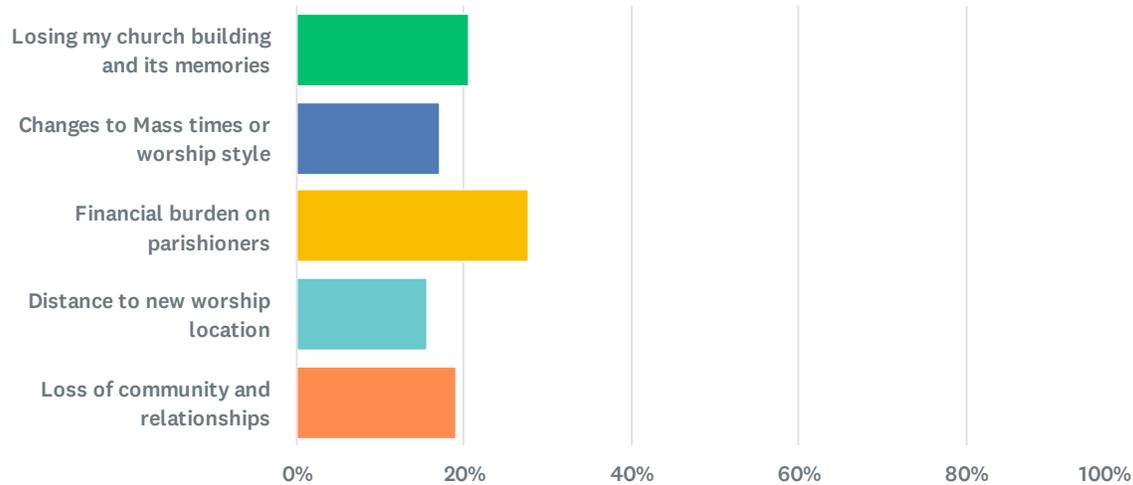
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Very concerned - this is a significant problem	1.79%	6
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Somewhat concerned - it needs attention	10.45%	35
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Not concerned - buildings are in good shape	29.55%	99
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Unsure - I don't have enough information	58.21%	195
<b>Total</b>		<b>335</b>

### Q7 What concerns you most about potential changes ahead? (Select up to 3)

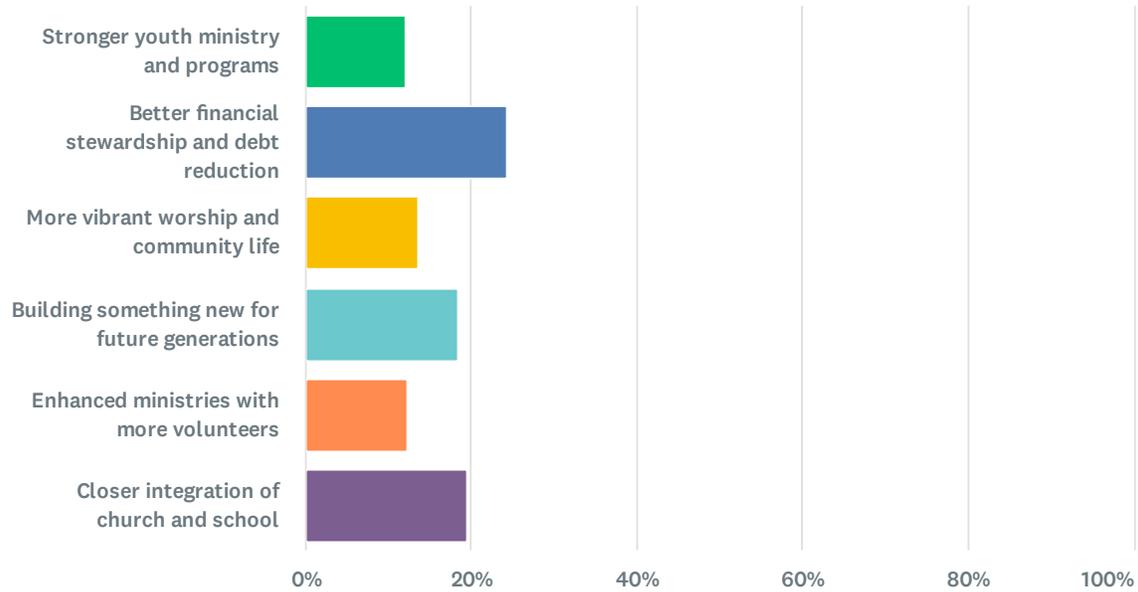
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Losing my church building and its memories	20.64%	136
● Changes to Mass times or worship style	17.00%	112
● Financial burden on parishioners	27.77%	183
● Distance to new worship location	15.63%	103
● Loss of community and relationships	18.97%	125
<b>Total</b>		<b>659</b>

## Q8 What excites you most about the potential for our parishes to work more closely together? (Select up to 3)

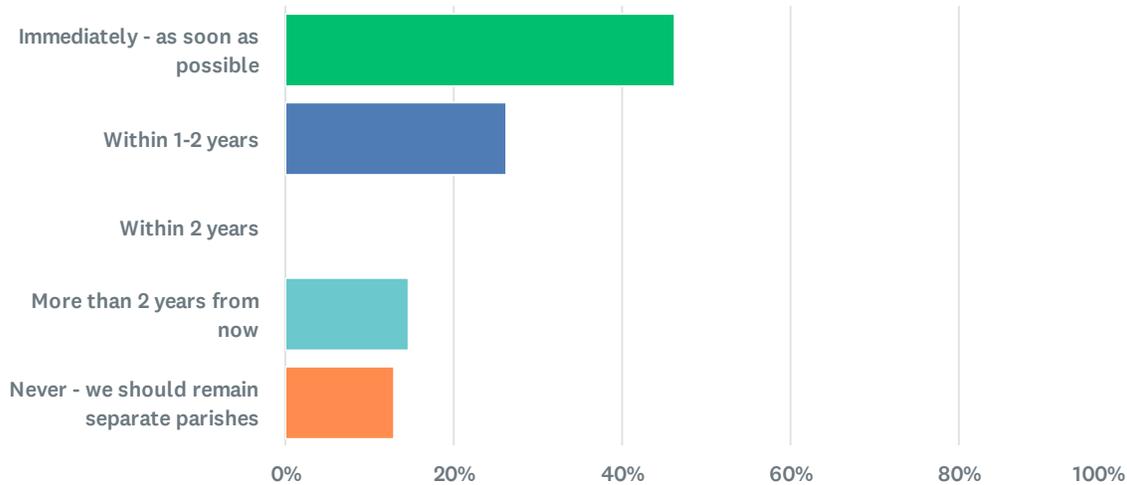
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Stronger youth ministry and programs	11.94%	86
● Better financial stewardship and debt reduction	24.31%	175
● More vibrant worship and community life	13.61%	98
● Building something new for future generations	18.33%	132
● Enhanced ministries with more volunteers	12.36%	89
● Closer integration of church and school	19.44%	140
<b>Total</b>		<b>720</b>

### Q9 If our parishes were to become one canonical parish (while potentially operating in two locations initially), when would be the right time?

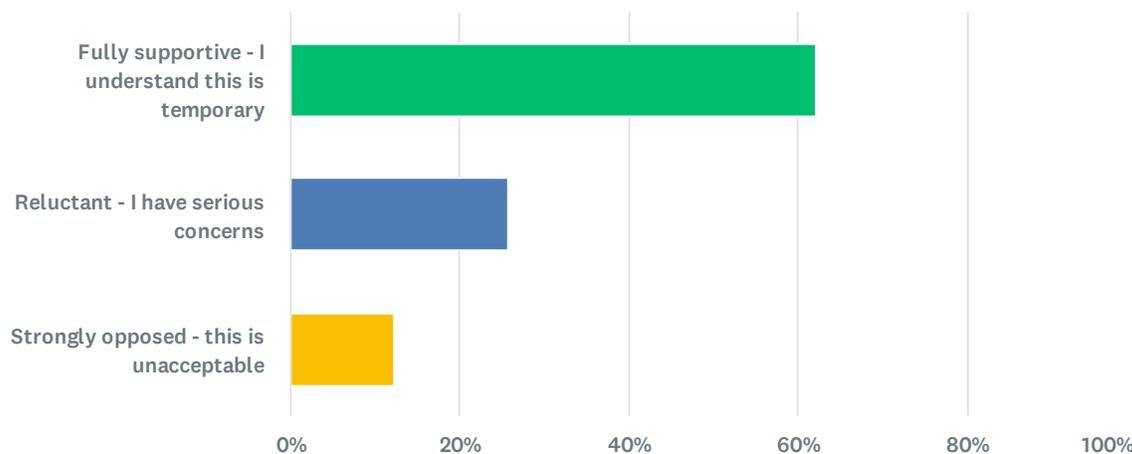
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Immediately - as soon as possible	46.18%	151
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Within 1-2 years	26.30%	86
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Within 2 years	0%	0
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> More than 2 years from now	14.68%	48
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Never - we should remain separate parishes	12.84%	42
<b>Total</b>		<b>327</b>

### Q10 How do you feel about potentially worshiping in temporary spaces (like St. Joan of Arc School) during a transition period if it means better long-term outcomes?

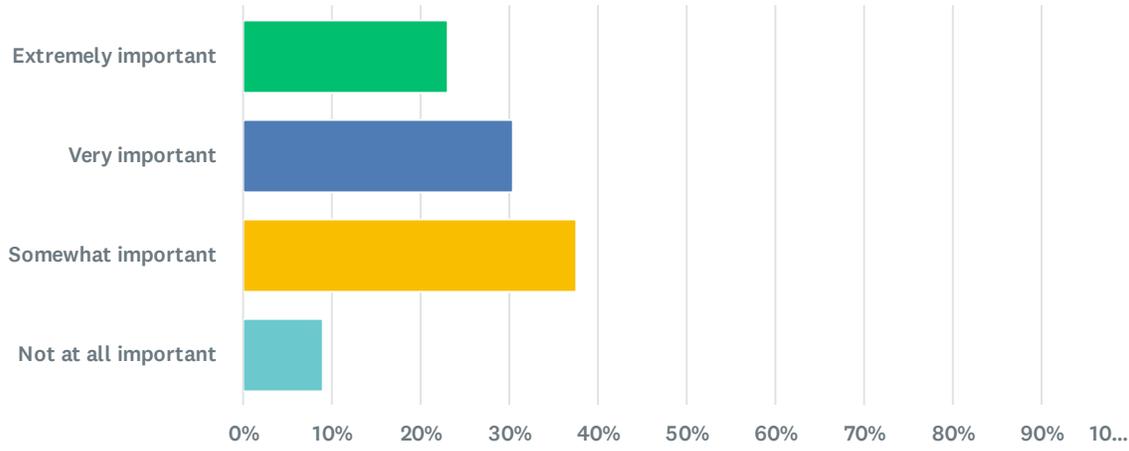
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Fully supportive - I understand this is temporary	62.08%	203
● Reluctant - I have serious concerns	25.69%	84
● Strongly opposed - this is unacceptable	12.23%	40
<b>Total</b>		<b>327</b>

## Q11 Preserving traditions from both parishes

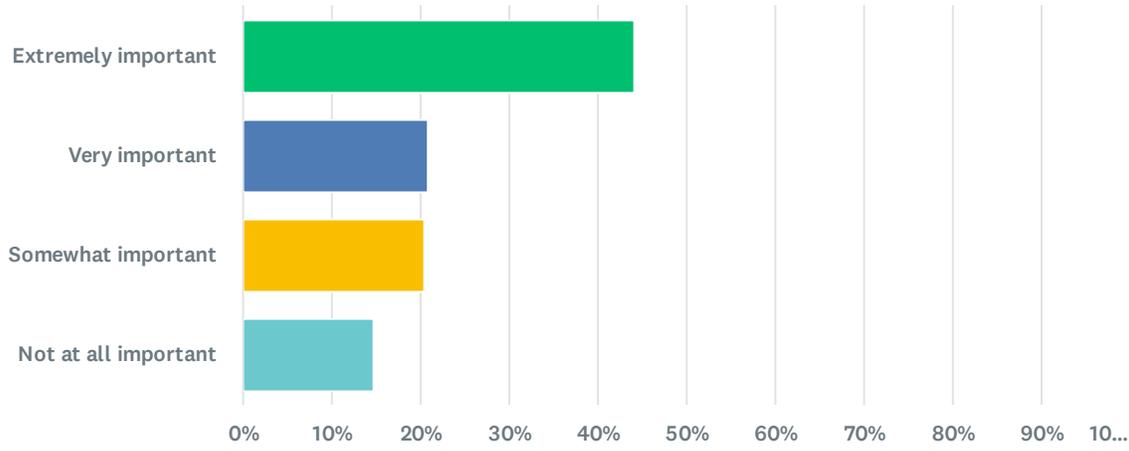
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Extremely important	22.98%	74
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Very important	30.43%	98
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Somewhat important	37.58%	121
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Not at all important	9.01%	29
<b>Total</b>		<b>322</b>

## Q12 Ensuring no one feels like 'winners and losers'

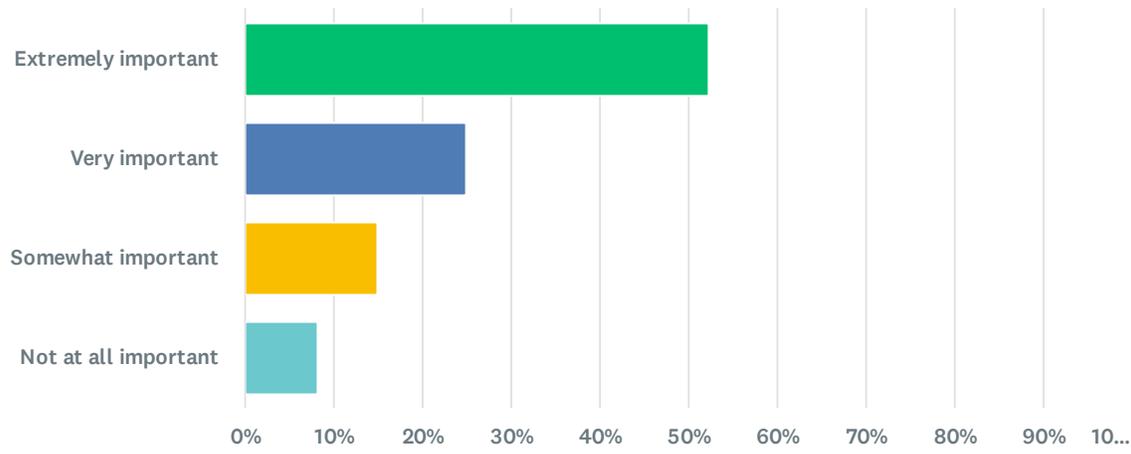
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<span style="color: green;">●</span> Extremely important	44.10%	142
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Very important	20.81%	67
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Somewhat important	20.50%	66
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Not at all important	14.60%	47
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## Q13 Maintaining strong connection between church and school

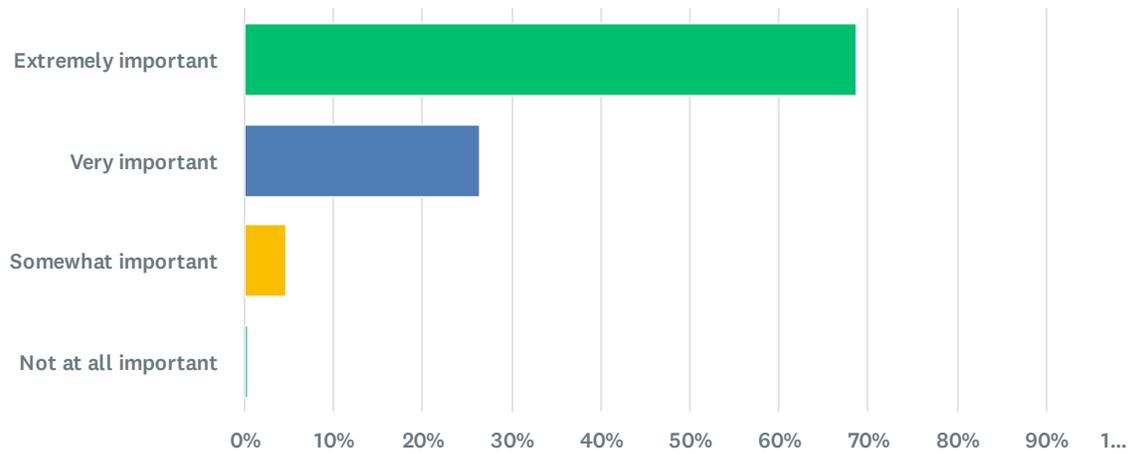
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<span style="color: green;">●</span> Extremely important	52.17%	168
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Very important	24.84%	80
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Somewhat important	14.91%	48
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Not at all important	8.07%	26
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## Q14 Being transparent about finances and decision-making

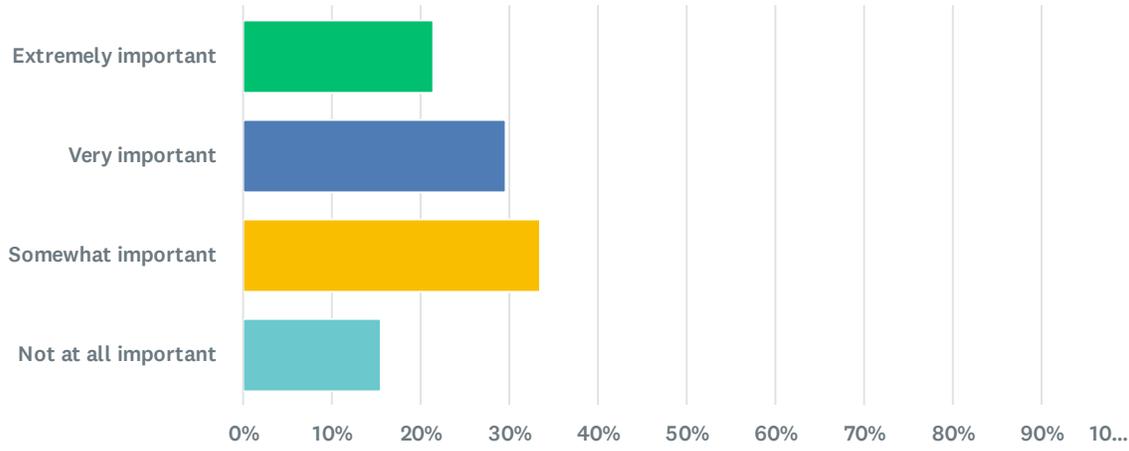
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Extremely important	68.63%	221
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Very important	26.40%	85
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Somewhat important	4.66%	15
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Not at all important	0.31%	1
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### Q15 Acting quickly vs. slowly:

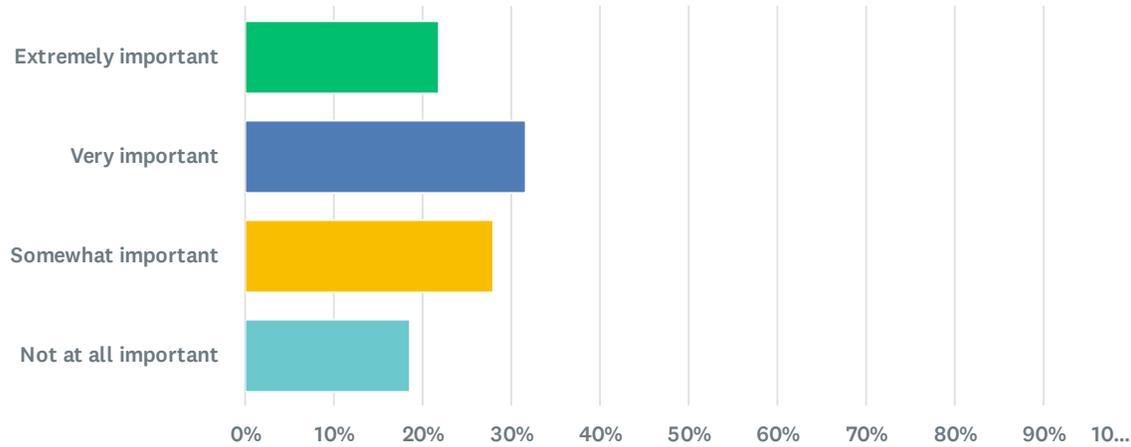
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Extremely important	21.43%	69
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Very important	29.50%	95
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Somewhat important	33.54%	108
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Not at all important	15.53%	50
<b>Total</b>		<b>322</b>

## Q16 Building something new together rather than keeping things as they are:

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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Extremely important	21.74%	70
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Very important	31.68%	102
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Somewhat important	27.95%	90
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Not at all important	18.63%	60
<b>Total</b>		<b>322</b>

**Q17 Is there anything else you would like the Strategic Planning  
Committee to know as we consider the future of our Catholic community?  
(optional)**

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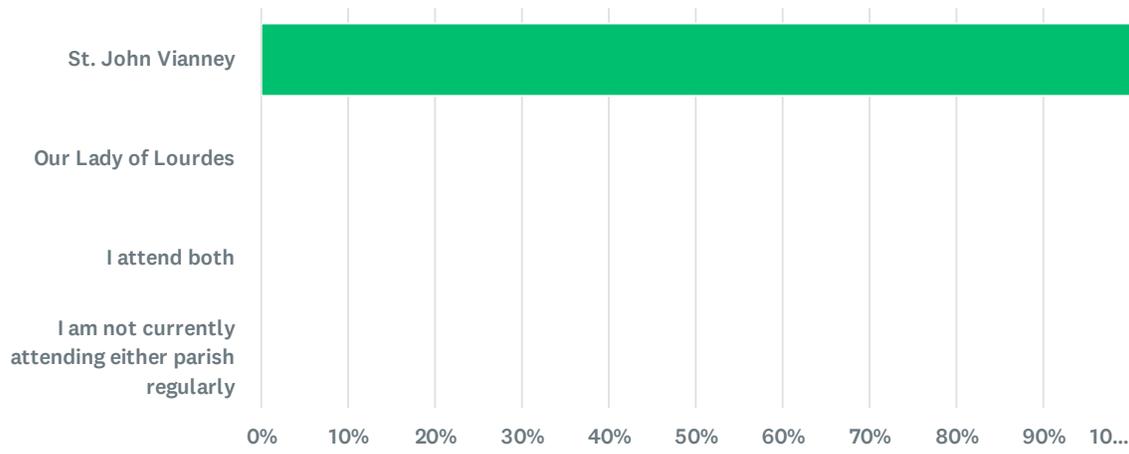
**St. John Vianney Parish  
Respondents Only**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING SURVEY  
RESULTS**

**2/23/26**

## Q1 Which parish do you primarily attend?

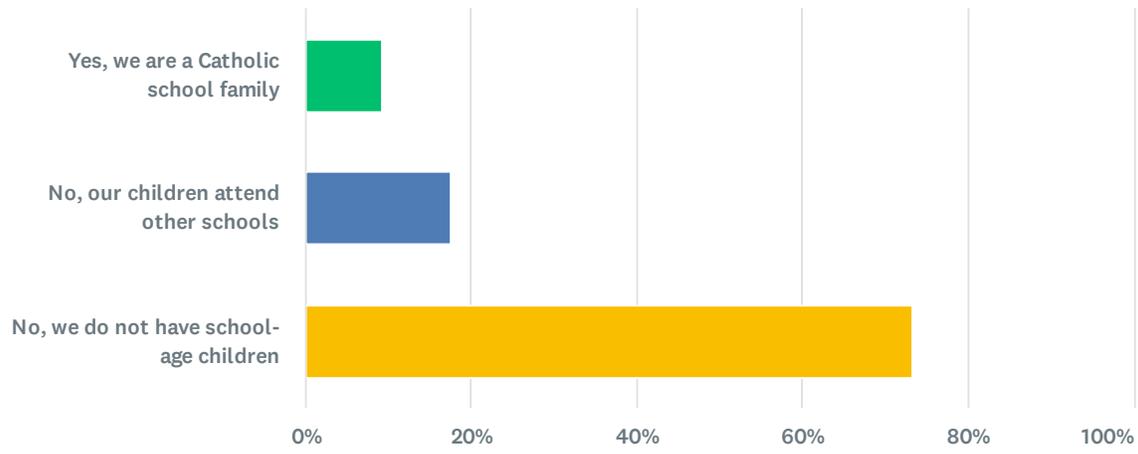
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> St. John Vianney	100.00%	810
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Our Lady of Lourdes	0%	0
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> I attend both	0%	0
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> I am not currently attending either parish regularly	0%	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>810</b>

## Q2 Do you have children currently enrolled at St. Joan of Arc School?

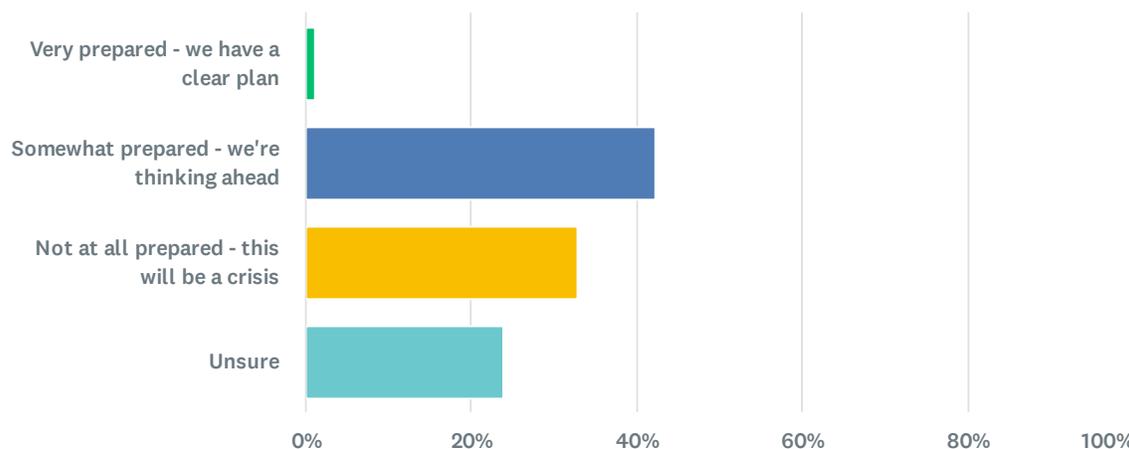
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Yes, we are a Catholic school family	9.26%	75
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> No, our children attend other schools	17.41%	141
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> No, we do not have school-age children	73.33%	594
<b>Total</b>		<b>810</b>

### Q3 The Diocese of Davenport currently has 34 pastors serving 70 parishes, and 11 of them will be at retirement age by 2028. How prepared do you think our parishes are for this reality?

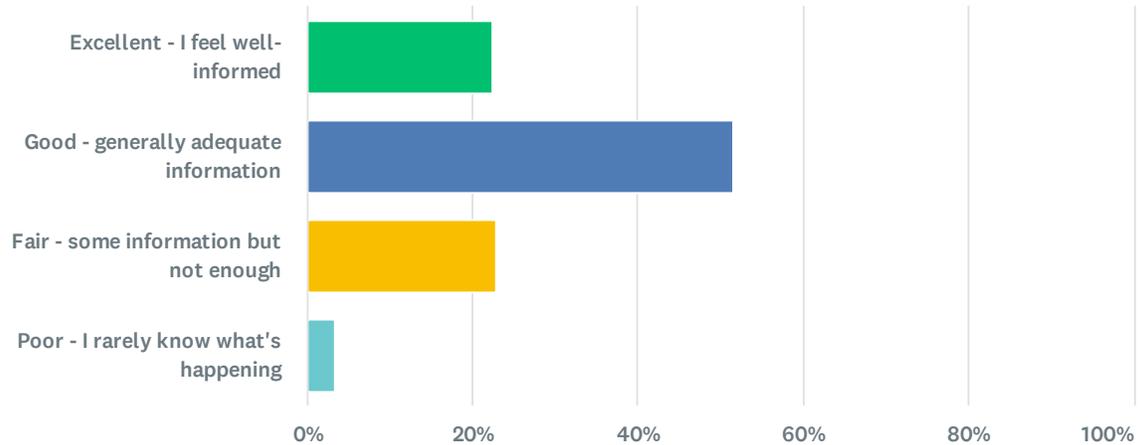
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Very prepared - we have a clear plan	1.04%	8
● Somewhat prepared - we're thinking ahead	42.21%	325
● Not at all prepared - this will be a crisis	32.86%	253
● Unsure	23.90%	184
<b>Total</b>		<b>770</b>

## Q4 How would you rate the current level of communication between parish leadership and parishioners?

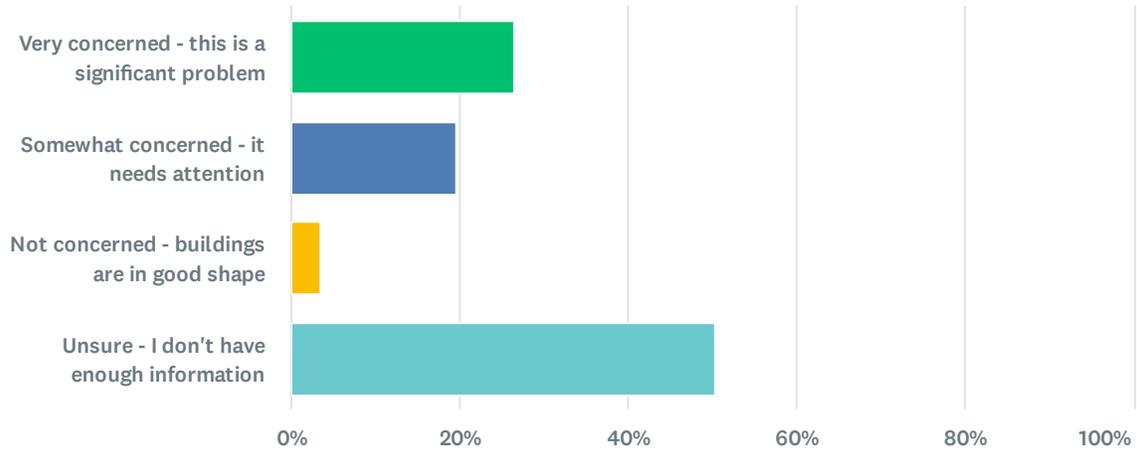
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Excellent - I feel well-informed	22.34%	172
● Good - generally adequate information	51.56%	397
● Fair - some information but not enough	22.73%	175
● Poor - I rarely know what's happening	3.38%	26
<b>Total</b>		<b>770</b>

## Q5 What is your level of concern about the condition and maintenance costs of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish?

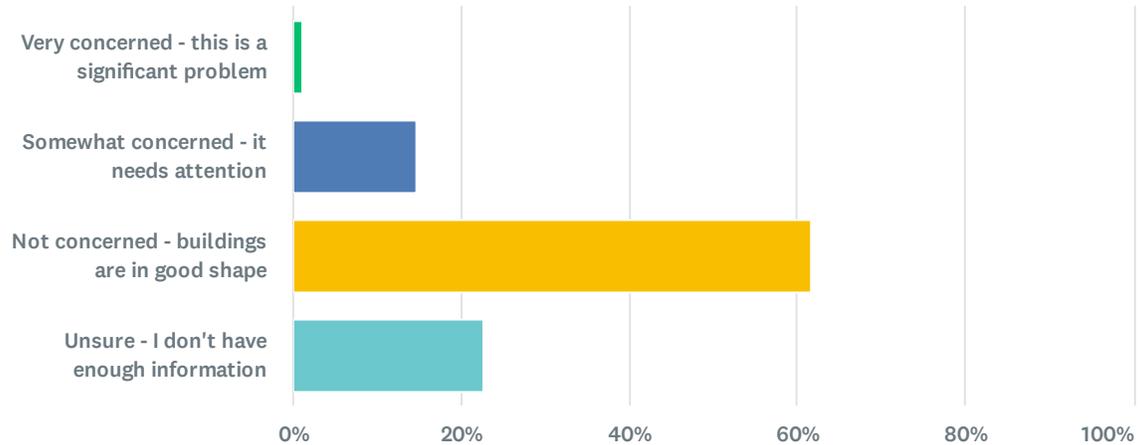
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Very concerned - this is a significant problem	26.49%	204
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Somewhat concerned - it needs attention	19.61%	151
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Not concerned - buildings are in good shape	3.51%	27
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Unsure - I don't have enough information	50.39%	388
<b>Total</b>		<b>770</b>

## Q6 What is your level of concern about the condition and maintenance costs of St. John Vianney Parish?

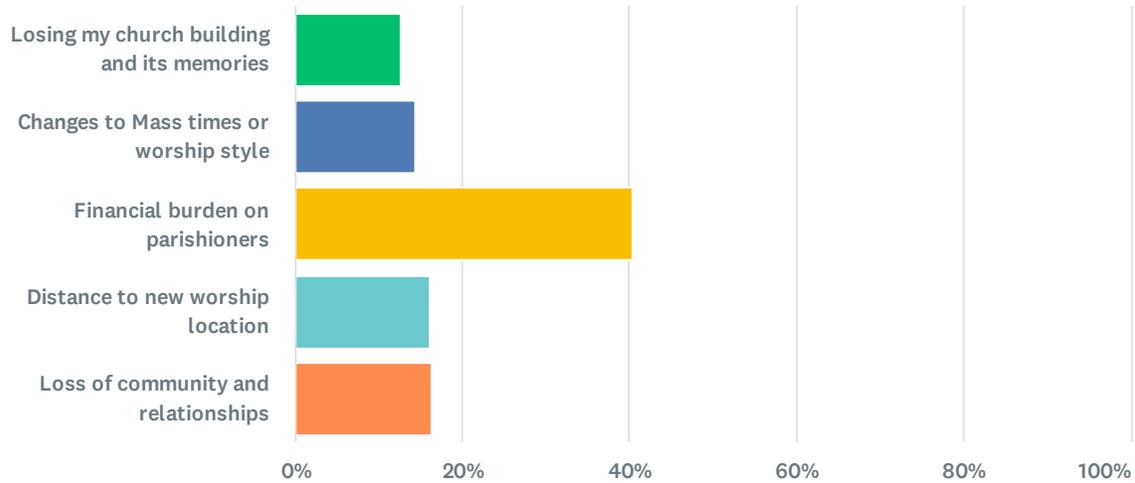
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Very concerned - this is a significant problem	1.04%	8
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Somewhat concerned - it needs attention	14.55%	112
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Not concerned - buildings are in good shape	61.69%	475
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Unsure - I don't have enough information	22.73%	175
<b>Total</b>		<b>770</b>

### Q7 What concerns you most about potential changes ahead? (Select up to 3)

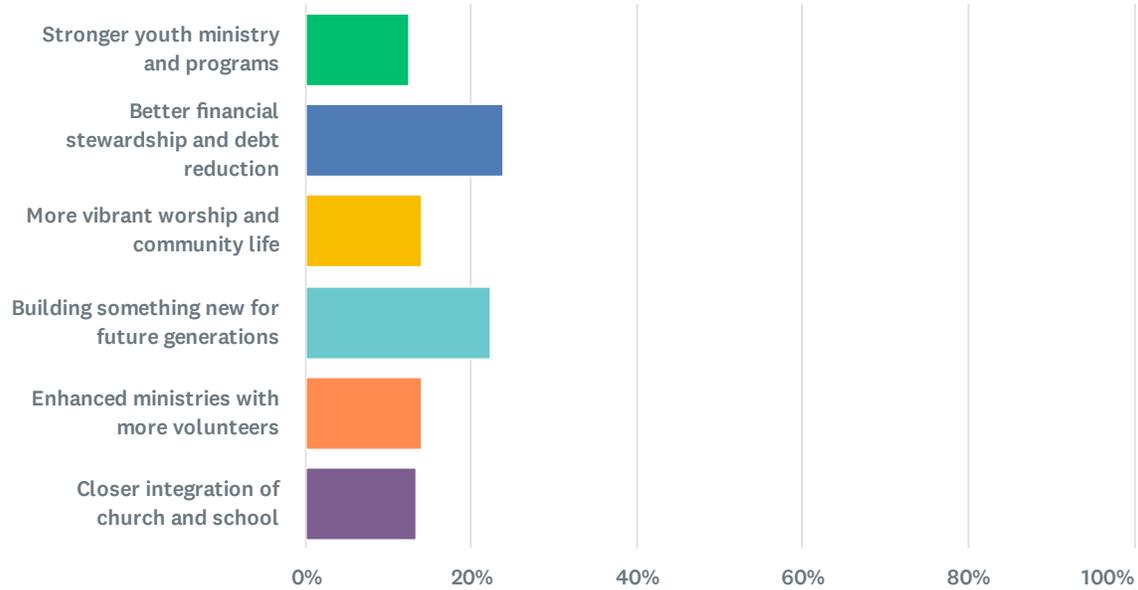
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Losing my church building and its memories	12.68%	180
● Changes to Mass times or worship style	14.38%	204
● Financial burden on parishioners	40.45%	574
● Distance to new worship location	16.14%	229
● Loss of community and relationships	16.35%	232
<b>Total</b>		<b>1419</b>

## Q8 What excites you most about the potential for our parishes to work more closely together? (Select up to 3)

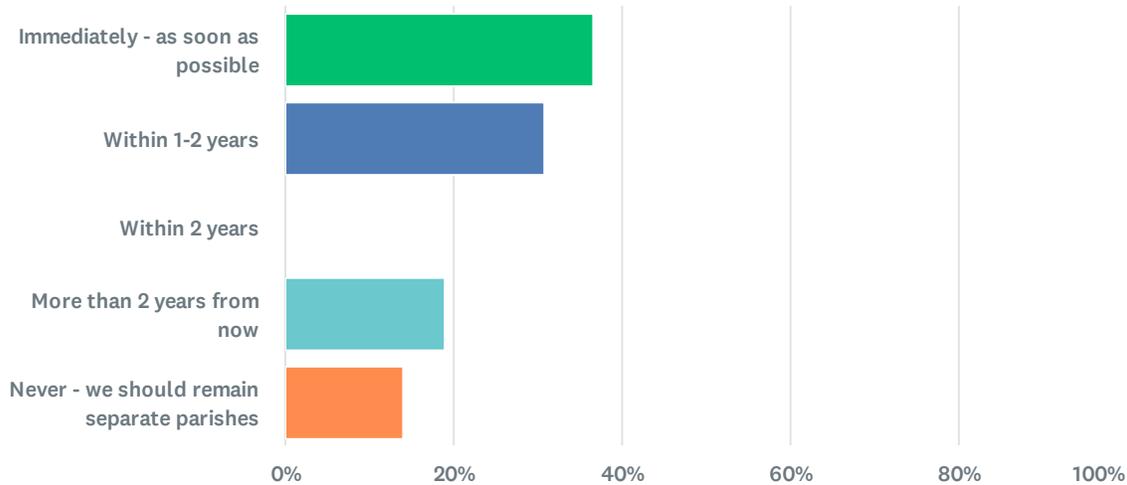
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Stronger youth ministry and programs	12.52%	199
● Better financial stewardship and debt reduction	23.84%	379
● More vibrant worship and community life	13.90%	221
● Building something new for future generations	22.33%	355
● Enhanced ministries with more volunteers	14.09%	224
● Closer integration of church and school	13.33%	212
<b>Total</b>		<b>1590</b>

### Q9 If our parishes were to become one canonical parish (while potentially operating in two locations initially), when would be the right time?

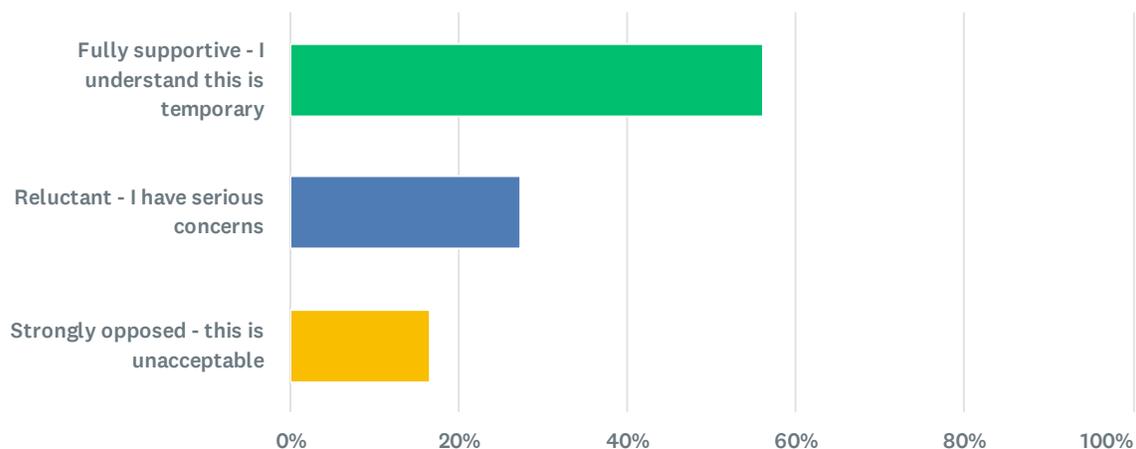
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Immediately - as soon as possible	36.55%	273
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Within 1-2 years	30.66%	229
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Within 2 years	0%	0
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> More than 2 years from now	18.88%	141
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Never - we should remain separate parishes	13.92%	104
<b>Total</b>		<b>747</b>

### Q10 How do you feel about potentially worshiping in temporary spaces (like St. Joan of Arc School) during a transition period if it means better long-term outcomes?

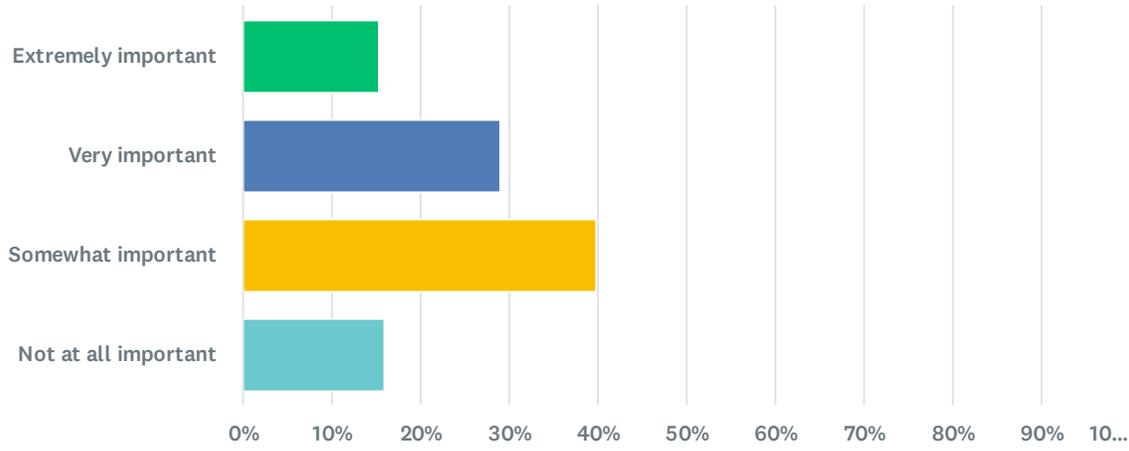
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Fully supportive - I understand this is temporary	56.22%	420
● Reluctant - I have serious concerns	27.31%	204
● Strongly opposed - this is unacceptable	16.47%	123
<b>Total</b>		<b>747</b>

## Q11 Preserving traditions from both parishes

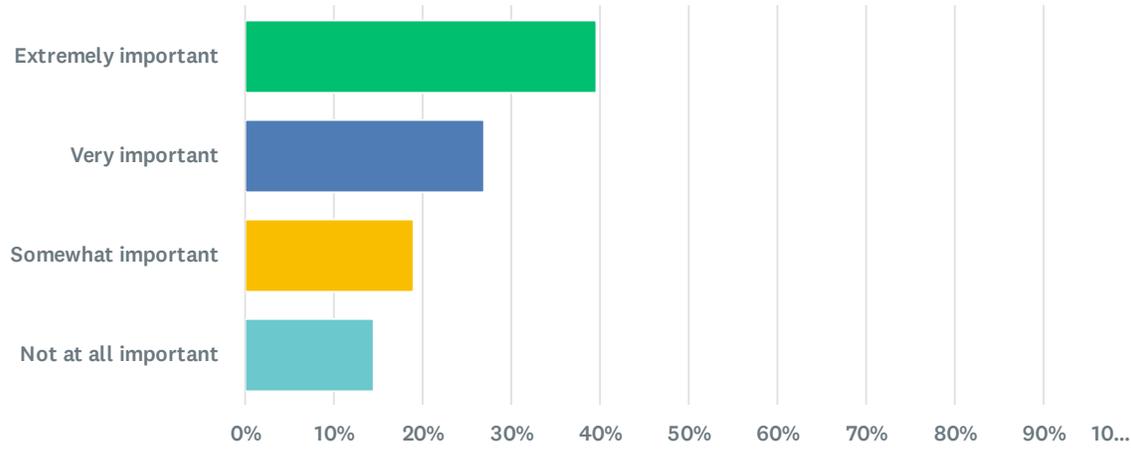
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Extremely important	15.36%	112
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Very important	28.94%	211
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Somewhat important	39.78%	290
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Not at all important	15.91%	116
<b>Total</b>		<b>729</b>

## Q12 Ensuring no one feels like 'winners and losers'

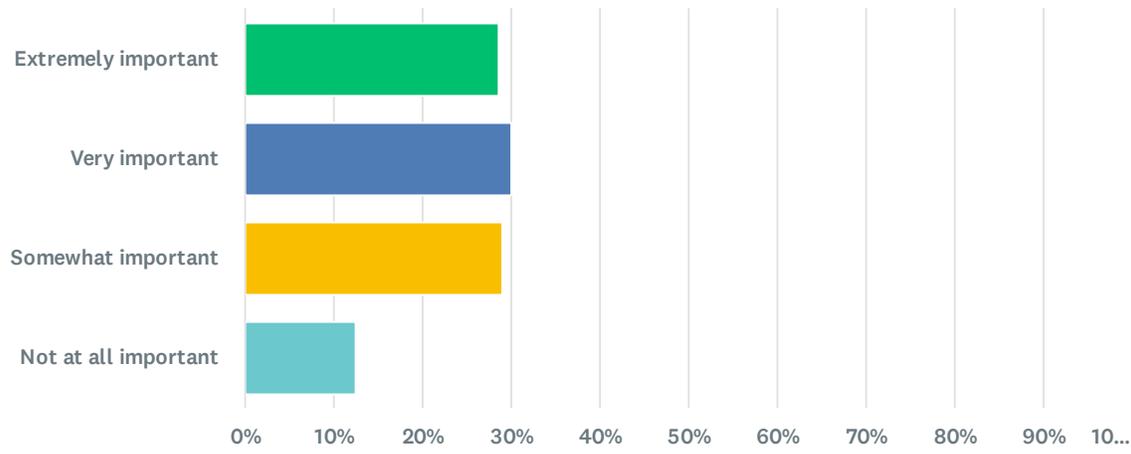
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Extremely important	39.64%	289
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Very important	27.02%	197
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Somewhat important	18.93%	138
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Not at all important	14.40%	105
<b>Total</b>		<b>729</b>

## Q13 Maintaining strong connection between church and school

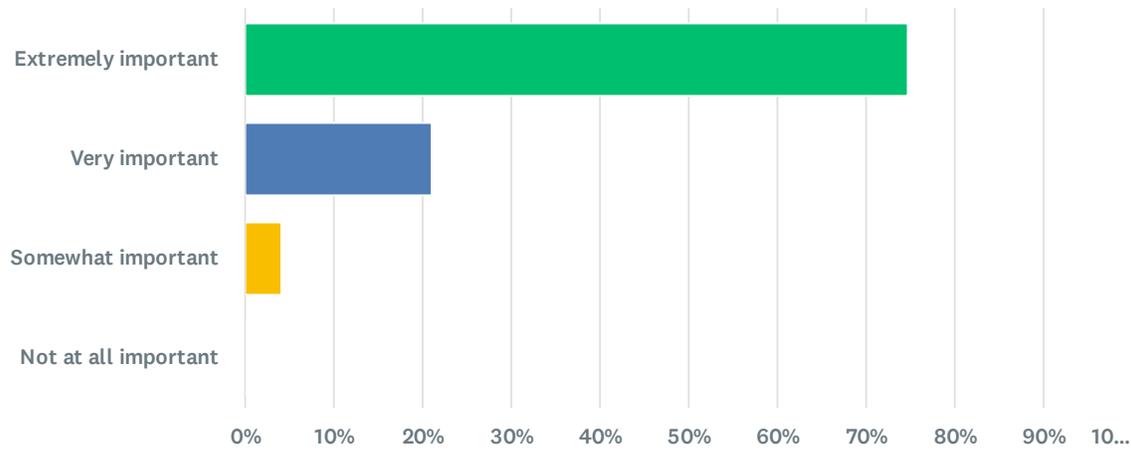
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Extremely important	28.67%	209
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Very important	30.04%	219
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Somewhat important	28.94%	211
<span style="color: lightblue;">●</span> Not at all important	12.35%	90
<b>Total</b>		<b>729</b>

## Q14 Being transparent about finances and decision-making

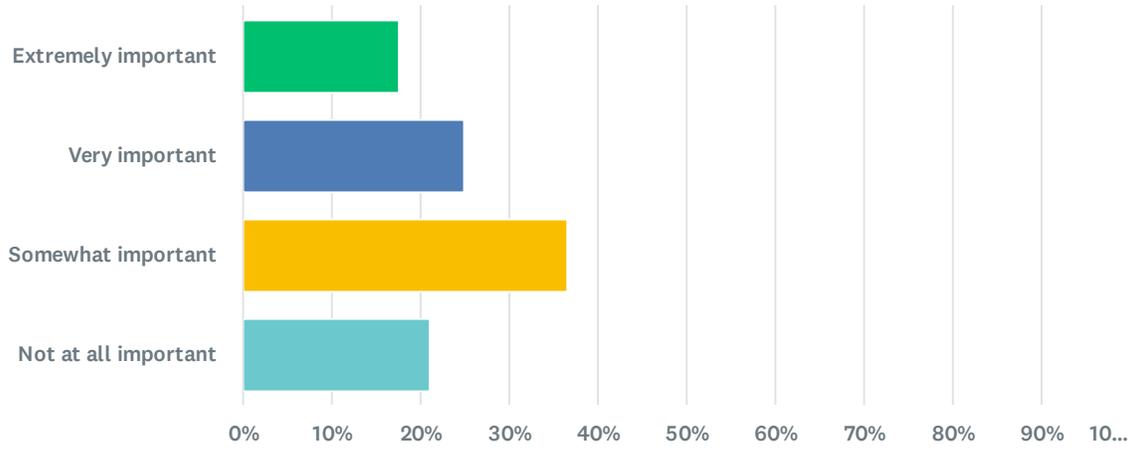
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Extremely important	74.76%	545
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Very important	20.99%	153
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Somewhat important	3.98%	29
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Not at all important	0.27%	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>729</b>

### Q15 Acting quickly vs. slowly:

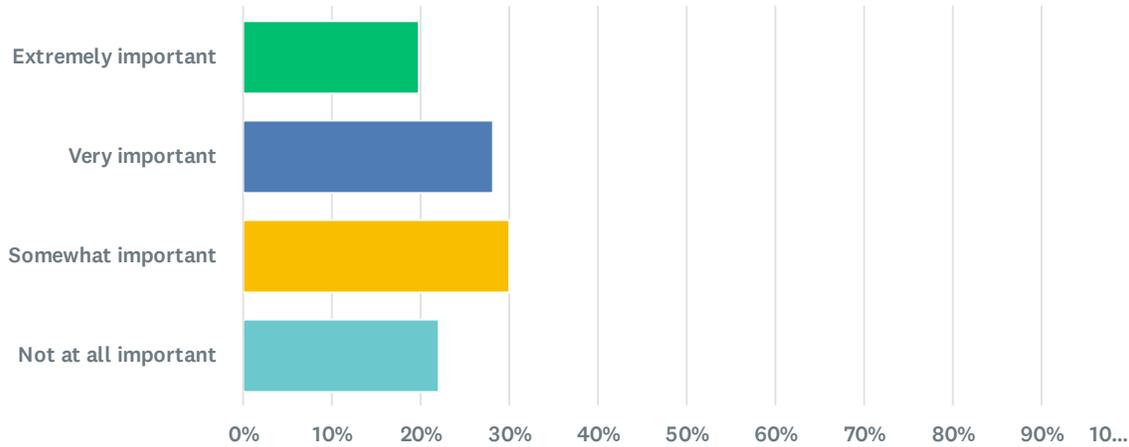
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Extremely important	17.56%	128
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Very important	24.83%	181
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Somewhat important	36.63%	267
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Not at all important	20.99%	153
<b>Total</b>		<b>729</b>

## Q16 Building something new together rather than keeping things as they are:

Answered: 729 Skipped: 81



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Extremely important	19.75%	144
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Very important	28.26%	206
<span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Somewhat important	29.90%	218
<span style="color: teal;">●</span> Not at all important	22.09%	161
<b>Total</b>		<b>729</b>

**Q17 Is there anything else you would like the Strategic Planning  
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(optional)**

Answered: 344 Skipped: 466