

**St. Monica's Parish**  
**Middleton**  
**March 27, 2018**

Opportunities

- Grow in our faith (x2)
- Meet new people (x3)
- Unity among parishioners (x2)
- Car pooling
- More resources/pooled resources (x4)
- Stronger leadership (x2)
- Require more leadership in Parish (x2)
- Enhanced/increase ministries (x4)
- More youth and children (x4)
- More programs available (x2)
- Better parties (x2)
- Mass every week (x3)
- Larger role for laity (x3)
- More centralization
- Reduce expenses/ (x2)
- Financial stability(x3)
- More enthusiasm
- Same 1940's as 1960's
- Vocations from a larger area
- Building stronger communities of faith
- Teaching, building, learning
- Fill up the church (x2)
- Form a choir (x2)
- Utilize knowledge parishes (sic)
- Sacramental prep.
- Experience other interests with our Church
- Parish
- Tap into new ideas within a larger Parish
- To be whole to become a closer-knit family
- Larger K of C & CWL
- Better brainstorming
- Increased fellowship
- Sell off unused buildings

## Constraints

- Too many churches (x2)
- Transportation/distance (x8)
- Driving after dark (x2)
- Weather
- Aging population
- Power struggle – how to agree (x3)
- Negative thinking/parochial –people may leave.
- Inability to accept change
- Loss of daily Masses (x3)
- Lose sense of community (x3)
- Loss of congregation (x3)
- May choose to another denom. (eg Baptist)
- Lack of people re visitation to the sick parishioners because of aging population
- Financial, fewer contributions
- Cemeteries (plan?)
- People feeling hurt because of changes
- Personality conflicts
- Could establish financial barriers
- Taking parish money away/control (x2)
- Committees – Pastoral/Financial:
- Reps, how to agree? odd #
- Guidelines – how to design
- Diff. communities being separate things (sic)
- Geography
- Accessibility to Priests
- Not having Priests to admin. sacraments
- Need more Priests (x2)
- Future of present organizations
- Sum of whole is less than the parts
- Lose parishioners with amalgamation
- Closing churches
- Loss of income
- Building deterioration
- More Staff
- Masses-no bus service Sun. or late Sat.