

**St. John the Evangelist & St. Mary's
Windsor and Hantsport
March 20,2018**

Opportunities

- Easier for priest
- More money, fundraising combines
- Possibly better music for young & older (x2)
- Still have young people attending
- Mentorship
- Larger group workshops
- Lot of people/fellowship
- A central leadership
- Less burnout
- To treasure and appreciate more
- Formation of parishioners to region
- Ministries & groups – more people, more hands to bear the burden, more
- Reduced overhead with fewer buildings
- Nine Parishes
- Improve the level of lay leadership
- Improving communication within all of our larger Parish community
- Ability to draw people through music
- Turning the page creates a new approach
- To become more social with our larger community, therefore participate more freely
- Just meeting new people whose faith may be stronger, who can be mentors
- More opportunities for liturgies
- Bigger support for Faith Formation
- Meet like people
- Opportunities for lay ministry
- Opportunity to minister to the Youth

Constraints

- Travel to centre (x6)
- Attendance dwindling
- Won't be able to afford to keep other buildings
- Won't see priest as much
- What are the statistics? We don't feel informed
- What are the financial constraints of our church?
- Limited music material
- The same people doing all the work
- Young people tend to move from our smaller to larger communities for job opportunities
- We are sometimes stuck in the past
- Limited contact with clergy
- Different demographic (one size doesn't fit all)
- Scheduling conflicts
- Lay people feel ill-equipped (lack of training)
- Communication
- No central leader (at church building level)
- Working outside comfort zone (people do not know)
- Financial – individuals/Parishes
- competing with secularism
- Loss of community – join a different denomination/church